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Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 2

Principal's Welcome Message

Welcome to Term 2!

Term 2 is traditionally a very busy school term. Term 2 includes many significant events including ANZAC Day, Mother's Day, National Sorry Day and school liturgical events. Additionally the conclusion of this term will mark the halfway point of the school year. As such Semester One progress reports will be completed and uploaded to each students file in our Compass Parent Portal. It's amazing to consider that in just 8 weeks our kindy students will receive their first of many school reports.

We are busy enrolling students for 2022. A reminder to all parents that enrolments are now open and you are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible. This year we did need to turn some families away due to our reduced capacity. Early enrollments mean we can better prepare for the year ahead.

NAPLAN

In week 4 our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN assessment. This is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. Students in these year levels participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The NAPLAN assessment can cause some families and individual student anxiety and stress. At school we have been preparing students for the assessments. At St Bernadette's we don't teach the test by doing a lot of purpose preparation. Instead we concentrate on ensuring our students are prepared by receiving a quality education that is personalised to help each student achieve their best at all times. At St Bernadette's we have a thorough teaching and assessment program that is utilised to assess student learning as learning occurs. Our teaching is responsive to current student needs and doesn't rely on data provided by NAPLAN. Instead the NAPLAN data affirms our understanding of each student's learning and or social and emotional needs. Rarely does NAPLAN provide new data on a student.

I would encourage families to understand the purpose of NAPLAN and to do their best to ensure their children understand that it is an assessment but it doesn't define a child's future. It's a time to do your best. That's all anyone expects or can ask. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN contact your child's teacher for further discussion.

Kindergarten Renovation

During the holidays works to modernise our Kindergarten Learning Space were completed. I'm extremely proud of the improvements we have achieved! We aim to ensure all our Kindy students receive a quality education and now they have a modern classroom to match our efforts.

With the addition of sliding doors and new windows to the Adventure Playground side of the room the space now receives an abundant amount of natural light and ventilation. Additionally students have immediate access to the playground. The new doors provide a two meter opening that is protected by fly screens. You can see photos of the new space in our news items on our school website.

This was achieved with a joint funding agreement between the school and a building grant received by CEDP.

COVID Intensive Support

We have benefited from some specialist funding from the NSW State Government to support students whose learning was impacted by COVID. At St Bernadette's we are extremely lucky in that our focus for 2020 was to minimise the impact of COVID on our students' learning. I'm very pleased to announce that we were successful and our student data for 2020 is largely unaffected.

This funding is a gift that we will utilise to support more students. Late last term we worked collaboratively as a staff to identify additional students who would benefit from some additional support. These students were grouped into numeracy and literacy focus groups. Groups will be withdrawn to receive targeted learning support. This support will be fluid meaning it can start and stop at any time. Currently Mrs Park is providing this support.

Have a great week everyone

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Principal

Assistant Principals Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Welcome to Term 2! Just a reminder to parents who have children in Years 3 and 5, NAPLAN will commence in week 4 May 10. A letter outlining our NAPLAN week will be shared by the end of the week. Just a reminder that the NAPLAN website has a parent section where you and your children can access practice online tests.

Below are some helpful Apps that can help provide practice for Place Value and Number line knowledge. These learning apps are a great way for your children to engage and challenge themselves with greater numbers that are out of their comfort zone. To adapt these activities, you could also have your children record their thinking in a workbook or on poster paper. Discussions around the number values can be encouraged by asking; which number has a greater value? What is that numbers place value? How do you know? Prove it.



Guess My Number supports the development of place value knowledge by asking children to find the mystery number of the number line. You can adjust the number ranges to suit the needs of the learner.



Number Lines supports the development of place value knowledge by asking children to find the mystery number of the number line.

Warmest Blessings

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura
(Assistant Principal)

ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

RE News with Mrs Meg Stone

Welcome back to Term 2 to all our wonderful Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and friends.

I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break with your families.

On our first day back at school we remembered Easter Sunday which we celebrate because Jesus is risen from the dead. This fills us with hope and joy and we look for new life.

Then in Week 2 we gathered together to remember and honour those who fought to protect our beautiful land. It is also an important day for us to stop and pray for peace – peace in our world, peace among people in our own country, peace in our families, and peace in our own hearts. We know that war brings sadness, grief and death. We also pray for those in our world who are affected by war at this time.

God of Life,

You offer us hope and offer us peace.

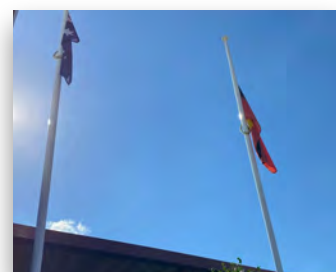
We thank you for this treasured land of ours, Australia.

