



Newsletter

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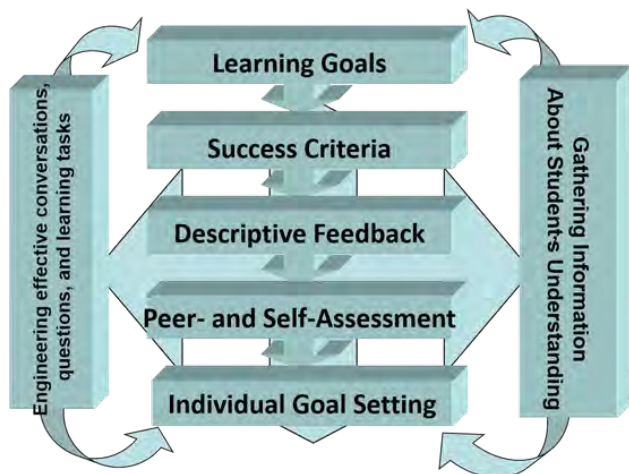
2021 Term 1 Week 8

Principal's Welcome Message

This year a team of staff have been working on a process for showcasing student work on a more frequent basis. The team's goals were to;

- Authentically showcase student learning
- To inform parents about our teaching and learning framework, 'The Waterfall'.
- To utilise current technologies

The Waterfall model is not new. We have used the model with integrity to refine how we teach and students learn at St Bernadette's for several years. Your children should all be able to discuss elements of it. The Waterfall is a continuous cycle that accounts for student progress and next step learning.



This week students will be showcasing a piece of school work using the google classroom platform. The decision to use the google platform was made because it is;

- Understood by students and staff
- A consistent platform already used across the school
- Ease of use
- Economically a good decision.

The shared piece of work will provide families with an opportunity to discuss the learning process at home. Each piece of work will be accompanied by a slip that will include;

- *Key Learning Area* - teachers will pick a learning area they want to share with parents.
- *The Learning Intention* - all lessons at St Bernadette's start with students and teachers working together to understand the lessons Learning Intention. In simple terms this is the focus of the lesson, what we want the student to learn. They always begin with, 'We are learning to...'
- *The Success Criteria* - These statements help students to understand what learning is necessary in order to achieve the Learning Intention. It's not a checklist, but helps students to understand what is expected of them. They always begin with, 'I can...'
- An opportunity for students to self assess their learning. They do this by comparing their work to the Success Criteria. In infants classes students will use a thumbs up, across or down to demonstrate how they believe they have gone whilst in primary classes students will write a statement.
- In Primary classes students will work with a peer to get feedback on their work. Their peer will use the Success Criteria to provide this feedback. The feedback helps to inform the student of next step learning.

The slip is for parent showcase intention only and is not used in class. In class much of this work is done orally with the students.

The work shared is class work. We have instructed teachers not to make this a special piece of work completed for parents rather a true indication of how learning is going. Parents need to be aware it is one piece of work and not indicative of progress.

We welcome parent feedback in the coming week as we begin to reflect on how this new initiative went and what improvements need to be made. Parents are urged to understand that this needs to be a sustainable practice and not something that overtakes the learning agenda.

ATTENDANCE

At the end of this term we will commence our first full analysis of student attendance data. It is our goal that every student be present at school for at least 90% of the time. To achieve this student absences need to be minimised. Whilst we understand the impact of COVID and the need to keep children who are sick at home we need to balance this with the impacts on student learning. Additionally students who have been sick due to COVID related symptoms have provided documentation that explains this illness and this will be acknowledged.

Monitoring and providing families with attendance related data is a requirement of all schools. Whilst this information can be confronting for some families I ask that you work with us to understand student absences and develop strategies to improve attendance if required.

I want to thank all parents for their continued support in this area and for maximising student attendance in what has been a challenging period of time!

NAPLAN Online 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 11 and 21 May 2021.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are advised that for the last two weeks of Term 1 and the first 2 weeks of Term 2 students may wear either summer or winter uniform.

