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Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 1 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4! This is a term filled with hope as we approach the time when some of life's normalities return.

I'm sure there will be mixed emotions regarding the return to school plan. I'm also sure there are many questions. At this stage we can only communicate what we know. Unfortunately we learn many of the changes through the media at the same time as the rest of the community.

What we do know is the return to school plan has changed and as such students will return to school on;

- Monday 18 October Kindergarten and Year 1 students return to face-to-face learning.
- Monday 25 October All other students will return to face-to-face learning.

Parents were emailed a link to a survey to complete to allow us to plan for the return to school. Could all parents please complete this survey.

We are seeking clarity regarding the return to school plan. One of our main issues is that St Bernadette's is organised in stages not year groups, but as of writing this we have no clarity regarding the possibility of changes. This will pose some major challenges for us with our teachers engaged in onsite learning while half the stage are at home doing remote learning.

Importantly, students do not return next week. Next week there will be minimal supervision at school for essential workers only.

Upon the return to school our focus will be;

- To provide opportunities for students to re engage with their peers
- To maximise learning time spent on literacy and numeracy
- To maintain religious education
- To assess the impact of remote learning on student progress. This will take time and formal assessments will not occur until later in the term.

The return to school can be a highly emotional time for students. It is important that parents begin to have discussions with their children to communicate timelines and expectations for the return. Leaving this to the day of return could lead to a highly charged emotional meltdown. Importantly assure your children that school is a safe place. Talk to them about their anxieties and provide solutions to any issues.

COVID Restrictions

Current restrictions mean that upon returning to school parents are not permitted on the school site. This means parents must stay outside of the school gates during morning drop off and can only access the top playground during pick up. Parents are encouraged to make use of the kiss and drop service. Parents are advised not to mingle outside of the school gates and to maintain social distancing.

Students may bring small bottles of hand sanitiser and wear a mask if parents deem appropriate. Wearing of masks is not

mandatory for children under the age of twelve and parents should teach their children how to wear and take off masks.

Sick Students

Students should not be sent to school when sick. If students attend school or become ill whilst at school parents will be notified to immediately pick them up. Sick students will be isolated from other members of the school community.

Uniforms

Upon return to school all students are expected to wear full summer uniform. Parents are able to order uniforms on the School Locker website and can either have items delivered or pick up from the school office. The School Locker has added sizing charts for all items and advise that return due to incorrect size is fine provided the item is in original condition. Unfortunately students are unable to try on items at this stage.

At this stage we are unable to confirm sport days.

Staffing Update

As we move towards the end of the year our 2022 staffing is beginning to take shape. It is important that parents understand that St Bernadette's has a high amount of temporary staff who are seeking permanent employment. This leads to some inevitable change at the end of the year.

This week we welcome Mrs Pizarro Arenas as a new Teacher's Aide supporting Stage 1. Mrs Pizarro Arenas has extensive early education experience in a preschool setting and is currently studying to be a Primary Teacher. She will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

At the end of 2021 Ms Barrak will be leaving St Bernadette's to continue her teaching journey in another Catholic school. Ms Barrak has worked at St Bernadette's for 7 years in many capacities and is thanked for her contributions to the school community. We wish her well in her new position.

We are currently employing new teachers for 2022 and will share details of appointments soon.

Have a great week everyone.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

In the current times we need to remind ourselves that God is always with us. In our darkest most challenging times He is walking alongside us helping us find a more positive way forward. We have to connect with our faith, listen and see God all around us.

Lord,

Forgive me for being so caught up in the dark shadows of the events of my life that I forget You are here, You can penetrate the darkness, and I can find hope in You. I praise You for the way You are working in every situation. You will protect me and guide me through everything. Amen.





FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
ON THIS DAY
THANK YOU



Dates For Your Diary

OCTOBER

Friday 8th - Staff Development Day - **No School**
Monday 18th - Kindergarten and Year 1 Return to School
Monday 25th - Year 2 , 3, 4 and Year 6 Return to School

Assistant Principal

Greetings Parents, Caregivers, Guardians and friends,

Welcome back! We are now in the last stretch for the year - I cannot believe it is already term 4! I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful break to spend some much needed quality time with your family. Reflecting on my break, the positive of lockdown is that it enabled my little family to enjoy and explore through wonder and awe God's creation and experience its beauty with our little boy. Through our son, both my husband and myself were able to reconnect with nature through a different perspective and appreciation. Some much needed genuine fun in the sun!

As we continue Term 4 through remote learning I would like to remind families that each student has access to Matific until the end of the year. This online resource is great to engage or provide breaks for your child from set class work. Your child's teacher will set up various weekly tasks that will further support the Numeracy content for the week. I have attached a Matific parent handout that explains how each parent is able to access your child's progression and activities completed through the 'parent zone'. If any time you are experiencing any issues with logging in please feel free to contact the school office.



