



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear St Bernadette's Families,

As we near the end of another term it is timely to reflect on all of the wonderful learning throughout the term. During Term 3 there have been a number of significant events that have been celebrated and have enriched the St Bernadette's community. Thank you to all the staff for their leadership in support of these events as each event has centred around the learning of the students.

- Whole School mass for the Feast of the Assumption
- Grandparents Mass
- Stage liturgies
- First Communion
- ES1 Farm Excursion
- Stage 3 Canberra Camp
- Book Week Rap Rhyme & Rock'n Roll Performance and Character Parade
- Fathers Day stall, breakfast and liturgy
- Book Fair
- Celebration and Opening of the BeeHive
- Voice of Youth
- Science Week Incursion
- Let's Cook and Create with Miss Clare
- National NAIDOC Week
- Captivate Band Performance
- Kindergarten 2023 Interviews
- Reward Mufti Days
- Year 6 Hot Dog Fundraiser
- Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Various Sporting Tryouts
- Zone & Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- Netball Gala Day
- Soccer Gala Day

First Communion

Congratulations to our students who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and to the students who will make it this weekend:

Olivia, Willeen, Melanie, Sierra, Mia, Lucie, Lucas, Juaj, Benjamin, Rocco, Andrew and Alice.

Grandparent's Day

Today the school celebrated the very important role grandparents hold in our families. The staff and I were delighted with the number of grandparents and parents that attended our mass and morning tea this morning. For those that were unable to come, the best way to describe the atmosphere was 'community at its best!' The weather was perfect and the church was 'packed to the rafters'. It would be accurate to say that the children were very excited to show their grandparents around their school and it was lovely seeing their grandparents with them. Many of the grandparents had travelled great distances today to be with their grandchildren- Cronulla, Hurstville, Berala, Liverpool, Central Coast, Penrith and the Blue Mountains just to name a few.

At mass Father John Paul reminded us of the important mission that grandparents have in taking an influential part of their grandchildren's spiritual journey as well as loving them unconditionally.

Grandparents' Day remains a celebration that connects us at a very human level. It's a day that is defined by joy, love and respect. The role that individual grandparents play in the lives of grandchildren may be different but they all share an important role in helping to influence in a lasting way their grandchildren's growth as a person by passing on family stories, through their wisdom, witness to the faith, common sense.

We thank you, grandparents, for all that you do for our families and for the critical role you play in the lives of your grandchildren. God bless you always!.

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,

Help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care.

Amen

We also pray for Queen Elizabeth 11



“Grief is the price we pay for love” Queen Elizabeth 11

Sun Smart Schools

A quick reminder that all children are required to wear hats when outside. Please ensure that your child has their hat for school every day.

Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Conference

A group of Stage 3 students will be proudly representing St Bernadette's when they are part of a choir performing a song at the Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Conference, in Luera, along with other students from the Parramatta Diocese. The students will be performing on Gundungurra Land at the Fairmont Resort on Wednesday 12/10/22.

We are sure that Pearl, Carelle, Cruz, Stella, Crystal, Lily, Sierra, Erin, Ronan and Kayla will do a wonderful job representing our school at the conference. Whilst they are there they will be able to observe some other performances of dance and song as well as listen to Indigenous guest speakers.

Summer Uniform

The students will return to Term 4 wearing their full summer uniform.

End of Term 3

Just a reminder that next Wednesday, 21st September is the last day of attendance for the students for Term 3. School will recommence on Tuesday 11th October for the beginning of Term 4. A short newsletter will be emailed to families on the last day.

Have a lovely weekend enjoying the beautiful weather.

Kind regards,

Louise O'Donnell
Relieving Principal