



St Bernadette's School

Friday 8th May 2020 — Term 2 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

As we move to Week 3 and the introduction of the gradual return to school plan, our teachers are excited about seeing more children in their classrooms each day. Not only have the children missed their teachers, the teachers have genuinely missed their students! Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure your child's online learning tasks are the best they can be and the teachers have been providing so much feedback that their eyes have gone square and their fingers numb from all the typing! They are looking forward to the day when life returns to normal. Teachers have always known that being a teacher is so much more than providing content- it's about that connection with a young learner and that personal encounter that helps a learner to thrive.

Even though more students will be coming to school for face to face teaching from this week, remote/online learning will continue. A reminder that SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR ANY CHILD and ANYDAY that you require. The House Colour plan is a way to encourage all students to attend school at least one day a week, if possible. As always, we respect all parental decisions about school attendance at this time of the COVID-19 situation and if you choose to continue to keep your children home fulltime for now, that is fine.

When at school, children will be involved in a mixture of face to face learning opportunities with their class teacher as well as online learning tasks set for their grade. Please be aware that teachers will not be able to provide immediate feedback or answer emails and questions to remote learners as quickly as they have been able to in the past few weeks, as they will be teaching some sessions to the children onsite each day. Regular updates by your child's class teacher are posted on your child's See-Saw or Google Classroom account. As always, if you have an urgent problem or question, please ring the office for assistance. This Sunday is Mother's Day and sadly we haven't been able to celebrate this special day in the usual way here at St Bernadette's. I do hope that you all remember your mum and give thanks for the wonderful woman that she is. For those mums no longer with us, they are forever remembered with love. Mums, I hope you have a very special day.

Mrs Bianca Cooke

R.E. NEWS



We will celebrate our wonderful mothers this Sunday, and the children will have the opportunity to tell their mums how special they are to them.



We also pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all mothers. May is the month where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Mary was conceived and lived a life 'full of Grace' (Lk. 1:28), and she wishes very much to share the graces given to her by God on our behalf. For centuries, Catholics have set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary. It then came into tradition that we also celebrate Mother's Day during May. We can honour Mary by setting up a special prayer space or by saying the Rosary. <https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

We should honour Mary not just because it is tradition but because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

When You thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I LOOKED ... and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

Happy Mother's Day

Week 3 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 11th May
Gold House students return to school

Tues 12th May
8-10 am Uniform Shop—
emailed orders only
Green House students return to school

Wed 13th May
Red House students return to school
NO Student Banking until further notice

Thurs 14th May
Students of Essential Workers

Fri 15th May
Blue House students return to school

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

Please call: 02 9407 6600

For further information

A Blessing for all Mothers

*As Mary was the model of prayer, of love, and of obedience to the will of God,
by your grace make mothers holy and rich with your gifts.
Bind families together in the bonds of peace and safety so
that mothers will feel nurtured by love.
May all mothers enjoy good health and spiritual well
being to enable them to care for their families.
Amen*

Premier's Reading Challenge

It's great to see so many children reading during this time and completing the reading challenge. Fantastic effort! Congratulations to the following students:

Tahlia Baker, David Yong, Arabella Egan, Callum Hawkes, Ava Mortel, Zara Sakkal, Oliver Thomson, Jacob Baker, Isaac Saad, Alyssa Hawkes, Sophia Khamis, Lucy Saad, Sofia Aiossa, Jason Khoudair, Rachel Sahabu, Sebaastian Vilorio, Anthony Khoudair, Ashton Baker, Zara Hawkes.



Reconnect and Re-engage!

Tips for parents to support their child's return to onsite schooling following the Covid-19 Pandemic is attached to the newsletter this week. Feel free to have a read!

Fee Relief for Families

The three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief are outlined on the [CEDP website](#). The page includes a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions'. Please seek this assistance if you need.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2021

Kindergarten 2021 enrolment interviews have recommenced this week. We are currently working towards finalising all interview dates and times and hope to complete all interviews in the next couple of weeks. If you are yet to complete your child's 2021 enrolment application, or know someone who still needs to submit theirs, please do so ASAP as places are filling fast.

Any questions, please ring the Office.

Term 2:

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

Term 4:

Mon 12 October to Wed 16 December (last day for students)

P&F Mothers Day Hampers



Congratulations to the following mums who won the P&F hampers:

Kindergarten:	Mrs Yan Folitarik (Harvey in KG)
Year 1:	Mrs Rebecca Lavis (Elliott in 1G)
Year 2:	Ms Carly Ross (Jamie in 2W)
Year 3:	Mrs Nancey Abouhamad (Max in 3B)
Year 4:	Mrs Fran Ward (Charlotte in 4W)
Year 5:	Mrs Karinne Dowling (Cooper in 5B)
Year 6:	Mrs Briony Akle (Samuel & Charlie in Yr 6)

Wishing all of our mums a wonderful Mothers Day on Sunday. Hope you all get very spoilt after all of the 'online learning' that you have been doing.



Gradual Return of Students to School Plan

Each school and local context is different and our plan reflects the needs of our community to ensure that onsite learning and remote learning continues.

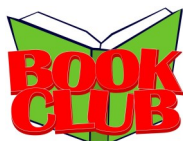
Week 3 & 4 11th May—22nd May

Monday 11th May 18th May	Tuesday 12th May 19th May	Wednesday 13th May 20th May	Thursday 14th May 21st May	Friday 15th May 22nd May
Gold House	Green House	Red House	Essential Workers	Blue House
+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers	+Essential workers
+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home	+Remote learning will be scheduled for home

As you can see, our teachers will be providing onsite and remote learning opportunities every day of the week. There will be times when teachers are unable to respond as promptly to remote learners as they have been as we move forward with students on site. Please be assured teachers will respond as soon as they can. Students will be aware of their house colours from previous years and if they have siblings (siblings are in the same house colour). If you are unsure of your child's house colour please email the office for confirmation. All students will need to return with a water bottle as all bubblers have been turned off. We kindly ask that all children enter the school gates on their own. Adults are reminded of social distancing when dropping off and picking up. School dismissal remains the same. Blue wall pick-up is encouraged.
Charmain Floody—AP

Book Club—Term 2

This term the book club brochure is available via this link: <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>



Instructions on how to order via Loop are attached to this newsletter. The last date for orders to be placed online is Mon 18th May.

Thank you

Book Club Coordinators

Mother's Day Hampers

Thank you to the very generous P&F team, especially Mrs Symin and Mrs Kalina, for organising 7 gorgeous hampers that were given away to 7 lucky mums. The hampers were allocated 1 per grade and I personally conducted a 'lucky dip' of family names and selected the lucky winners- without looking I assure you! Congratulations!

Mrs Cooke



Uniform Shop & Winter Uniform

A huge thank you to parents who have sent in their order forms in preparation for their child's return to school. If you have not already collected your order, please arrange to come to the school office and collect it as we do not have room to store it. Thank you!

A reminder that students can wear either summer or winter uniform in Weeks 3 and 4. In Week 5, we ask that all students are in full winter uniform.

At this point in time, it does not matter which day your child wears their Sports uniform as regular PE classes are not happening due to the variety in student attendance days.

Attached to the newsletter is a Winter Uniform Checklist giving full details of what is required.

The order form is available to download from our website or this link:

[2020 Winter Uniform Order Form.](#)

