



Newsletter

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2021 Term 3 Week 2

Principal's Welcome Message

We are all coming to terms with the COVID lockdown. The lockdown has had wide ranging effects and everyone approaches these restrictions differently. My hope is that everyone is staying safe at this uncertain time.

Term 3 learning has been greatly impacted by the lockdown. Remote learning is in place for all of our students and I want to thank every member of our community for their efforts. I thank;

- Our staff for their flexibility and professionalism
- Our students for their resilience and persistence
- Our parents for their determination and understanding

Remote learning has its challenges particularly for those families where parents are required to work from home. I personally know this struggle and thank you for supporting the orders made by the NSW Government.

I want to remind everyone that we appreciate your efforts and we are here to support you. By now every family has been contacted by one of our support staff members. We are taking on your frustrations and challenges and we are trying our best to ensure school work is accessible and easy to understand.

This week our focus has been on increasing the amount of video and read content for students. We know this helps students and parents alike to understand tasks. We have also set up social zooms in each stage where students have an opportunity to see and connect with one another.

Our focus for the following weeks is to start zoom lessons with students. These will be live and also recorded for students to access later. They will initially be limited to enable us to assess how effective they are.

Thank you to every parent who is accessing remote learning at home. This has enabled us to limit onsite supervision and keep everyone safe. If you need support to continue this please contact the school.

I recently found this prayer and thought at this time it is very relevant. I'm sure we are all hoping for a return to our normal lives and what better way to funnel these hopes than through prayer.

A Contagion of Hope

Christ Our Light!

*Your light rises in our darkness and assures us that you are present with us
and that your powerful closeness to us transforms our fear into hope.*

*May we join with our Holy Father, Francis, in spreading a "contagion" of
hope "from heart to heart".*

*Protect all your selfless servants who continue to serve the needs of the
most vulnerable by both hands and heart.*

*Give our elected leaders wisdom of heart in decision-making that the
common good of our human family may be achieved and the gift of each
person's human dignity is respected.*

*May the fire of love, energy and resilience burn within our
hearts so that we may give witness to the mystery of your resurrected life
among us and within us.*

Amen

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

The TTFM survey was an opportunity provided to all parents late last term to help inform the future direction of the school. It was affirming to see that so many parents took the time to complete the survey and ensure they had a say. Overwhelmingly the teacher, student and parent response was very positive. We have a great school and this was reflected in the survey results.

The survey has provided us with a number of future directions, most of which we had already identified and are currently conducting our own inquiries into future directions. These will be shared at a later more appropriate date when staff return to normal duties and are able to spend time working on these big picture future directions.

Some parents raised some points that require some explaining regarding processes and the like. As a way forward we will add regular content to the newsletter to address these issues and improve community understanding.

School Communication Channels

The school has well established communication platforms in place. These were developed with the assistance of the system's marketing team. Our platforms were designed to;

- Be sustainable. Our teacher's primary role is to teach students. They are required to add content to our various communication platforms, but this is managed to ensure it is sustainable and does not affect teaching or the planning of teaching.
- To have clear pathways for different communication.
- To establish digital communication platforms and limit paper copies
- To phase out the newsletter. This is planned to occur later this year or early 2022.
- To enable this we use the following platforms;

The school website provides;

- An overview of the school and what it offers
- Copies of the school newsletter
- The 'latest news' section contains regular articles from staff regarding student learning and events.
- Various forms, photo galleries and important information for parents. The website contains lots of information and is a good starting point for parents when questions arise.
- Facebook is utilised to provide immediate good news stories about the school community. Posts are frequent and aim to provide the community with information about events or the like as they occur. During covid and times of emergencies it is utilised to publish important information that parents require particularly over weekends when other platforms cannot be updated.
- We use the Parent Portal on Compass as a means of publishing notes for families and providing access to Student Progress Reports. Parents receive a notification through email informing them that a new item is available. This is our primary source of communicating important information to parents. These emails occur as required and it is essential that parents regularly check their emails. The Compass Portal will increasingly be a means of communicating with parents as further functionality is opened including payments and permission slips.
- This year we did a trial using google classroom as a means of sharing and celebrating individual student work. In our review of this trial it was identified that access by parents was limited. This task took considerable staff time to do and as such is currently under review to identify any changes that may improve parental access.

We are not looking to expand the platforms we use. Our primary goal is to have sustainable practises that are manageable by staff.



Tokyo Olympics

With the official TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony scheduled for Friday, back here in Australia we will be cheering on the former students from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools who have been selected in the Australian Olympic Team for #Tokyo2020Olympics.

In particular we want to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of two former students of St Bernadette's who will be representing Australia in the Paralympics. Gordon Allan will be participating in the Para-Cycling and Timothy Hodge will be participating in the Para-Swimming.



We congratulate both boys for their achievements and wish them all the best in their quest for Gold!

Have a great week everyone

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Principal



From Our Assistant Principal - Numeracy

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends,

On behalf of the staff I would like to extend our appreciation that each of our families are doing to support your children's remote learning. I would like to assure you that the work you are able to do with your children is more than enough.

Please don't feel pressured to get through all the Numeracy activities in the week, so long as your children are practicing and participating in some Numeracy activities that are manageable for both you and your child - we are content with this.

Don't forget that Numeracy games are another fun way to engage your children with number skills. Should you require further assistance with this, please feel free to contact the office and leave a message for your child's class teacher.

Stay safe and healthy everyone.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Assistant Principal)



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SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED

The canteen is closed until further notice. Please ensure you pack recess, crunch n sip and lunch for your child/children and also a drink bottle.



Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP IS ONLY TAKING ONLINE ORDERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



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Remember when you are learning from home you need to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS. You can do this by following the at home behaviour matrix.

At home we are...

Safe	Respectful	Responsible	Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep our body to ourselves (social distancing)• In the right place at the right time• Move/ walk around the house calmly & quietly• Use equipment and resources for their intended use• Wash our hands thoroughly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen well and speak politely• Take care of the environment• See a need and do something about it	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look after our equipment• Be accountable and accept consequences for our actions• Follow adult instructions immediately• Be prepared and organised	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively engage in online tasks• Complete online lessons and tasks• Do our personal best• Use a Growth Mindset and ask for help when needed• Use technology for learning

Here are some great examples of two learners being SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS at home. Keep it up!



SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees statements will be posted by Catholic Education Office by Friday the 23rd July, 2021.

As always if you require financial support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mizzi via email bern-lprkfees@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office on 8869 6400. All conversations will remain strictly confidential.

Communication from CEDP has been sent to families today with further information.



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Tuesday

Potion making with nature

Wednesday



Thursday

Balloon Magic-Static Electricity

Friday

Puffy Paint Art



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