



St Bernadette's School

Friday 31 July 2020 — Term 3 Week 2

No. 22

Dear Families,

July 26th is traditionally the feast day of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. We did have planned a wonderful school celebration for all grandparents this week, though due to COVID restrictions we are unable to do this. I know many grandparents are disappointed though everyone's safety is our top priority.

When I think about the grandparents of Jesus, Sts Anne and Joachim, I am sure they would have been like every other grandparent - full of unconditional love for their grandchild!

Being a grandparent is so different to being a parent. As a grandparent you can 'spoil' the grandchildren and not worry about the consequences of giving them too much sugar. You can go home when you have had enough time sitting on the floor cross-legged playing cars. You can get a good's night sleep and not be woken up numerous times throughout the night by the calls of little ones. As a grandparent, you get to see your grandchildren grow and change almost overnight and are constantly amazed at all of the wonderful things they can do, no matter how small or insignificant others might think they are. Grandparents are always filled with wonder and awe and always think their grandchildren are the most special. I've heard it said that grandparents have all the fun, care and love without the ultimate responsibility!

I myself am often asked by my eldest granddaughter who's 3, 'Oma, let's play!' Which of course I do while trying to juggle an 11 month old and make sure she doesn't 'mess it up' for her sister! I can tell you that when I leave, I am happy to wave goodbye, blow kisses and I love you's and then drive home to bed!

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart.

Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

Happy Grandparents Day to all grandparents, whether here, interstate or overseas. A special thank you to those that have already gone before us to be with our Father in heaven.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

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Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish. Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to on their developing religious literacy.

The teachers focus on building knowledge and assisting students to make meaning so they can apply their understanding. The staff use the Senses approach which is a powerful approach to engage with scripture and a way to develop the student's understanding of their faith. The senses have the basis in the catechism of our Catholic church.

In building knowledge, the Literal Sense focuses on the meaning conveyed by Scripture. We learn about the Scripture in the context of when it was written. We look at the cultural context, who is the author and who wrote the Scripture and the links to the Old Testament. It is also important to view the passages before and after to help build the understanding of the Scripture. In making meaning the Spiritual Sense explores the deeper meaning of the Scripture. We identify how God is revealed to us in the Scripture and how the message is connected to catholic Church teaching, practices and traditions.

In the Application Sense we apply or transfer the knowledge and understanding the Literal and Spiritual Senses to our lives.

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Week 3 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 3 August

8.30am Class Lines
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports starts for Term 3

Tue 4 August

8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)

Wed 5 August

7.45am Choir
Student Banking

Fri 7 August

Census Day
7.45am Band

Coming Dates:

Thurs 13 August

3pm & 3.45pm Sporting
Schools Basketball
Yrs 3 & 4

Tues 18 & Wed 19 Aug
School Photo Day

Tues 25 August

7.30am ICAS English

Tues 1st September

7.30am ICAS Maths

Fri 25 Sept

Staff Development Day
& Pupil Free Day

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

Construction Starts

From Monday 10th August for the week, minor construction works will be happening on the pathways to the COSHC cottage and the laneway from Brisbane Road. These areas will be out of bounds for all students, teachers and parents. CEDP Facilities team are installing a new gate system for COSHC access as well as re-concreting uneven footpaths near bottom court that link the road, COSHC Cottage and school. There will be barrier tapes etc clearly defining the areas out of bounds.



COSHC parents will be using the bottom gate and carpark for access for that week. A COSHC staff member will be in position at the gate in the mornings and afternoons for parent access. COSHC management will convey these changes to COSHC parents in the near future. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Our Chicken are Here!

Our 3 beautiful hens have arrived and are settling into their new home near the vegetable gardens. Very special thanks to Mrs Evans for looking after our hens at home and setting up their new enclosure so beautifully. Special thanks also to Mrs Thomas as she is Mrs Evans ever faithful helper. Thank you to the parents who have assisted pre-COVID in preparing their hutch and run and making their space secure and comfortable.



Yr 4 Rhyming Poems

Year 4 is learning about different types of poems during Term 3. Below is a few examples of 'rhyming' poems:

I like fish and one is on my dish
Is fish a food and would it like to be chewed?
I think it is nutritious and it is a bit delicious.
I have to say bye because I have to go dive
in my pool and not be a fool.

