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# Newsletter

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2021 Term 1 Week 10

## Principal's Welcome Message

The end of Term 1 is here. It has been a very fast paced term! While we all begin to wind down it is important that we remember that as a Catholic community that we are heading into one of the most important seasons in the liturgical calendar.

Our Catholic faith sets us apart from all other school communities. At school this week we have done a lot to help our students understand the significance of Holy Week. During Holy Week we recall the significant events that lead to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his subsequent resurrection. This is a reminder of our sinfulness and Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for us. I thank all the families who joined the school community on Wednesday as we retold the events of Holy Week.

Easter is a great time for families and friends to spend time together. For the kids there is the exciting opportunity of receiving lots of chocolate. I hope you all find the time to discuss the true meaning of Easter and maybe even attend a mass. This is a unique opportunity where the unity between school and home can help to build your child's Catholic faith.

On behalf of all the staff I thank you for your support this term. We have had a great term at St Bernadette's! Next term I will be taking annual leave in the first week. Mrs Buenaventura will be the Acting Principal until I return in week 2.

Enjoy the break together and be safe!

## ATTENDANCE

This week attendance letters were distributed to all families where Term 1 attendance was below 90%. Whilst we understand that parents are doing their best to adhere to advice regarding illness, highlighting attendance concerns is an ongoing requirement.

Thankfully 2021 has been significantly different to last year with the majority of students attending school regularly. On behalf of all the staff I thank parents for their concerted efforts to ensure their regular attendance is valued.

Regular school attendance ensures there are minimal gaps in student learning. This is essential to help students connect learning opportunities.

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a lot of joy and an equal amount of sadness that I announce that Mrs Galea has made the difficult decision to leave St Bernadette's. Mrs Galea has been a teacher at St Bernadette's for 26 years. In this time she has taken on a variety of roles across the school. More recently she has been an integral part of our Science and Indonesian Teaching Team.

Mrs Galea will be taking up a position at Santa Sophia the newest Catholic school in the Diocese located at Box Hill. Mrs Galea is thanked for her years of dedicated service to the students of St Bernadette's. Her contributions are greatly appreciated and she will be missed!

Additionally I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Ellard is pregnant with her second child. Mrs Ellard currently teaches Stage Two Gold and will continue in this role. Mrs Ellard plans to remain teaching until the end of Term 2. Mrs Park will be returning to St Bernadette's in Term 2. Mrs Park will take up a diversity position made available with additional government funding provided to support targeted students whose learning has been impacted by COVID. Mrs Park has been at school preparing to take on this new role. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students.

### SOLAR AND LED LIGHT INSTALLATION

This week the solar panel and internal light installation was finalised. This work will improve lighting in all spaces and also help to reduce the carbon footprint as well as running costs.

In the coming weeks outside LED light installation will be finalised.

Mr Phill Kapitanow  
Principal

### Assistant Principals Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Caregivers,

Wishing all our wonderful friends and families at St Bernadette's a blessed happy Easter. May you all have a restful and cherished break with your family and friends. If you are interested in engaging with some fun Numeracy activities here are two fantastic websites that your children can explore (click on the links below);

- [Youcubed](#) at Home Archives
- Numeracy At Home | [Numeracyathome](#)

Both websites have various ways you can teach and discover Maths in everyday life experiences.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday everybody.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



### Children's School Holiday Garden Workshops

Friday 9th April and Friday 16th April 10.30am - 12pm

Lalor Park Community Garden

Children of all ages and abilities are invited to come and explore the garden. We'll go on a hunt for insects, try some edible flowers and collect leaves for an easy craft project.

Play in our Secret Garden and relax for story time.

What to wear: enclosed shoes + hat

What to bring: a water bottle + your sense of adventure!

This is a free event with limited capacity so please RSVP your spot by emailing [lalorparkcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:lalorparkcommunitygarden@gmail.com)

All adults are required to Covid check in. Please do not come if you or your child is unwell.

Children must be supervised by an adult for the duration of the event.



