



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 2022 — Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

A very exciting week was had by all this week as we:

- celebrated Grandparents Day on Tuesday
- held our first Bookfair in 3 years
- had a Grand final victory for Stage 2 girls in the NSW State Futsal competition at Windsor
- Year 5 attending a Parish Mass
- listened to a whole school performance by the NSW Police Band
- had morning tea with Father Fernando and Deacon Jack
- and finished the week with our Welcome Disco for K-2 families.

Add to this all the outstanding work that the children have been doing in their classrooms as well as the planning and dedication shown by our staff each and every day- we certainly are a school that likes to keep busy!

Sincere thanks to the many parent helpers that have assisted during the week at the morning tea for the grandparents, Futsal, Bookfair as well as at the Welcome Disco. We are truly grateful for all that you do to support the school with your time and energy. Do you know that we even had an ex-parent help us with coaching at the Futsal competition?

We look forward to next week when we celebrate 100+ days of Kindergarten, a Year 4 incursion as well as our whole school Bernie Roo Mufti and Movie reward day.

I hope the weekend allows some down time for you and your family.

May God bless and keep you.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. If we better understand the Sunday's Scripture readings, it helps us to connect the Scripture to our daily life in a meaningful way.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he

thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then

he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. "You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God. Actually, Jesus is not against the accumulation of wealth. What He is telling us is to guard against greed.

The problem with the "rich fool" in the parable is that he received a great blessing for his hard work but it never occurred to him to share it. He did not know or maybe he just forgot that any resource he has is given from above though we worked hard for it. Let us learn to share our treasure with others especially the needy.

We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.



### Week 3 Dates

**Wed 3 August**  
100+ days of Kindergarten

**Thurs 4 August**  
Choir  
Yr 4 Fizzics Inc

**Fri 5 Aug**  
**Census Day**  
Band  
Mufti & Movie Day

**Tues 9 August**  
7.15am arrival ICAS—  
Writing

**Wed 10 August**  
Zone Athletics

**Thurs 11 August**  
Choir  
Book Week  
performances

**Fri 12 August**  
Band  
Yr 6 Voice of Youth  
2pm Whole School  
Assembly  
English Books coming  
home

**Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Aug**  
Yr 6 Canberra Exc.

**ENROLLING NOW  
FOR KINDY 2023.**

Limited places remain  
for Kindergarten to Yr 6  
in 2022



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Email: [Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

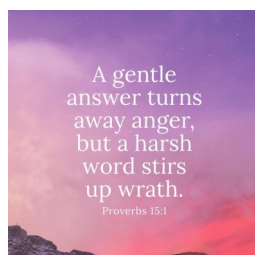
School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

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



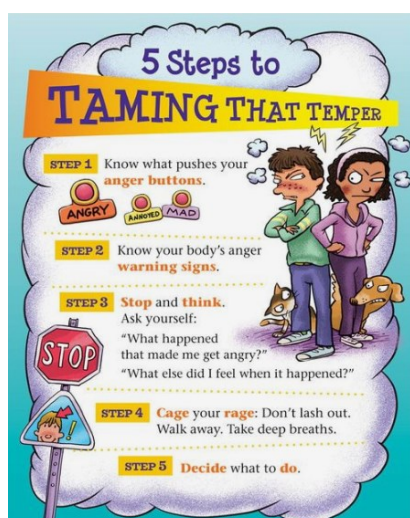
Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week the Book Fair gave the children opportunities to experience disappointment when their chosen book was sold out. Their first impulse was to feel anger which is completely normal. We as adults know how to handle this anger that comes with disappointment but it is a 'work in progress' for our children.



We spoke in our Wellbeing lesson this week that anger is a normal part of life and we all feel it at some stage. What we also discussed was ways to handle it. STOP, BREATHE and WATCH OUR WORDS was one way a student said they coped with anger. That time between something happening and reacting is crucial and if we can get our children to stop at this point they have a good chance at choosing a reaction that doesn't hurt themselves or others. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Sally Coppini**



**Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)  
Week 2 Focus**

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# BOOK FAIR

A HUGE thank you to the very generous Grandparents who attended the Book Fair this week and spoiled their grandchildren. Another HUGE thank you to the wonderful Mums (Mrs Aiossa, Mrs Kouknas and Mrs Azzi) who helped organise and run the Book Fair, as well as Mrs Carter our Library Assistant, without their time and effort it wouldn't have been so successful. Thank you to the parents who came to support the fair and spoiled their children as well.



