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# Newsletter

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2021 Term 1 Week 4

## Principal's Welcome Message

Welcome to week 4! The term is certainly progressing very quickly.

On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It was fantastic that we were able to have a liturgy with each stage and equally disappointing that members of the community were not allowed to join us. The purpose of Lent is to prepare for Easter by repenting for our sins. Many of us make the decision to give something up as a symbol of sacrifice and self discipline. It acknowledges Jesus's ultimate sacrifice for us. As the students take part in this process I think it is a good opportunity for families to work together, keep things achievable and celebrate the daily successes.

We have certainly settled into the normal school routine. I'm proud of how well our students are doing at this early stage of the year. This affirms my beliefs in our staff who work so hard for this community. It also affirms the hard work we have done over many years to imbed Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning across the school.

I want to thank parents who have taken the opportunity to either meet or have a phone call with teachers. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss the needs of their children with staff. I encourage any parents who feel there is a need to discuss their child to make that commitment and contact the school to arrange a suitable time.

The official opening of 2022 Kindy enrolments is fast approaching. Parents are encouraged to contact the school for an enrolment pack or to attend our upcoming open evening on the 9th of March at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to tour the school and ask any questions. Encourage your friends to attend and see the great work that happens at St Bernadette's.

Students in Stages 2 and 3 are completing the AGAT test. The AGAT is an ACER standardised test used to measure students' general intellectual ability. The test is designed to assist teachers in their assessment of students' learning potential and overall aptitude. We will use this data to inform which students will be selected for our Gifted and Talented programme. Parents of such children will be notified. We are excited by this new offering for our students and its potential as an ongoing school programme.

From this week our regular Friday assembly will move to Thursday. This will ensure students who do gymnastics on Friday morning do not miss out on the assembly. We will revert back to Friday assembly in Term 2.

This week we have met with builders who will be carrying out renovations to our Kindy classrooms. The work has been approved by all parties and is scheduled to take place in the Easter school holidays. This work will modernise the space. Additionally we have also met with the team who will be installing solar panels on the roof and new lighting throughout the school. As it stands this work is scheduled to be completed in May / June and will not affect students. We are assured the new lighting will make a significant difference to our learning spaces and the solar panels will reduce operating costs.

Have a great week everyone

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

## Numeracy with Mrs Buenaventura

Greetings Parents, Caregivers and friends.

Week 4 and the students have been participating in great Numeracy learning. The teachers have been working hard to challenge the students to ensure they are understanding what the Maths is, what strategy is the most efficient and to prove their thinking.

As Numeracy lessons are hands-on and at times collaborative with peers, a great counting activity you can do is handfuls. Encourage your child to get a handful of items, estimate their quantity, count the collection in the most efficient way and record. Not only is recording their thinking a great way to consolidate their learning but you are also encouraging your child to strengthen their reasoning skills. From here you can double the number, plot their numbers on a numberline or even discover its multiples. I would love to see your hard thinking, I invite you to email the school your work! Have a go, and invite various members of your family to get a handful of items for your child to count.

Have a great week everyone.

With blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura, Assistant Principal.



## Mrs Meg Stone - Religious Education Co-Ordinator

WELCOME to the beginning of Lent. Yesterday was Ash Wednesday the first day of Lent.

Lent is a time when we get our minds and hearts ready for God. We do this by praying more often, giving to the poor, and doing good deeds for others.

Each family will receive a set of daily reflection cards that you can read with your children as we begin the journey of loving this Lent. We are all butterflies in our own unique way! Let us finish with a prayer to recognise the importance of saying sorry and turning back to God.



Dear God,  
We are sorry for the things we have  
done that have hurt you and others.  
Teach us to share your goodness and  
love in the world.  
Amen.

Upcoming events: Thursday 25th February  
we will be celebrating our Opening Whole  
School Liturgy and unfortunately due to  
COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to invite families to attend with us.

With Blessings, Mrs Meg Stone REC



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## Kiss and Drop and Parking Around the School

Last week rangers from Blacktown Council were present in Gardenia Grove in response to ongoing concerns raised by residents. Rangers indicated that this was an opportunity to try and work with the community and educate drivers. This has been supported by numerous school communications to families.

We have been advised that rangers will be issuing fines to drivers who do not follow the road rules. Additionally Blacktown Police have indicated that they will be increasing their patrols at drop off and dismissal times.

