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# Newsletter

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2020 Term 4 Week 7

## Principal's Message

This week we welcomed our 2021 Kindy class to transition. It was fantastic to see the myriad of children's responses. Some children were eager to get into school whilst others were apprehensive, but given time they all settled in well. The children participated in play based activities designed to;

- Ensure children are comfortable in their new environment
- Encourage Socialisation between children
- Allow staff to assess each child's readiness for school

It was good that we could proceed with the transition program albeit with COVID safe practises in place. We look forward to having the children back next week.

Many thanks to the parents who attended the Parent Group meeting last Tuesday afternoon. The Parent Group is a vital aspect to the St Bernadette's community. They provide many services to the broader community that at times go unrecognised. It is pleasing that the 2020 committee will remain in their respective positions for 2021. This year has seen their operations largely affected by the COVID restrictions, but we are all hopeful of a more normal 2021. Thanks to all the parents for their contributions throughout 2020!

This week I have announced to staff their respective classes for 2021. We put a lot of thought into where each and every staff member will work in order to best support student learning. Classes will be;

ES1B Ms Stapley

S1G Mrs Stone, S1B - Miss Gibson, S1W - Mrs Santos / Mrs Mogan

S2G Mrs Ellard, S2B - Mrs Brothers, S2W - Mrs Corrigan / Mrs Costaganna

S3W Miss Matthews, S3B - Miss Barrak, S3G - Mrs Maloney

RFF Mrs Galea, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Fell

Diversity - Mrs Maher and Ms Ninness

In the coming weeks we will begin a process of placing students into their respective classes. I would ask that parents resist the urge to influence placement. We take into account many aspects of a child's holistic education to determine classes. Additionally students and teachers work across our agile spaces. This means students will take part in lessons with all assigned stage teachers and for learning students are always grouped according to need not necessarily the class they are in.

Over the coming weeks staff and students will be working on their Christmas items. Our regular end of year Christmas concert will be recorded this year and shared with families. We anticipate it will be as cute as ever!

Have a great week,

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Principal

### Message from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and caregivers,

Next week will be our final week for our St Vinnies Christmas hamper appeal. Already we have so many class tubs that are overflowing with generous donations. Thank you to all our families who have shared your love and support.

Just a friendly reminder to our year six students and their families that the thanksgiving Graduation Mass is on Tuesday the 15th of December. Due to covid-19 we are limited to only having our year six students and two members of their family attend. May we please keep our students and their teachers in our prayers as they commence their preparation for this special celebration.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

### Christmas Concert Preparation

Hello Parents/Carers,

Due to COVID this year as a school we are sad to announce that we will not be hosting a school Christmas Concert. Instead, each year group will be creating a "Christmas Story" Video that will be uploaded and shared to all families in Week 10.

The Christmas Concert items will be filmed during Week 9. We ask that students bring their costumes by Monday 7th December to wear for the film. If your child brings their costume in early, the teachers will store this. Please make sure any clothing and items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid being misplaced.

The costumes required are as follows:

- ES1: Red t-shirts with black or white pants.
- S1: White and Gold (Yellow) Christmas themed clothing.
- S2: All white Christmas themed clothing.
- S3: Year 5: White (or predominantly white) T-Shirt & Gold Tinsel halo / Blue or Black Jeans/shorts
- Year 6: Red (or predominantly red) T-Shirt / Blue or Black Jeans/shorts



### Year 6 Fundraising Mufti Day

On the 4th of December Year 6 are asking all St Bernadette's students to wear mufti to support the Year 6 fundraising efforts.

We ask that all students bring in a gold coin donation in return for wearing mufti.

Please note as a condition of this day students are still required to wear appropriate attire. For example: enclosed shoes, school hat, no singlet tops, no midriff shirts, no short shorts or skirts.

All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Fun Day!

Thank you,

Miss Barrak, Miss Matthews & Mrs Maloney



### Kiss and Drop

This is a reminder The kiss 'n' drop area in Gardenia Grove that our very dedicated parent volunteers operate is a wonderful example of how our community works together for the benefit of all.

The volunteers give up their time to assist the children as they get in and out of your car.

The kiss 'n' drop area provides easy access for parents to drop off and collect their children.

The teacher on duty ensures the children are being looked after while waiting for their parents.

Parents line up in an orderly manner to use this service.

### Safety of the children is a priority

Therefore can I remind parents that you need to use this service as it was intended. When one parent doesn't follow the directions, then the safety of our children is put at risk.

When walking in Gardenia Grove in the morning or afternoon, parents are asked to walk around the cul-de-sac or cross at the top of the street at the intersection of Wheeler Street.

Thank you for your co-operation



### School Opal Card

Applications for the 2021 School Opal Card are now open.