Our St Bernadette's Book Fair was a wonderful success selling \$15,175.00 worth of reading books. With such a fantastic result Scholastic will reward us with 30% of this total to enable us to purchase precious resources for our school children. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for being such a generous community.



**Sally Coppini  
Wellbeing Library**

## Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences. Parents are requested to complete an Application for Extended Leave form for absences of **5 school days or more**. This form is on our website: Community/School Notes/Administration Forms. Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) **at least three weeks** prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Cooke. Once approved this will then be marked on Compass by the school office. Thank you for your assistance.



**Congratulations to Addisyn Ream in 6B** who has been selected as part of the NSW Nationals Interschools Team competing in Sydney in September.

Congratulations to **Annie Chen 2G** who was awarded a Bronze medal in the 10th Koala Challenge U8 girls Sabre competition. Well done Annie.





**Congratulations to the following  
students receiving Bernie Way & Class Merit Awards**

**Bernie Way Award—**

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	Bernie Way Award	Bernie Way Award	Class Merit Award	Class Merit Award
<b>KB</b>	John Pavilidis	Luke Abdo	Zara Sabir	William Thomson
<b>KG</b>	Elianna Asabere	Sarita Sridhar	Zara Gulisano	Jaiden Binoy
<b>KW</b>	Noah Clark	Allegra Gulczynski	Holly Smith	Eyad Rahman
<b>1B</b>	Owen Taylor	Sebastian Barone	Elizabeth Tan	Alexander Baltyn
<b>1G</b>	William Gray	Michael Forder	Olivia Wong	Amelie Perete
<b>1W</b>	Not for Publication	Elijah Inchaustegui-Herrera	Violet Homs	Not for Publication
<b>2B</b>	Sienna Kirkwood	Ashton Mooney	Suravi Gowda	Brody Van Ryswyk
<b>2G</b>	Cameron McVean	Annie Chen	Macy Kaufmann	Arnav Chandra
<b>2W</b>	Melina Biyanwilage Dona	Abel Alatli	Olivia Inchaustegui-Herrera	Luca Palma
<b>3B</b>	Eli Solanky	Harper Clark	Lexie Hughes-Brogan	Isaac Nader
<b>3G</b>	Alyssa Le	Elliott Lavis	Elliana Escobar	Jack Scotti
<b>3W</b>	Harry Mortlock	Spencer Tang	Sienna Petitto	Jai Kirkwood
<b>4B</b>	Lachlan O'Connor	Clare Baker	Xander Gil	Emilia Crecca
<b>4W</b>	Grace Abdo	Samuel Khamis	Madison Pena	Georgia Elias
<b>5B</b>	Caleb Tan	Ridhima Talwar	Joshua Mathews	Abigail Wigham
<b>5G</b>	Lila Oliver	Peter Abdo	Emma Sakkal	William Tran
<b>6B</b>	Sebastian Napoli	Holly Procter	Tom Looker	Tiana Symin
<b>6G</b>	Grace Semaan	Jack Kirkham	Annabelle Wong	Marissa Zeaiter
<b>6W</b>	Emily Mitchell	Emma Ballesty	Zara Osborn	Natalie Alam
	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Merit Award—PE</b>	<b>Wellbeing Library</b>	<b>Wellbeing Library</b>
<b>RFF/ Diversity</b>	Zara Sakkal 3G	Alex Sholkie 3B	James Horey KG	Christian Rizk 4G
	<b>Merit Award—Music</b>	<b>Merit Award Drama</b>	<b>Merit Award Diversity</b>	<b>Merit Award Garden</b>
	Hamish Smith 4W	Thomas Bojanowski 2G	Peter Georges 6G	Nathan Elias 6B

### Futsal Team News

Congratulations to the Stage 2 Girls Futsal team who are the Grand Final winners of the NSW state Futsal competition. It was an exciting day where the girls displayed incredible sportsmanship, cooperation, teamwork and skill. Thank you to Miss Piperata for all that she did to work with the team in preparation for the competition though sadly she was unable to be there on the day. We kept her updated with every score! Special thanks to Mrs Di Zaiter, Mrs Maria Monje Herrera (ex-St Bernadette's parent) and Mrs Lesa Beames for organising, supporting and coaching the team on the day. Congratulations to Sofia Raic, Ava Zeaiter, Marielle Zaiter, Amilie Saliba, Georgia Gillogly, Alexa Kouknas, Eve Lincoln.