Thank you families who adhere to the road rules. Student safety is everyone's priority.



To all parents to return the Technology note and the whole school permission note that have previously been sent home to each family.

Thank you

## Dates For Your Diary

### February

- 17th Ash Wednesday - Students only
- 24th Leadership Day - Stage 3 students
- 25th Opening Whole School Liturgy (Students Only)

### March

- 2nd Parent Group Meeting at 5.30pm  
All parents welcome
- 3rd School Photos  
(Full Summer School Uniform to be worn)  
Information coming home this week
- 7-14th Catholic Schools Week more details to come
- 9th Enrolment Information Evening  
6pm - 7pm in our Library for any new families for 2022
- 10th School Cross Country
- 17th School Fees Due
- 31st Last day for Canteen



## 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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## 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.



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## PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

In 2018 we started implementing PBS4L at St Bernadette's where we reviewed our whole school rules and developed a new clear set of expectations. Over the last three years we have been on a PBS4L journey, and the positive way in which the students started the 2021 school year demonstrates how far we have come as a school community.

Our four school expectations are:

- We are **SAFE**
- We are **RESPECTFUL**
- We are **RESPONSIBLE**
- We are **LEARNERS**



## St Bernadette's Lalor Park Expectations & Behaviours Matrix

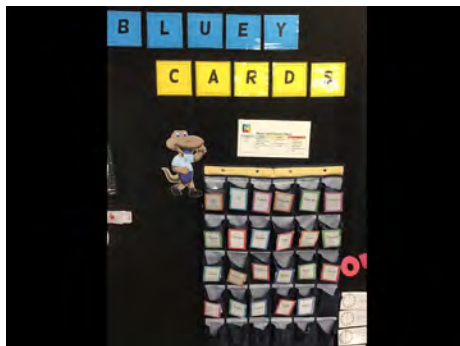
In all settings we are ...

Safe	Respectful	Responsible	Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep our body to ourselves</li> <li>Are in the right place at the right time</li> <li>Move/ walk around the school calmly &amp; quietly</li> <li>Use equipment and resources for their intended use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen well and speak politely</li> <li>Wear our uniform correctly and with pride</li> <li>Take care of the school environment</li> <li>Accept and value each other's individuality</li> <li>See a need and do something about it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look after school equipment, our own and others belongings</li> <li>Be accountable and accept consequences for our actions</li> <li>Follow staff instructions immediately</li> <li>Be prepared and organised</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage, support and share ideas with others</li> <li>Actively engage in tasks by listening, contributing and doing our personal best</li> <li>Use a Growth Mindset and ask for help when needed</li> <li>Come to school every day and on time</li> </ul>

These expectations are displayed in all learning spaces and throughout the school.

The students have been participating in lessons with their teachers to discuss what it looks like, sounds like and feels like when they are displaying the four expectations across the school.

Bluey is St Bernadette's PBS4L mascot. Students have been earning "Bluey" cards/ tokens in their learning spaces and on the playground for being safe, respectful, responsible and learners. These are some of the PBS4L displays and reward charts displayed in our learning spaces.



Bluey Card Rewards		
Prize Box (10 Blueys)	10 minutes of free time (15 Blueys)	Teachers Helper for a day (15 Blueys)
Sit on teacher chair for a day (20 Blueys)	Visit another class or library (20 Blueys)	Sit next to a friend for a day (30 Blueys)

We encourage you to talk to your children about what they are learning and how they will behave while at school.

PBS4L Team

## School Fees

Term 1 School Fees statements have been issued by the Catholic Education Office.

Term 1 School Fees are due on 17th March 2021.

Flexible Payment Plans (FPP) are offered as an alternative payment option for your School Fees. Should you like to accept the offer please go to <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/fpp> and select the direct debit / BPay eform to schedule payments from a nominated bank account or debit/credit card. BPAY election requires you to set up a recurring payment for the exact amount displayed under your preferred option, via your bank by the 16th March so the first payment occurs by the 17th March.

If you have any queries regarding your account, your payment arrangements, or are in Financial Difficulty, please contact Mrs Rita Mizzi on 8869 6400.



