



St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park
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Newsletter

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2020 Term 4 Week 1

From The Principal

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable term break. I've heard lots of students recount the activities they participated in during the holidays. It was nice for everyone to partake in some regular activities that we are all so familiar with.

Term 4 is always a busy term. It is our final opportunity to help students consolidate their learning and achieve benchmarks. This week Leadership has met with all teachers to discuss individual student progress in literacy and determine next learning steps particularly in the area of reading. This is focused work that occurs so no child is missed. At the end of the term we want to look back knowing we did everything we could within our available resources to help children achieve reading benchmarks.

I am extremely proud of the learning progress our students have made so far this year despite the significant disruption to learning in Terms 1 and 2. Last term we ensured learning was focused on student needs in order to accelerate progress and minimise students who are at risk of not achieving reading benchmarks. It is pleasing to see that this work is paying off. Our goal remains to ensure students achieve preset reading benchmarks by the end of 2020.

Band News

Next week regular band lessons for year 4 and 5 students will recommence. Current covid advice includes;

- Students playing non-reeded woodwind instruments (flutes and recorders) are situated 3 metres apart from each other and any other performer and are to avoid pointing any air flow from their instruments towards others.
- Students playing all other musical instruments, including other reeded woodwind instruments and brass instruments, are to be situated a distance of 1.5 metres apart from each other, other performers and all other people in front of them (such as the audience and conductor).
- Ensembles and other musical groups should rehearse and perform outdoors or in a large, well-ventilated indoor space.
- All instruments must be thoroughly cleaned before individual use and at the end of the session.

Lessons will occur in the hall under the direction of Mr Davidson from Captivate.

Kindergarten Transition

It is very exciting to announce that Kindy Transition can go ahead this term in a revised format. The restrictions will allow next year's Kindergarten students to enter the school to participate in transition activities. The significant change is that parents will not be allowed to enter the site to participate in activities.

An email has gone out today to all our Kindergarten families for 2021 regarding transition.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

If you have a son or daughter who is due to start school in 2021 and not yet enrolled please contact the school office urgently.

Principal Leave and Staff Changes

Mr Kapitanow will be on Long Service Leave next week. In his absence Mr Crothers will be Acting Principal and Mrs Buenaventura will be Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Pooni will teach Stage 2 Blue whilst Mrs Buenaventura is in the acting role.

360 Degree Filming

We have planned to have 360 degree filming done at St Bernadette's. This filming will showcase our school to the broader community and will become a major aspect of our website. This filming is particularly important as our ability to showcase our fantastic school is limited by current COVID restrictions which could be ongoing.

The filming is scheduled for Tuesday the 10th of November (Week 5) and will include all learning spaces and outdoor areas. Students will be included in the filming. We ask that students are in full school uniform with particular attention to grooming. Students who are not in full school uniform or are not adhering to school expectations including hair expectations will not participate in filming. Not all students will be included in filming.

Year 6 Graduation

Celebrating the end of 7 years of primary education and the beginning of the secondary journey is a priority. NSW Health have announced that Year 6 Farewells can proceed in a modified way. As such we have begun planning the following;

- Farewell mass will be held on 15th of December at 12pm.
- Mass will be held in the Parish Church with COVID restrictions in place. This means only Year 6 students will attend with TWO members of their family.

This can change depending on NSW Government advice. We will communicate more in the coming weeks.

Student Data Validation

Student Data Validation forms will be sent to primary household contacts via email or SMS next week by CEDP.

Parents / carers are asked to complete these forms to ensure schools have accurate and reliable information.

Have a great week

Mr Phill Kapitanow
Principal

Message from our REC

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Guardians,

Welcome to Term 4! I trust that everyone was able to have some family down time during the break. This term we will have various Liturgical events occurring with COVID-19 restriction in place – from in school Reconciliation and Holy Communion for Stage 2 & 3 and Year 6 Graduation Mass.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to all our students and families preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion, may God bless you as you partake on this exciting journey. Special thanks to Father Andrew and the St Bernadette's Parish Sacramental team for all your time, love and support throughout these programs.

In the coming weeks, a note with regards to the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal will be shared. This Appeal aims to provide those in need in the Blacktown area with an experience of joy of Christmas, through the donation of food. We seek your generosity in donating one or more items during the month of November. Each stage will have Christmas hampers to add their donated items. All donations start in the first week of November and will be collected by a St Vincent de Paul representative in the last week of November (week 8).

May you all have a blissful week.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Year 7, 2022 Mercy Scholarships for:

Academic Excellence

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OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

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Currently
enrolling
Year 7,
2022

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Dates For Your Diary

October

26th October: Book Week

29th October: Book Week Parade Students Only

November

26th November: Kindy Transition

December

3rd December: Kindy Transition



BOOK WEEK PARADE - STUDENTS ONLY

Our Book Parade will take place on Thursday 29th October and students can dress up as real, mythological or imagined animals, creatures or characters.

