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# Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 4

## Principal's Welcome Message

Our major focus this week has been supporting the Year 3 and 5 students whilst completing their NAPLAN assessments. The students are to be commended for their positive attitude and for doing their best! The results for NAPLAN will be available to parents and schools in Term 3 typically from mid-August to mid-September. The results are a snapshot of student achievement and will need to be considered with many variables. A few variables that we have noticed throughout this years process include;

- Some students have finished the tests very quickly.
- Students are reluctant to use the working out paper. The assessments are online meaning students have to make the decision to work answers out using paper prior to selecting an answer online.

## Staffing News

Next week we farewell Miss Antonelli. Miss A as the students know her as made the decision to take up a permanent Teachers Aide role in a specialist school. Miss A has been a valued member of the school community for many years. She has supported many students in her time at St Bernadette's and she is wished all the best in the future.

This week we welcomed one new member to our staff and two additional staff a happy return to St Bernadette's.

Mrs Park has returned to teach Science and take up other roles in the school. Mrs Park is very familiar with St Bernadette's and specifically the role she has stepped back into.

Mrs Sorani returns to St Bernadette's as a Teachers Aide. Mrs Sorani was a permanent member of the staff until 2020. She is very familiar with St Bernadette's, the students, staff and expectations.

Miss Cordell has been appointed to run the COVID intensive support program. She is new to St Bernadette's and is quickly familiarising herself with the school and its community.

We welcome our new and returning staff to the St Bernadette's community!

## Stage Coordinators

Stage Coordinators are members of the school Leadership Team. They are the first contact for teachers when challenging issues arise. Parents are encouraged to work with their child's class teacher before contacting other members of staff. The Stage Coordinator would be the first point of contact if a parent feels that an issue needs to be escalated.

Early Stage 1 - Mrs Stone

Stage 1 - Ms Stapley

Stage 2 - Mrs Buenaventura

Stage 3 - Mrs Maher

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## Teachers Aides

Next week our teachers' aides will be moving to different learning spaces. This is imperative to ensure our aides have knowledge of students across the school. Teachers aides need to have rapport with all students in order to support them when the need arises. Teachers aides are not responsible for teaching and learning. This is the class teacher's role. Teachers aides take direction from teachers to best support specific students.

Kindergarten - Mrs Sammutt and Miss Fearon

Stage 1 - Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Pollard

Stage 2 - Miss Szytko and Mrs Topalovic

Stage 3 - Mrs Sorani

## Uniform

All students should now be wearing the full winter uniform. We thank all families who have worked to ensure this has happened and remind everyone that this is a whole school expectation.

Have a great week everyone

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Principal

## RE News with Mrs Meg Stone

Greetings to our Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and friends,

On behalf of the St Bernadette's staff, we hope our families had a truly blessed Happy Mother's Day. This day is a time when we celebrate our mothers and all the important women in our lives.

Being a mother is truly a gift from God and although we have many daily roles that range from taxi driver to referee...the unconditional love we receive from our child or children is the best reward!

*"As a mother my job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible".*

(Ruth Bell Graham)

With blessings,

Mrs Meg Stone (REC)

### A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers  
who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle  
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture who are a part of our story  
as we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and  
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not  
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they  
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with  
fertility, for those women whom  
society labels as less in their childlessness,  
for those women who have lost children.

**For their tears, for their strength,  
for their wisdom, for their lives,  
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp



## Library News



### National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) will be taking place on Wednesday 19 May 2021. Every year a picture book that is written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is chosen to be read simultaneously in schools, libraries, bookshops and homes across the country. The book that has been chosen this year is 'Give Me Some Space!' by Philip Bunting. At St. Bernadette's, this will take place in the school library at recess time. All students are welcome to attend.

### Save the Date - Science Week!

Science Week will be held in Week 8 this term. Students will be participating in Science workshops and activities. More information to follow.

### Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2021 - Blacktown City Council

Students living in the Blacktown local government area are invited to participate in this writing competition. For more information visit the following website - <https://www.westwords.com.au/>

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

## Cross Country News

On Tuesday 4th May, 25 students from St Bernadette's competed at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek.

Although it was raining and cold at times, the students ran to the best of their ability demonstrating perseverance and sportsmanship. Even though no students qualified for the Diocesan Team, a fun day was had by all.

Mrs Larny Maloney / Miss Toni Matthews



## School Fees

Term 2 School Fees statements have been posted 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.



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## Dates For Your Diary

### MAY

14th Naplan - Backup  
14th Stage 1 Excursion - Sydney Zoo  
19th National Simultaneous Storytime  
25th Parent Group Meeting - 5.30pm

### JUNE

7th Science Week  
14th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
24th June Athletics Carnival  
25th June Last day of Term 2



Now  
Enrolling!




St Bernadette's Primary is continuing to enrol for Kindergarten 2022. If your child is turning 5 before 31st July 2022 please contact the school office. Enrolment packages can be collected at the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

## 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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## Parent Group Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday the 25th of May in the school library at 5.30pm.

It would be amazing to see a representative from each family there, if you are able to attend. Parent group meetings are a fantastic opportunity to come together to reflect on the last term, find out future plans and events, and it's the perfect chance to meet other parents and carers from the school community.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to keep informed, please send an email to [sbparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sbparentgroup@gmail.com)

Alternatively, if you would like anything added to the agenda, please send us an email no later than Monday the 17th of May, so that this can be added.

