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Newsletter

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2020 Term 4 Week 5

Principal's Message

We are halfway through this term and have only 5 weeks of the school term to go! The next five weeks will be extremely busy as we;

- Finalise school reports
- Prepare for Year 6 graduation
- Prepare end of year celebrations
- Prepare to transition students for 2021 classes

There's a lot to be done in a short period of time!

Earlier this week I published a news article on our school website page that detailed our 'Tell Them From Me' survey results. The survey is completed by all students from year 4 to 6, all teachers with an extended invitation to all parents to contribute. Our results were extremely positive and affirm the fantastic work we have been doing for the last three years. I encourage all parents to read this article.

Teachers are currently working on Semester Two Progress Reports. These reports capture student learning and progress in Terms 3 and 4. This semester we return to the full semester report that parents and teachers are more familiar with. A significant change is that we will no longer be awarding A-E grades.

In years 1 - 6 we will use the following five point scale;

- Working Deeply
- Working Beyond
- Working At
- Working Towards
- Working with Assistance

Kindergarten will use the following 3 point scale;

- Working Beyond
- Working At
- Working Towards

Effort will be reported on a four point scale being;

- Outstanding
- Very Good
- Satisfactory
- Improvement Needed

We believe this is a positive change in reporting language that is more age appropriate.

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 continues to impact how we operate. Although restrictions are easing there are still some significant restrictions that will continue to impact our daily lives. Many of our community events this year have been cancelled and this will continue to be the case. Unfortunately after reviewing the current restrictions and all possibilities we have decided that running large school events with parents and community members in attendance is not viable at this time. The 4 square meter rule is a major limiting factor that makes use of our hall and other facilities not viable. This means that all end of year celebrations and events will be cancelled or modified to be online. Our traditional Christmas concert will not go ahead as planned. We will celebrate Christmas and we will make available our celebration on a digital platform. The end of year 'whole school' mass is also cancelled.

Year 6 Graduation will run as a covid safe event. The Parent Group has put out expressions of interest for year 6 parents to form an organising committee to enable this event. Our traditional end of year mass will be altered to be focused on Year 6 with 2 parents per year 6 child and some school representatives in attendance.

Staff News

At the conclusion of this year some staff have made the decision to seek different opportunities at other schools. At the end of this year the following staff members will be leaving St Bernadettes;

- Mr Crothers (Previously announced)
- Mrs Bonilla (Previously announced)
- Mrs Huntington
- Ms Fajloun

We acknowledge and appreciate all of the fantastic work each of these staff members have done over several years. They have worked collectively to refine teaching and learning at St Bernadette's. I know many staff and families will miss them and the contributions they made to our school community as they continue their journeys in education elsewhere.

We also welcome Mrs Dana Brothers to St Bernadette's next year. Mrs Brothers has been working at St Bernadette's in a constant manner to relieve class teachers throughout Term 3 and 4 of this year. She is familiar with our students, staff and the broader school community. She brings a wealth of teaching experience to St Bernadette's.

2021 Classes

We have been on a journey of building and consolidating a new school culture at St Bernadette's. To enable this we have focused our efforts on;

- developing our teachers to enable the best possible learning experiences.
- creating a school environment that has high expectations for all. To do this we have implemented Positive Behaviour Support for Learning.
- developing procedures and protocols that improve consistency across the school.
- developing a sense of belonging within the school environment

Our focused efforts have resulted in a school environment that is focused on the main task of learning. Throughout this process CEDP has supported St Bernadette's with additional staffing. Due to our success in creating a strong school culture some of this support will be removed in 2021. This includes 1 class teacher. Current enrollment numbers in our 2021 kindergarten class mean that we will have one Kindergarten teacher. The classroom will be supported by additional staff at key learning times and will have a teachers aide when required.

This decision will be reviewed if our enrolments for kindergarten continue to evolve. Traditionally families continue to enrol throughout Term 4.

At this stage all other stages will continue to have three class teachers and additional support as required.

Have a great week, Phill Kapitanow, Principal

Message from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

As you may be aware, our school community has commenced the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper appeal throughout the month of November. On behalf of the school I would like to extend our thanks to all our families that have been able to donate a variety of items. We have only had a week of collections and already we have so many class tubs filling up quick!

This Wednesday on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th hour will mark Remembrance Day. Some of our Stage Three students will lead the school in a ceremony to commemorate and show our respect to all those who have lost their lives through warfare. Remembrances Day is not just for remembering those who have passed away, but it is a time for us to pray for the end of warfare and pray for peace throughout the world.

This year we invite our families to honor Remembrance Day by placing a poppy image and craft outside of your mailbox.

"Lest we Forget.

We will Remember".

Have a blessed week

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura
REC



ST BERNADETTE'S

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Uniform Shop

The School Locker Uniform Shop is **now open** to

parents each Wednesday from 9am until 10:30am. Everyone must present to the office and sign in and upon leaving the school you will need to sign out.