## RE with Mrs Meg Stone

RE with Mrs Stone

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Lent is a season of preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation and the celebration of the Easter mysteries. For the baptised, it is a time when we are challenged to make a change for the good in our Christian lives through asking for forgiveness when we have made wrong choices, and for doing good things, such as helping others through raising money for Caritas. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and finishes at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, where Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist.

Our journey throughout holy week recognises the sacrifices that Jesus made for us so that we may live fully in God's love. Jesus' love for us is inspiring and never ending, may we always remember to think like Jesus, love like Jesus and act like Jesus.

### Let us pray...

Christ Jesus, you came to draw all people to yourself.  
You knew that there would be suffering on your journey,  
but you trusted in God's plan, even to the point of death.  
May we come to share your faith as we follow you throughout  
our lives. **Amen**



The Hand of God by Andrew King

Have a safe, holy and blessed Easter with your families and friends.

Mrs Meg Stone

Religious Education Coordinator



 St Bernadette's Official Facebook Page



 St Bernadette's Canteen

 St Bernadette's Parent

 St Bernadette's School

 School Photo Gallery

## 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

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council



## Dates For Your Diary

### APRIL

- 1st Easter Egg raffle drawn  
Last day for Term 1
- 2nd Good Friday
- 4th Easter Sunday
- 19th **Staff Development Day** - No School on
- 20th Term 2 starts for student - Winter uniform to be worn



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**MONDAY 19TH APRIL**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**

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**TERM 2 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 20TH APRIL**

## 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](#)



## PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

**We are RESPONSIBLE when we FOLLOW STAFF INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY**

At St Bernadette's we listen to others to be good learners and show respect to our teachers, friends and visitors. Listening to others not only helps us to be great learners but it also ensures that we are safe, respectful and responsible too.

We can:

- Respond right away
- Start work
- Pack up on request
- Move off when asked
- Put our hat on
- Sit down to eat
- Put our hand up to leave the eating area



We encourage students and families to continue showing their understanding of our focus by showing what this looks like and sounds like at home.



**Congratulations to the these students who received a Bronze or Silver Award this week.**



## Holy Week and Easter 2021

No more than 100 people for each celebration.

### Good Friday - Friday 2nd April

10am Stations of the Cross

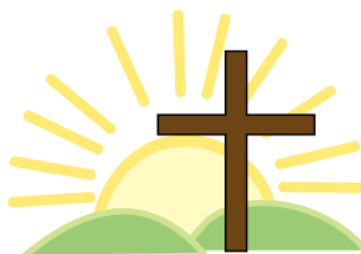
3pm Celebration of Lord's passion

### Holy Saturday - Saturday 3rd April

6pm Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday - Sunday 4th April

8.30am and 10am Mass







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## EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Join us for our very first mission.

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**

[www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers)



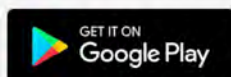
Every child that attends receives  
a FREE merchandise pack including  
T-shirt, Badge and Booklet!

### A message from your Coordinator

Hello families! We are so excited about our Holiday Club programs planned for the upcoming school holidays. There are so many exciting activities planned including great Incursions and Excursions. We have a great Excursion planned to the new Sydney Zoo at Prospect for all animal lovers on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. One of the highlights on our program is our Handball Championships to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. There are many prizes on offer so don't miss the chance to become the service Champion or even compete in the Regional Championships that will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 at one of our near by schools. Book into one of our nearby Holiday Clubs at Lynwood Park Public School or Marayong Heights Public School for loads of fun this holiday!

### It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



22nd - 26th March



Whether your child calls it  
Handball, Downball or 4-Square –  
It's the game that they all  
know and love.

Enter the competition now via  
your Parent Portal

Enter

### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week  
for parents and cover various  
topics to help families.