## KINDERGARTEN 2023

Our enrolment process is underway for Kindergarten 2023. Prospective parents are invited to call the school office on 9407 6600 to arrange a school tour/interview. All enrolment forms are to be submitted with relevant paperwork as soon as possible.



## CSPA 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning

*Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child. If you are a parent or carer with a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you.*

*Click on the survey link and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education. Your feedback will remain anonymous.*

[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey](#)

## 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 Egan family (Ryder 6B & Arabella 3G), following the recent passing of their uncle. May he rest in peace.



## 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](mailto: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**

## ICAS

Tests are held at school at 7:15am Writing Tuesday August 9, English Tuesday August 16, Mathematics Wednesday August 31st. (Year 5 Maths at 12 pm).

## Term Dates for 2022

### Term 3:

Mon 18 July—**Staff Development & Pupil Free Day**

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**

## Other Items:

**The Hills Shire Council** supports safe, convenient, and accessible transport options, including walking and cycling, which provide healthy recreational activities for our residents. The **Bike Plan** is a strategic document that is intended to assist Council's future decision-making for the active transport network throughout the Shire. Residents are asked to provide their feedback on the latest technical review of the Shire Bike Plan and to comment on the progress of relevant infrastructure since the last review in 2009. At the Council meeting held on 28 June 2022, it was resolved to exhibit the Bike Plan and Cycling Maps for public comment. Submissions will be received until 5 August. All submissions will be reported back to Council for further consideration. The link to Council's website with copies of the Bike Plan and Cycleway maps is below and we would like to invite schools and the school community to provide feedback on the Bike Plan via the link below:

<https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Contact-Us/Have-Your-Say/Public-Exhibition-The-Hills-Shire-Bike-Plan>

**The Hills Library Service** is holding a workshop on Cyberbullying and How to Stay Safe on Social Media. It is targeted at parents and will provide parents with important and practical solutions to cyberbullying to reduce your child's risk and increase their privacy and security. With presenters from Headspace and Western Sydney Legal Centre, this presentation includes safety awareness, pathways to get help and how to access legal support. This is a free event but bookings are essential online at the link below

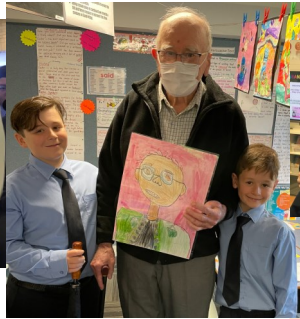
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cyberbullying-and-how-to-stay-safe-on-social-media-for-parents-tickets-373046631517>

**North Rocks Softball Club** has recently celebrated its 40 years of serving the North West Sydney community and continues to develop our local players by providing weekend softball competition and events. Each year, we help about 120 local players participate in sporting activities and develop softball skills. We believe that your students will benefit in the activity we offer and would greatly appreciate your support in communicating our club's competition to your school community.

- We provide organised weekend sports for school kids aged 5 to 19
- We promote fitness and encourage healthy active lifestyles
- We have experienced coaches and elite players who volunteer to help and develop softball skills, for young and 'old'
- Family friendly environment and social activities

We are a '**not-for-profit**' club and an **Active Kids Program** provider. Contact: Mirza Tong 0412 041 910





Tuesday 26th July  
**Grandparents Day**



Students laughed, sang and clapped  
while they watched the

**NSW Police Band**

Friday, 29 July







# Fire and Brimstone

REAL SMOKE, REAL FLAVOUR

St Bernadette's P&F Association would like to invite  
our Mums and Dads to a night of barbeque  
by our friends at Fire and Brimstone

**Wednesday, August 3**  
**6.30pm for Dinner at 6.45pm**

Fire and Brimstone Barbeque  
(The Hillside Hotel)  
1/273 Old Northern Road  
Castle Hill NSW 2154

**\$69 per person**  
**Includes a 5 course BBQ dinner**

RSVP Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CASZW>  
to confirm your seat at the table