The expectation is that students will wear either the full summer or full winter uniform. Parents are advised that only school scarves, beanies and gloves are acceptable and that these will not be allowed to be worn in the learning spaces.

We thank you for your support!

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

RE with Mrs Meg Stone

Dear parents, guardians and friends,
This week we focus on recognising and promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Your children's classes have been unpacking the meaning of charity and ways they can help the disadvantaged in their Society.

When we celebrate Harmony Day we are also recognising how we are all called to "BE MORE" and with this in mind we will be covering our 'rainbow hearts' with coins for Caritas Australia.

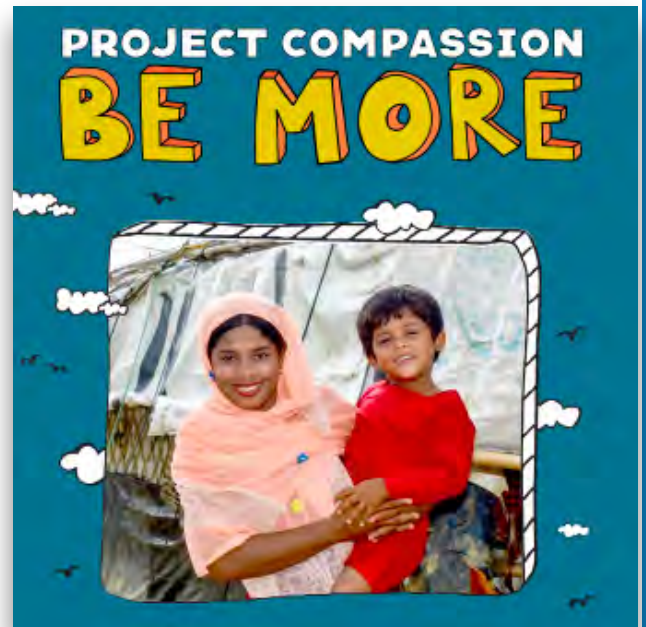
In the past we have been able to donate just over a thousand dollars towards Caritas that helped families provide food, shelter and education for their children. In the spirit of Lent, let us share our goodwill with those who are in need.

I thank everyone for your support.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Meg Stone

(REC)



God of all people's and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,
And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously,
May we care for our global family and our common home as we "Aspire not to have more, but to be more".

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



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St Bernadette's School



School Photo Gallery

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Dates For Your Diary

MARCH

- 17th School Fees Due
- 18th Harmony Day
2nd Hand Uniform Sale in the school office 9am-3pm
- 29th Gymnastics for all students - make up lesson Sports uniform to be worn (Monday)
- 31st Last day for Canteen

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](#)



Dance Fever make up day for gymnastics is Monday Week 10. That is Monday 29th March.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you



Notice: Families are now permitted to send in cupcakes and similar items for student birthdays. All items must be individual as we cannot permit cakes to be cut in the classroom.

Thank you



Thursday 18th March

9am - 3.15pm

All items \$5 each

EFTPOS only

No cash accepted

PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

Fortnightly focus:

We are **SAFE** when we keep our body to ourselves.

At St Bernadette's, we keep our bodies to ourselves and do not touch others in harmful or hurtful ways. When we keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves, our friends feel safe and they are happy to play with us.

We can:

- Use the STOP, WALK, TALK procedure
- Walk away and take deep breaths if we are feeling angry or frustrated
- Give others personal space
- Use the calm space to get in control of our feelings
- Talk to a teacher if you need help to calm down

What is **STOP, WALK, TALK**?

It is a procedure to teach students how to stand up to behavior that they feel is offensive or not wanted.

Students will learn that at St Bernadette's, a good way to handle problem behaviour from others is using the **Stop Walk Talk** procedure:

1. Students ask them to **STOP**: Tell them to stop doing what they're doing and use the school's stop signal.
2. Then: **WALK** away from the problem behaviour.
3. If the behaviour doesn't stop: **TALK** to an adult.

