



2020 Term 2 Week 5

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Welcome to the new beginning of onsite learning for Term 2!

We have come through a period of significant, prolonged disruption to regular school learning. Thankfully the expected duration of at home learning was significantly reduced. Perhaps, like me, you welcomed this day as your children got back to normality and home schooling ended as quickly as it started!

The word, 'unprecedented' has been and continues to be used a lot throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Our 'normal' approach to education was rocked, but thankfully we have a resilient community of students, parents / carers and staff. Being resilient doesn't mean it was easy. It means we found our way and we got through it.

I am so appreciative of the awesome work that all members of our community did to support children learning from home. We have commenced a formal process of reflecting on what practices we used that are high impact and have a continued place in our classrooms and broader community. There are three crucial elements to this work;

1. Discussions with school staff to assess what worked well and what we want to continue as a school.
2. Analysis of student performance throughout this period. This will include assessing student work, academic growth and having discussions.
3. Gathering parent experiences of at home learning.

This process began on Tuesday with formal discussions with class teaching teams and a School Leadership Team meeting to outline some points of reference.

This week over 90% of students have attended daily which is comparable to normal school attendance. Those that remain at home are encouraged to contact the school as soon as as possible to discuss your circumstances. The NSW Premier and CEDP have made it clear that all students should return to school.

A stand out feature of this time was the establishment of strong connections between home and school. Parents and carers are to be congratulated for their efforts to build relationships with various staff over this period of time. Whilst this level of connection cannot be maintained in normal conditions as staff return to their regular duties we are interested in investigating how we can better build connections with parents.

## COVID-19 Cleaning and Hygiene

We continue to ensure that students wash their hands on a regular and ongoing basis and thank you for your ongoing support in assuring your children understand the importance of good hygiene practices.

We want to thank parents for following our communications regarding remaining outside of the school fence

during morning drop off and not remaining in the top playground after dismissal. There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of parents utilising the kiss and drop service and you are thanked for your patience and use of this service. A special thanks to the parents who are supporting us to ensure the continuation of this service!

As previously communicated additional cleaning and sanitisation has been implemented across the school since the beginning of this term. With the increase of students at school we have added a daytime cleaning service. This means that a cleaner will be sanitising all touch points throughout the school such as handles, switches, tables, desks and taps. Sanitisation of the Adventure Playground and Breakout Space equipment will also begin allowing students to use these spaces. As a consequence there may be disruptions to student use of spaces such as toilets for sanitisation throughout the day.

### **New / Upgraded School Facilities**

Whilst students have been away we have been busy transforming some elements of the school.

The breakout space continues to evolve and get even closer to being completed. The poor weather has temporarily halted some of this work, but we are confident it will be completed very soon. The library has been completely re-carpeted. This was an extensive project requiring the space to be emptied, ripped apart and put back together again. The subfloor had extensive water damage caused by air conditioners that were not installed correctly and have been leaking for a considerable period of time. The subfloor has been repaired with a new underfloor exhaust system ensuring that such damage doesn't occur again.

Mrs O'Brien and additional staff have been working to put the library back together again and used this opportunity to do a comprehensive clean out. This work was fully funded by CEDP.



The roof to Stages 1 and 3 have had considerable repairs conducted to waterproof the spaces.

I'm very pleased to outline plans for a new Adventure playground. After extensive consultation with CEDP we have been able to secure funding for major upgrades. The area will be completely resurfaced with synthetic turf and include a purpose built mini soccer field, large outdoor chess board, handball courts, softfall around the existing equipment, repairs to the existing equipment and seating around the large tree.

This is extensive work that will cause disruption. Work is scheduled to commence on the 9th of June and will take approximately three weeks. As a result the Adventure Playground as well as some of the Middle Playground will be fenced off. Unfortunately this is the only time the contractor can complete the work. This will mean that recess and lunch will look different. We are currently working on plans for this period of time.

### Parent Zoom Meeting

Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents are currently unable to enter the school site. To connect with parents we are investigating the possibility of running a Parent Zoom meeting. In order to assess interest and to obtain a list of possible agenda items parents are asked to complete a short survey found by **copying** the below link into your web browser.

<https://forms.gle/RXWRpcQui28T5r2i9>

At this stage we envisage the Zoom meeting being held during normal school hours, with a recording being made available for later viewing. Such a meeting would only proceed if parents expressed interest.

### School Uniform

Students are expected to be in full winter uniform. Parents who may be experiencing hardship or difficulties complying with this expectation are encouraged to contact the office. Students not in full winter uniform should bring a note to school with a suitable explanation included.

