



**St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park**  
**Principal's Communication**  
**Term 1 Week 2**

Welcome Back

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. It was a relief to be able to meet with family and friends again and participate in normal holiday activities. It was a fantastic time to relax, recharge and prepare for the year ahead.

I especially welcome all our new Kindergarten and other families to the St Bernadette's community. I thank you for making the decision to entrust your child's education to us. We take this commitment seriously and look forward to working with you to help your child achieve their personal best.

New Staff

We welcomed many new staff members to St Bernadette's this year. As a staff we are doing our best to assist new staff to understand how we operate at St Bernadette's. During this transitional stage we ask that you are patient as our staff find the answers to any questions you may have.

COVID Planning

COVID will continue to impact schools in 2022. As a staff we have been planning for possible impacts including staff shortages and changes to teaching. We aren't sure how we will be affected or when, but we have done everything possible to prepare.

I would like to thank parents for picking up Rapid Antigen Test kits. This required considerable work from school staff and I thank them for working above and beyond to enable families access to RAT kits. I also thank families for conducting the tests. As a parent I know this can be challenging, but your efforts to keep us all safe is appreciated!

### School Leadership Changes

This year we have been allocated an additional school leader. We have taken the opportunity to restructure our leadership team and roles are as follows;

Principal	Mr Kapitanow
Assistant Principal	Mr Galea
Leader Of Learning Primary	Ms Ruff
Leader Of Learning Infants	Ms Stapley
Special Projects Coordinator	Mrs Maloney
Sports Organisers	Mrs Graham and Mrs Brothers

Parents are advised that in the first instance communication should be directed to their child's class teacher. In the instance that parents have concerns where assistance from a school leader is required they should contact the Infants or Primary Leader of Learning. Mr Galea and myself are available once parents have been through the allocated support channels. Mrs Maloney will lead Positive Behaviour Support for Learning and Technology.

### Changes to Communication

From this term our traditional newsletter will be replaced with a new format. The newsletter required a large amount of time to put together with many items being missed by parents. Our goal is to streamline communication to ensure parents are well informed.

Our new format will see a weekly email sent to parents via the Compass Parent Portal. This will occur each Friday. This email will have links to any important information. The links will enable parents to choose which items are relevant to their family. We are working at streamlining the amount of emails sent to parents so that Friday's communication contains the majority of communication. We aim to only send emails on other days where communication has been deemed urgent.

Thank you to our parents and staff who have worked hard to prepare children and the school environment for the new school year. Educating children is a partnership between home and school and the combined commitment to ensure that St Bernadette's remains a celebrated and successful school. It remains an honour and privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Have a great week!

Mr Phill Kapitanow  
Principal

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Friday's - Sport All Stages

#### **February**

7th - 11th MAI testing

16th -18th 2nd hand uniform sale school foyer

#### **March**

2nd School Photo's

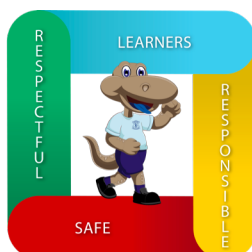
7th -11th Catholic Schools Week



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In Week 3 students will begin our annual lessons on our school expectations. These lessons will help them develop their understanding of what it is to be safe, respectful, responsible learners.