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# Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 6

## Principal's Welcome Message

The Parent Group meeting was held on Tuesday night. As always this was a productive meeting where attending parents were informed about school and Parent Group progress. There was lots of discussion which will help to shape future direction. Once again thank you to all the parents who attended. Your time and open discussion is much appreciated!

Last week was National Volunteer Week. To all our fantastic volunteers whether you volunteer all the time, once a week, once a month or once a year we acknowledge that gift and thank you for it. You make our school a better place!

As I write this I am reminded of some discussion amongst parents and the connection to today's (Wednesday's) Psalm. It states'

Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness

(Psalm 78: 8-9)

2021 has largely been a return to our normal lives as most of the COVID restrictions have been scaled back. This return to 'normal' as seen the pressures of life return including children's sport, parties and a vast array of other family events. The busyness can impact our patience and sometimes our respect for others.

One of the great things that happened during 2020 was everyone's demonstration of kindness towards others. Kindness is demonstrated in the little things that we individually do. It's;

- Being patient on the kiss and drop line
- Understanding that sometimes people aren't organised like you are
- Accepting that others think differently and make different decisions
- Believing that our volunteers are doing their best
- Helping out when you see a need

It's also important to put things in perspective. The actions of a few shouldn't label the whole community. We know that overwhelmingly everyone in our community intends to be respectful and act with kindness towards each other.

St Bernadette's is a GREAT community where people accept and help out. It's easy to be the person who brings others down or gets involved in the unhelpful gossip. It's much harder to take a step back and consider what is being said and offer a constructive response that respects all. Opinions are valued and can lead to change and I thank those of you who offer constructive opinions and ideas that make us better.

## Family Assistance

This week we sent an email to all families detailing a new partnership with OzHarvest to support families in need. We have been working on making this program available for some time. I would like to thank our current counsellor Emilie and past counsellor Kate for making this a reality. If you need assistance please complete the survey. Your response is only shared with the School Counselor and the Principal. This will enable us to better assist you and your children

Have a great week everyone

Phill Kapitanow  
Principal

# ST BERNADETTE'S

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## RE News with Mrs Meg Stone

Greetings to our Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and friends,



This week our school community has been actively participating in Reconciliation Week activities where they have been creating and sharing prayers. Students have been developing their understanding about the significance of "National Sorry Day". This year the theme is "More than a word" and together we can make a difference.

On Wednesday all students respectfully shared the following prayer together in their learning spaces.

*Holy Father, God of Love,*

*You are the Creator of all things.*

*We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history*

*and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.*

*We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures.*

*Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus*

*to reconcile the world to you.*

*We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.*

*Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.*

*Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters.*

*Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.*

*Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.*

*May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

With blessings,

Mrs Meg Stone (REC)



## PBS4L

### Fortnightly Focus:

We are safe, respectful, responsible learners in all areas.

At St Bernadette's, we are expected to be safe, respectful, responsible learners in all areas of the school; this includes our learning spaces, the playground, canteen, office and the toilets.



In these specific areas we are...	Playgrounds	Canteen	Toilets	Office	Learning Spaces
<b>Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear our hats</li> <li>Sit to eat our own food</li> <li>Stay in bounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line up in our stage lines</li> <li>Join the end of the queue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a partner</li> <li>Close the door carefully</li> <li>Wash our hands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk sensibly to and from the office</li> <li>Sit/ stand and wait for assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask permission to leave the Learning Space</li> </ul>
<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play fairly</li> <li>Invite and include others</li> <li>Share the play spaces with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help younger students</li> <li>Patience wait our turn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wait patiently until a cubicle is free</li> <li>Flush the toilet</li> <li>Use quiet voices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knock twice and wait patiently</li> <li>Greet office staff</li> <li>Keep noise to a minimum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work effectively as a team when required</li> <li>Share equipment with others</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put rubbish in the bins</li> <li>Be on class line by the second bell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to playground after buying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have one person per cubicle</li> <li>Wait outside the toilets for your partner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be aware and welcoming of visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use technology for learning</li> </ul>
<b>Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Problem solve calmly</li> <li>Follow instructions /rules of the game</li> <li>Play fairly &amp; take turns</li> <li>Respond promptly to bells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be prepared with money and order</li> <li>Buy for ourselves only</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to class promptly</li> <li>Wear tags during lessons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to class promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow noise level indicated by teacher</li> <li>Complete set tasks</li> </ul>

