



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

Principal's Communication

Term 4 Week 7

Friday 25th November 2022

Last week CEDP Executive Director, Greg Whitby announced the appointment of Mrs Lisa Samojlowicz as the new Principal for St Bernadette's from 2023. This comes as I announced that I am leaving St Bernadette's after sixteen years to be Principal at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains.

I was extremely happy when Mrs Samojlowicz was appointed as the new Principal of St Bernadette's. She is an experienced Principal and educator who will work hard to understand the school's context and continue the work we have done. Mrs Samojlowicz will be visiting St Bernadette's over the coming weeks to conduct a handover. I congratulate Mrs Samojlowicz on this exciting appointment!

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Last Friday the Parent Group held its first Christmas Markets. This new format was adopted to replace the more traditional fete. It was an exciting afternoon that achieved its major goals of;

1. Bringing the community together
2. Raising funds for the school

On behalf of the school community I want to acknowledge and thank the Parent Group and all other volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful community event. I also want to thank our community for supporting the event. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to talk to so many past students, parents and staff members.

YR 5 HIGH SCHOOL

Parents with students in Year 5 are reminded that choosing a high school for 2024 is a priority. If you have not begun this process you are strongly advised to start the enrolment process. Catholic high schools fill quickly. To avoid disappointment you are encouraged to complete the enrolment process as a matter of urgency. If you require assistance make contact with the school.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Staff are currently in the process of finalising Semester Two Student Progress Reports. The purpose of a student progress report is to present the teacher's view of how a student is developing over a period of time and possible next steps for learning.

At St Bernadette's we use a collaborative approach to writing reports. This means that all teachers in a learning space are actively involved in providing learning data that is used to inform student reports.

This week teachers are peer reviewing each others reports. In this process teachers read each others reports to ensure grades and comments align and that there is a consistent understanding of individual student progress shared by all staff involved in the teaching process.

Next week all student reports will be reviewed and validated by the school's Leadership Team. During this process reports will be read with a different lens, one based on Leadership's understanding of student progress.

Our process aims to ensure that we accurately capture student learning progress. It is also envisaged that reports inform parents but don't surprise them. If you have any concerns about your child's progress you are encouraged to contact your child's class teacher.

2023 CLASSES

Currently staff are working on finalising data that will help to determine classes for 2023. We will announce 2023 class teachers and student placements in week 10. Currently we are still sourcing teachers for 2023. It is a challenging time to find teachers and this process is certainly taking longer than usual with less applicants.

RAT TEST KITS

We have received another delivery of RAT Test Kits and have sent them home with the students today.

ADVENT

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition. The 4 candles of Advent names are hope, love, joy and peace, representing the virtues Jesus brought us.

This Advent season try to commit to attending mass on the weekend and prepare as a family for the coming of Christ. Christmas is more than just receiving presents it is a time to renew and become a better version of ourselves.

Have a great week everyone.

Mr Phill Kapitanow
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

29/11 - 5pm Parent Group AGM
All Welcome

30/11 - Environment Team Visit
Lalor Park Community
Garden

2/12 - 6pm Christmas Concert
All Welcome

7/12 - Year 6 Fun Day

13/12 - Swimming Carnival
Blacktown Aquatic Centre

13/12 - Infants Water Day

14/12 - 9:30 - 11am End of Year Mass

14/12 - 11am - 1pm Yr 6 Morning Tea

16/12 - Last Day of School



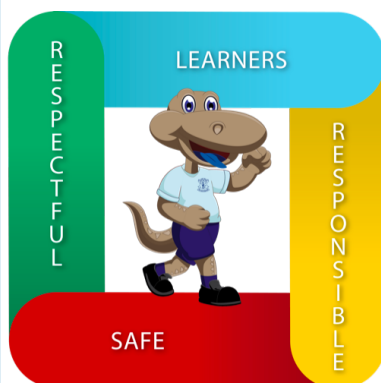
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Bluey's Patch



In Week 8 students will
begin our annual lessons
on our school
expectations.
Right place, right time.