



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 23 October 2020 — Term 4 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week celebrating Bookweek. The children had been listening to the winning Bookweek books being read to them, created curious creatures, participated in a colouring in competition, joined in a zoom session for Musica Viva, took part in a Cartooning workshop run by cartoonist Tony Murphy and marvelled at each other's creative costumes. It was fabulous to see staff also getting in on the act. I secretly think they enjoy dressing up more than the children!

By the way, this Friday (30th October) is World Teacher's Day. Why not encourage your child to write a thank you letter or make a card for their wonderful teacher?

Hope you have a relaxing weekend though if you are anything like Mrs Floody, you will be screaming for Panthers to win on Sunday night.

Enjoy.  
**Mrs Cooke**  
**Principal**



Mrs Cooke (Little Miss Sunshine) and Mrs Floody (Little Miss Chatterbox)

## R.E. NEWS



Eileen O'Connor was the co-founder of the Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor in Coogee and she was recently made servant of God by the Vatican.

A number of years after her death in 1921 a formal request was made to consider her for sainthood. The congregation submitted their request to the bishop of the diocese where Eileen died. This request tells how the person lived a life of holiness and list reasons for considering Eileen for sainthood. The Bishop, after considering the evidence believed there was enough evidence to consider Eileen for sainthood so he asked the Vatican to open a special tribunal. Witnesses have been called to attest to Eileen's holiness, devotion to God, and other virtues. Eileen has just passed this first step, and she is named a "Servant of God".

Eileen O'Connor experienced a life of physical suffering and poor health and co-founded the religious institute of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor in Sydney. Deeply religious, Eileen claimed to have received a visitation from Mary, mother of Christ, who encouraged her to accept her suffering for the good of others. She told only McGrath of this and he shared with her his hope of establishing a congregation of nurses to serve the poor. Eileen entered into his scheme with enthusiasm and on 15 April 1913 moved into a rented house at Coogee which, known as Our Lady's Home, would serve as a convent for the new congregation.

The enterprise did not prosper and all recruits, except O'Connor, left the Coogee house. Gradually they were replaced and a small community of seven, called Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, elected O'Connor as their first superior.



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### Week 3 Term 4

#### Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

#### Mon 26 Oct

3-3:30 pm Motiv8sports

#### Tue 27 Oct

8-10am Uniform Shop  
(Emailed orders only)

#### Wed 28 Oct

No Choir  
No Student Banking this week only

#### Fri 30 Oct

World Teachers Day

#### Other Term 4 Dates:

#### Thu 3 Dec

Swimming Carnival - Competitors Only

#### Wed 16 Dec

Last day of school for students.

**ENROLLING NOW  
FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2021**

**\*Limited Places\***

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

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

### Term 4 Plans

The Leadership Team and I have been busy making plans for events for the remainder of the term. Even though the term does not look like a normal Term 4, just like the rest of 2020 has not been a normal year due to COVID-19, we hope these new arrangements will go ahead.

**Further details will be shared with parents and specific year groups as needed.**

- **Infants Swimming Program-** is cancelled for 2020. A refund or credit to school fee accounts of the associated fees will occur
- **Swimming Carnival-** will proceed as a ½ day competitive carnival only on Thursday 3rd December. Only students eligible for 50m and 100m races will attend. Year 6 Sports Captains to attend. No Spectators allowed unfortunately.
- **P & F meeting** will be held via Zoom- date to be confirmed
- **Kindergarten 2021 Orientation days-** will go ahead in a reimagined format.
  - ◊ Wednesday 2nd December & Wednesday 9th December
  - ◊ Parents will be able to elect to attend 1 timeslot each date
  - ◊ Details to be emailed separately to 2021 families
- **Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information sessions** are cancelled though a virtual Information package will be shared
- **End of Year Student Reports-** will go home to parents on Wednesday 9th December. The reports will look different as we are using a new CEDP system called COMPASS
- **Year 6 Graduation Mass** is going ahead due to Father Fernando's generosity in suggesting holding an outdoor Mass. December 15th 7pm. There will be strict restrictions on the number of attendees, due to COVID. Further details to come
- **Students to meet the 2021 teacher and classmates-** Monday 14th December 12pm.
- **Last day of school** for the students- Wednesday 16th December
- **Day 1 2021- Years 1-6.** Friday 29th January
- **Day 1 2021 Kindergarten-** Tuesday 2nd February

As always, I will continue to share updates of all changes.

