



2020 Term 3 Week 3

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 3 is considered the time when student learning all comes together. Students traditionally make significant learning gains in Term 3. This is because;

- Relationships between students, staff and parents are established
- Students know what is expected
- Students approach learning outcomes for the second time at a deeper level
- Students mature

However, the interruption to learning due to COVID-19 has had an impact on this timeframe. Students across the school have been affected at all different levels. End of Term 2 testing allowed teachers to gather current data on individual student learning, particularly in literacy. We are now using this data to minimise the impact of Covid- 19 on the long term educational outcomes of students. The data did affirm some of the outstanding learning that students did whilst at home with the support of families and friends. This is a testament to staff effort and importantly the huge efforts that families went to to support their children.

So what can families do to help minimise the impact? The single greatest thing you can do is read with and to your child each and every night. Commit 20 minutes to this process. Develop a love of reading with your child and help them to consolidate their reading skills. All students from kindergarten to Year 2 have free online access to PM readers online. This is a great resource that I'm personally using with my boys to support their reading. Download the APP and enjoy the books together. All other students should be receiving regular home readers to read.

We also need to acknowledge the social and emotional challenges faced by students and families at this time. There is a lot of anxiety in the community about COVID-19. Whilst we can't hide this from our children we as parents should monitor the information our children are accessing and the amount of time spent viewing content. Critically the most important step is to talk to your children, alleviate their fears, be honest and be positive.

2020 Staffing

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mrs Buenaventura has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal from 2021. Mrs Buenaventura has served the St Bernadette's community in many roles since 2007. She has held the position of Religious Education Coordinator for the past eight years. As a community we congratulate Mrs Buenaventura on this appointment.

COVID 19 Update

As a part of the ongoing response to COVID-19 CEDP is limiting school access to system support staff. Whilst this will have limited impact on students it will impact staff professional learning and support opportunities.

As a school we continue to ensure all COVID-19 advice is in place. We thank you for your support during this time.

Kiss and Drop

We thank parents who have responded to our calls to keep calm and follow expectations for afternoon kiss and drop.

This student dismissal space is particularly challenging. I would ask that parents who are picking children up do so through the top gate. Whilst parking may be convenient in Gardenia Grove it is problematic for staff and parents and is causing safety concerns. This is a long held school expectation.

Have a great week

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Principal

From Our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

In the upcoming weeks our Stage Two and Stage Three students will participate in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Reconciliation within the school grounds. Both Father Andrew and I have been organising these Liturgical events to ensure our students are able to still experience the Sacraments during our current COVID- 19 restrictions.



Finally, a huge thank you to Father Andrew and the St Bernadette's Sacramental team for volunteering their time to run the Reconciliation and Sacraments of Initiation programs for many of our students and families. We keep in our prayers our students that are preparing for these momentous Sacraments.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura (REC)

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



No Stopping

Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.



No Parking

2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



Help keep our children safe

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Messages to all of our families from each Stage Group

A Message From Early Stage 1

During Week 2, we continued focussing on writing to inform our audience. On Monday we had an entry event where we followed a recipe to make our own butter. We had a great time shaking the jar until the process was complete!

Kindergarten spent the week creating our own recipes on how to make fairy bread. You may ask, what is the point of writing a recipe unless you get to use it? We thought the same, so that is what we did on Friday. We used our recipes and made some delicious fairy bread. The most enjoyable part was definitely eating it!!!

The past two weeks Kindergarten have continued our learning in the amazing library. We are so lucky to be able to use such a versatile space for our learning every day. Have a look at St Bernadette's Facebook page to see other great learning opportunities we've had.



Message from Stage 1

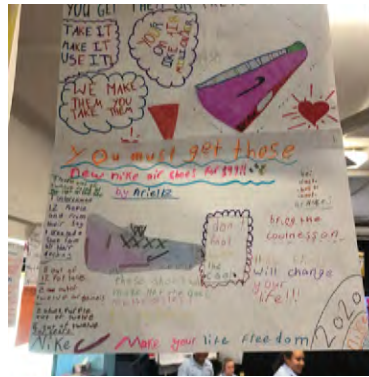
It has been another great week of learning in Stage 1! For the past fortnight in Geography, we have been learning about special places in Australia. The children have been learning some mapping skills and how to locate places on a map. The children used Ipads and chrome books to locate our school using Google Earth and Google Maps. They had so much fun locating different places and were so excited to see our school from an aerial view. The children also did some fieldwork out on the playground and had a go at drawing their own map of our school.



