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Newsletter

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2021 Term 2 Week 8

Principal's Welcome Message

This week we celebrated Science Week with a return to our Science Fair. On Thursday over seventy students submitted a 3D scientific model. The ideas were vast and varied! They demonstrated how students and their parents have worked together to inquire into the world around them to produce a model that explains this learning to others.

I want to thank our awesome Science Team, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Fell and Mrs Park for once again organising a fantastic week that highlighted the importance of science in our lives and as a curriculum area. At St Bernadette's our students are privileged to have a dedicated team of teachers who ensure science is taught weekly using an inquiry approach to a high standard.

I also want to thank the families who found the time to help their children in their 3D model making. I know this must have been rewarding and at times maybe a little frustrating. Also a huge thank you to the parents who battled the weather to see the 3D models on Thursday.

Next week you will be able to access your child's report on the Compass Parent Portal. We will use the same scale to report on student learning progress as we used in 2020. That being;

- Working Deeply - Students have worked deeply within and beyond the current outcomes.
- Working Beyond - Students have exceeded outcome expectations.
- Working At - Students have achieved the set outcomes for Semester One. This means such students are exactly where they are meant to be when measured against the various NSW Syllabus Outcomes.
- Working Towards - Students have not achieved the set outcomes and are not currently performing where they are meant to be when measured against the various NSW Syllabus Outcomes.
- Working with Assistance - Students require the ongoing assistance of staff to assist with learning.

We will also report on the amount of effort each student applies to their learning. Their grades should be read with this in mind as effort is a major determiner of what is possible.

It is important to note that every child is different. They have different strengths and different challenges. We accept every student where they are at and work hard to ensure they experience a year's learning growth. As a parent you know your child. Celebrate their successes and ensure feedback is positive and constructive.

I encourage every parent to read their child's report prior to Parent Interviews. This will ensure interviews are beneficial and not just a time to read the report.

Staffing

I would like to formally welcome Ms Atachparian to St Bernadette's. Ms Atachparian is an experienced educator who has a range of experiences in the Department of Education. She has taught a variety of year groups and comes with outstanding references. She joins us as she seeks to begin her career in Catholic Education. This journey aligns with her faith beliefs. Ms Atachparian will be joining the Stage 2 teaching team. She will commence working at St Bernadette's next week to enable a smooth transition as Mrs Ellard will begin her maternity leave at the end of the term. I'm sure you will all make her welcome.

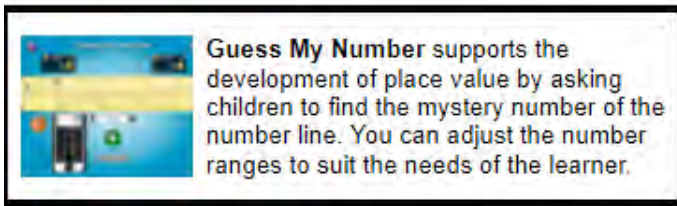
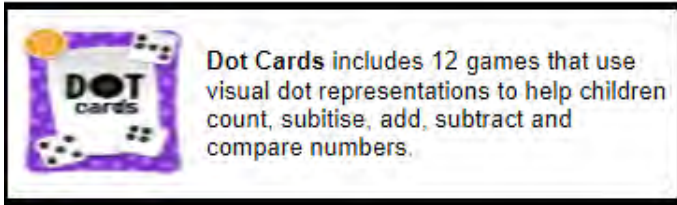
Have a great week everyone

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Principal

Assistant Principal

Greetings parents, caregivers and friends,

As the school holidays are approaching, I have some fun and engaging activities your children can participate in to reinforce number knowledge with efficient strategies.



Happy Numeracy time families!

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

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

Thankyou

Stage 2 Teachers and Students



RE News with Mrs Stone

Greetings to our Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and friends,



Prayer is at the centre of everything we do at St Bernadette's. At the end of Week 6 Stage 1 celebrated a class liturgy together with Fr Andrew based on '*belonging*' and Baptism. This connects with the learning cycle that the students are exploring this term and answering the driving question "What is the relationship between Baptism, family, community and belonging?" Having Fr Andrew come into our learning spaces enables the students to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and participate in prayer as a community. The students all received a holy card of St Joseph as a gift from Fr Andrew as this year is dedicated to St. Joseph and we all belong to God's family.

Stage 2 will also have the same opportunity at the end of this week when their liturgy will be based on '*Witness- Spread the Gospel -The good news of Jesus is to be shared with everyone.*'

Let us join together in a prayer to St Joseph:



*Hail, Saint Joseph,
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.
Blessed 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.
Amen.*

With blessings,

Mrs Meg Stone (REC)

Tell Them From Me Survey TTFM

A reminder that our TTFM online survey is still open. Thank you to everyone who has responded. There is still time! As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/t56s2>

Regards,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

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Where We Learn and Grow Together

Dates For Your Diary

JUNE

- 11th Science display - Parents of Kindergarten Students Only
- 11th Book Club Due
- 14th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 24th June Athletics Carnival
- 25th June Last day of Term 2

JULY

- 12th Term 3 Commences



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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St Bernadette's Official Facebook Page



Email St Bernadette's Canteen



Email St Bernadette's Parent Group



Email St Bernadette's School Office



St Bernadette's Website Photo Gallery

Canteen Volunteers Wanted

The canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We require more volunteers to help run the canteen. If you can help in anyway please contact us via the canteen email sbcanteen@gmail.com

Thankyou



Baby News

Congratulations to Lily in Stage 2 and her family on the arrival of her adorable baby sister Aurora.



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday from 9am-10.30am.

Orders can be made online and collected from the school office.



[The School Locker](#)

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New from our Library

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021; Naomi E and Arabella M (Stage 1). Well done to 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/>

Book Club

Just a reminder that Book Club is due this Friday (11th June). If you would like to place an order, please order online through the LOOP payment system on the Scholastic website. The instructions are on the Book Club brochure. No cash payments please.

Thank you,

Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



Science Week

In Week 8 the St Bernadette's community celebrated Science Week.

We had an early kickstart to the week with an incursion from Fizzics Education in Week 7. It was amazing to see some explosions, electricity reactions and sound waves through flames.

At lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday the Science team showed the students some cool experiments that you can try at home. The students also enjoyed dressing up as Scientists.

On Thursday we held our Science Fair. It was incredible to see so many students participating and excited about Science. The quality of the presentations were incredible and the students were knowledgeable about their project when sharing with their peers, teachers and parents.

Try these experiments at home.

Shaving cream rain cloud -

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/water-science-activities/shaving-cream-rain-clouds/>

Fireworks in a glass

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/water-science-activities/fireworks-in-a-glass/>

Walking Water

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/water-science-activities/walking-water/>

Making cornflour slime

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/kitchen-chemistry-experiments/making-cornflour-slime/>

Fill a balloon with CO₂

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/kitchen-chemistry-experiments/fill-a-balloon-with-co2/>

Create a milk rainbow

<https://www.fizzicseducation.com.au/150-science-experiments/kitchen-chemistry-experiments/create-a-milk-rainbow/>



Lalor Park Hub Markets

38 Heffron Road Lalor Park



First Saturday of
Every Month
Except January



8am
to



1pm



Stall Holders

Wanted

Lalorparkhub@gmail.com





Guiding children's growth

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EXTRAORDINARY HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

Join us for our very first mission.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



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!



22nd - 26th March



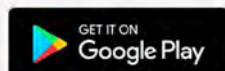
Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – It's the game that they all know and love.

Enter the competition now via your Parent Portal

Enter

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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