Today, as we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country,

Help us to strive for peace in all that we do.

We make this prayer in the name of our Risen Lord.

Amen.



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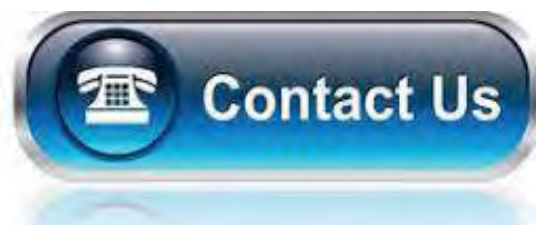
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St Bernadette's Website
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Dates For Your Diary

MAY

- 4th Diocesan Cross Country
- 7th Mother's Day Liturgy 10am
- 7th Mother's Day Stall
- 11th Naplan - Language Conventions and Writing Yr 3 and 5
- 12th Naplan - Reading Yr 3 and 5 students
- 13th Naplan - Numeracy Yr 3 and 5 students
- 14th Stage 1 Excursion - Sydney Zoo
- 19th National Simultaneous Storytime



School Fees


Term 2 School Fees statements have been posted by the Catholic Education Office and are due on the 26th May 2021.



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

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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Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Bonilla who was teaching in Stage 2 last year and her husband on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Valentina Maria.



Baby News

Congratulations to JB in Stage 1 and his family on the arrival of his adorable baby brother.



SICK BAY CARD

As a response from our previous parent group meeting and discussions with leadership and staff, starting this term St Bernadette's will trial the use of sick bay cards during morning, recess and lunch duty. This will involve staff on duty to complete a card for any student who is unwell or requires first aid assistance from the office. The card will be signed and given to the student's buddy who will escort the unwell/injured student to the sick bay. The card will then be signed by office staff and returned back to the staff member to notify them that the student has safely arrived at the sick bay. This process will be evaluated towards the end of the term.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura
(Assistant Principal)

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

PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

Welcome back to Term 2!

This term the students will continue their class lessons with our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L). During Weeks 1 and 2 at St Bernadette's, we are focusing on being:

RESPONSIBLE when we look after school equipment, our own and others belongings.

Over the next two weeks the students will be learning that at St Bernadette's we are careful with the equipment we use so others can also enjoy using them later.

This looks like:

- packing lunch boxes away after eating time.
- putting hats away in their bag after use.
- jumpers in bags.
- placing pencils in the pencil pot.
 - workbooks open on a pile or in the right tub.



Parents, please ensure that all of your child's personal belongings have their name on them. This will help them to identify their things if they get lost.

The students will be working hard to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners and will continue receiving class tokens and Bluey cards when displaying these behaviours.



MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 6th May for the children to buy their Mum, Grandmother, Nanna, Auntie, Carer or someone special gifts for Mother's Day.

Prices start from 0.50 to \$5.00. Each class will visit the stall during the day.

There will also be a raffle with tickets for \$0.50 each or 3 for \$1.00. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets you can place your name, child's class and amount in an envelope marked "Mothers Day Raffle" and hand in Thursday morning or your children can purchase them at the stall. If any parents would like to donate any items to our stall please let Chantal know via the school office.



To all of our Mums, Guardians and Carers

You're Invited

We invite you to join us to
Celebrate Mother's Day on
Friday 7th May 2021

Liturgy at 10:00am in the School Grounds
Followed by Cake for morning tea.
No Tea or Coffee will be served.

All Welcome



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Welcome back to Term 2, we are already half way through Week 2 and have completed so many fun activities. Last week it was all about Nature- we made lots of nature arts and crafts, we also took out some paper and coloured pencils and drew some beautiful sketches of the school's lovely trees and gardens. The highlight of the week was a healthy afternoon tea picnic of fresh fruit/vegetables and popcorn. This week's theme is Science and we have done a Milky Way experiment, some Marble Art and also planned is Tornado in a bottle, Lava lamp, bubble blowing and more. Coming up for this Term is Mother's Day Arts and Crafts, Games Week with lots of team sports and fun game activities, on National Reconciliation Week we will learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, customs and traditions as well as complete boomerangs and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and crafts, for Book Week children will be encouraged to read some of our great books or participate in group reading where the older children will read to the younger children. For the Queen's Birthday Celebrations-Royal Week we will build castles and forts out of recycled materials, create crowns and Tiaras. You can also enter our Princess/Knights colouring competition to win a cool prize. It is going to be a fun Term 2!

Activities coming up

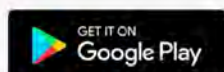
- Mother's Day Arts and Crafts
- National Reconciliation Week
- Games Week

What's on the menu

- Banana Smoothies
- Australian Damper
- Coconut Biscuits

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 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.



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