

St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park Principal's Communication Term 2 Week 10

Friday 1 July 2022

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout Term 2. In particular I want to point out the great work done by the Parent Group to reestablish school events to bring the community back together. At its heart the school is a place for all and it has been fantastic to have parents on site for such a vast amount of events this term.

I also want to thank the staff. Term 2 has been particularly challenging with the amount of staff off due to illness and the lack of casual staff. We are blessed at St Bernadette's to have such a positive flexible staff who always do their best to support the students in their care.

Term 3 is a important term for learning. It is the time when learning comes together for students and we see substantial growth. As a school we will be focusing on reading. We will be maximising the time students spend reading at school and spending time developing the teachers capacity to teach reading. Families can help be prioritising daily reading time at home. This has a significant impact on student reading skills.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday period. Enjoy the time together with your families and we will see you all next term for another fun term at St Bernadette's.

Staff Development Day

The first day of next term, Monday 18th of July has been designated a Staff Development Day. As such students do not start school until Tuesday the 19th of July. Staff will spend this day learning about personsalised learning, emotional coaching and the new English syllabus due for launch in 2023.

Counselor Appointment

A new counselor, Veronica has been appointed to St Bernadette's. Veronica will begin her induction to CEDP and St Bernadette's in the first week of Term 3. It is hoped that she will begin formal work in week 2. Our counselor support allocation has been increased to three days a week to support students, families and staff.

Attendance

A BIG thank you to families who have responded to our call to improve student attendance at school. There has been a noticeable improvement in student attendance this term. It is vital that we continue this focus into Term 3 knowing the importance of Term 3 in regards to individual student learning growth.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holidays.

Mr Phill Kapitanow Principal

