



St Bernadette's School

Friday 22nd July 2022 — Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust that you and the family were able to unwind during the break away from regular school routines. Sadly, I know that sickness affected many families (and staff) during the break so I hope all are recovered soon.

As you have heard in the media of late, COVID seems to be rearing its ugly head yet again. Cases of COVID variants are rising, as are Influenza numbers. Our restrictions at school have not changed though staff and students are encouraged to wear a face mask if they so wish. We continue to have tight handwashing procedures in place, as well as the regular use of hand sanitiser and room sanitising spray. Of course, as always, if your child is sick in any way please keep him/her home until he/she has recovered. If your family requires additional RAT kits, please contact the office for assistance. Thank you to Mr McManus for donating a large number of disposable face masks for staff to use.

We are excitedly looking forward to Tuesday's Grandparents Day events at school. I have been told that we receive many visitors to school for this event- the first time in 3 years!

We are also looking forward to our first welcome BBQ Disco for our K-2 families. It will be lots of fun and a way to meet 'new' faces.

We also have the Police Band joining us next Friday and they will be performing for the whole school at 11am on top court. Families are welcome to join us for this very special concert.

Thank you to Mrs Blazevic for organising our school choir to begin again after a very long break!

So many things to look forward to this term, so keep your eye on the weekly newsletter for details.

May God bless and keep you.
Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



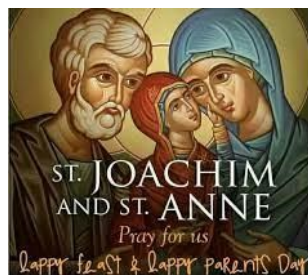
Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year – July 24 in 2022. The Day is marked near the feast of St Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis releases the theme for the second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, which aims to reconsider and value grandparents and the elderly who are too often kept on the margins of families, civil and ecclesial communities. Pope Francis, on Tuesday, announced the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly with a tweet:

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalms 92:15). I have chosen this theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on 24 July 2022, to promote dialogue among the generations, especially between grandparents and grandchildren. @LaityFamilyLife.

On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of Mary the Mother of Jesus, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

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Week 2 Dates

Mon 25 July
Yr 1 Minibeast Inc.

Tues 26 July
Grandparents Day & Book Fair

Thurs 28 July
7.45am Choir
3pm ARRAS Robotics Club

Fri 29 July
Band
Police Band & Workshop
11am Whole School Concert
2pm Whole School Assembly
4.30pm Welcome Disco for new families

Wed 3 August
100 Days of Kindergarten

Thurs 4 Aug
7.45am Choir
Yr 4 Fizzics Inc.

Tues 9 Aug
7.15am arrival ICAS—Writing

Thurs 11 Aug
11am Book Week Performance

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2023.

Limited places remain for Kindergarten to Yr 6 in 2022





Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Over the next few weeks we are going to be exploring one of our more complex feelings, *anger*.

It happens to everyone and can be a positive emotion to help motivate us to do something. It can also be a very destructive emotion if we don't have the strategies to manage it.

We will discuss in our lessons what makes us angry and how we can cope with this strong emotion. More importantly we will discuss strategies that can help us when we get angry. We will be watching a video that explains why we get angry and why we sometimes behave in ways we regret later.

[Why do we lose control of our emotions?](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

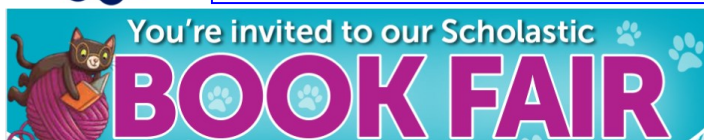
Sally Coppini



Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) Week 8 Focus

Respectful: Wearing uniform according to St Bernadette's uniform policy

It's better to cry than be angry,
because anger hurts others while tears flow silently through the soul and cleanse the heart
Pope John Paul II



Come along to our
Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 26th and
Wednesday 27th July
We would love to see you there!



