



St Bernadette's School

Friday 14 August 2020 — Term 3 Week 4

No. 24

Dear Parents,

This Saturday is the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, though, with our current climate surrounding COVID-19, there are many changes to our usual practice and going to Mass is not an option for many. Regardless of whether you get to church or not, we can all spend some moments of reflection and prayer to our Blessed Mother.

Mary was a very special woman - the mother of Jesus, the wife of Joseph, the daughter of Anne and Joachim and cousin to Elizabeth. She led a very humble life and experienced many moments of hardship. Yet throughout it all, she kept her faith. It is because of this unfaltering faith in God that we worship her in the prayer Hail Mary.

If you have never really thought about the Hail Mary and it's true meaning, significance and importance to our life, you might like to watch the following clip. It is by two Franciscan Friars and they unpack the Hail Mary in a really simple way to understand. They also give us some tips for how we can pray this very special prayer in times separate from the Rosary or the Angelus. It's called *Praying the Hail Mary well*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Odcr-XiriYw>

Why not make the Hail Mary a special part of your Saturday!

May God bless and keep you.

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

R.E. NEWS



In the Eucharist Jesus is present and active. We eat in memory of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Jesus feeds our faith and we are shaped into the body of Christ, and we follow His way of living.



The Eucharist is the memorial of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the central and greatest sacrament of the Church. It is the means by which the Church is continually maintained in communion with Jesus Christ the Lord and the means by which each Christian participates in the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church following a document of Vatican II calls the Eucharist the 'source and summit of the Christian life'.

We ask you to pray for all those children from our parish who are in the final stages of preparation for this special sacrament which they will receive on 29th August.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 5 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 17 August
8.30am Class Lines
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 18 August
8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)
School Photo Day

Wed 19 August
Student Banking
School Photo Day

Thurs 20 August
3pm & 3.45pm Yrs 3-5
Sporting Schools
Basketball Clinic

Fri 21 August
7.45am Band

Coming Dates:

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

School Tours Please call 02 9407 6600

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)

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

SRC Reps 2020

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on Term 2 school site attendance, this year our SRC reps will hold their position for the remainder of the year. Our SRC reps are currently working on providing a student voice regarding whole school rewards and student awards under our new PBS4L framework.

Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. 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. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/Bernie1ch>

360° Virtual Tour

On Wednesday, 19th August, an additional photography team will be on site to capture our learning spaces. Children listed as *Not for Publication* will not be included in these photographs as they will be used as promotional material on our website. If, for any reason, you would not like your child to be photographed in learning spaces please send an email to the office by Monday 19th August.

P&F Request

The P&F executive team are asking for some assistance. If anyone knows of an accountant that would be able to audit the financial books for the P&F for free, it would be greatly appreciated. The time needed to complete the job is less than 1 hour. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

Many thanks, Mrs Cooke

Canteen News:

Late Lunch Orders & Payments

A message from Claudia's Kitchen: Remember to order your child's lunch by 8:30 am, however, parents can now contact Quickcliq on 1300 116 637 to **place and pay** for late orders. Thank you.

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FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2021
& Years 1 to 6**

**SCHOOL TOURS NOW
AVAILABLE**

Please contact the school office on 9407 6600.



School Photos—Tues 18 & Wed 19th August

All photo orders should be placed online prior to photo day and envelopes returned to the class teacher. The schedule for photos is:

Tuesday 18th August

Kindergarten

Year 1

Year 6

Sibling photos at recess time only.



Wednesday 19th August

Years 2 to 5

Sibling photos at recess & lunchtime.

A reminder that all students will need to be in **Full** winter uniform on their photo day. Sibling photos are taken on a first come first served basis. If your children do not get their photo taken on the Tuesday, then you can send them to the Hall on Wednesday.

Featherdale Endangered Species Competition

Submission Close 28 August

Featherdale Wildlife Park invites primary school students to participate in our 2nd **FEATHERDALE THREATENED SPECIES SCHOOLS CHALLENGE**, a project-based learning activity designed to raise awareness about Australian endangered species. Students are welcome to enter individually or as a group.



