



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

29 April 2022

Welcome back students, parents, carers and staff! I hope you had a fantastic Easter break with your family and friends. Easter is a time of hope, of new life and of new beginnings. Easter is a time to renew our spiritual commitment. I hope many of our families found the time to not only celebrate with family and friends, but to also go to church for spiritual nourishment. It is a great time to continue this exercise. As COVID restrictions ease we are welcomed back to our local churches to celebrate and renew our faith. For some of us this may serve as a time to reconnect with church after two years of restrictions that have kept us at bay. There is always an open invitation to join Father John Paul at St Bernadette's Parish each weekend to celebrate and nourish your faith.

NAPLAN Message

NAPLAN testing will occur for all students in Year 3 and 5 in Week 3 of this term. NAPLAN is a standardised test that is used by the school to better inform future learning. NAPLAN often affirms what we already know about individual students.

At school we are preparing students for the assessment. We do recognise that it is one test and we do not advise pressuring students to do anything more than their best. As we prepare for NAPLAN talk to your child about doing their best, assure them and remain positive. On NAPLAN days it may help to have a strong routine that limits stress in the morning. Have discussions at night that focus on your child informing you. Be positive about your child's responses and support them through the week.

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Ellard to the St Bernadette's community after maternity leave. Mrs Ellard will be supporting students throughout infants.

Winter Uniform

As the weather shifts and the cold weather begins parents are advised that we are transitioning to full winter school uniforms. It is expected that all students will be in full winter uniform to commence week 3. This includes black leather school shoes, school jackets or jumpers and hats.

If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting this expectation contact the office for assistance.

Student Attendance

Student attendance at school is crucial. Having just five days off a term results in a child missing a full year of education by the time they reach Year 10. Illness and mandatory isolation due to COVID have had significant impacts on student attendance. We are now working at ensuring parents know if their child's attendance is a concern. To be clear we do not want students at school when they are ill. However, we are required under legislation to ensure parents understand that regular attendance at school is important and at times to support families to improve attendance. If attendance is at a critical level further steps may be necessary including an Attendance Plan, family liaison and interventions external to school. If you require assistance with your child's attendance contact the school office.

Have a great week!

Mr Phill Kapitanow
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

May

Tuesday 3rd - Diocesan Cross Country

Thursday 5th - Mother's Day Breakfast (8am) RSVP via QKR

Liturgy (8.30) and Mother's Day stall

Friday 6th - Stage 1 Excursion - Rouse Hill Estate

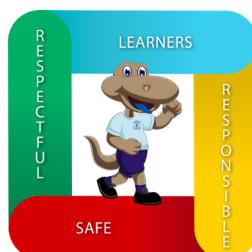
Week 3 - 9th - 13th - NAPLAN Year 3 and 5 students



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Fortnightly Focus

I will be Responsible

'Follow staff instructions immediately'