



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

Principal's Communication

Term 4 Week 2

21st October 2022

This week we received the sad news that a young child of a family within our school community had passed away. The child has been battling illness for some time. This was very shocking news for the family. We have been supporting the family throughout their child's illness and will continue to do so. At this time I ask that you pray for baby Amanda, her family and friends.

This week was labelled Numeracy Week for the staff. During Numeracy Week our Numeracy Teaching Educator, Tammy maintains a large presence at the school with a focus of developing teacher capacity to improve how numeracy is taught. The week has two elements for staff;

1. Teacher professional development - on Tuesday all classroom teachers meet with Tammy and our school based Instructional Leaders Mrs Ruff and Ms Stapley to plan and discuss the week's numeracy learning. The team discusses best practice teaching strategies and the needs of individual students.
2. In-situ mentoring and coaching - Tammy and Ms Stapley work in classrooms with teachers to model effective numeracy teaching strategies.

This work aligns with our school Numeracy Goal. The goal continues our work to improve Numeracy teaching and learning at St Bernadette's. This work is well reflected in our latest NAPLAN results which show improvement in students results for both year 3 and 5 students.

Maintenance work is progressing well with a new roof being installed above the office, repairs to the library roof and ceiling and new flooring for the uniform shop. The contractor is progressing well, but completion is still a month out depending on weather.

On Thursday the Leadership Team from Jubilee Primary School, a school within the Brisbane Catholic Diocese visited St Bernadette's to experience first hand our school improvement plan. Jubilee Primary are embarking on a similar journey as St Bernadette's to improve teaching and learning through consistent implementation of best practice teaching and learning experiences. This visit attirms the work we have done over many years. Of particular interest to the team was how the work of staff has aligned with improved student results in all areas.

Next Tuesday, 25th October we will be running our Kindy Transition program for the class of 2023. This will be an exciting time for the children and their families. We will have many new families join our community and begin their journey at St Bernadette's. If you or anyone you know has not enrolled your child for Kindy in 2023 it is now vitally important to do so.

This term the Parent Group has organised Christmas Markets. The markets will take place on Friday the 18th of November. This is a significant event for the school that serves as a main fundraiser and social event. The market replaces our fete. We hope the new format will appeal to our community and hope to see you all there supporting your school community!

Reminder that Monday the 7th of November is a Staff Development Day. There will be no supervision for students available. This is in recognition of the high work load for staff throughout the year.

Have a great week

Phillip Kapitanow
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

October

25th - Kindy Transition

28th - Halo -een Dress Up

November

1st - Kindy Transition

7th - Staff Development Day

18th - Stage 2 Reconciliation

18th - Christmas Market

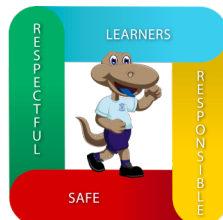
21st - Stage 2 Week day mass



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