



St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

Principal's Communication

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. A prominent symbol used during mass is the Advent Wreath. The wreath contains four candles representing the four weeks of Advent. One candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

This week the third candle is lit. The candle is pink and symbolises joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

As we rapidly approach Christmas it is worth remembering that celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.



Semester 2 Learning Reports

Your child's learning report for Semester 2 will be available for you to read on Monday 12/12/22 after 3:00pm.

As in the past, the reports will be available via the Compass Portal.

If you have any problems accessing the reports, please contact the school office for assistance.

Week 10 Events

Next week is our final week of school. It will be a busy week with lots of final activities.

On Tuesday we will hold our Water Fun Day for Infants students and the Swimming Carnival for Primary students. This day is typically lots of fun for the students.

On Wednesday we have our final mass for the year starting at 9:30am in the Parish Church. For all our new parents this is a significant mass where we farewell both our Year 6 students and leaving staff, celebrate 2022 and introduce our new school captains for 2023. It is a longer than usual mass. I hope to see lots of parents and friends present.

Mass is followed by our Year 6 farewell lunch. This is for Year 6 students and their parents only. This is a formal opportunity for parents and students to be together at school for the last time as a group. This is held in the Parish Hall.

On Thursday night Year 6 attend their farewell dinner at Lilly's Seven Hills. This is a parent run event where the students dress formally and celebrate the conclusion of their primary education at St Bernadette's.

Friday the 16th is the last of school for all students. Year 6 students will officially complete seven years of primary education. Year 6 students and leaving staff will exit via a community guard of honour. Year 6 parents have been invited to a Parent Group social event, Tissues and Champagne which will be held in the library.

Lots on next week as we round off what has been an awesome 2022!

Staffing News

This week we received the fantastic news that Mr Galea, our Acting Assistant Principal has been offered and accepted the permanent Assistant Principal role at St Aidan's Rooty Hill. Mr Galea stepped into the Acting role at St Bernadette's late in 2021. He has done an outstanding job supporting our community throughout 2022 and is thanked for his professionalism and community spirit. Mr Galea is wished all the best as his education journey continues!

Mrs Anderson a Teachers Aide has made the decision to remain at St Bernadette's in 2023. Mrs Anderson has been working at St Bernadette's this term. She will be a regular Teachers Aide in 2023 working three days a week. We welcome Mrs Anderson to St Bernadette's.

Payments

The final day for payments to be made at the school is Wednesday 14th December 2022.

Have a great week everyone!



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