Book Week 2020 Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Book Week will be in **Week 3** in Term 4. **The Theme is...**

"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"

Book Week will be slightly different this year due to COVID-19 restrictions in schools.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school during Book Week. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, parents will be unable to visit the Book Fair. Some of the titles available are shown in the image below.

Teachers will bring their class to the Library to visit the Book Fair. The students will take their wish lists home and parents will be able to purchase books **online**, following the instructions on the Wish List form. The students will receive their books when their wish list form has been returned to school with confirmation of online payment.

There is no obligation to purchase books, however, the school receives a commission on the amount of books sold. This goes towards purchasing new library books, sets of reading books and other resources. Parents are also able to donate books from the Book Fair to the Library. Donated Books will be labelled with a sticker to thank the family for their donation.

Please note that this year the Book fair will not include stationary items or posters.

Book Parade - Thursday 29th October

Students can dress up as real, mythological or imagined animals, creatures or characters. The Book Parade will be done in Stage groups. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend but photos will be uploaded to the school website/facebook page.

Book Week Competitions

Just a reminder that the following Book Week competitions are due this Friday (Week 1)

- Colouring in competition- sheets will be provided to all students.
- Create a 'Curious Creature'- Students may create a real or imagined creature. They may create an artwork or sculpture of their choice.

Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

SNOW MUCH TO SEE AND READ AT OUR BOOK FAIR

BOOKS
START AT
\$5



DHARMA THE LLAMA
Dharma doesn't run with the herd, she likes to do things her own way.
8668697 | PICTURE BOOK
AGES 3+ | 🇦🇺

\$12



COCO: BIG CITY KITTY
Coco lives in the big city and her days are filled with excitement and adventure.
8665242 | PICTURE BOOK
AGES 5+ | 🇦🇺

\$9



THE BAD GUYS EPISODE 11: DAWN OF THE UNDERLORD
Mr Snake rips open a doorway into a world of horror, mayhem and blood-curdling badness!
8668697 | CHAPTER BOOK
AGES 7+ | 🇦🇺

\$10



TIMMY THE TICKED-OFF PONY
Timmy is a mega-star, until one little poo of excitement on the red carpet ruins his life.
8651941 | NOVEL | AGES 7+ | 🇦🇺

\$10



EDDY POPCORN'S GUIDE TO PARENT TRAINING
When Eddy is grounded for the whole summer holidays, he tries to find ways to train his parents!
8663677 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | 🇦🇺

\$10



THE SECRET JOURNAL
Ella discovers an old hidden diary, and discovers there's more to Eden College than meets the eye!
8662535 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | 🇦🇺

\$10



THE ODD 1S OUT: THE FIRST SEQUEL
Hilarious stories and advice on accepting your quirks and growing up in the internet age.
8667344 | GRAPHIC NOVEL
AGES 10+

\$15



8-BIT SILICONE DIARY
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable notebook.
8647546 | ACTIVITY BOOK
AGES 7+

\$10

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



FIND THESE
**BOOKS AND
HUNDREDS
MORE AT
THE FAIR!**



News Items from all of our Teaching Groups

Leading up to the newsletter each fortnight 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](#)

School Fees

School Fee statements will be posted out by the Catholic Education Office next week. Please call Rita Mizzi on 8869 6400 if you have any questions about your statement.

SCHOOL BANKING

As we communicated last term we are no longer able to offer the School Banking Program run by the Commonwealth Bank.



St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
Office Hours:	Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am to 4pm	Telephone:	9672 4037
Email:	admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au	Fax:	9671 5377
Web Page:	www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au		

Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

Children's Church - Sat 6pm; Sun 10am except school holidays and at First Communion times.
Blessings at all Masses for children.

Youth Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.45am

Wednesday 7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette. Mass at 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:15am-8:45am
Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm. First Saturday of the Month 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am & 4.30pm – 5.30pm

NB: No reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month

ST BERNADETTE'S

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](#)

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. 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
Official Facebook
Page



St Bernadette's
School Office



St Bernadette's
Parent Group



St Bernadette's
Canteen



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



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Only \$14.00 Per Week
With a \$2.00 Rego per term
No Extra Grading Fees!



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IMPROVE CONCENTRATION

BUILD COORDINATION

BUILD SELF ESTEEM

IMPROVE STUDIES

MAKE FRIENDS

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Location: Kings Langley Public School,
Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 21 October, 2020

New Students can also join on any Wednesday during term.

**New and Returning
Students
Ages 5-8**

Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

**New Students
Ages 9-16
and Returning Students**

Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION**, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.