Thank you!

The St Bernadette's Parent Group



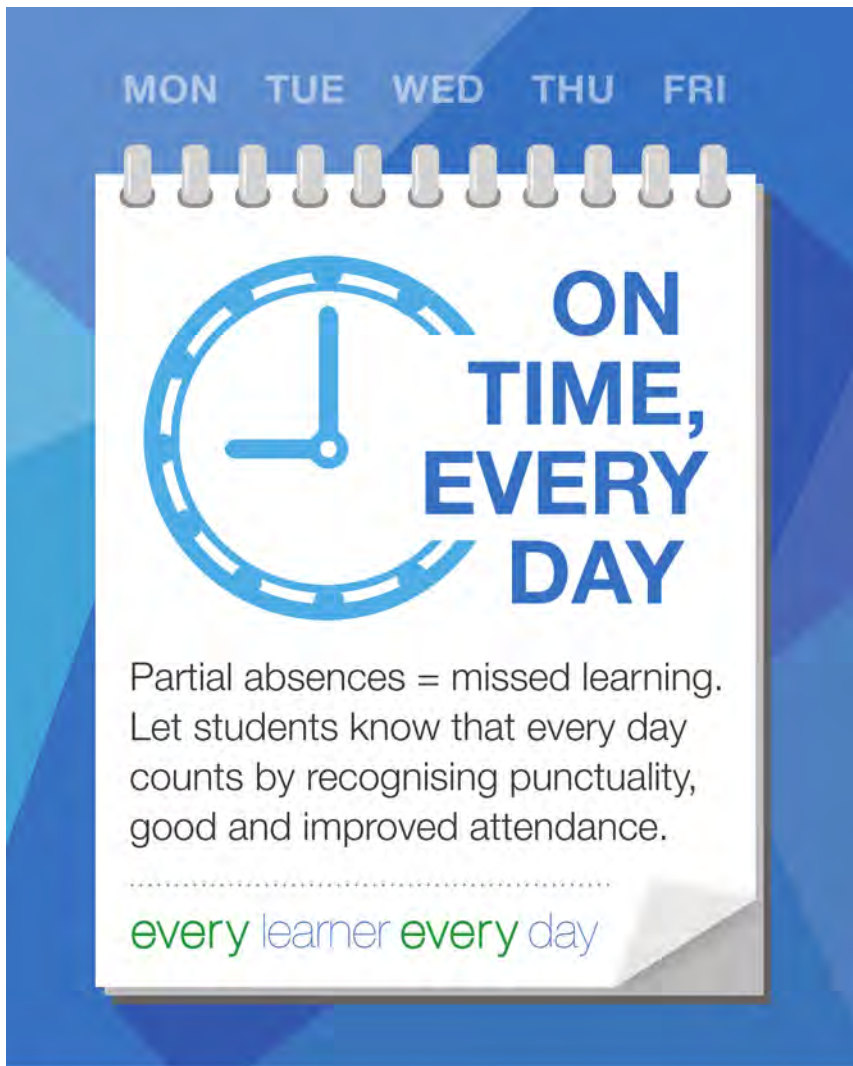
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every learner  
every day




Oakhill College Gala Day is on

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May


Join us for rides, sport, stalls and more.

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes on Trybooking



For more information visit: [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends)



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## Emerging from COVID-19: Implications for Wellbeing HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY





Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety.  
How to encourage positive behavior practices.  
What can you do?  
Our guest speaker for the evening is:


**Anoushka Houseman**  
**Clinical Psychologist**  
School Wellbeing counselor - Santa Sophia Catholic College  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)




Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Meeting will be held via Zoom  
7 pm start

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## 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

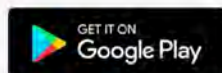
- Mother's Day Arts and Crafts
- National Reconciliation Week
- Games Week

## 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](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.



## Visit our blog

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

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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**

## TIME TO GO!

## Gospel in Life

'Time to go'. We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're entering into a period of good-byes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour.

Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say that last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone.

For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Elsie and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who have just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it.

And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us, when we take leave of our loved ones. Their absence remains brilliantly in their absence. They're not here but are hardly gone for good. You cannot kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

**How do you keep Jesus even when he may seem absent?** We respond .....

**Consider the Jesus-shaped place in your life. Is it big enough, profound enough, life-changing enough?**

**How can you proclaim the Gospel to parts of creation other than human beings?**

**Think about a story in the news that did not happen close by.**

**How can you bring God's love to the situation from so far away?**

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Toward the end of Jesus' earthly ministry it became inevitable ..... Jesus would physically be taken from their midst. What would happen to the movement so recently begun? If it was to be carried on with power, the little band of disciples stood in special need of prayer. So Jesus offered the High Priestly Prayer, and asked God to grant them the same marks of the Spirit we need today.

In that prayer Jesus stressed three things, first, he wanted them to know the Christian Gospel, not simply as a pretty story, but as God's truth. Second, he prayed for them to be ready to bear witness to that truth by testifying in all areas of life. Finally, he desired they be a people who find joy by fulfilling God's call.