



St Bernadette's School

Friday 24th July 2020 — Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope you and your family had an opportunity to take some time out and slow down over the recent holiday break.

PBS4L has launched and Bernie Roo has made his appearance! This week the children have been learning all about what Bernie Roo stands for. He is our school mascot to help remind us about being respectful, resilient, safe and learners. The children can earn Bernie Roo tokens by displaying these values in the classroom and on the playground.



There are incentives along the way to help embed these values across the school. The PBS4L team have worked tirelessly for 18 months in their own time to get this project to its launch stage. Many thanks to Mrs Watt, Mr Bamford,

Mrs Laso, Miss Jurcevic, Mrs Orsini and Mrs Blazevic for all that they have achieved.

As you know, COVID-19 is still in the community and on the increase. St Bernadette's continues to maintain the highest levels of hygiene and sanitising each day to do the best that we can to protect our community. Thank you for assisting us by using the drop off points in the morning and waiting patiently for your children at the end of the day. Please remember that if you choose to come onto site in the afternoon for pick up, you **MUST MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING FROM OTHER PARENTS**, remain at the tuckshop terrace and please do not gather in walkways near the gate. If your child is sick in any way, please do not send them to school as you will be called to collect them. Thank you for your co-operation. Together we can do this!

Have a wonderful weekend and remember to social distance wherever you go!

Mrs Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



The Gospels contain many parables of Jesus. Matthew even says, "All these things Jesus said to the crowd in parables and did not speak to them unless in parables" (Mt 13:34). This was a common method of teaching used in those days. It was in this way that Jesus made Himself understood by the people. In the parables, He starts from very ordinary things of life and uses them as terms of comparison to help people better understand the less known things of the Kingdom of God. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus starts with three well-known things in the lives of people: the treasure hidden in the field, the merchant who seeks pearls, and the dragnet that fishermen cast into the sea.

The parables of Jesus are a pedagogical device that uses daily life to show us how the things of daily life speak to us of God. The parables make reality transparent and reveal the presence and action of God. They transform one's sight into a contemplative gaze. A parable is about the things of life and thus is an open teaching that involves us. We all have experience of the things of life. The teaching in parables begins with a person's experience of common things so as to be able to understand the Kingdom: seed, salt, light, sheep, flowers, woman, children, father, net, fish, treasure, pearl, etc.



Jesus did not usually explain His parables. Generally, He ended with this exhortation: "He who has ears to hear let him hear!" (Mt 11:15; 13:9, 43), or, "That's it. You've heard! Now try to understand!" Jesus left His parables open ended; He did not finish them. This is a sign that Jesus believed in the ability of people to discover the meaning of the parable starting from their own experience of life.

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Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 27 July

8.30am Morning Assembly

Tues 28 July

8-10 am Uniform Shop—emailed orders only

Wed 29 July

Student Banking (resumes)

Yr 2 Incursion—Mad About Science

Thurs 30 July

Yr 4 Incursion—Forces & Movement

Fri 31 July

7.30 am Band Practice
100 Days of Kindergarten
School Assembly

Tues 18 & Wed 19 Aug

School Photos

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

For a School Tour Please call 02 9407 6600

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Here are some questions for you to reflect on for Sunday's Gospel;

1. In my experience of life, what do I understand by a hidden treasure, a merchant of precious pearls, or a dragnet cast into the sea?
2. How does this experience of mine help me to understand the parable of the treasure, the pearl and the dragnet?
3. What difference is there between the parable of the treasure and the pearl?
4. What does the text say about the mission to be carried out as disciples of Christ?



Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

PM eCollection

A reminder that all K-2 children have a paid subscription to the PM eCollection of books. I know the teachers have been excited to see the number of students accessing this resource.



Download the app to an iPad or access directly through the web via <https://app.pmeollection.com.au/login>

All teachers have distributed user names and passwords- check homework books or home reading folders for these.

These online books can be read each night in place of or as well as the books that are sent home.

Tell Them From Me Survey

August 10-18, 2020

In the coming 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. 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, Castle Hill. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Details for participating in the survey will become available in the next few weeks.