A new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation eg (joint custody)
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name or requesting a new transport operator

This means students who are progressing to Year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances. To apply or update your child's details [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students).

Applications need to be submitted before the end of Term 4. School Opal Cards will be mailed out to the student's nominated postal address from January 2021.

If you don't have access to the internet, phone 131 500 for assistance.



# ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

## 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](#)



## 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.  
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](#)

[BCSC OnLine Training Module](#)

## Dates For Your Diary

### December

- 3rd Kindergarten Transition 9.30-12 pm  
Uniform Shop open for new  
Kindergarten parents 12:00-2:00pm
- 4th MUFTI Day for gold coin donation
- 9th Student reports available on Compass  
Parent Portal
- 11th Last day of receipting in the school  
office  
Year 6 Big Fun Day In
- 15th Year 6 Graduation Mass 12 noon  
End of Year Mass 12 noon  
Year 6 Dinner Dance 6.30pm
- 16th Last day for Students



## 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

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**The School Locker is proud to be working in partnership with St Bernadette's Primary School**

## St Bernadette's Primary School Uniform Shop

We aim to provide your school community with excellent service, quality products and a wider product range than you would usually expect to find in a school uniform shop.

### Trading Hours During School Term

Wednesday 8:30am - 10:30am

### Uniform Shop Details

18 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park  
Contact: Jenni Gallagher  
Email: [StBernadettesPS@theschoollocker.com.au](mailto:StBernadettesPS@theschoollocker.com.au)

### Extended Trading Hours

Thursday 28th January 2021 8:30am - 12:30pm



## The School Locker Liverpool

Visit The School Locker Liverpool and discover a convenient one-stop-shop for school footwear, stationery, technology, musical instruments and sports equipment. Mac1 Service is also in-store and provides Apple Authorised repairs for all Apple devices.

### Store Details

The Grove Homemaker Centre  
2-18 Orange Grove Rd, Liverpool

Phone: 02 8796 2100

Monday to Wednesday & Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm

### Shop online at [theschoollocker.com.au](http://theschoollocker.com.au)

Products are available for purchase online from The School Locker website. You can choose to have your order shipped directly to you or you can collect it from the school uniform shop during trading hours.

Join The School Locker Student Advantage Program to access special pricing and generate revenue for your school with every purchase you make in any of our stores. Set up your membership online at [theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/](http://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account/)



unlock their potential.



Last day for EFTPOS transactions for the year in the School Office will be Friday 11th December. There will be no receipting after this date.

Thank you



# 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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or call 1300 105 343

## Camp Australia Open Morning at St Bernadette's Oshc-Lalor Park NSW on Wednesday 8th December 2020

The Camp Australia team at St Bernadette's Oshc-Lalor Park NSW extend a warm welcome and invite all families to come and meet us at our next Open morning!

You will be able to talk to the team and address any questions you may have about all areas of our Before and After School Care service.

To celebrate the occasion, we have organised plenty of great activities for you and your children!

- Information Session
- Question and Answers
- Coffee/Tea and Refreshments
- Getting to know you
- Colouring Sheets and Blocks will be setup for children

**Where:** St Bernadette's Oshc-Lalor Park NSW  
*Located under the Parish Office*

**When:** 9:00am-11:00am

Our friendly Educators will be available before and after the session to answer any questions or queries that you may have about our program.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education

*we make kids smile*



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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**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Thursday 24 December — Christmas Eve

6.30pm Parish Family Mass (112 People)

No Children's Mass

8.30pm Parish Family Mass (112 People)

Midnight Parish Family Mass (112 People)

### Friday 25 December

9.00am Parish Family Mass (112 People)

### Saturday 26 December—(Boxing Day)

No Morning Mass or Reconciliation

4.30pm-5.30pm, Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday 27 December (Holy Family)

8.30am and 10.00am

### Tuesday, 29 December

8.15am Rosary and Adoration

8.45am Communion Service

### Wednesday 30 December

NO DEVOTIONS OR MASS

### Thursday 31 December (New Year's Eve)

8.15am Rosary and Adoration

8.45am Communion Service

### Friday 1 January (New Year's Day)

8.15am Rosary and Adoration

8.45am Mass

**Saturday 2 January** Normal Mass & Reconciliation Times

**Sunday 3 January** Normal Mass & Reconciliation Times



## BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Dear Parishioners, this weekend, our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Funds raised through the Parramatta Catholic Foundation will enable CatholicCare to support vulnerable families in their efforts to give their children a positive start in life and be the best people they can be.

We invite you to be united in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together, and support the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your gift to the Foundation will provide care and support to people so they can build strong, loving relationships and rejoice in a life of hope and joy.

Please give generously via the giving envelopes and place them in the receptacle for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal next weekend. Thank you.