Message from Stage 2

Stage 2 Celebration!

Stage 2 were very proud of their work recently in our space. Our 'Data' unit in Numeracy created a connecting opportunity with Literacy and Visual Arts. Students were given the task to collect data to design a new Nike shoe that would appeal to their audience. They created a survey, surveyed their peers and represented their data in various ways. This process helped them understand what the audience was looking for and interested in! In Literacy, we looked at advertisements and how and why they are classified as a persuasive text. Students really enjoyed the discussions and tasks surrounding this concept, particularly using real life advertisements to analyse the various components. In Visual Arts, students sketched and finalised the prototype of their own designs using the data they collected in Numeracy. This was a huge success! Finally, students created and published their advertisements to sell their own Nike designs to the audience.



This was a huge success in Stage 2. Not only did the student enjoy participating in the whole process, the teachers thoroughly enjoyed the process unfolding and the students bringing it altogether! Well done Stage 2!

Message from Stage 3

Over the past two weeks, students in Stage 3 have been practicing their public speaking skills. Stage 3 focused on ensuring they were able to write engaging speeches for a specific purpose. Year 6 wrote speeches for Voice of Youth 2020 and Year 5 wrote speeches for the Year 5 Public speaking competition. Students practiced reading their speeches with expression and enthusiasm before presenting to an audience. After hearing the speeches from Year 5 and 6 the finalists were announced. In Year 5:

1st- Angela Pilayre , 2nd- Nahla Diener, 3rd- Georgia Nash

The Year 6's who will now move to presenting in front of Mr Kapitanow, Mr Crothers and Mrs Buenaventura are:

- Matthew Yaacoub
- Ana Donjerkovic
- Zara Atie
- Domenic Gallagher

From this one student will be selected to move to the next cluster.

Overall, the Stage 3 teachers were impressed with the dedication and effort that went into writing each speech. We wish our Year 6's the best of luck! Stage 3 Teachers



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Where We Learn and Grow Together

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



School Locker

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School Locker

St Bernadette's Facebook Page

Keep up with what's happening at school on the official School Facebook page.



St Bernadette's
Official Facebook

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Visit our photo gallery
on our website.



**Photo
Gallery**



Now Enrolling



INVITE YOU TO COME AND TRY

Baseball



WHEN Sunday 16 August 11am - 1pm
Sunday 23 August 10am - 12pm

WHERE Ashley Brown Reserve
Northcott Road, Lalor Park
(carpark is off Kennedy Parade)

COST Free

AGE T-Ball - 4 - 8yr olds
Modball - 9yr olds
Liveball - 10yr olds+

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

David Rowley (President) on 0418 241 194
or kingslangleybaseball@gmail.com

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28**

August 2020. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Enrolling now for 2021 - You are welcome at St Bernadette's!

We are 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

eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

1. *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs)* - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 - 1.00 pm
2. *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools)* - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinars

1. *Helping kids thrive online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.
2. *Tech, teens and time online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

What you need to do

1. Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
 - 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)
 - 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)



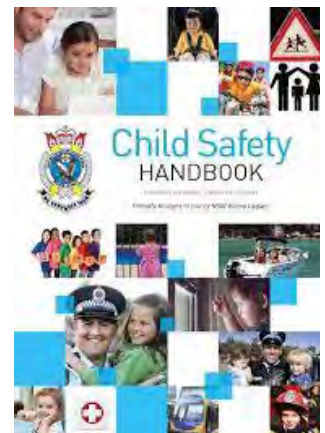
If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Mr Phill Kapitanow, Principal

Child Safety Handbook

Last year the Child Safety Handbook was updated and shared with members of the community throughout NSW. It is a handbook for parents, carers and teachers given by NSW Police Legacy. This resource provides a variety of proactive and preventative measures we can all follow to help keep our children safe across a range of contexts. It also provides valuable contact information you can use should you wish to investigate or access any resource further. We encourage all parents and carers to take the time to access the handbook as it may provide new and valuable information for you and your family.

<http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>



From The Library

Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

Congratulations to Angus O, Hunter V, Patrick V and Harry (Stage 1), Chloe M and Vanessa M (Stage 3) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020. Well done to these students!

Just a reminder that we have many books on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist available to borrow in our school library. The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 28th August, 2020. Less than 1 month to go!!