### Compass Parent Portal

As announced this week we will be launching our new Parent Portal next week. On Friday afternoon of this week all parents / guardians will be emailed a link to our new Parent Portal.

Using the Compass Parent Portal allows you to **access up-to-date** and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences - *(when this is enabled)*

Other modules will be opened at a later date.

Your log on details will be emailed on Friday afternoon. Once you log in Compass will ask you to create your own password.

Monday morning at 10.30am will be the first of the SMS sent to absent students. Follow the instruction once you click on the link that you receive and you will see drop down boxes to explain the absence. More information will follow soon.

Regards Phill Kapitanow, Principal



## Messages to all of our families from each Stage Group. ❤️

### A Message From Early Stage 1

Hello Parents and friends!

We have been on such an incredible journey together so far this term! We are so happy to see all our Kindy students back in the classroom safe and happy!

This week we have been working hard to get back into our regular classroom routines and learning. Our final project for Geography this term involved students identifying a place around the school that is special to them and creating an "Indigenous Australian" inspired rock art to place there. Here you can see the Kindy students busy painting their rocks and later this week they will be placing them around the school. Hopefully when they are found by other students they bring them a smile!

We hope you all have a lovely week!

Early Stage 1 Teachers



### Message from Stage 1

Welcome back all our Stage One students and families, it was great to see how extremely excited the children were to return to their classrooms and spend some much needed time with friends. It was great to have all their smiling faces back and so eager to learn.



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to parents and carers for their support and the outstanding work that you have been doing with your children over the past two months. Seeing the work that has been completed and how the children have returned, every member of St Bernadette's should be proud of the amazing effort that went into keeping the children focused on their education even through the tough times.

We have quickly returned to normal classroom routines with added hygiene routines and social distancing being practiced throughout our day. We are also continuing to refer to our school PBS4L behaviour matrix to help us stay on track with our school expectations.

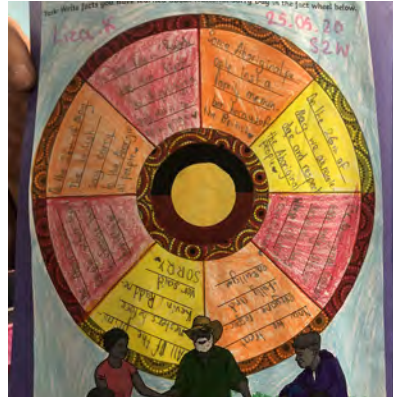
We encourage students to access the PM ecollection readers online as home readers however if you prefer your child to be given home readers please let your child's teacher know and we can facilitate this. Login in details are available on your child's Google Classroom.

Homework will begin in week 6, this term we will trial using Google Classroom as a platform to assign homework. We will be moving toward digital workbooks and accessing sites such Soundwaves, Prodigy and Read Theory.

Stage 1 Teachers

## Message from Stage 2

It is good to be back! Once again, thank you so much to all our amazing parents for all your hard work and commitment to your children's learning over the weeks. We were so happy to see our Stage 2 students dive straight back into learning from the minute they walked in. It is a credit to you for encouraging routine during those tough weeks. Thank you!



This week is National Sorry Week, a week we acknowledge the traditional owners of this land. We have incorporated this topic within various KLA's in Stage 2 including RE and Literacy. It was wonderful to have discussions with our students and observe them being so engaged. Students were able to use prior knowledge from previous units and topics to contribute ideas and thoughts.

"We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose irrepressible spirituality flows through all creation."

Stage 2 Teachers

## Message from Stage 3

Stage 3 has settled in well after online learning. It has been so great to see everyone's smiling faces back at school! We have continued a mixture of the use of online tools as well as bookwork. One online tool we are continuing to use is the Google Classroom. Students have been completing exciting collaborative tasks on Google Docs and we can't wait to see the final product! We look forward to what the rest of the term brings in Stage 3!

### TOPIC: Planets

| CONTRAST   | COMPARE   | CONTRAST  |
|--|---|---|
| Moon   | Similarities  | Sun   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It orbits around us</li> <li>We have been there</li> <li>Changes the tide</li> <li>Makes waves</li> <li>Animals use the moon to hunt and hide</li> <li>Without the moon we would be hit with asteroids</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Without them we are dead</li> <li>Significantly changes earth</li> <li>Changes us and animals</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We orbit around the sun</li> <li>We can't go to the sun yet</li> <li>Makes things grow</li> <li>Keeps us alive while killing us</li> <li>Without it we will die and the world will be wiped of life</li> </ul> |

### Brainstorm some transition signals you could use in your text:

- Similar
- Different
- Same
- Alike
- The same
- However
- But
- Also
- While
- To be dissimilar to

