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Newsletter

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2020 Term 4 Week 3

From The Principal

This week we have been celebrating Book Week. The theme this year is, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Our goal was to continue to celebrate Book Week whilst adhering to the COVID restrictions. Obviously this has created some challenges most notably the task of running a book fair whilst parents are not able to be onsite. We thank parents for their support and understanding to make this work as best we can. We hope as many families as possible take the opportunity to purchase new quality books for their homes.

Book Week is an opportunity to celebrate literacy and all its benefits. One of the primary functions of all schools is to ensure students leave being able to read, write and speak. At St Bernadette's we achieve this by ensuring literacy is a top teaching priority everyday. Students participate in two hours of targeted literacy learning. We know how each and every child is progressing and take steps to ensure learning progress is maintained.

It would be fantastic if EVERY child not just children at St Bernadette's entered adulthood with the gift of being literate. This week find the time to celebrate literacy by reading with your child, buying a new book or sharing the stories you enjoyed as a child.

This week every class teacher participated in Case Management. Case Management is a high yield strategy in which teachers identify students who are stuck in their learning. A group of staff then meet to analyse the students learning and develop possible solutions. The group meets up to three times a term to assess student progress and next step learning. We use Case Management throughout the year to assist teachers to help students whose learning has stalled. Bringing a group of teachers together to work on an identified issue dramatically increases and refines the strategies used to assist student learning.

A special thanks to the parents who have volunteered and enabled the Parent Canteen to reopen. On behalf of the Parent Group, parents, staff and importantly students we thank you for your time and support. If you can volunteer I know the Parents and students would greatly appreciate your time.

Maintenance

Kindy carpet has been replaced, YEAH! The hold up due to the Victorian lock down has been long. Staff are working on re-organising the space with the plan for Kindergarten students to be back in their normal space by next week. We thank everyone for their understanding whilst this work was being completed.

Additionally the office has been re-carpeted. New furniture has also been purchased to update some office areas and the parent foyer.

360 Degree Filming

Reminder that filming of the entire school will be occurring on Tuesday the 10th of November. Parents are reminded that students need to be in full school uniform. Any student not in uniform or not adhering to school expectations including hair styles will not be included in filming. There will be some disruption to regular learning and not all students will be included in filming.

Have a great week

Mr Philip Kapitanow
Principal

Message from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

In next two weeks our Stage Two and Stage Three students will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion at school. Father Andrew has generously worked with the teachers to ensure our students have the opportunity to receive Communion despite the current restrictions. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to extend our gratitude to Father Andrew for enabling the rite of distributing Holy Communion outside of Mass.



Finally, just a reminder that a note with regards to the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal will be shared this Friday. This Appeal aims to provide those in need in the Blacktown area with an experience of joy of Christmas, through the donation of food. We seek your generosity in donating one or more items during the month of November. Each stage will have Christmas hampers to add their donated items. All donations start in the first week of November and will be collected by a St Vincent de Paul representative in the last week of November (week 8).

May you all have a blissful week.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura (REC)

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2022

St Andrews College is about creating dynamic learning environments that challenge and nurture students to be companions for each other and people of compassion, confidence, competence, creativity, conscience and with the conviction of faith to transform our world. In addition, our focus at St Andrews College is to develop each student holistically using the SPIRE Framework. Linking with our SPIRE Framework is a philosophy relating to the development of the whole person. St Andrews College is proud to be a member of the Positive Education Schools Association. Our membership allows us access to resources for our wellbeing and learning initiatives that are developed upon evidence-based research.

St Andrews College has a strong tradition of mentoring students so they grow into young people ready to embrace a world that is very different to the one we see today.

St Andrews College is a learning environment focused on insightful thinking to ensure that our students are academically and vocationally prepared to embrace their future world.

Parents of Year 5 students who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College are invited to submit an application form before the end of Term 4 2020. Enrolment Application Forms can be downloaded from the College website or alternatively, contact the College direct on 9626 4000.



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

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](#)

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

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you know of any family who may be enrolling at St Bernadette's for Kindergarten next year. Please contact our school office on 8869 6400 or email us on the following link



[Enrolment Enquiries](#)

Dates For Your Diary

November

6th November: Stage 3 incursion

11th November: Remembrance Day

26th November: Kindy 2021 Transition

December

3rd December: Kindy 2021 Transition



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

News Items from all of our Teaching Groups



Leading up to the newsletter each fortnight 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

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HOLIDAY CLUB

Give them
an **epic**
Summer

Summer Holiday Club bookings open on
Wednesday, 21st October 2020.

*Non-stop action.
Morning to evening.
Extraordinary Summer
Holiday Programs.*



**Full day of
adventures
at HQ**

Get hands-on and creative with a day designed around the children's interests, a project-based workshop and more!

- Neon light creations
- Obstacle courses & water games
- Karaoke party
- Vision board mapping
- Hip Hop dance party
- Indian culture & cooking day
- Heaps more!



**Embark on
a journey**

Join us on an adventure to visit some new and exciting places. This Summer your children could go to:

- The movies
- Trampoline parks
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Laser Tag
- Tenpin Bowling
- Karate lessons
- Indoor Playgrounds



**All about
convenience**

- Over 200 locations
- Enhanced Hygiene and Social Distancing Measures
- Enriched learning in every activity
- Child Care Subsidy is available to reduce the cost for eligible families

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Bookings now open

www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs



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Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

Children's Church - Sat 6pm; Sun 10am except school holidays and at First Communion times.
Blessings at all Masses for children.

Youth Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.45am

Wednesday 7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette. Mass at 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:15am-8:45am

Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm - 5.30pm. First Saturday of the Month 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm

NB: No reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month

ALL SAINTS!

Gospel in Life

On this festival of faith, as we celebrate the glory of countless millions of people who, down through the centuries, have gone home to God, we are given a glimpse into our ultimate future.

Those who are now gathered in heaven with Christ were men and women who toiled and suffered for the love of God.

They took their faith seriously enough to allow it to shape their lives in order to complete the task that God had given them. Few of them held important positions and many went unnoticed in their communities.

They did nothing out of the ordinary and in a short time were forgotten. The fact that their names do not appear on the church's official roll of honour, reminds us that those who are canonised are only a small fraction of God's friends. We have all met men and women who lived their faith in a non-spectacular manner, as parents coping with the cares of the family and struggling to make ends meet in difficult circumstances.

They got on with what they had to do and experienced the joys and disappointments of their children growing up.

In the hard experience of life they managed to keep their sights on the living God, trusting that he would work all things for the good. Their outstanding quality was faithful perseverance in this long and painful task. This gospel paints a picture of the qualities Jesus considers necessary for making a person a saint, and they differ from what constitute earthly success and honour.

He lets us see the value of a humble daily life and how precious it can be if we take up our cross and follow him. That is the life all of us have pledged ourselves to follow.

The saints are put before us for our imitation to show us the way and point out the path we have to travel.

We need human faces and firm friends to help us in our search for God.

The example of their lives encourages us and spurs us on, telling us that our future is with God because we are already his children.

Our glorious future has to be worked out in loving service here on earth and we have been given the grace necessary to achieve it, announcing, as it does, that heaven is already within our grasp.

All Saints' Day gives us fresh courage to renew our resolve and to thank God for giving ordinary folk like us the ability to become saints.

As we honour the saints, we pray that where they are we also may one day be.