Overdue Library Books and Class Reading Books

We still have many overdue library books and incomplete class reading sets of books. If you have any of these books at home, please send them back to school as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mrs Monique O'Brien

Sports Update

The current times have brought with it many challenges including our participation in external sporting opportunities. As we all can understand, keeping our children fit and active is an integral part of their growth and development. I have been working on a number of opportunities we can facilitate while keeping in line with COVID Safe guidelines.

On Friday 14th August the whole school will participate in an Athletics Fun Day at the oval. There will be two sessions and each activity will have a limited amount of participants to ensure we adhere to COVID Safe guidelines. As this is replacing the carnival we will still award house points for events and chant competitions. This will give the children the opportunity to participate in their house colour and also the Captains a chance to lead their teams.

Please make note of the following points to consider for the day.

- students are permitted to wear sport uniform with a their house team coloured shirt on the day. Hats must be worn
- **no spectators are permitted.**
- the day will be facilitated by staff with the help of Sport Captains.
- children will not have access to bathroom or drinking facilities at the oval and we walk back to school if needed.
- water bottles need to be sent to school clearly labelled with the child's name.
- we will be following our COVID-19 plan of cleaning equipment between use and have sanitiser stations available.

We have also been fortunate to be awarded another Sporting Grant. Starting in Week 6 all children will be participating in a fun football experience, encouraging participation and learning new skills. The five week program will be run by accredited coaches from Western Sydney Wanderers. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to receive specialised coaching while brushing up on skills to use on our brand new soccer field.

Mrs Mel Huntington, Sports Co-Ordinator

PBS4L

Fortnightly Focus: *We are RESPONSIBLE by looking after school equipment, our own belongings and the belongings of others.*

Here at St Bernadette's we use all equipment and resources correctly to make sure that everyone is safe at all times. This also means that the equipment and resources can stay in great condition for everyone to use for a long time.

Here are some great examples of this positive behaviour.



Packing away our belongings and school equipment.



Reading books carefully



Putting our lunch box away at the end of lunch.



Putting our hat and jacket away when we are not wearing them.



Looking after our Bluey cards.



All stages will be learning and practising how to be responsible in all spaces within the school.

Students will continue to receive Bluey cards and class tokens when showing that they are

SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS.



National Science Week 2020

**By popular demand, National Science Week is coming to OSHC!**

From **Monday 17th August – Friday 21st August**, National Science Week is back in OSHC. Science week is all about connecting your child with the wonders of science, the magic of cause and effect, the excitement of experimentation and, above all, the importance of teamwork.

See what's planned for National Science Week:

Monday	Colour Explosion/Mad Scientist Drawing Contest
Tuesday	Tornado in a bottle/Paper Plane throwing Contest
Wednesday	Mermaid Slime/Balloon Pop
Thursday	Nature Whirlpool/Puffy Paint Craft
Friday	Bubble Art/Science Quiz and Trivia

It's **FREE** to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. Visit the blog here: <https://campaustalia.com.au/blog>



St Bernadette's Garden

Out with the **OLD** and in with the **NEW Environment Team**, for Term 3! Responsibilities and **Crunch** and **Sip Buckets** were handed over to the enthusiastic new members, who are ready to keep an eye on the school environment in general and **Bluey's Patch**, in particular! It was interesting to see the changes in the

Wicking Beds since the holidays and to harvest the **Cherry Tomatoes**! Jonquils had bloomed; tadpoles had grown, as had the weeds and a new hedge had been planted along the fence-line ...*thanks Mr Fuller!* Olivia in **S2B** invited Miss

Cagney, to *"take a turn in the garden"* and Lucie, in **S1B**, generously shared her knowledge, with the new Team members ...*well done, Lucie!*



To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: claresgarden118@gmail.com and visit <http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com> or the school office on 8869 6400 or stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au Please see our website www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au for more photos from the garden



More Photos



Let's Cook and Create

On Wednesday 29 eleven students were nominated by their Teachers, to participate in a special **"one-off"** treat! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, unlike sessions in previous times, this activity was a **Cooking Demonstration**, rather

than a 'hands-on' experience but it was however, followed by a sit-down meal!



More Photos

The next session will take place on Wednesday, Week 4, when a new group of students will be nominated. All care is taken re allergies and parent permission is necessary.

Why not make this delicious recipe at home and share the outcome, with Mrs Fairhurst and "Miss Clare" Maloney – (Volunteer Teacher)

