



## **St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park**

### **Principal's Communication**

### **Term 4 Week 1**

Friday 14th October 2022

On behalf of the school community I welcome all our students, families and staff back to begin a new school term!

I would like to thank Mrs O'Donnell for doing a great job as relieving Principal whilst I was on Long Service Leave. Mrs O'Donnell thoroughly enjoyed her time at St Bernadette's. She made special mention of how beautiful our students are, the community involvement, the fantastic learning that occurs and how professional and committed the staff are to doing their jobs. I always say that I'm blessed to lead St Bernadette's and Louise's experience affirms this.

At the start of the term I met with staff and we discussed the rapid nature of Term 4. Term 4 is a busy term! As a school community we have many significant events to plan including excursions, sporting events and all of the end of year events. These have to occur whilst maintaining our primary role of educating the students.

For our students term 4 is a period of time where significant learning progress occurs. Students have matured through the year, been exposed to many new skills and concepts and have the opportunity to consolidate this learning throughout the term.

I'm very blessed to report that Reading Inquiry is resulting in improved student learning and progress. Small group reading is occurring consistently across the school. Importantly how reading is being taught is being refined to better attend to individual student needs. We have revisited our inquiry and revised it to account for teacher and student growth. We will share this revised focus with the community soon. In the meantime I encourage every family to keep on reading daily!

On my return to school one of the first things I did was look at our 2022 NAPLAN results and I was excited! As a school we have been on a journey since 2018 to improve learning. We have created consistent approaches and expectations in all learning areas. Typically such plans take seven years to yield expected results. We have been steadily improving, but this year we have made significant gains particularly in literacy. This year we beat the diocesan average in reading for both Year 3 and 5 and significantly reduced the gap in most other domains. I will release a detailed report in the following weeks. Congratulations to all our students on a fantastic result and special mention to the staff both past and present who have worked so hard to improve learning at St Bernadette's.

Next week Jubilee Primary School from Brisbane Catholic Diocese will be visiting St Bernadette's to hear and experience our learning journey. St Bernadette's was selected as Brisbane Diocese are starting a similar learning journey to St Bernadette's. They are attempting to use our school as a model for their learning journey. Again this is very affirming of the work we have done as a community.

No doubt many of you have seen the work being done at the office. After sixty plus years our roof is no longer watertight and is being replaced. Additional work is being carried out on the library roof to repair leaks and drainage issues. There are also repairs being made to fix rising damp damage in the uniform shop and Teacher's Hub.

I want to wish all our past students who are completing the HSC the best of luck. I hope they all achieve their goals and enjoy these last moments of school life. My message to all HSC students is do your best, but know that the HSC doesn't define who you are. You will have many opportunities in life, be ready to grab them and make the most of them!

Have a great week!

Mr Phill Kapitanow  
Principal

## Dates For Your Diary

### October

21st - Kindy and S3 Morning Mass  
9:15am in the Church

21st - Mufti Day Lolly/Chocolate  
donation for Christmas  
Market

25th - Kindy Transition Day 1

28th - Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day  
- Halo-een Dress up  
- Halloween School Disco

### November

1st - Kindy Transition Day 2

4th - Stage 1 Morning Mass 9:15 in  
the Church  
- Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day

7th - Staff Development Day

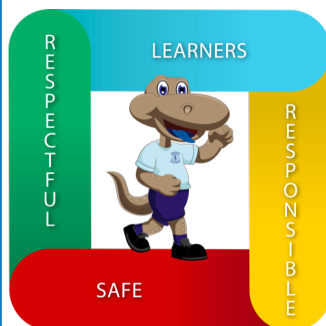
8th - 11th Dentist Visit



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In Week 2 students will be  
focusing on class identified  
PBS4L learning goals



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