



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park Principal's Communication

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

On Friday the 18th of November, the Parent Group will be holding their first Christmas Markets. We hope this will be a significant community and fundraising event for the school. Like all community events we need your help. If every family volunteered one hour of their time we would run the event twice over. All funds raised go directly to supporting the education of all students at St Bernadette's. The gift of your time will be greatly appreciated.

The event will only be a success if all our families attend the markets. Come down, do some shopping and have dinner out at the Markets!

STAFFING NEWS

After seventeen years of dedicated service to our school community Mrs Santos has made the difficult decision to leave St Bernadette's at the end of 2022. Mrs Santos has taught every stage except for kindergarten, was a diversity teacher and LTST. She has made a considerable impact on the lives of the students she has taught and the staff she has mentored over a long distinguished career at St Bernadette's. Mrs Santos will be missed and we wish her well in the next chapter of her teaching journey!

Ms Dennis, current Kindergarten teacher, has made the difficult decision to leave St Bernadette's at the end of 2022. Ms Dennis will be continuing her teaching career abroad as she embarks on a new life adventure. We thank Ms Dennis for her service to the school community and wish her well in her adventures abroad.

Ms Cordell, currently teaching Science and Health to students from kindergarten to year 6 has also made the difficult decision to step down from ongoing employment at St Bernadette's at the end of 2022. Ms Cordell will be concentrating on completing some study. During this time she hopes to continue working on a casual basis in Catholic schools. We thank Ms Cordell for service to the school community.

2023 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

In 2023 we will be making some slight changes to our school structure. These changes are a response to student enrolment numbers within stages. All schools are provided staff based on student enrolment numbers. The staff allocation changes from year to year. Our structure will be;

ES1	One class teacher supported by an additional staff member for key teaching and learning times for example literacy and numeracy.	Maximum of 32 students.
Stage 1	Three class teachers	Each class will have 21 students combined of year 1 and 2 students
Stage 2	Three class teachers	Each class will have 21 students combined of year 3 and 4 students
Stage 3	Two class teachers.	Each class will have 26 students combined of year 5 and 6 students

Class numbers may increase based on late school enrolments.

All stages will be supported by teachers aides who will be allocated based on student needs. Additional diversity teacher support will also be allocated based on student need. The school's Leadership Team will continue to build the capacity of staff through structured mentoring and coaching programmes.

Parents often start thinking about who their child's teacher will be. We are not in a position to announce class teachers as we are currently recruiting staff. Class teacher placements will be announced once we are fully staffed.

As a staff we are beginning to plan for 2023 classes. We will utilise a software program, Class Solver, to assist in this planning. We used the software to plan for 2022 classes. The process of devising classes is complex and the software allows us to account for each individual student's needs when forming classes.

School Counsellor Recognition Day,

On Thursday we acknowledged School Counsellor Recognition Day. This is a day in which we intentionally recognise the fantastic work school counsellors do to support both students and staff in our schools.

We have been extremely blessed to have had successive counsellors who have gone out of their way to break the norm to support our community. I acknowledge our past counsellors, Kate and Emilie and our newest counsellor Veronika.

Unique to our community is the way counsellors become integrated members of our school team and the extended school family. On behalf of our community I acknowledge the fantastic work school counsellors do meet the diverse needs of students and their families.

Have a great week!

Mr Phill Kapitnow
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

November

16th - Year 6 Basketball Gala Day

18th - Parent Group Christmas Market
3.30pm - 8pm

21st - Stage 2 Weekday Mass 9:15am

29th - Parent Group AGM - All Welcome

December

2nd - Christmas Concert 6pm

7th - Year 6 Fun Day

13th - Swimming Carnival

13th - Infants Water Fun Day

14th - End of Year Mass and Year 6 farewell Mass

16th - Last day for Term 4



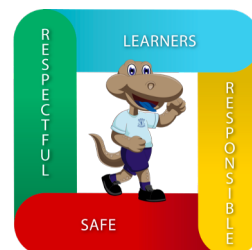
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Bluey's Patch



In Weeks 5 and 6 students will be focusing on being respectful by taking care of the school environment