



Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 8 Newsletter

Principal's Message

This week we finalised our Book Week activities. This was an opportunity for a little fun whilst acknowledging the importance of reading. The skill of reading is a lifelong gift. It is one of the key determinants of personal success. Reading is a life skill. It enables us to carry out the simplest of tasks such as understanding and paying bills, reading texts and emails or researching into areas of interest. It enables us to engage in our world in a meaningful way.

At St Bernadette's we are very good at teaching students how to read. Our data shows that almost all students either through quality class instruction or our structured Year 1 interventions learn the skills of reading. This enables students to use their reading skills to learn as they progress through their schooling. This doesn't mean that students learn everything about reading by the time they finish infants. This skill continues to develop through school and more broadly life.

In the current lockdown our observational data suggests that students who are engaging in regular reading are either holding their current reading level or progressing. This is fantastic news for those students and their families. Upon returning to school we will have greater insight into student progress. I encourage all families to make reading one of your priorities in this lockdown.

This week many staff members have shared some beautiful prayers that have encouraged reflection during this challenging time. My favourite is an oldie, but a goodie! The Footprints in the Sand prayer encourages us to reflect on the current times, our past experiences and remember that God is always with us, in the good and the difficult times. Take a moment to reflect on this prayer and share it with your family.



Remote Learning

We acknowledge that for most families this term has been very challenging. Next week teachers have been given permission to start easing back on the activities provided to students as we prepare for the school holidays.

Week 10 will look significantly different with teachers instructed to;

- Encourage students to continue reading
- Encourage students to access matific for numeracy learning.
- Provide students with a range of activities that focus on having fun, are hands on and encourage students staying connected throughout the week.
- Only social zoom meetings will occur in Week 10. All other zoom meetings will be cancelled except intervention zooms.

These changes will provide teachers with the time required to prepare for term 4 learning.

Moving into Term 4 the following change will take place;

- Parent zooms will occur fortnightly for each stage. Times will be communicated by class teachers.

School Holiday Learning

As with every school holiday period staff will not be providing learning for students. The holidays are time for staff to rest and prepare for the following term. Students also need this break from school work. If parents feel the need to continue learning I suggest a focus on reading and using matific for mathematics.

Have a great week.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

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Where We Learn and Grow Together

From Our Assistant Principal

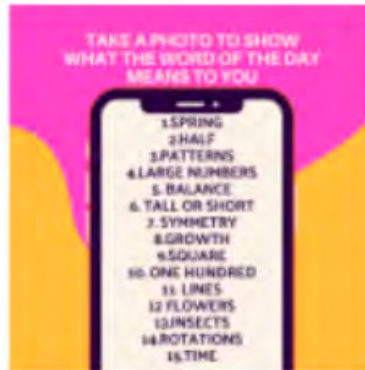
Dear Parents, Caregivers, guardians and friends,

CEDP is excited to announce their new Photo a Day challenge. We are hoping our school community will take up the challenge!

September is a new season and a new month! Spring is almost here and maths

and science are in the air and everywhere! Join us in taking a photo a day (or drawing a day) using our daily prompts on the calendar link below. How creative can you be? Let's join together in thinking creativity and most importantly with some fun!

The calendar will be shared onto every stage Google classroom where you can add and share your creations onto the platform! Can not wait to see what our great community comes up with for *September stem photo a day*! Click here for [Photo a Day Calendar](#)



With blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn
Buenaventura

Assistant Principal



RE with Mrs Stone

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and friends,

This week on Sunday 5th of September, we recognise all the amazing fathers and father figures in our lives. Although we may not be able to gather together to celebrate "Father's Day" 2021 in person, we are truly grateful that we can still stay connected in other ways thanks to technology. So whether you connect via Zoom, Facetime or simply call via the phone treasure every special memory created together. With this in mind I have included a special prayer for all fathers.

Blessing Prayer for Fathers

*Lord God, who is Father of all,
send your blessing down on these men who are fathers.*

*For those who in the night worry for their child,
grant them your comfort.*

*For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for
their child, send them your strength.*

For those who mourn a child, hold them in your love.

*For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child,
you share in their joy.*

*Lord God, who is Father of all,
walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark.*

*Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love;
a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.*

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With Blessings,

Mrs Meg Stone REC



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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Literacy with Mrs Maher

Book Week

Well we have had some excitement with Book Week during weeks 7 and 8. We've had dress ups, trivia questions, read lots of books, listened to stories, read in unusual places, decorated our homes and struggled to find Mr K!



I hope you have all enjoyed the wonder of books with this year's theme of old world, new world and other worlds. The challenge now is to make EVERY WEEK Book Week.

Reading books promotes a longer attention span, builds listening skills and expands vocabulary and imagination. Books teach children thinking skills early, (such as logic, and cause and effect). Books teach children about relationships and personalities and through hearing and reading stories we are transported to other worlds where our imaginations can run wild. Children need to read and be read to everyday and lockdown provides the perfect time to do this. Remember, if your child says they don't like reading, it's because they haven't found the right book yet! So exposure to lots of different texts will help those reluctant readers find ones they love.

Writing Competition

Entries for the writing competition are due this Friday through your child's Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to write an imaginative text of their own choice using the theme Old World, New World or Other World.



There will be prizes for children from each grade. All entries will be published in our own school book which students will be able to borrow from the library when we resume onsite learning.

So encourage your child to get creative, I'm looking forward to being transported to other worlds!

Thank you for your continued support with remote learning, you are doing an amazing job during unprecedented times. I am always super impressed with the support given during zoom lessons. It isn't easy but together we are making this work and the students of St Bernie's are continuing their learning

because of that team work.