What does **STOP, WALK, TALK** look like?

- Walking away calmly when the behaviour continues after you have said Stop
- Talking to the teacher on duty after you have said Stop and walked away but the behaviour is still happening
- Stopping as soon as someone says stop to you
- Changing the subject after someone has said stop to you.
- Explaining to the teacher calmly if you have had a problem
- Helping someone by doing "stand up" behaviour.



Conflict Resolution



**Stop
Walk
Talk**

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

Cross Country

On Wednesday 10th March, our annual cross country was held at Wheeler Reserve. Students from 8 years to 10 years ran 2km, students from 11 years to 12 years ran 3km, while the infants students participated in fun games and activities on the oval.

All students participated to the best of their ability with enthusiasm and eagerness. Students also showed great sportsmanship behaviour by cheering and supporting their peers along.

It was fantastic to finally see parents being able to spectate and support their children. A special mention to the parents who volunteered as timekeepers on the day. Without their help the races wouldn't have run as smoothly as they did.

Students who made it within the required times will represent the school at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held at Eastern Creek on Tuesday the 5th of May. Permission notes will be provided in the following weeks.

Congratulations to our place getters on the day:

8 Year old Boys: 1st Angus, 2nd Owen, 3rd Xander

8 Year old Girls: 1st Flora, 2nd Lily, 3rd Amelia

9 Year old Boys: 1st Harry, 2nd Akok, 3rd Jackson

9 Year old Girls: 1st Isabelle, 2nd Abuk, 3rd Macy

10 Year old Boys: 1st Noah, 2nd Noah, 3rd Juaj

10 Year old Girls: 1st Lily, 2nd Ariel, 3rd Abbey & Eva

11 Year old Boys: 1st Ngathjwok, 2nd Ronan, 3rd Jayden

11 Year old Girls: 1st Pwoj, Crystal, Angela

12 Year old Boys: 1st Lincoln, 2nd Cohen, 3rd Diing

12 Year old Girls: 1st Vanessa, 2nd Samara, 3rd Mia



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SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 fees are now due. Thank you to those families who have paid or contacted the school to organise a payment plan.

Any concerns regarding fees please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mizzi on 8869 6400. Thank you

Easter Eggs

A reminder to all families to bring in an easter egg for our easter egg raffle to be drawn on the last day of Term 1.

If you have any baskets at home that you do not need please sent them in to school. Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you need any more please call in to the school office to collect some.



SACRAMENTAL TEAM

Dear Parents,

The Sacramental Process of Initiation is due to begin in our Parish, St Bernadette's. Baptised Catholic children need to be in Year 3 or higher to receive Reconciliation, in Year 4 or higher and received Reconciliation to receive First Holy Communion and in Year 5 or higher and received Holy Communion to receive Confirmation.

Your Children in Years 3, 4, and 5 will be bringing home a package with information re the Process.

Details of Registration and the Sacramental Process are set out in the package. Completed Registrations Forms will need to be dropped off at the Parish Centre on the dates specified in the package.

Please DO NOT SEND the completed forms to the SCHOOL OFFICE.

If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 and has not received any of the Sacraments Of Initiation and has not received a Registration Package, but you wish to present them for the reception of the Sacraments, please contact me at the Parish Office on 9672 4037 by March 28, 2021. Enquiries may be made at the Parish Sacramental Office on 9671 2008. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.



Allocation of Trees to School

Each year every residence within Blacktown Council is allocated 2 free plants per residential property. If you are not going to use these plants for your own home you can donate them to the school by filling in the permission slip below.



Donation of plants to St Bernadette's Primary School

I _____ of _____
(name) (address)

have not collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown Council this financial year and would like to donate them to _____ for planting on school grounds.

(school name)

(signed)

(date)

COVID-19 FREE TESTING

**NO
REQUEST
FORM
REQUIRED**

Laverty Pathology are supporting the local community and schools with our COVID-19 collection service.