By Matthew Baker

Jake loves lollies
Yes all sweets and goodies
If he sees a cake that looks yummy
In two seconds it will be in his tummy
He will eat any snack, any sweet and food
Even old bubble gun that has already been chewed
Many people have tried to teach him, not just to eat sweets
He won't even try some juicy wheat
One day whilst he ate something rotten on the floor
something extraordinary happened right by the door
Top bop giggity hop
and Jake the greedy pig was gone in a pop.

By Nicholas Reyna

Apples are nutritious
Cookies are delicious
Glue is not edible
But cupcakes are incredible.

By Elizabeth D'Souza

School Photos—Tues 18 & Wed 19th August

Photo envelopes were sent home last week for individual and sibling photos. If you wish to purchase photos, please order online and then forward the envelope to your class teacher. Please return all envelopes prior to photo day. A schedule will be placed in the newsletter the week prior. A reminder that all students will need to be in 'full' winter uniform on their photo day.



Thank you

Mrs Thomas and Mrs Evans would like to extend a very big thank you to Mr Succar for helping dig a trench and build a retaining wall in the top garden last Saturday. It was a big task and we are very grateful for his wonderful building skills and support. A big thank you also to Roxanne Succar for all the weeding, planting and being a great assistant to her dad. Well done both of you!



Census Day—Fri 7 August

If you know that your child will be absent on **Friday, 7th August**, please email the school explaining the reasons for absence prior to the day. Likewise, if your child is unexpectedly absent on the day, please email the school by 10:00 am on **Friday, 7th August** to advise your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and expected date of return.

Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is mandatory. This requirement applies to every school day; however, Census data is directly related to government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Choir

Choir has commenced and will be held on Wednesday mornings 7:45am—8:30 am in the music room.

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**SCHOOL TOURS NOW
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**Please contact the school
office on 9407 6600.**



**Student Council War on Waste initiative –
Waste Free EVERY DAY**

Congratulations to the following students receiving Social Skills Awards

KB	Nicola Watson	Mila Vijesh
KG	Arnav Chandra	Wei Yu Chen
KW	Suravi Gowda	Olivia Inchaustegui-Herrera
1B	Jai Kirkwood	Alirah Zaidan Sciberras
1G	Arabella Egan	Zara Sakkal
1W	Benjamin Maggs	Samantha Leong
2B	Zachary Drogaris	Eve Lincoln
2G	Georgia Gillogly	Not for Publication
2W	Parker Roberts	Grace Abdo
3B	Caleb Tan	Evelyn Salter
3G	Ethan Mi	Joshua Mathews
4B	Thomas Masina	Aditi Gowda
4G	Savannah Jaucian	Ashton Pace
4W	Salote Ah Siu	Annabelle Wong
5B	Sienna De Juan	Thomas Nourdine
5G	Annabelle Farag	Alexander Barone
5W	Keira Pereira	Kevin Le
6B	Lana Formosa	Anthony Gomez
6G	Saradewi Campo	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos
6W	Thomas McGinty	Lucas Heyes



Congratulations to the following children for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

A reminder that the challenge needs to be completed by the 28th August 2020.

Don't forget to have a look at the website and discover the children not only have 5 free choice books but 5 bonus books. Good Luck!

Thomas Bojanowski
Matilda Cowper
Sophie Pratt
Angelo Perera

Rachel Tan
Murphy Sun
Ella Macey

Jeslyn Ariyanayagam
Thomas Macey
Cohen Orsini

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The students' knowledge and understanding of faith leads them to respond through their words and actions.

In Year 4 you could ask your children where they identified God in Scripture of the Transfiguration and have they had a mountain experience with God?

You could ask your children the following questions about a Bible story they have read this term; What does the passage reveal about Jesus? God? What Sacraments are present in the Scripture? What connections can I make to Catholic teaching, practice and tradition in the message of the Scripture? How can I apply the message of the Scripture at home, at school and in the community?

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_eg4ATdmnlyyyfNH

Thank you for your support.

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Thurs 24 September

Fri 25 September—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Term 4:

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



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).

Annulment Information Webinar

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Office in the Western Sydney Diocese and CatholicCare WSBM Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. Questions are answered in details on all aspects of the Annulment process. This year this event will be held as an online Webinar via Zoom. Date: Tues 4th August Time: 6-8pm Registration essential: 02 8838 3480 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

1. *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs) - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 - 1.00 pm*
2. *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools) - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm*

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinars

1. *Helping kids thrive online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 - 12 years old.*
2. *Tech, teens and time online: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.*

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

What you need to do

1. Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:
 - 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)
 - 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice:

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 28 August 2020.

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Celebrating 100 Days of Kindergarten