### Stage 2 Food Drive!

In Religion, Stage 2 students have been working hard to answer our driving question "Why are people starving in a world of plenty?" To answer this question, Stage 2 was lucky enough to have a guest speaker from the Jesuit Social Services visit the classroom and talk about all the amazing things they are doing to help our local community. With this new learning, students decided to create posters aimed at different audiences to help inform our school community about ways that we can help our local community too.

Students decided what items each Stage would be able to donate and presented their posters to their chosen audiences.

Each Stage group has been asked to donate the following items and bring them into the Stage 2 classroom for collection from the Jesuit Social Services on Friday of Week 8. Thank you for your support! We can't wait to see our donated items helping those in our local community.

Kindergarten - Canned Veggies, Canned Spaghetti, Cans of Soup

Stage 1 - Rice Crackers, Jelly, Baby Food

Stage 2 - Can bring in any items and will continue to organise the drive throughout the school.

Stage 3 - Cup of Soups, Cup Noodles, 2min noodles/Mi Goreng, Packet Soup: Cream of chicken, Chicken Noodle, Spring Vegetable etc



### Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday 26th May, Stage 3 girls attended the soccer gala day! They represented our school with pride, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship. It was a fantastic day and the girls played so well. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported us!



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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## Dates For Your Diary

### MAY

- 28th Stage 3 Blue - PJ Day  
Infants Liturgy (Year 1 & 2)  
Students Only

### JUNE

- 2nd Science Incursion - Students Only  
9th Dress like a Scientist Day  
9th Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
10th Science Fair in Hall - Refer to Science Week Letter  
11th Science display - Parents of Kindergarten Students only  
11th Book Club Due  
14th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
24th June Athletics Carnival



## Enrolling NOW

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

Now Enrolling!



## 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.

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every learner  
every day



## New from our Library

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021: Jessie M and Francis J (S1), Grace A, Julian A, Lucie M and Arielle M (S2) and Vanessa M, Pearl M and Georgia N (S3). Well done to all of these students!!

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,

Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



## Science News!

### Science Incursion

As part of our Science Week all students at St. Bernadette's will participate in a Science Workshop next Wednesday morning presented by Fizzics Education. The students will learn more about the wonder of science and see some exciting science demonstrations and experiments.

### Science Fair

The Science Fair will be held in Week 8 this term. All students should have received a note about making projects for the Science Fair. Please return permission slips if your child would like to create a project. The projects are **not due** to be handed in until Week 8. The Science Projects will be on display on Thursday, 10th June.

Kindergarten will be participating in a Design and Make task which will be on display at dismissal time on Friday 11th June.

Thank You,

The Science Teachers



## Book Club

The current issue of Book Club has been sent home with the students. The cut off date for this issue is the 11th June 2021.

All orders are to be paid via

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> or download the LOOP app



## LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your child has their name on their school clothing as we have an increasing amount of jackets and jumpers in lost property with no name on them.

Thank you.





## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BQWDW](https://www.trybooking.com/BQWDW)

*Performance Dates:*

- Thursday 3rd June, - Friday 4th June,
- Saturday 5th June, - Thursday 10th June,
- Friday 11th June - Saturday 12th June

~ BENILDUS HALL 7.30pm ~





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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

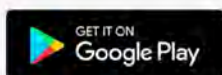
- Mother's Day Arts and Crafts
- National Reconciliation Week
- Games Week

## 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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