Grandparents Day is also on
Tuesday 26th July.

It's going to be a fun day!



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The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy.

Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim

Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hands and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus. Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Saints Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus. Seek this, my favour [Mention your request] but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul.

KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment process is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are invited to visit our website or call the school office on 9407 6600 to arrange a school tour/interview. [Register your interest here](#) All enrolment forms are to be submitted with relevant paperwork by end of June 2022.



Infants Athletics Carnival

Please be advised of the following date:
Friday 26th August—for our Infants Athletics Carnival. Looking forward to a great day.

New Families

We have new families joining our school community in Term 3:

Olivia Wong 1G & Thomas Wong in 3B
Nicholas Szto 3W and Howard Szto in 1B
Please make them all feel welcome.

Birthday Treats for Classmates

Due to COVID conditions it is preferred if birthday treat items are store bought and individual (ie. cup cakes/doughnuts) - no lolly bags or whole cakes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Reports via the Compass Parent Portal

Student school reports will also only be available via the Parent Portal from now on (no longer to be printed at school). Please contact the office if you need login details for the Parent Portal. Thank you for your assistance.

Canteen News - New Tabs for late orders

To ensure orders can be processed more efficiently, **online lunch orders should be placed by 9pm**. Orders after this time can be sent to school on a paper bag with money inside or **parents can now place online orders for recess and 'late orders' should they miss the 9pm cut off time. Late orders can be placed the same day with a cut off time of 8.30am. Both tabs have limited items to choose from.**

**Important Notice -
Upcoming
Staff Development & Pupil
Free Days
Friday 23rd September
Monday 10th October**

Reminder: Sport Email

Our school has a new email address for sport related enquiries and information - bernadettechsport@parra.catholic.edu.au. This email address will be used to communicate sport related activities such as Gala Days and Sport Trials.

Sport News:

Congratulations to **Samuel Lean-Fore (6W)** who has been successful in making the Parramatta Diocesan cricket team. He will be heading to Wagga Wagga to trial for the MacKillop team on the 1st & 2nd of September. We wish him every success.



Our **Stage 2 Girls Futsal** team were the runners up at the Futsal School Championships held at Dural in April. They are competing at the Football NSW Futsal Schools State Championships at the Hawkesbury PCYC next Tuesday. We wish them every success.



Confirmation Preparation 2022

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au.

This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in **Year 6 and above**, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Registrations close Monday 1st August

P&F News:

Uniform Orders—Winter

Winter uniform is now available to order via the Quickcliq App. Uniform orders will be sent home via your child on a Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your support in sending your child to school everyday in the correct uniform.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Colaco & D'Souza families (Samara 4W & Keona 4W), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.



Band Performances

St Bernadette's Senior band has been blessed with a performance opportunity next Tuesday 26th July, during Grandparents' Day morning tea (10:30am-10:45am). Please remember to bring instruments and band folders next Tuesday to school!

The NSW Police Band are performing on Friday 29th of July. Parents are invited to listen to the performance at 11am. It will be an outdoor performance, but in case of rain it will be held in the Parish Hall.



Other Items:

Bereavement Support Program— St Bernadette's Church, Castle Hill

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains is commencing a 7 session Bereavement Support Program for men and women whose spouse or partner have died. Each week a different topic will be presented on how grief impacts lives after the death of a spouse or partner. It will be held on Thursdays over 7 weeks at St Bernadette's parish from 10—12 noon. The program commences on Thursday 11th August and concludes on Thursday 22 September. For further information and registration please contact Rita Chater at Catholic Care on 8843 2500 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au.

Term Dates for 2022

Term 3:

Tues 19 July to Thursday 22 September

Fri 23 September—**Staff Development & Pupil Free Day**

Term 4:

Mon 10 October - **Staff Development & Pupil Free Day**

Tues 11 Dec to Fri 16 December (for students)