**Mrs Cooke**

### School Banking—Wednesday 28th

Please note that School Banking will not be processed on Wednesday the 28th of October. We will be back to normal on November 4th.

Our congratulations to the Johnson family on the birth of a baby girl, sister to Braxton in 1B.  
Our best wishes to the family.



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The work of the 'Brown Sisters' consisted in visiting the sick poor in their homes and in nursing them and the frail aged. O'Connor supervised this work and directed the spiritual development of the congregation.

Her short life was a model of love for God and now the process of her sainthood is underway.

Sister Monica O'Connell who works for the Sisters at Our Lady's Home has shared a Beautification and Intercession prayer to promote praying for Eileen to pass to the next step towards sainthood.

Great and Merciful God,  
Through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
You inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor,  
To care for the sick, poor and dying  
And to serve your Church through spiritual  
And corporal works of mercy.  
Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that  
Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

### St Bernadette's School Band

Teaching Services Australia are taking enrolments for the School Band—2021. For details, see the attached St Bernadette's School Band flyer.



## MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Year 7, 2022 Mercy Scholarships for:

Academic Excellence  
Music Excellence  
OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

Currently  
enrolling  
Year 7,  
2022

MERCY / COMPASSION / JUSTICE / DIGNITY / EXCELLENCE / HOSPITALITY / STEWARDSHIP / SERVICE

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

<b>KB</b>	Jeffrey Xue	Sophia Dormido
<b>KG</b>	Ronan Gooley	Elisa Egan
<b>KW</b>	Jack Ranieri	Samuel Viski
<b>1B</b>	Oliver Thomson	Hanna Saham
<b>1G</b>	Ava Mortel	Zara Sakkal
<b>1W</b>	Daniel Truong	Isla Stuart
<b>2B</b>	Eve Lincoln	Sophie Vilorio
<b>2G</b>	Not for Publication	Lachlan O'Connor
<b>2W</b>	Xander Gil	Aidan Jaucian
<b>3B</b>	Hailey Xue	Oscar O'Byrne
<b>3G</b>	Rovinya Fernando	Alyssa Hawkes
<b>4B</b>	Thomas Looker	Oscar Nicholson
<b>4G</b>	Elizabeth D'Souza	Matthew Baker
<b>4W</b>	Tiana Symin	Mark El Bitar
<b>5B</b>	Loura Hamwi Khoury	Carla Kamel
<b>5G</b>	Isaac Frketic	Lucia Sorbello
<b>5W</b>	Piper Johnson	Rachel Sahabu
<b>6B</b>	Leah Symin	Ysabella Jaucian
<b>6G</b>	Georgina Kassis	Gregory Zucconi
<b>6W</b>	Hannah Cherian	Samantha Badenhorst

**BOOK WEEK WINNERS**

**Congratulations to our  
Colouring Competition Winners**

5G	Hilda Mormul
4G	Amelia Lavis
4W	Tiana Symin
4B	Sofia Papandrea
3G	Lila Oliver
3B	Evelyn Salter
2B	Zahra Mardanian
2G	Eleanor Lee
2W	Rachel Tan
1G	Daniel Dvorjak
1B	Lily Smith
1W	Isla Stuart
KB	Mikayla Palma
KG	David Yong
KW	Jack Ranieri



**Congratulations to our  
'Design a Curious Creature' Winners**

Kindy	Abel Alatli
Yr 1	Isabelle Minett
Yr 2	Jamie Haj
Yr 3	Hayleigh Shek
Yr 4	Sebastian Haywood
Yr 5	Douglas Windress
Yr 6	Valentina Anderson





# Book Week 2020



**SO MANY  
CURIOUS  
CREATURES!**

**BOOK WEEK WAS  
BUSY!!**

## Cartooning

Thank you to cartoonist Tony Murphy for sharing his talents with our students on Wednesday and Thursday. The children enjoyed his entertaining presentation and got to have a go at drawing popular, recognisable characters as well as create their own.

## Book Character Dress Up

Some amazing book characters were seen roaming St Bernadette's- thank you to all your efforts to ensure the children were able to come prepared and inspired by books they know and love.