Visit our blog

# ST BERNADETTE'S

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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**

## FR ANDREW'S EASTER MESSAGE 2021

Dear Friend, Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Our icon depicts Jesus Risen standing triumphant holding the cross, the symbol of death defeated. To live the truth of the Resurrection, we must know through faith that Jesus has been raised up, our pledge that God has begun the destruction of all evil. Yet it is obvious that many evils remain in our world. Violence and greed fill our media. Misunderstanding, hurt, and disease still characterise at times in our lives. So, we await the complete victory of God in Christ. Our salvation is 'already' but 'not yet'. Proclaiming only 'Christ's victory', and our responsibility to help them. If we focus only on what is yet to come, it can undermine confidence in Christ's Resurrected presence. What makes us unique as Christians, is that we believe that God will save the world, through Christ. Faith looks backwards at the Resurrection, believing in the significance of its truth. Hope looks forward to what flows from that faith, knowing that what God has begun will be completed. Love keeps us in the present moment to oppose evil and to serve others in the power of Christ's Spirit. When our lives have been touched by sickness, betrayal, depression or death, the force of evil is real and personal. Christ's Resurrection says that God is opposed to the evil we suffer. We do not suffer alone, for Christ is with us. As we embrace the fullness of salvation coming in time, we gain strength from what has already taken place. Christ's Resurrection is not a matter of words but of reality. Since Christ has been raised up, God's will cannot be defeated. Christ's Resurrection, will lead to what is promised. This is why Jesus' Resurrection is the 'good news'.

May the power of Christ's Resurrection give you peace.

Your Brother in the Risen Christ.

Fr. Andrew (Easter 2021)

**FACE MASKS** NSW Health has advised that face masks will no longer be mandatory in places of worship. However, this practice is strongly recommended, especially indoors.

PLEASE RETURN PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ON HOLY THURSDAY OR AT THE EASTER MASSES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO GOD'S PEOPLE.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** On Saturday, 3 April turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.

**FROM YOUR PASTOR** Let us make every effort to attend as many Liturgies this Holy Week as we can. Let us celebrate the three days of Holy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday (Crucifixion) and Easter Day (Resurrection) with equal devotion and make it a truly Holy Week. May this take precedence over all other activities. Let us remember God is never outdone in generosity, and is always loving us. I know that Easter will be a time of grace for us all. What to bring? Our concerns & burdens. Our joys & smiles. Our hopes & dreams. Our open Heart. Fr Andrew

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## FLOWERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

(2 April)

(3.00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion). You are invited to bring flower(s) and place at the foot of the cross during the Adoration of the Cross. COVID Precaution— Please bow to the cross only—Do not touch the cross.

## TORCH FOR EASTER VIGIL

**6.00PM Mass, Saturday, 3 April**

You are invited to bring a small torch for the 'Service of Light.' We will use a torch instead of candle light when the Easter Candle is brought into the church at the Easter Vigil.

## EASTER PRAYER

God, our Father, creator of all. Today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men and women, who had begun to lose their hope, and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold—that first He must die—and then He would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence. May the Risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes, that we may know Him in the breaking of bread, and follow Him in His risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BISHOP VINCENT LONG** will be visiting our Parish to celebrate the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 18 April. Let us give him a good St Bernadette's welcome on the 3rd Sunday after Easter.

## THREE THINGS

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back

Time

Words

Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person

Anger

Pride

Unforgiveness

## SYMBOLS & IMAGES

The cross and the paschal candle are the central symbols of these 3 days. Death is conquered in new life. The darkness of the tomb is conquered by the light of Christ. Much of this symbolism is present in the baptism ceremony of the Easter Vigil. Explore it together.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**HOLY THURSDAY** Mass of Lord's Supper @ 7.30pm  
Thursday, 1st April NO MORNING MASS, Adoration, Rosary

**GOOD FRIDAY** Stations of the Cross @ 10.00am  
Friday, 2nd April Reconciliation @ 11.00am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3.00pm  
Reconciliation @ 4.30pm

**HOLY SATURDAY** Reconciliation @ 9.30am to 10.30am  
Saturday 3rd April and 4.00pm to 5.00pm  
Easter Vigil Mass @ 6.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Sunday 4th April 8.30am & 10.00am