

St Bernadette's School

Friday 16 October 2020 — Term 4 Week 1 No. 31

Dear Parents,

The start of the term has begun smoothly with students and teachers keen to return. I hope the holiday break was a chance for you and your family to slow down and recharge, away from the usual routines of the school term. COVID-19 restrictions seem to be slowly lifting though many remain enforced. Once things change, I will of course let you know immediately. For now:

- parents need to continue to drop children off at the school gates and not come onto the school site in the mornings
- parents using 'Tuck Shop terrace' pick up in the afternoons are strongly encouraged to continue to social distance from each other and leave the school grounds swiftly
- 'Blue Wall' pick up in the afternoons is strongly encouraged if you are driving
- parents are welcome to wait for their children at dismissal time on the footpath areas on Brisbane Road
- bubblers remain turned off and students are strongly encouraged to have a water bottle each day
- limits continue to apply to grade, stage and whole school activities
- the uniform shop continues to operate via the online ordering system
- full hygiene practices continue to occur in the classrooms
- extra cleaning procedures are continuing
- please keep your child at home if unwell and have them tested if appropriate
- COVID-19 test clearances are expected if your child is away sick due to illness/flu like symptoms- even mild symptoms such as a cough or sore throat
- choir remains on hold
- band has recommenced, adhering to strict COVID-19 guidelines.

Decisions regarding regular Term 4 large group and whole school functions are still to be determined as we respond to Government COVID-19 safety directives. Eg, Kindergarten 2021 Orientation, Year 6 Graduation, Infants Swimming Program etc. More details to come ASAP.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

R.E. NEWS



October is the month we focus on the special prayer—the Rosary. We discover and learn the different parts of it. The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but can also be a vocal prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the life and death of Jesus Christ, his passion and his glory and we also think of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We hope that you have been able to find some time at home to pray this special prayer with your families.



The Joyful Mysteries: (Said on Mondays and Saturdays, the Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light): (Said on Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of the Lord
2. The Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

After each Mystery, we recite the Fatima prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy."

Mrs Shane Robinson, RE Coordinator

Week 2 Dates
Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Week 2 is Book Week!
Curious Creatures— Wild Minds

Mon 19 October
8.30am Morning Assembly
12:30pm Motiv8 Red House Winners Pizza Lunch
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

Tues 20 October
8-10 am Uniform Shop—emailed orders only
Musica Viva

Wed 21 October
No Choir
Student Banking
Tony Murphy Visits

Thu 22 October
Year 4 Little Life Incursion

Fri 23 October
Book Week Character Dress Up

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021
Limited Places
School Tours
Please call
02 9407 6600

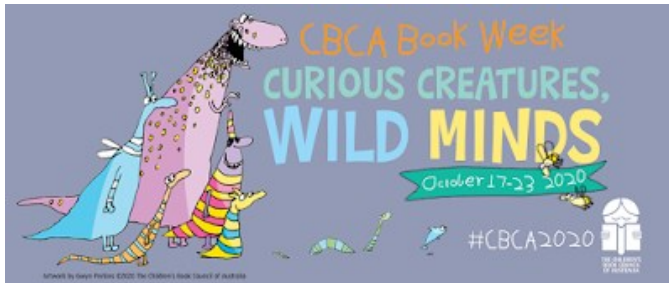
HSC Good Luck!

Our best wishes go to all students starting the HSC examinations next week. Although this can be a very stressful time for families as well as students, 'this too will pass'. I am sure the HSC students will be very relieved when their final exams are completed. Good Luck from all of us here at St Bernadette's.

Staff News—Farewell

It is with great sadness that I announce that Miss Ashleigh Tabone will be leaving us to take up a new teaching plus co-ordinator position at the new and developing school, Santa Sophia Box Hill. This is a very exciting opportunity for Ashleigh and that school is very lucky to have her! Ashleigh will begin her transition to her new school at the end of Week 4 this term though will continue to work at St Bernadette's for half days till the end of Week 7. I know you join me in wishing Miss Tabone every success in her new career step.

Book Week 2020



Next week is Book Week!

We have a week of fun planned for our students:

- ◆ Students will be watching the Musica Viva Online Concert.
- ◆ Each grade will be attending a session with Tony Murphy (Cartoonist, Illustrator, Author).
- ◆ Friday, 23rd October Book Character Dress Up! Come dressed as your favourite book character, curious creature or wild thing!

Thank you to all of the students who have entered into the school colouring competition!



Water Bottles

A reminder again that as the weather is now warming up that all students need to bring a water bottle to school **every day**. Due to COVID-19 our bubblers are still turned off. So many students are coming to the office that still don't have a water bottle with them. Thank you for your assistance.



Attendance

Our Community believes that every day counts for every child. Attendance and late arrivals are noted and recorded. The school is open with supervision from 8:00 am and the bell rings at 8:30 am for school to commence. We enjoy seeing your child arrive on time every day.

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 Iaso
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.

Complaints & Grievances

Parents please note that if you would like to make a complaint/grievance about a school matter, please collect a complaints form from the school office or send an email to BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands

R.I.P. †† It is with great sadness that we bring the news that Dawn's mother recently passed away in England. Please join us in prayer for Mrs Crake and her family during this difficult time.



Student Data Validation

As part of our annual system and legal requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is asking families to ensure all relevant contact and student information is up to date and accurate for the purposes of communication and providing relevant support to students.

On Monday 19 October, households will receive an email or SMS from CEDP with a link and login details to the Student Data Validation (SDV) form.

Once you have logged in you will be able to verify existing information from the school database and update if necessary. The process should not take more than 15 minutes and will need to be completed by 5:00pm on Friday 6 November.

If you have any questions about the Student Data Validation form, please contact our Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796.

Updated Draft new Curriculum for Religious Education now Available Online

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

Term 4:

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

Term 1 2021:

Years 1—6 School Commences Friday 29 January 2021

Chicken Comics

Congratulations to Antonio Zeaiter for winning the Year 6 Comic Competition! Thank you to our Year 6 students for keeping us entertained with your comics in Term 3.

THE OF ADVENTURES OF CHICKY, BOBBIE & CHICKILLE O'NEAL

One day Chicky, Bobbie and Chickeal O'Neal were eating their delicious lunch until they had an idea.

LET'S ESCAPE YEAH!

THE GAME PLAN! This is the Escape Plan!

IT'S TIME! GO! GO! GO!

WE'RE FREE!!!

THEY'RE GOING TO CATCH US, RUN! GET THEM!

By Antonio Zeaiter 6G