## Parent Group News.

A friendly reminder that our first Parent Group meeting for 2021 will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2nd of March at 5.30pm. All Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Friends of St Bernadette's are welcome to attend this meeting. Our Parent Group meetings are a fantastic opportunity for you to hear firsthand about what is happening at your School and to contribute to your community.

A light supper / tea coffee will be provided. We truly look forward to seeing a member from each family on Tuesday the 2nd.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Parent Group General Meeting

Agenda, Term 1 2021, Tuesday 2nd of March.

Meeting Open at 5.30pm with opening Prayer.

Apologies:

Prior Minutes Acceptance

Matters Arising – New Canteen Coordinator, 2021 Fete/Fundraising alternative.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

Father Andrew

Principals Report – Mr Kapitanow

Assistant Principals Report – Mrs Buenaventura

Treasurers Report : Richell Nash

Fundraising Report : Maria Xiberras

Community Report: Chantal Weir

Canteen Report : Carmen Bonello

Social Report : Jamie Fuller

Secretary Report: Ana Vlatko/ Nicole Suckling

Education Representative Report: Chloe Weir

Leaders Report: Carmen Bonello

General Business:

Meeting Closed :





## St Bernadette's Lalor Park 2021 School Photos Your school photo day is almost here!

We are excited to be capturing your child's memories at **St Bernadette's Lalor Park** on **Wednesday 3 March 2021**

Ordering your 2021 photos is quick and easy! You can order now through the Compass Portal.

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing, when you order through the Compass Portal. But these prices are only available for a limited time.

To place your order, make sure you have your Compass login details handy!

[Click here for our simple online ordering guide](#)

[Click here to Start Ordering!](#)

**If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't access your account?" and follow the prompts.**

Sibling Photos are also available to order through Compass and must be ordered before midnight **PRIOR** to photo day.

**Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their family photo at their allocated time slot.**

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact our friendly team on 9499

**9499 6555** or by email to [sydney@msp.com.au](mailto:sydney@msp.com.au)

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 **PRINTING**



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**OLMC OPEN DAY**  
Sunday, 7 March 2021  
10.00am - 2.00pm

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*Sunday 7th March 2021*  
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## Did you know

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.

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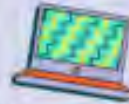
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# Newsletter



Welcome to all our new and existing families of St Bernadette's Before and After school care. We have only been back from our holidays for a short time but everyone, especially our new kindergarten children are settling in well. We have many exciting activities planned for the rest of the term and are looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families as well as continuing our great relationships with our existing families. Happy 2021 everyone!

## Virtual information sessions



**Early session**  
Tue. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021

9.30am (AWST)  
11.00am (ACST)  
11.30am (AEST)  
12.00pm (ACDT)  
12.30pm (AEDT)

Register

**Late session**  
Thu. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021

5.00pm (AWST)  
6.30pm (ACST)  
7.00pm (AEST)  
7.30pm (ACDT)  
8.00pm (AEDT)

Register

## Coming soon



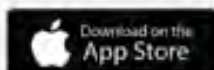
## ROCKETEERS

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## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.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.



## Visit our blog

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

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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**

## EXPLORING THE WORD

The Baptist had promised that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit and at his baptism the Holy Spirit had descended on him. Now that same Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness. He is not the master of his own destiny. He is the object of the action of God. There is no murmur of opposition to this. Jesus accepts God's Spirit and God's will. As a consequence, the harmony of creation is restored and Jesus 'is with' the wild beasts. It is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah that 'the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and felling together' (Is 11: 6-7) The new creation has begun in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Indeed, he proclaims that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. But Jesus also summons his followers to repent and believe the good news. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the gospel and to turn back to the ways of the Father. It is a time for us to consider how close we are to the Kingdom of God.

- What is 'good' for you at this point about the good news of Jesus Christ?
- Jesus heralds the new creation. What would be the perfect world for you? Describe what might be different from our present reality in the Kingdom of God. How can you help to bring this about?
- What tempts you away from the good news.?

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Another opportunity to come together as a faith community for Eucharist, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

Wed	24 February	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Wednesday	3 March	Devotions and Adoration at 7.00pm	Mass at 7.30pm
Wed	10 March	(Fr Andrew on 1- week holiday break)	No Devotions/Stations/Mass
Wed	17 March	Devotions and Adoration at 7.00pm	Mass at 7.30pm
Wed	24 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Wed	31 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Mass at 7.30pm