You can win a 30-minute Virtual Education Session for your class at Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park, to be delivered during September 2020.

Students are invited to respond in creative and clever ways to the following brief:

- Design your dream Featherdale Threatened Species Enclosure - complete a model or a diagram of the enclosure with a description and any other information on why it deserves to win
- Your submission will include a minimum 200-word submission detailing information about your chosen Featherdale endangered species, its current habitat, threats to its native habitat and suggestions for habitat improvement in the future.

Submissions will close on 5pm, Friday 28th August 2020.

Finalists and the 4 winning submissions will be showcased on the Featherdale website on **NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY**, Monday 7th September 2020.

GET PLANNING NOW!

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

**Congratulations to the following
students receiving Social Skills Awards**

KB	Rebecca Chacal	Luke Elias
KG	Hannah Gao	David Yong
KW	Abel Alatli	Mia Taylor
1B	Callum Hawkes	Abigail Barone
1G	Rebecca Thomas	James Sahabu
1W	Jerico Lewis Celestino	Alyssa Dan Phuong Le
2B	Benjamin McLaren	Josephine Burraston
2G	Ashlee Nguyen	Sophia-Therese Raad
2W	Ameera Singhal	Tiffany Lavulo
3B	Valda Mormul	Tayla Van Ryswyk
3G	Jeslyn Ariyanayagam	Patrick Kelly
4B	Isabella Campo	Grace Semaan
4G	Nicolas Reyna	Tess Gooley
4W	Tiana Symin	Peter Georges
5B	Audrey Sullivan	Angelique Debalak
5G	Ava Rendulic	Jude Micallef
5W	Isabella Perete	Mikayla Alam
6B	Andrew Zalloua	Amelia Smith
6G	Bridget Clemente	Eva Bailey
6W	Bennett Moynahan	Maya Salloum



LAST TWO WEEKS!

Looking forward to seeing a lot more children completing the
Reading Challenge for this year.

Congratulations to the following students who have made such a
great effort to complete the challenge.

Madison Banicevic	Aidan Jaucian
Lila Oliver	Savannah Jaucian
Mia Lee	Jayden Lim
Sienna DeJuan	Denzel Coultinho
Ysabella Jaucian	Lily Procter

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_eq4ATdmnllyyfNH

Thank you for your support.

Sports Update

We are excited to announce that we have booked Motiv8 to come to Bernies in



Weeks 8 and 9 to run our Athletics Carnivals. This event was a huge hit for our Infants in 2019, and in 2020 we are able to offer this to all students K-6. These Motiv8 days will be lots of fun for all the children whilst being in a COVIDsafe location here at school and will be run by the Motiv8 team, teachers and our House Captains. Due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be able to attend the carnival, but keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates throughout the day. More detailed notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Motiv8 Carnival Dates:

K-2 Athletics - Monday 7th September

3-4 Athletics - Friday 11th September

5-6 Athletics - Monday 14th September

Oakhill College Basketball Club Enrolments 2020/21 Summer Competition

Are you in Year 6 and enrolled at Oakhill College in 2021? Joining the Oakhill Basketball Club is a great way for any of the boys at your school that may be attending Oakhill College in 2021 to play local comp basketball in the Hills District Summer Comp at Hills Sports Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill. This is a great opportunity to get together and meet some new friends before you start at the College.

We are placing teams together for the Summer Comp commencing Term 4, 2020 and Term 1, 2021. Players will be placed in U/14's comp competing against boys their own age.

Enrolment forms should be submitted to the Oakhill Basketball Club by return email no later than **Friday 21st August, 2020**.

Please note that we do our best to place all boys into an Oakhill Team, depending on the number of boys enrolled. We also welcome parents who wish to volunteer as Coaches and Managers for these teams.

For enquiries, please email us at oakhillcollegebasketball@gmail.com or contact us via our website:

www.oakhillbasketball.club



Today in **Kindergarten** we were **farmers for a day**. We enjoyed feeding and learning to care about many farm animals.