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KINDERGARTEN 2021
& Years 1 to 6**

**SCHOOL TOURS NOW
AVAILABLE**

**Please contact the school
office on 9407 6600.**



School Photos—Tues 18th & Wed 19th Aug

Student photograph envelopes and sibling envelopes were sent home yesterday. Parents are asked to complete their order online before returning their child's envelope to the teacher. Please return all envelopes prior to photo day. Thank you.



2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who kept up the great reading during the holidays and completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Luke Elias	Errol Gaya	Bryce Jiang
Iris Jiang	Lily Smith	Kelvin Yohan
Alirah Sciberras	Samara Colaco	Georgia Elias
Georgia Gillogly	Harry Overend	Sophie Vioria
Gianni Castellan	Chelsea Nicolaou	Ernie Hogan
Nicholas Beames	Anthony Gomez	Georgina Kassis
Gregory Zucconi		

School Tours

St Bernadette's has received some flyers promoting our school through school tours for prospective families.



Parents who would be willing to letter box drop some flyers for us could you please email the school with how many you would like and also the area/streets you would be able to cover. Thank you for your assistance.

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.aul.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnllyyfnH

Thank you for your support.

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)

PBS4L Launch (Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning)



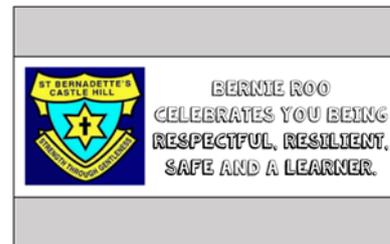
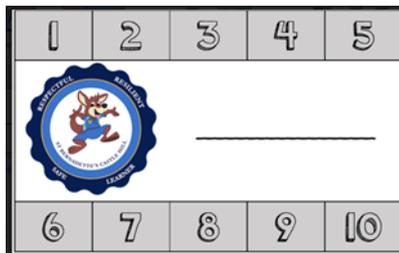
On Monday St Bernadette's launched Bernie Roo, our PBS4L mascot. PBS4L is a school wide positive behaviour support approach that aims to develop positive social and learning outcomes. Bernie Roo reminds us that at St Bernadette's: *We are Respectful, We are Resilient, We are Safe and We are Learners.*

Students will earn Bernie Roo tokens in their learning spaces, on the playground, at going home arrangements, when visiting the office, in the library and anywhere else around the school they are seen displaying our school agreements. When the students receive a token they are told why they are receiving it, that is, the agreement they are displaying to receive the token. This would be a great conversation starter at home for when your child/ren informs you they received a Bernie Roo token.



When a student receives a Bernie Roo token they then hand it into their classroom teacher who places a Bernie Roo stamp on the student's Bernie Roo card. When a student has received ten Bernie Roo tokens and therefore has ten stamps on their Bernie Roo card, they then bring their Bernie Roo card home and celebrate with you. There is no limit to the amount of Bernie Roo tokens and Bernie Roo certificates a student can receive.

Bernie Roo Certificate



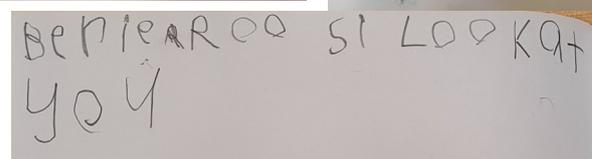
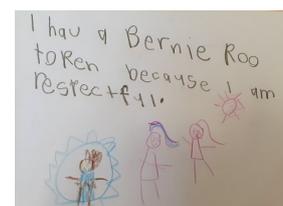
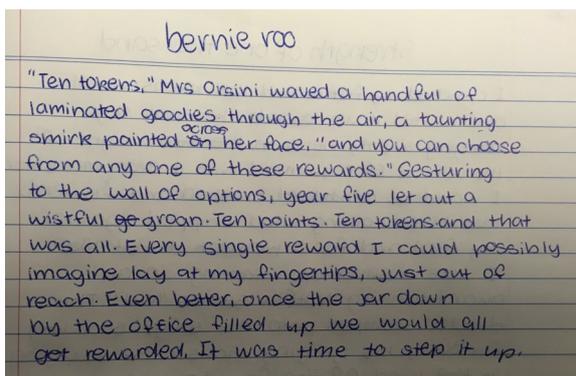
It is important to note that lost tokens will not be replaced, the students are responsible for looking after them and handing them into their teacher.