Have a blessed first week back.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Assistant Principal)



Launching Matific on child's device

- 1 Visit matific.com/login-page or if on a tablet/mobile device, download the **Matific Maths** app from:


- 2 Help your child log in to their account by entering the **Username** and **Password** on their login card.
- 3 Cut out the login card for future logins at home and for maths lessons at school.

Login Card

Username _____

Password _____



✂ Cut this login card out for future logins

📄 Ask your child's teacher if the login details are not written down

Get started with Matific

Congratulations! Your child has been set up with access to Matific, an award-winning online maths resource designed to help boost your child's maths ability and confidence. Students who engage with the program and use critical thinking will be provided help only when needed. By finding the answer themselves, children experience a sense of achievement and are more likely to retain the knowledge. Encourage your children to complete activities multiple times as each time they do the questions will be different.

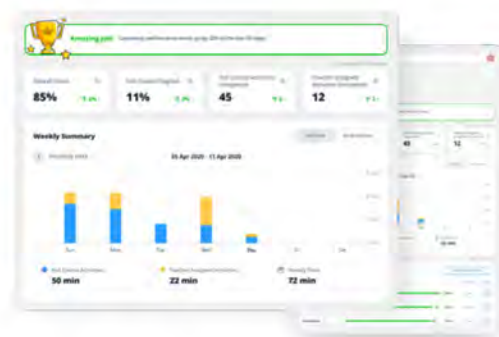
- **Adventure island** is an AI-driven adventure that is personalized and tailored for each and every child.
- **Assigned work** contains any assigned activities from your child's teacher.
- **Training Zone** is a perfect solution for extra mathematics support and practice that supplements your child's school curriculum.



Get access to Parent Zone

Parents can get easy access to a dashboard that shows their child's progress and highlights specific skills that need improvement or more practice in.

Visit matific.com/parents/sign-up to **sign up for your free account now.**



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Where We Learn and Grow Together

RE with Mrs Stone

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and friends,

Welcome back to Term 4 and I do so hope that you had time to pause, relax and have some quality family time!!

This term in our Religious Education lessons we are reconnecting to "Sharing Our Story" using an inquiry based approach. Sharing our Story outcomes will now be used to guide planning and inform assessment and reporting for all our students. We will continue to provide our students with 'Experiential Learning' through Inquiry based on sound theological content in light of Scripture and the rich living Tradition that is the Catholic faith.

The children are at the heart of all we do and we are committed to ensuring they flourish in their faith.

With Blessings, Mrs Meg Stone REC





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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



View our News items



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Library News with Mrs O'Brien**Holiday Reading Challenge**

The Holiday Reading Challenge is now finished and students who participated in the challenge should be ready to upload their reading logs.

You can take a photo of your reading log to upload to Google Classroom or add your books to the Holiday Reading Challenge Reading Log doc.

The table below shows how many books students in each stage should have read to complete the challenge.

Grade	Amount of books to read
Early Stage 1	10 or more books.
Stage 1	8 or more books
Stage 2	6 or more books
Stage 3	4 or more books

Each student who participates in the challenge goes in a raffle to win one of 7 Book Vouchers.

- There will be one prize for each grade.
- Reading logs are due to be uploaded by Friday Week 1.
- Raffle winners will be announced in Week 3.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this challenge.

Design a Book Cover

All students at St. Bernadette's have been invited to create an original book cover for the Writing Competition Book. All information about this task is on each stages Google Classroom under Creative Arts- Week 1.

Students can upload their finished book covers to Google Classroom by Monday Week 2. The winning book cover will be announced in Week 3.

Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

Science News**Marble Run Family Challenge**

Last term, the Science challenge to each family was to make a marble run of your own at your house on a wall or board. Families are encouraged to take a short video clip of their marble run in action. Please send these video clips to the school email address this week. We hope to create an imovie of all the marble run video clips put together.

Thank you,

The Science Team



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



Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage, support and share ideas with others • Actively engage in tasks by listening, contributing and doing our personal best • Use a Growth Mindset and ask for help when needed • Come to school every day and on time

When we are in specific areas of the school, as well as continuing to be learners by encouraging, supporting and sharing ideas, actively engaging in tasks by listening, contributing and doing our personal best, using a growth mindset and coming to school everyday and on time, we also need to:

In these specific areas we are...	Playgrounds	Canteen	Toilets	Office	Learning Spaces
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solve calmly • Follow instructions /rules of the game • Play fairly & take turns • Respond promptly to bells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared with money and order • Buy for ourselves only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to class promptly • Wear tags during lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to class promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow noise level indicated by teacher • Complete set tasks



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Your OSHC.



Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

Monday 11th Oct 2021	Anti Poverty Week Poster
Tuesday 12th Oct 2021	Herb and Vege Garden
Wednesday 13th Oct 2021	Handball Competition
Thursday 14th Oct 2021	Cooking-Banana Bread
Friday 15th Oct 2021	Outdoor Picnic



Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)


Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now](#)

Register free and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

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