If you do not have a request form we can easily organise one for you – The important factor is to GET TESTED to reduce infection – it doesn't matter how often, or how many times.

We are available at the following locations for easy, convenient and compassionate testing.

Laverty	156 Best Road	Seven Hills (Walk in)
Laverty	148 Great Western Highway	Westmead (Walk in)
Carpark	213 Forrester Road	St Marys Drive-through
Carpark	Gate C Eastern Road (Sportspark)	Rooty Hill Drive-through

- ✓ We welcome students of all ages, parents and teachers.
- ✓ No appointments and no referrals are required - just come along and be tested.
- ✓ The test is bulk billed / no charge to you.
- ✓ We will collect your specimen.
- ✓ All results will be sent to your doctor.
- ✓ Negative results are available to you via SMS within 24-48 hours.
- ✓ You will need to show your ID, Medicare card and pathology request form (if you have one).



**MAINTAIN
SOCIAL
DISTANCE**

**Wash
Your
Hands**

**TEST
TEST
TEST**

**Self
Isolate**



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children's
Hospitals Network
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OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Emergency Department has moved to the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building.

When travelling down Hawkesbury Road, turn left when you see the Children's Emergency sign. It is also just a 250m walk up Hawkesbury Road from our main entry. You can also access the Emergency Department from inside the Hospital.

Parking is available underneath the building, as well as a 15 minute drop-off and pick-up zone, located outside the front doors.





Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?

 <p>No Stopping Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.</p>	 <p>No Parking 2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.</p>	 <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p>
 <p>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	 <p>PENALTIES FROM \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	 <p>PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>

Help keep our children safe




HANDBALL

CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit
www.campaustralia.com.au/handball

Register for
Handball now
through your
Parent Portal

Key Dates

8 - 19
March

Official Practice in After School Care
at Your OSHC

22 - 26
March

Service Championships in After School
Care at Your OSHC

School
Holidays

Rocketeers Championships
*More information on our website

2
May

Regional Championships

A message from your Coordinator

Please join us next week for our Regional Handball Championship. Every afternoon join in a handball game and you may become the service champion or even go on to complete in the Regional Championship to be held on Sunday 2nd May 2021 at one of our nearby schools. There is lots of prizes up for grabs so get in quick as registrations are closing soon!

It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.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.



Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split
across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and
Rocketeers Service Champion
wins a Trophy!



Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/handball for more information



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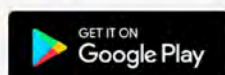
Every child that attends receives a FREE merchandise pack including T-shirt, Badge and Booklet!

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 16th April 2021. One of the highlights on our program is our Handball Championships to be held on Thursday 8th April 2021 and Monday 12th 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 2nd 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.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.



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.

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Your
OSHC.

www.campaustalia.com.au





**Festival of Democracy at
the Parliament of NSW
these April school holidays**

Friday 16 April

9 am - 10.20 am

10.30 am - 11.50 am

12 pm - 1.20 pm

1.30 pm - 3 pm

(book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's
oldest Parliament with free, fun
activities for children and their
families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic
Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



FREE ENTRY (timed)

Activities 9 am to 3 pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



9230 2047 or

E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au

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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

GOSPEL

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from his hour. But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour'. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again'. People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him'. Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself'. By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. (John 12: 20-33)

LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIME (to prepare for Easter)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after each Sunday Mass and daily Masses until the end of Lent. Saturday Reconciliation with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the usual time on Saturday from 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm to 5.30pm

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

'Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of Life'. Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Bless Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.

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 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Wed	31 March	Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm Parishioners welcome to attend

DEVOTIONS TO MARY IMMACULATE & ST BERNADETTE

STREAMED F live @ www.facebook.com/STBCLP B (Bernadette), C (Catholic), (Lalor Park) each Wednesday at 7.00pm. You are invited to come to Devotions and Mass on Wednesday, 17 March at 7.00pm. (Feast of St Patrick).