A completed Bernie Roo card then receives a gem from the classroom teacher which is added to the class Bernie Roo jar. When the class jar reaches a certain level the whole class receives a reward. This reward is decided upon at a grade level by both the students and teachers and includes such things as extra play time, a games afternoon, extra sport, craft, free time, the list goes on.

The class gems are then tipped into the whole school container! When the school container reaches a certain level the whole school receives a reward. These rewards are currently being developed with the Student Representative Council.

At St Bernadette's Primary School we are dedicated to promoting our core values of being respectful, being resilient, being safe and being a learner, within our whole school community and thank you for your support.

PBS4L Team



Problems and Questions

Have a school related question or a problem and not sure who to go to for help? The class teacher is always the first person to contact. You can do this in a variety of ways:

1. send in a note
2. email to- bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. phone call- leave a message and the teacher will respond as soon as possible
4. face to face chat- this needs to be pre-arranged as teachers have before and after school duties and may not be available on the spur of the moment.

If you need further assistance, contact the Grade Mentor listed below.

Kinder- Mrs Corena Laso

Year 1 & Year 2- Mrs Charmain Floody

Year 3 & Year 4- Mrs Shane Robinson

Year 5 & Year 6- Mrs Karen Orsini

If you require any further assistance, contact Mrs Charmain Floody (Assistant Principal) or Mrs Bianca Cooke (Principal).

Under no circumstances is it appropriate for parents to approach other parents or their children, either by email, phone, social media or in person, with the intention of resolving the issues.

Please be aware that emails sent to school or to teachers will be read during normal work hours. This is in line with CEDP's communication guidelines for staff.



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - CONFIRMATION 2020

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of confirmation are invited to attend our information evening that will be held on:

Tuesday 11th August at 7pm in the Church.

This preparation process is suitable for children who are in year 6 or above and have already received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist. The evening should last approximately one hour and, under current restrictions, we ask that only parents attend.

For more information, contact Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator, at the parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au (Monday & Tuesday).

P&F News:

Student Banking

Student Banking will resume next Wednesday after the Covid-19 crisis led the Commonwealth Bank to put a halt on the program.



Banking Co-ordinators will be using strict hygiene practices that will include hand sanitiser and gloves. All banking wallets will be also be sanitised before they are returned to the students. Please do not send in a deposit if you are unwell or have visited any Covid-19 hotspots in the 14 days prior to banking day.

With the pause of the program the bank acknowledges that students were unable to make deposits in the usual way and therefore missed out on receiving tokens for their deposits. During this time, parents may have transferred deposits directly, or even made deposits at local branches. To recognise their efforts, all students who make deposits will receive an ex-gratia reward item.

Book Club—Term 3

Book club brochures were sent home this week and the closing date for orders is 10th August.

Other News:

TRY T-BALL DAYS

Come down to Castle Hill Baseball Club and TRY T-BALL! The Castle Hill 'Knights' will be holding "**TRY T-BALL Days**" on Sunday 23rd & Sunday 30th August from 10am-12pm at Castle Glen Reserve, Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill.

T-Ball is a modified version of baseball and is an awesome sport for boys & girls between the ages of 5-8 focusing on fun and fitness as well as developing gross motor skills like throwing, catching, hitting and running. During our TRY T-BALL days all kids will learn the fundamental skills of the game from the clubs most passionate coaches and junior representative players

* Play in a team with your friends

* Season runs from October - March

For more information please contact Dave Martyn on 0417 344 430/teeball@castlehillbaseball.com.au or simply hit the link <https://forms.gle/Mdt1rKEErEhiZpLk9> to register your child!!

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Miss Jurcevic and her family, following the recent passing of her grandmother. May she rest in peace.

