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Newsletter

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2020 Term 3 Week 9

From The Principal

The end of the term is fast approaching. Term 3 has been the first uninterrupted teaching term of 2020 and yet it had many challenges. COVID restrictions continue to impact how we operate and more importantly feel.

It is noticeable how tired both staff and students are. As a parent I'm tired and at times stretched. Emotionally we are all in a very different space this year. Our normal opportunities for rest and recreation have been greatly impacted. COVID has highlighted the fact that we are social beings in need of time together doing the things that we love.

We know COVID is impacting mental health. So this holiday's I encourage you to find ways to do the things your family enjoys whilst adhering to restrictions. Our kids need to have a great break filled with fun and connectedness with others.

This term the staff have worked hard to address any learning gaps due to the interruption caused by COVID. We have worked methodically and collaboratively to identify individual student needs and implement learning strategies. I'm very proud of how hard the staff have worked in this area. If you have concerns regarding your child's learning I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher to discuss further.

Thank you again for your support this term! Have a safe and fun term break!

Planned Maintenance

In the coming holiday break we hope the following work will be completed throughout the school;

- ES1 will be re carpeted, assuming carpet arrives from Melbourne. We are scheduled to receive carpet from the first manufacture run.
- ES1 will be fitted with new display boards to improve classroom displays.
- The office will be re carpeted
- New furniture will be installed in the office and school foyer

Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education

Many families are interested in learning about the draft new curriculum. We thank parents for their ongoing interest and emphasis that the curriculum is in draft format. As every parent would expect, the curriculum is age appropriate for children and young people. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is looking forward to sharing an updated version of our Draft Curriculum with parents and carers in October.

News Items from all of our Teaching Groups

Over each fortnight leading up to the newsletter being distributed, we will be uploading news items to our website. These news items will showcase work from all of our class stage groups, Literacy, Numeracy, Sport and Health, Science, Creative Arts, Library, Bluey's Patch and Let's Cook and Create. Click on the link below to be taken to our website where you can view all of these news items and see lots of photos in our galleries.



Handy Hint: Press your back arrow ← to come back to the newsletter



[View our News items](#)



- Is your Email address correct?
- Are you receiving emails from St Bernadette's?
- Has your email address changed since you enrolled your child.
- Are you accessing the Compass Parent Portal to see your child's school report, merits awards and attendance?

If you have possibly had a change of email address please let us know. You could be missing out on important information that is sent home via email. Please click on the following link and send us an email and we can check that your details are correct.



[Email Us](#)

Dates For Your Diary

September

25th - Last day for Term 3

October

12th - Term 4 commences for all students



Latest COVID-19 Advice from St Bernadette's

If you missed the email that went out this week on the latest advice

please click on the link to view the note in COVID Updates.



[Latest COVID-19 Advice](#)



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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Blacktown City Council

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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](#)

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](#)

Volunteers at St Bernadette's Primary

If you wish to volunteer for our canteen or school events, it is a mandatory requirement that you complete the Building

Child Safe Communities (BCSC) form and online training module prior to commencing.

This is a new online module and will replace any online training done previously.

Once your form has been submitted, the system will generate an email to confirm the status of your submission. All volunteers need a BCSC approved status to volunteer at St Bernadette's.



[BCSC Help Sheet](#)



[Building Child Safe Communities OnLine Training Module](#)

[Visit our photo gallery on our website.](#)



[Photo Gallery](#)



[St Bernadette's Official Facebook Page](#)



[St Bernadette's Parent Group](#)



[St Bernadette's Canteen](#)



[St Bernadette's School Office](#)





Staying home these holidays?

Holiday Club Online is back with extraordinary digital experiences!

Camp Australia has partnered with StarTime Studios again to bring you extraordinary experiences from the comfort and safety of your living room.

Holiday Club Online's program is full of variety, with a focus on technology-based experiences and will appeal to children of all ages. Plus, they're only \$10 per child, per session!

Check out some of the great online sessions we're running this Spring:



CarToon-tastic

Learn the art of digital storytelling as StarTime Live's professional filmmakers walk you through creating your own short cartoon film! Animate your holidays.



DJing and Music Producing

Let's get on Garageband and learn how to make our own beats! Plus, we'll learn how to mix music, and use sound effects to blend it all in!



Minecraft Building Challenge

Video games have never been more educational! Let's learn the art of architecture and construction in the Minecraft World.

It's FREE to Register. (to use Holiday Club Online, you first need to register).

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

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TOUGH COMPASSION!

Gospel in Life

If someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His un-forgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about 'how much' forgiveness is required.

What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed to him, not because it is necessary - a king has no obligation to forgive anything - but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable.

In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our unforgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do I find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price did you pay for unforgiveness?

As Scripture says, 'Do not give the devil a chance to work on you'.

Resolve not to allow unforgiveness a breeding ground in your heart. Confess it and reconcile with your offender as quickly as possible.

PRAYER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

(Adopted from the USCCB)

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen