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Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3 Newsletter

Principal's Message

This week the school came alive as we welcomed back Kindergarten and Year 1 students. The silence was broken with the hum of excited and happy children. A highlight of this week has been the huge smiles on the children's faces particularly when they first entered the school gate. It was great to see that the overwhelming majority of students have returned to school as planned.

Next week the remainder of the students will return to school and St Bernadette's will be alive once again. We look forward to welcoming the rest of our students back!

We have planned a significant focus on the emotional and social needs of the students. They will be engaged in lots of activities that encourage playing together and putting into practice the social skills they learn in class. These times will also serve to allow students to reconnect with their peers.

COVID safe measures have been fully implemented in school. We ask that you continue to talk to your children to ensure they understand why things are as they are. For example;

- The need to wash hands
- Staff wearing masks
- The need to ensure doors are open and fans and air conditioners are active
- Why some students are wearing masks

Students may find some of these measures confronting or strange.

We hope to be able to announce how Year 6 will celebrate the end of their primary school education soon. Churches are reopening soon and we are ready to work within set restrictions to enable a farewell mass. Staff have met to discuss other opportunities to mark this significant occasion for our year 6 students.

2022 Acting Assistant Principal

Last week interviews were held to appoint an Acting Assistant Principal for 2022. I'm very pleased to announce that Mr Mark Galea has been appointed. Mr Galea is currently working at Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School, Granville as The Religious Education Coordinator. He has previous experience as an Acting Assistant Principal in the Diocese and has extensive teaching and leadership experience across multiple Catholic primary schools.

Squid Games

It has come to our attention that a number of children have watched Squid Games at home. Squid Games is rated MA and therefore is not appropriate for children. Parents are advised to check your Netflix settings to ensure children cannot access this series without your consent. At school we have had incidents of students copying the games in inappropriate ways. Staff are being vigilant to monitor and stop such games. Parents will be contacted if instances are ongoing. If your child has watched the series we ask that you discuss that copying the content is not appropriate for school.

Have a great week everyone

Mr Phill Kapitanow
Principal

Assistant Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and friends,

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have sent your congratulations and prayers. We are excited and await the arrival of our little girl! A perfect addition to our little family.

In preparation for all students returning back to school next week, I lead teachers in a Numeracy Professional Learning Meeting where teachers shared their observations and discussed their numeracy focus for the first two weeks of school to ensure all our students are supported with targeted mathematical knowledge and skill sets. We revisited the Waterfall process (by Lyn Sharratt) and the importance of collecting and analysing student data in order to plan and organise challenging tasks for all student abilities to access the learning process of 'know, understand and do'.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude for all your hard work with supporting your children's remote learning. May everyone remain healthy and safe as we journey into our final term of the year.

With blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura, (Assistant Principal)



RE with Mrs Stone

Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and friends,

The month of October is "World Mission Month" and this year all students across Australia are being encouraged to kick goals on and off the pitch to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Thailand and around the world.

Our students will be learning how to help others through using the many resources provided and I'm including the [link here](#) to the Mission page so that you can explore these opportunities at home with your families as well.

This term our school community will again be donating to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal as a way of reaching out to those in need. More information will be provided soon and here is the [Term 4 newsletter update](#) from Vinnies for you to read.

With Blessings for a wonderful week ahead,

Mrs Meg Stone REC



Dates For Your Diary



OCTOBER

Monday 25th - Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 Return to School

NOVEMBER

Monday 15th to Friday 19th Book Fair at School

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Where We Learn and Grow Together

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is currently closed to visitors.

Orders can be made online at any time and collected from the school office on Wednesdays.

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School Locker



[The School Locker](#)

SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 School Fees statements have been posted by Catholic Education Office this week.

School
F E E S

As always if you require financial support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mizzi via email bern-lprkfees@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office on 8869 6400. All conversations will remain strictly confidential.

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](#)



[Email St Bernadette's School Office](#)



[St Bernadette's Official Facebook Page](#)



These are the following days each Stage will be doing sport in Term 4.

Early Stage 1 - Friday

Stage 1 - Friday

Stage 2 - Friday

Stage 3 - Wednesday



How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?
Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday to find out more.

every learner every day Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Library News with Mrs O'Brien

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is still going ahead this year!

The Book Fair will run in a similar way to last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Students will visit the Book Fair to do their Wish Lists. Parents can then decide whether to purchase these books. Students will receive their books from the Book Fair once the parents have completed the order online and returned the wishlists.



The dates for the Book Fair are Thursday 11th November - Thursday 25th November.

More details to follow.

Holiday Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Holiday Reading Challenge. Each student who participated in the challenge goes in a raffle to win one of 7 Book Vouchers.

There will be one prize for each grade. The Raffle will be drawn in Week 5 when most of the students have returned to school.

Returning Library Books

Please return any library books as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



Literacy News with Mrs Maher

To begin with I would like to thank you all for your support of the student's learning during lockdown. Juggling homeschooling, working from home and providing round the clock entertainment and support to your children without respite is no easy task, so well done everyone. This week I have had the privilege of working closely with our ES1 and Stage 1 students this week to assist our staff with the next steps of learning for all our children. This work will continue when our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students return next week. The progress that our students have made with Literacy during these unprecedented times is very pleasing. This is testament to the great work of our extremely dedicated staff in partnership with you all at home. The role of community and family is fundamental to successful learning and when a partnership between home and school is formed and nurtured, our children can only benefit. Once again, thank you.

To continue this great partnership it is important for some home learning to continue. Reading to and with your children daily, supports cognitive development, improves their written and oral language skills, increases concentration and discipline, improves imagination and creativity and cultivates a lifelong love of learning and reading. The benefits of reading with your children are endless. Through our Google classroom platform you have had the opportunity to engage more closely with your child's learning and many digital reading opportunities have been provided for the students. These reading opportunities will continue throughout Term 4.

Writing Competition.

Our winners of our Book Week writing competition will receive their awards next week when all students have returned to school.

Lorraine Maher



PBS4L



With students returning to school this week and next week it is especially important to talk to your children about what it looks like to be a safe, respectful, responsible, learner. Like all of us adults, our children have been stuck at home and some may need reminding of what it looks like to display positive behaviour at school.

Each day at school upon the students return we will be focusing on the different parts of the matrix. As well as the PBS4L matrix we will be unpacking important social skills; communicating, collaborating, problem solving and self awareness. These are some skills we as a staff felt were important to relearn upon our return to school and ones we may be out of practice with after so many months at home.

Please spend some time each day discussing the PBS4L and social skills focus with your child.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Safe	Respectful	Responsible	Learners	In our learning spaces we...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep our body to ourselves In the right place at the right time Move/ walk around the school calmly & quietly Use equipment and resources for their intended use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look after school equipment, our own and others belongings Be accountable and accept consequences for our actions Follow staff instructions immediately Be prepared and organised 	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask permission to leave the Learning Space Work effectively as a team when required Share equipment with others Use technology for learning Follow noise level indicated by teacher Complete set tasks
Communicating	Collaborating	Problem Solving	Self Awareness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal and non verbal communication Active listening Expressing feelings Giving and receiving feedback Saying 'no' respectfully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building relationships with peers Showing respect for others Understanding and respecting the views of others (empathy) Contributing to a group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding solutions to problems. Accessing support and support networks Restorative practices- (conflict/ resolution) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise emotions Optimistic thinking Coping with big feelings Making Mistakes (Growth Mindset) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs based lesson from the Social Skills Table

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Parent Group



Website
Photo
Gallery



Introducing QKR! Payment System

It's time to install the QKR! App which is the new payment platform we will be using from this Term as we are no longer accepting cash for all ad-hoc items Eg: Fundraising, Special Food Days, Donations, Enrolment Fee, Year 6 Sport Shirts.

Please note: Payments for School Fees cannot be made on QKR!. Current arrangements for school fees have not changed.

The app is free to download and your profile is confidential. Below is an instruction sheet to assist you with this process. We encourage all families to download this app.

If you have any questions please contact the school office




masterpass

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.



With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

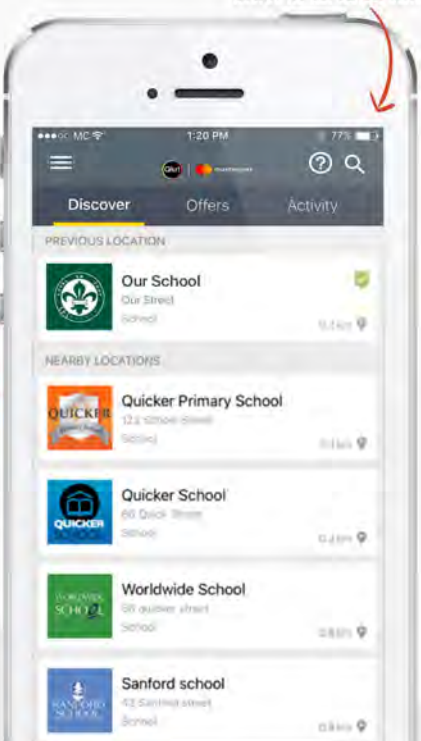



Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

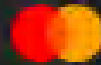
Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name



If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

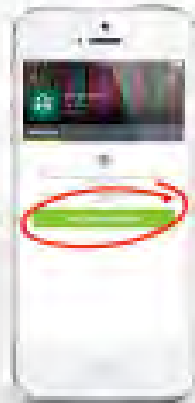
If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



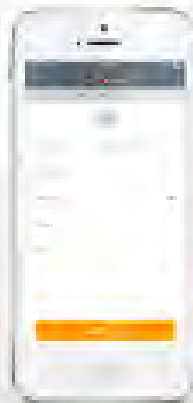
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

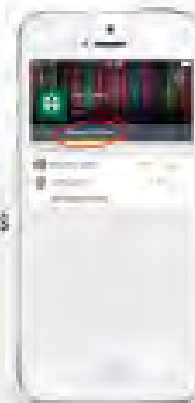
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details

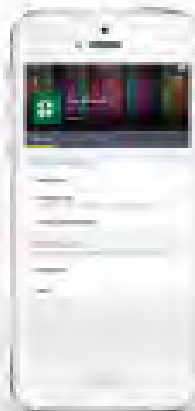


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles

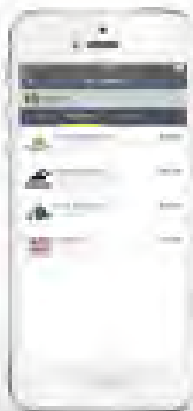


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school

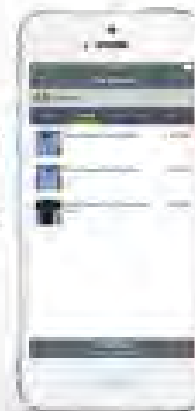


Select child
you are
ordering for



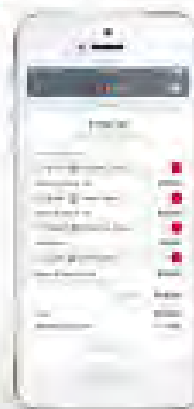
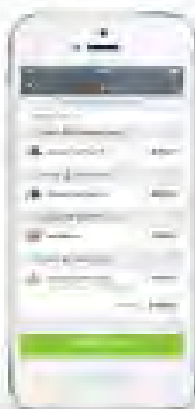
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Transport
for NSW

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



Newsletter

**It's time to
celebrate,
we're back!**



**Your
OSHC.**

A message from your Coordinator

Welcome back to all our wonderful children and families! We hope that everyone is well and looking forward to a great Term 4 with lots of fun activities planned leading up to Christmas and the end of the school year. We are very excited to see the return of the children and families that have been online schooling at home, we have really missed all of you! Over the next two weeks we have some great activities planned. We are planting our own herb and vegetable garden, building a Lego city, baking coconut biscuits, turning recycled items into works of art, holding a handball competition and lots of fun games.

Activities coming up

- Handball Challenge
- Recycled Art
- Herb & Veg Garden

What's on the menu

- Coconut Biscuits
- Pancakes
- Noodle Stir Fry

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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