### TOPIC: Roblox and Minecraft Partner: Shaun

| CONTRAST  | COMPARE  | CONTRAST  |
|---|--|---|
| Roblox  | Similarities   | Minecraft   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can choose a variety of games to play</li> <li>- Its for free (On ios)</li> <li>- You can do anything you can imagine</li> <li>- Roblox Corporation made Roblox</li> <li>- Robux for currency</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both games</li> <li>- Both fun</li> <li>- Have gamepasses to pay for</li> <li>- You can play online</li> <li>- You can make friends</li> <li>- Can be played on a pc and ios</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pixely and blocky</li> <li>- Have to pay for the game(for ios)</li> <li>- Mostly about survival skills and building</li> <li>- Mojang created Minecraft and Microsoft now owns it</li> <li>- Minecoins for currency</li> </ul> |

**WELCOME BACK**

## Message from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

On Tuesday the 26th of May the school community reflected on National Sorry Day. This day brings significance to our nation as it remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country. Sorry Day asks us to acknowledge the Stolen Generations, and in doing so, uniting all cultures with Aboriginal and Torres Islander families, communities, and peoples.

Have a Blessed Week everyone

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



## Uniform Shop

The School Locker Uniform Shop is closed on site until further notice. You can still visit the School Locker website and place on line orders. You have the option of having the order posted to you or collecting from the School Office. Uniforms can be returned as long as the packaging is in tact.

Thank you

the  
**School Locker**



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## 2nd Hand Uniform Sale



Next Wednesday 3rd June 2nd hand uniforms will be on sale from the school office foyer.

All items will be \$5 per item.

EFTPOS only - **No Cash.**

Social Distancing will apply. Two people **ONLY** in the foyer at any one time. Anyone waiting outside in the carpark will need to be 1.5m apart from each other.



Sale will start at 9am. There will be no sales before this time.

Thank you



## News From the Library

### Return of Library Books

Many students have had library books at home over the last few months. It's now time to get all of these library books back in preparation for when our library reopens for student borrowing. Thank you to all the families who have sent library books back already this week.

**\*\*\* Please send all Library books back to school this week.\*\*\***

Please contact me as soon as possible if you have any missing or damaged library books.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2020:

There have been important updates to the 2020 PRC Challenge rules to help all students meet the Challenge requirements this year. Please see the Rules page for more information on these amendments. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

### Book Club Term 2

This week your child will receive Issue 4 of Bookclub. If you would like to purchase any items from Book Club please complete the online LOOP payment direct to Scholastic (See Book Club brochure).

**We will not be accepting any cash payments for Book Club anymore.** There is no need to send in the order from. This order is due by Friday 12th June. Any payments received after this date will not be processed.

### National Simultaneous Storytime 2020

The students at St Bernadette's participated in National Simultaneous Storytime for another year. This year, the book was presented in each learning space on Wednesday, 27th May. National Simultaneous storytime is a wonderful event to promote a love of reading and to highlight gifted Australian authors and illustrators.

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien



### Student Banking

When restrictions ease at school and the Commonwealth Bank re-introduces student banking we will be looking for two parents to volunteer an hour or so on a Thursday morning to collate the banking. Please contact the school office if you may be interested.



### Book Club

#### Due

Friday 12th June

All orders must be done on-line.

No cash to the office.

Thank you





## YOUR MSP PHOTO PACKS UPDATE

Dear Parents

We hope you and your families are well and staying healthy during these unprecedented and difficult times. We wish to update and advise you that as soon as we are in a position to resume operations, we will commence printing your school photos and make delivery as soon as possible.

We thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

**LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP**

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on our website.



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Gallery**



**Enrolling now for 2021**

**You're welcome!**

We're all about learning at St Bernadette's Primary School. We put safety first, and focus on student wellbeing.

A reminder that places are still available for 2021 in Kindergarten. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact our school



office on 8869 6400 or email us on the following link



**Enrolment Enquiries**



## St Bernadette's Garden



**Bluey's Patch** came alive with students, watering weeding and spotting butterflies and a tiny gecko, sunning itself on a warm rock! **Mr Jo Jo**– the Scarecrow (*named by Elijah in S1B*) was given a new face and some stuffing to pad him out, as he keeps an eye

on creatures, wanting to feed on the plump tomatoes. A Birdbath has been placed near the Mary MacKillop callistemon, (*thanks, Mr Fuller!*) and the tadpoles have settled into their new environment, amongst the bromileads!



**More Photos**

To be part of the learning and fun

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Please see our website [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au) for more photos from the garden



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