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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Enrolling now for 2021

St Bernadette's is finalising our enrolment for Kindergarten next year and preparing for Kindergarten

Transition. If you are enrolling for 2021 please contact the 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



School Photo Gallery



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

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

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Dates For Your Diary

November

- 18th 2nd Hand Uniform Sale (School Office) 9:00-3:00pm
- 24th Parent Group AGM 5pm in our Parish Hall
- 26th Kindergarten Transition 9-12 pm
Uniform Shop open for new
Kindergarten parents 12:00-2:00pm



December

- 3rd Kindergarten Transition 9-12 pm
Uniform Shop open for new
Kindergarten parents 12:00-2:00pm
- 9th Student reports available on Compass Parent Portal
- 11th Year 6 Big Fun Day In
- 15th Year 6 Graduation Mass 12 noon
Year 6 Dinner Dance 6pm
- 16th Last day for Students

Drink Bottles to school

Please ensure your child has a plastic drink bottle for school each day as the weather is warming up and they must remain hydrated. The school bubblers are still not in use due to the COVID restrictions that are still in place. There are an increasing amount of children who are not bringing drink bottles to school.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Sale

On Wednesday 18th November 2nd Hand Uniforms will be on sale in the school office foyer. This will run from 9am-3pm. All items are \$5.00 each. **EFTPOS payments only NO CASH accepted.** Social Distancing is required in the school foyer.



PARENT GROUP AGM

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 5PM

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH HALL

See Note that came home to all families today



School Notes

YEAR 7 2021



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eSafetyeducation

2021

Online safety webinars for your parent and carer community

The education team at eSafety has been working on a new free webinar series for parents and carers, to be delivered live in 2021.

The demand for our popular parent and carer webinars in 2020 prompted us to develop the 2021 series to support school communities.

Each term, we will offer a new topic that will run numerous times. These webinars will provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences. This is especially important in an era when we are all online more than ever before.

The Term 1 webinar topic is **eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama**. This will be offered five times over the term. We will let you know when the topics for the following terms are announced.

Attached is eSafety's 2021 webinar schedule. We would be grateful if you could note the dates as you start planning the year ahead, then advertise them in 2021 through your communication channels with parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Lucy Kimpton

Senior Outreach Coordinator

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Blacktown

Christmas Concert

Thursday 26 November

6 pm to 9 pm

Civic Plaza, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Christmas carols | a photo with Santa | lighting of the Christmas tree



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St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

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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

BE READY!

Gospel in Life

Parables are never as simple as they appear on the surface. They always carry a deeper meaning which is applicable to daily living. On first hearing this parable of the bridesmaids who were excluded from the wedding feast and forced to remain locked out in the dark, we could easily be forgiven for regarding their sensible companions, as a selfish lot in refusing to share their oil with them. To our way of thinking the punishment of having the door of the wedding banquet slammed in their face is too severe. At worst they deserved a reprimand for their last minute rush. However the Gospel story is not about forgetting to bring along extra oil for a lamp, but about how we view the invitation extended to us all to take our place in the Kingdom of God. We have only ourselves to blame if we fail to arrive or are unprepared when the time comes. Being ready beforehand is what matters most and a last minute hurry to get ourselves into spiritual shape is not to be recommended. Christ teaches this parable as a warning because the day of the Lord will come with suddenness like a thief in the night. In a strangely appropriate way, the church has associated the end of the liturgical year with the month of November. In a world of uncertainties the one thing we can be sure of is death. While we do not know the day or the hour, it is the one appointment we cannot cancel.

To dismiss the thought of death, pushing it to the back of our minds as something to be faced at a later date, is the If we live with no thought as to where the journey of life is taking us, we are neglecting to make elementary preparations for the coming of the kingdom. Death will catch us.

We will be found empty inside with no oil in our spiritual lamps and the result will be disaster. Any essential part of the Christian life is to cultivate a personal relationship with God, which each one must possess, work at and live, because it cannot be borrowed at the last minute.

DEVOTIONS TO MARY IMMACULATE & ST BERNADETTE - STREAMED F live @ www.facebook.com/STBCLP B (Bernadette), C (Catholic), (Lalor Park) each Wednesday at 7.00pm. As of Tuesday, 3/11/20, 770 people reached through Facebook livestream. You are invited to come to Devotions and Mass on Wednesdays at 7.00pm.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS - During November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beautiful vision of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032) November Mass Envelopes are available in the basket at the back of the Church for your use. All Masses during November will be offered in union with the living and the dead. November gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the communion between the living and the dead. All Mass Intention Envelopes will be placed in a Special Remembrance Box and placed in front of the Altar for ALL November Masses. We are very aware of those we miss, and we pray for them. We are aware of the love of God permeating all existence and connecting us even in death. We are reminded of the source of our hope, the risen Christ. As we reflect on the gift of eternal life, the significance of our earthly choices comes into clear view.