

St Bernadette's School

Friday 26 June 2020 — Term 2 Week 9

No. 19

Dear Parents,

Resilience Part 2

You may recall from last week's newsletter that I addressed Resilience and recommended an article to you by Michael Gross. Here are points 3 & 4 for you to read and think about. (Points 1 & 2 were **Turn requests for help into problems for kids to solve** and **Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving**)

3. Coach them through problems and concerns

Imagine your child feels they were unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what's going on. You may or may not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher themselves and find out why they were left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your children find the right words to use and discuss the best way to approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

4. Prepare kids for problems and contingencies

You may coach your child to be independent – walk to school, spend some time alone at home (when old enough), catch a train with friends – but do they know what to do in an emergency? What happens if they come home after school and the house is locked? Who do they go to? Discuss different scenarios with children whenever they enter new or potentially risky situations so that they won't fall apart when things don't go their way. Remember, the Boy Scouts motto – 'Be Prepared!'

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



In Term 2, Year 4 have been learning about the Structure of the Mass, and the significance of Sacred Objects and vessels used in the Mass.

They have looked at the altar which is the table or structure on which the church's sacred meal is celebrated.

This sacred meal makes present the sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the Cross and it is a thanksgiving meal



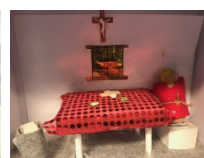
where we give thanks to God for sending the person of Jesus to show us the ways to live in the presence of God's love.

They found that the altar is the table that the community gather around under the leadership of the Priest to remember God's love for us and give thanks for the living memory of Jesus who show us the way to the Father in heaven.

They learnt about how the word chalice comes from the Latin word 'calix', meaning cup. The chalice is also called a sacred vessel and is held in special honour by the worshipping community as it is the cup that holds the Blood of Christ when the wine is consecrated at Mass.

All chalices used at a Eucharistic Celebration are to be made of precious metals as a sign of the importance of these sacred vessels. They discovered that patens or plates are what the hosts for communion are placed on. Like the chalice the paten is to be made of precious metals as it is also called a sacred vessel as it will hold the Body of Christ once the words of consecration are said by the priest at Mass.

Using their knowledge of the Mass, sacred vessels and the church building from this term, the children have designed a Sanctuary decorated for a Church's season and showing a particular time in the mass.



Week 10 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 29 June

8.30am Morning Assembly—Children Only

Tues 30 June

8-10 am Uniform Shop—emailed orders only

Wed 1 July

NO Student Banking until further notice
Reports coming home

Fri 3 July

CRAZY HAIR OR CRAZY HAT DAY
Last day of Term 2

Term 3:

Mon 20 July

Students & Staff return

Tues 25 August

7.30am ICAS English

Tues 1st September

7.30am ICAS Maths

Fri 25 Sept

Staff Development Day & Pupil Free Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

Please call: 02 9407 6600

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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

Staffing Changes from Term 3

It is with regret that I inform you of some major staffing changes that come into effect from the start of Term 3.

Mrs Julie Ingegneri has decided to resign from her permanent teaching position. Julie did not make this decision lightly though decided it was time to spend more time with her family.



Mrs Lisa Uno will be taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year and then resign from her permanent teaching position at the end of this year. Lisa was currently working 1 day a week teaching Creative Arts. Lisa will also be taking this opportunity to spend more time with her young family.

Both ladies have been long term teachers of St Bernadette's, Julie since 2004 and Lisa since 2011. We are very grateful for all that they have contributed to our school and I am sure you join me in thanking these wonderful teachers for their many years of dedicated service. You never know, we still might see them working in a casual capacity in the future.

I am very pleased to announce that **Miss Danielle Hutchinson** will be teaching 2 White fulltime for the remainder of the year. Welcome Danielle!

Mrs Uno's 1 day Creative Arts position will be finalised this coming week.

CRAZY HAIR OR CRAZY HAT DAY

To celebrate a 'CRAZY' term coming to an end, we are having a **CRAZY HAIR** or **CRAZY HAT DAY** on Friday week 10, the last day of the term.

Students (and teachers) can come to school with crazy hairstyles or a crazy hat for the day. Students are NOT to have inappropriate haircuts for the day, though may wear their hair in a 'crazy' way. Temporary spray colour may be used, nothing permanent of course. An alternative to crazy hair is to wear a crazy hat instead of the school hat for the day.

Students must wear their normal Friday school uniform. It is NOT a mufti day.

The wearing of 'crazy' hair or a 'crazy' hat is optional.

We will take some photos of the day and share them with you!



Reminder

Due to COVID restrictions the bubblers at school are turned off. Please remember to send your child with a water bottle EVERY DAY. Thank you.



PBS4L

PBS4L is Positive Behaviour Support for Learning. It is a school wide positive behaviour support approach that aims to develop social and learning outcomes. It supports us with teaching our school to follow our school agreements of- At St. Bernadette's: We are Respectful, We are Resilient, We are Safe and We are Learners.

Students will participate in lessons with their teachers to discuss what it looks like, sounds like and feels like when they are displaying the 4 agreements across the school. Students will earn "Bernie Roo" tokens in their learning spaces and on the playground for displaying our school agreements.



When students display these agreements they earn "Bernie Roo" tokens within the classroom and on the playground and are told what agreement they are displaying to receive the token. They will receive an acknowledgment of this by receiving a Bernie Roo card with the teachers signature once they receive 10 tokens.

Bernie- Roo is a our school mascot and our message is- St Bernadette's - The Bernie Roo Way, following our 4 overarching school agreements and maintaining our school values (respect, honesty, tolerance, forgiveness, care and compassion) and motto of 'Strength through Gentleness'.

Hillsbus Student Transport

The following notification was received this week:

- **Route 3638** will be discontinued due to nil patronage. Any potential affected students could catch any of the public routes available from same stop at Castle Hill.





Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - HOLY COMMUNION 2020:

Reminder to all families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion the last opportunity to enrol will take place this coming weekend:

- Saturday 27 June - 4pm - 7pm
- Sunday 28 June - 8:30am - 11:30am

No further enrolments will be taken after this. Please enrol in the Marian Centre and ensure you have all the necessary enrolment paperwork, including the 'Welcome' card. Please see our parish newsletter, website or facebook page for all further updates. For more information, contact Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator, at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au or 9634 2622.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Parish Priest, Father Fernando Montano for gaining the recent appointment of Episcopal Vicar of Social Welfare.

Father Fernando will now be known as the *Very Reverend* Father Fernando. This appointment was made by Bishop Vincent in recognition of Father Fernando's tireless work for the Parish of Castle Hill and the Diocese of Parramatta. The Very Reverend Father Fernando will continue as Parish Priest at Castle Hill and will now have this added dimension to his already busy schedule.



Term 2:

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Thurs 24 September
Fri 25 September—Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day

Term 4:

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

Child Protection—NEW

CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that ALL volunteers are required to complete by the end of September 2020.



ALL parents/volunteers must have completed this new online training in order to be able to help in classrooms/around the school and on excursions (including grandparents that help with reading).

The new link is:

https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnllyyfnH

Thank you for your support.

ICAS

ICAS Assessments For Years 3-6 can still be purchased via the link previously sent home.

St Bernadette's YouTube

Why not subscribe to the St Bernadette's YouTube Channel? Follow the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_yhfhRAq9ESe4urwkaNrUA

This is the link to our recent video:

<https://youtu.be/jVvbqwjRps4>



**ENROLLING NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2021 & Years 1 to 6**

Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child in 2021 on 9407 6600.