



# Newsletter

2020 Term 3 Week 5

## From The Principal

This week we launch our new look newsletter. We have been working with numerous social media and website experts to reconfigure how we communicate with the school community and the broader community. The purpose of this is to improve communication between school and our current families and to ensure relevant information is available to prospective parents.

This year we have;

- redeveloped our school website to better capture the school community and all that it has to offer.
- news items will now be regularly published on the website with a link to these in our newsletter.
- defined the purpose of our facebook page as a place to celebrate current events and good news stories throughout the school.
- utilised Compass, our student information system as the main means to communicate with current parents. All emailed communication comes via this platform including notes and specific school information.

Our new look newsletter will provide families with a link directing you to our website where news stories including pictures will be available. These will be uploaded onto our website on a regular basis.

The newsletter will provide information that families need regarding upcoming school activities and events. In this way the newsletter will be significantly reduced to provide only important information whilst our website and facebook page will be used to promote all the good things that happen at St Bernadette's.

It is vital that parents ensure the school has your current email address and that you regularly check in with our Facebook page.

Have a good week

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## From Our REC

Greetings Parents, Caregivers and friends,

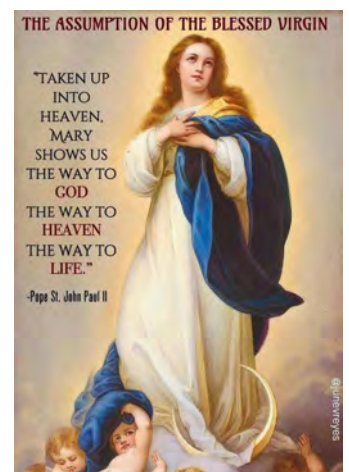
On Monday, the 15th of August the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary. On this day we are reminded of the time when our Holy Mother assumed into heaven. On this sacred day Mary our Mother left earth and was assumed into heaven.

Have a blessed week.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(REC)



## News Items from all of our Teaching Groups

Over each fortnight leading up to the newsletter being distributed, we will be uploading news items to our website. These news items will showcase work from all of our class stage groups, Literacy, Numeracy, Sport and Health, Science, Creative Arts, Library, Bluey's Patch and Let's Cook and Create. Click on the link below to be taken to our website where you can view all of these news items and see lots of photos in our galleries.



**Handy Hint:** Press your back arrow  to come back to the newsletter



[View our News items](#)



- Is your Email address correct?
- Are you receiving emails from St Bernadette's?
- Has your email address changed since you enrolled your child.
- Are you accessing the Compass Parent Portal to see your child's school report, merits awards and attendance?

If you have possibly had a change of email address please let us know. You could be missing out on important information that is sent home via email. Please click on the following link and send us an email and we can check that your details are correct.



[Email Us](#)

## Mobile Library

As previously communicated the library is currently being used by kindergarten as their everyday learning space. This is due to water damage that has occurred in the Kindergarten Learning Space.

The new Covid restrictions make it clear that students are not to work in each other's learning spaces. This is to prevent the risk of cross contamination if a COVID case occurred. Therefore the library is only being used by kindy students and is off limits to all other students. As such classes won't be able to come into the Library for Library Borrowing. We value the importance of library borrowing and have decided to trial the following procedure to ensure students have access to books.

Mrs O'Brien, School Librarian will send around crates to each stage each week. Students will be able to return books into a crate and choose a new book to borrow from the pre-selected books made available. Students will borrow as normal with records being kept of all books borrowed and returned. Parents are reminded to return previously borrowed books.

At this stage we are limiting borrowing to one book per student. If a student wants to borrow a specific book that isn't in the crate they are asked to talk to their teacher who will then pass this information onto Mrs O'Brien for consideration.

Library bags are required by students in ES1, S1 and S2.

This procedure will begin next week. Borrowing days are;

- Tuesday (Stage 1)
- Wednesday (Stage 2 and 3).
- Kindy will be able to continue with current library borrowing procedures as they are in the library.

## Tell Them From Me Survey

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Bernadette's Primary, Lalor Park*

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

[www.tellthemfromme.com/bernies1592](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/bernies1592)

## New from our Library

### Premier's Reading Challenge 2020:

Congratulations to Owen E (Stage 1), Alexander Z and John-Paul (Stage 2) and Annabel Z (Stage 3) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020. Well done to these students.

There are quite a number of students who only have a few more books to read to complete the challenge. Just a reminder that we have many books on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist available to borrow in our school library.

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 28th August, 2020.

Less than 2 weeks to go!!

Overdue Library Books and Class Reading Books

We still have many overdue library books and incomplete class reading sets of books. If you have any of these books at home, please send them back to school as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien



## Latest COVID-19 Advice from St Bernadette's

If you missed the email that went out this week on the latest advice

please click on the link to view the note in COVID Updates.



## Sports Days

As our Football program commences in Week 6 there will be changes to sport days for the rest of the term.

**Wednesday:** Primary - Stage 2 and Stage 3

**Thursday:** Infants - Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

# ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

## Uniform Shop

The School Locker Uniform Shop is closed on site until further notice. You can still visit the School Locker website and place on line orders. You have the option of having the order posted to you or collecting from the School Office. Uniforms can be returned as long as the packaging is in tact.



[School Locker](#)

Thank you

## Enrolling now for 2021 - You are welcome at St Bernadette's!



We are all about learning at St Bernadette's Primary School. We put safety first, and focus on student wellbeing. A reminder that places are still available for 2021 in Kindergarten. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact our school office on 8869 6400 or email us on the following link

[Enrolment Enquiries](#)

Visit our photo gallery on our website.



[Photo Gallery](#)



[St Bernadette's Official Facebook Page](#)



[St Bernadette's Canteen](#)



[St Bernadette's School Office](#)



[St Bernadette's Parent Group](#)

## Volunteers at St Bernadette's Primary



If you wish to volunteer for our canteen or school events, it is a mandatory requirement that you complete the Building

Child Safe Communities (BCSC) form and online training module prior to commencing.

This is a new online module and will replace any online training done previously.

Once your form has been submitted, the system will generate an email to confirm the status of your submission. All volunteers need a BCSC approved status to volunteer at St Bernadette's.



[BCSC Help Sheet](#)



[Building Child Safe Communities OnLine Training Module](#)

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 11th September

No School On This Day

Thank you





## Dates For Your Diary



### September

6th - Happy Father's Day

11th - Staff

**Development Day**

(No School On This Day)

25th - Last day for Term 3

### October

12th - Term 4 commences for all students



## Seven Hills Toongabbie RSL Cricket Club

Season 2020/21

92<sup>nd</sup> Season

Seven Hills has a proud history stretching back to 1928 as a successful community based cricket club playing in the Parramatta District Cricket Association.

## Junior Cricket - Ages 8 to 16

Kids who want to get more involved can play traditional formats of cricket on Saturday mornings.



### All Girls Junior Cricket - Ages 7-15

Where everyone gets a go. Played on a Saturday afternoon.

Season runs from October until March.

No games over Christmas and January school holiday period



### Woolworths Cricket BLAST- Ages 5 to 10

Entry level program to teach children the basics of the game in a fun, safe environment.

8 Week Programs Fridays – Best Rd Seven Hills

**Junior Blasters** – Basic skills Ages 5-7 . October 2020

**Master Blasters** – Modified games ages 7-10 February 2021

More information is on our website.

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email [sevenhillscricket@gmail.com](mailto:sevenhillscricket@gmail.com)

register online [www.shtrslcc.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.shtrslcc.nsw.cricket.com.au)

## SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



### No Stopping

Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.



### No Parking

2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.



### Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



Help keep our children safe

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council