



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park Principal's Communication Term 3 Week 6

Friday 26th August 2022

This is my last week at school for the term. I'm going on Long Service Leave with my family and will return to school at the beginning of Term 4. I have done a lot of work to ensure that the school will continue to operate as normal under the leadership of Mrs Louise O'Donnell. Mrs O'Donnell is an experienced Principal who is looking forward to leading our school in my absence. The work we have begun this term particularly around reading will continue in my absence and I look forward to seeing the results when I return.

We are in our sixth week of an intense reading inquiry. My review of the mid year data is extremely promising and I'm very proud of both the students learning progress and our teachers openness to new learning. We are well on track to end 2023 with strong student reading progress. This is particularly important for our infants students who have had their early learning experiences deeply impacted by covid.

On Thursday night I had the pleasure of presenting St Bernadette's Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) journey to other schools in the Parramatta Diocese. I was asked to specifically discuss how PBS4L had been lead at the school to be a part of our culture. It was very affirming to be given the opportunity to share our implementation story. PBS4L is a highly valued element of St Bernadette's well being and student management procedures.

Staffing Announcement

I am very happy to announce that Mrs Costaganna is pregnant. Mrs Costaganna is expecting her third child. On behalf of the community I congratulate her and wish well as her pregnancy continues. Mrs Costaganna plans to continue teaching Stage 2 White until the end of the current school year.

Voice of Youth

Last week Monique and Cielo in Year 6 represented St Bernadette's at the Voice of Youth Cluster Final. All year 6 students in the diocese write and present. Monique chose the topic, Negativity vs Positivity while Ceilo discussed Music Therapy. Both girls did an outstanding job in front of a large audience.

Monique was awarded the runner up for our cluster. The cluster consists of over two hundred year 6 students. This a major for Monique who has a bright future as a public speaker!

Absent Staff

This week has been another particularly challenging week in regards to staff absences due to illness. We are doing our best to ensure quality learning and teaching continues to happen. I especially want to thank our outstanding staff who continue to demonstrate great flexibility and resilience as they do their best to support every child.

Have a great week!

Mr Phill Kapitanow
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

August

29th - Author visit

29th - Book Fair Open
3:15pm - 3:45pm

31st - Book character Parade
- Second Hand Uniform
Stall

September

1st - Book Fair Open
8am - 8:30am and
3:15pm - 3:45pm

2nd - Book Fair Open
7:30am - 8am
Fathers Day breakfast
8am and liturgy 8:30am
Father's Day Stall

7th & 8th - Science Incursion



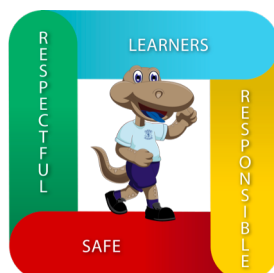
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Bluey's Patch



For the next fortnight each stage will be focusing on the following goals:

ES1 - Actively Listening

Stage 1 - Actively Engaging in tasks

Stage 2 and 3 - Right place at the right
time