Take care and stay safe.

Lorraine Maher

Literacy and Diversity Leader

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At St Bernadette's we are RESPECTFUL. We are RESPECTFUL in all areas of the school when we:

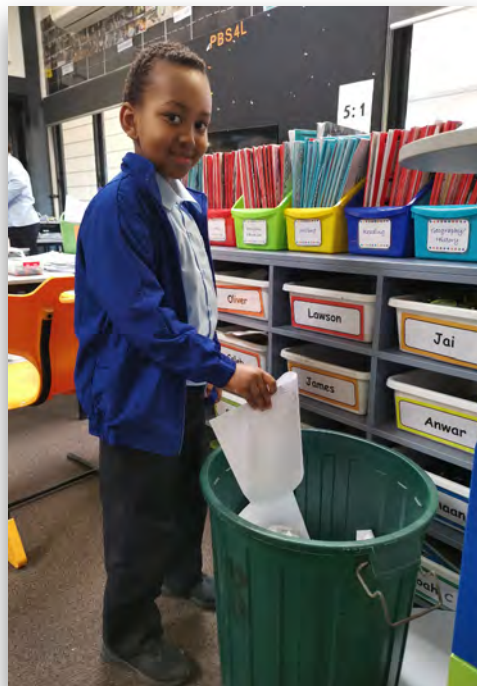
Respectful

- Listen well and speak politely
- Wear our uniform correctly and with pride
- Take care of the school environment
- Accept and value each other's individuality
- See a need and do something about it



When we are in specific areas of the school, as well as continuing to be respectful by listening well and speaking politely, wearing our uniform correctly and with pride, taking care of the school environment, accepting and valuing others individuality and seeing a need and doing something about it, we also need to:

| In these specific areas we are... | Playgrounds | Canteen | Toilets | Office | Learning Spaces |
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| Respectful | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play fairly • Invite and include others • Share the play spaces with others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help younger students • Patiently wait our turn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait patiently until a cubicle is free • Flush the toilet • Use quiet voices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knock twice and wait patiently • Greet office staff • Keep noise to a minimum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work effectively as a team when required • Share equipment with others |



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Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021; Angus O (Stage 1), Carelle C (Stage 2) and Zara A (Stage 3)



Well done to these students!!

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday, 3rd September, 2021. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year!

Book Week 2021

It's been a very different Book Week this year! All the staff at St. Bernadette's have worked hard to plan fun Book Week activities for the students. We hope the students have enjoyed the 'Guess the Book' Quiz, the Writing Competition, 'Where is Mr K?' book, Social Zoom dress-ups and Trivia Quiz, as well as many other fun Book Week activities.

We also hope everyone had fun creating Book Week art works and posters and setting up your homes in the Book Week theme of '*Old, Worlds, New worlds and Other Worlds*'.

Don't forget to send in any Book Week photos to the school email address by Friday the 3rd September. These photos will be made into an iMovie which will be shared on Google Classroom in Week 9.

Thank you to all the families for their great enthusiasm during Book Week this year. It is a wonderful week in the school year to celebrate the gift of books and reading.

St Bernadette's Holiday Reading Challenge

All students at St. Bernadette's are invited to participate in a Holiday Reading Challenge. Students will be required to read a specific number of books for each stage, over the 2 week holidays. All students who participate in this challenge will go in the draw to win some great prizes in Term 4. More information about the Holiday Reading Challenge will follow in the next few weeks.

Thank you,

Monique O'Brien
(Teacher Librarian)



Mission III has been activated



BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR ROCKETEERS



Kick-start your school holidays with over 250 showcase experiences, at over 200 convenient locations. Your child could be using bricks to build a vast city landscape in *Project: Builders*, creating awesome science art in *Project: Illusions*, partying with piñatas in *Mission: Takeoff III* or jet-setting on one of over 140 different Adventures (excursions).



EXAMPLE OF A DAY AT ROCKETEERS

6:30am

Breakfast

Flexible Play options: DIY Keyrings, Morning Yoga.

9:00am

Creative Writing

Get ready for the filmmaking incursion by writing your very own movie scripts!

10:15am

Morning Tea & Briefing

The crew will brief you on the fun program for the day over some fresh fruit and snacks.

10:30am

Incursion time

Make your very own short movie – be the director, writer and star of the show.

12:00pm

Lunch

12:30pm

Group active game

Dodgeball Tournament
Get into groups and avoid the ball in a knockout tournament of dodgeball!

3:30pm

Afternoon tea

4:00pm


Group games

- Wacky science experiments
- Construction fun
- Splash art • Story time

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Families can book into 4 distinct types of experiences with Rocketeers (but really, there's hundreds!)



OPERATION: X (Base Camp Day)

At Operation: X, children will experience a program tailored around their passions and centred around a special theme.

In our Mission III, experience Operations such as Creative Origins, Minute Challenge, Cardboard Creations and more.



PROJECT: X (Incursion)

At Project: X, children will be challenged with an exciting experience designed to upgrade their skill sets and enhance their fun!

In our Mission III, experience Projects such as Mission: Takeoff III, Building Challenge, Illusions and more.



EXPERIENCE TAKEOVER (Incursion)

At the Experience Takeover, we'll be visited by special guests. These experts in their field will be bringing with them an exciting experience for the children to enjoy.

In our Mission III, you'll find Experience Takeovers such as Magic Workshops, Pickleball, Rocketeers: Film Festival and more.



ADVENTURE: X (Excursion)

At Adventure: X, we'll be embarking on a journey outside Base Camp. Every destination is different, every experience – extraordinary.

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ALL ABOUT CONVENIENCE

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