



St Bernadette's School

Friday 13 November 2020 — Term 4 Week 5 No. 35

Dear Parents,

We have yet again reached the half way point of the term and time is moving by so quickly!

Christmas decorations are everywhere, the jacaranda trees have flowered their glorious purple flowers and the agapanthus are ready to burst forth to share their purple shades also. The purple in our environment reminds me that Advent is close by!

As you know, many school events traditionally take place at this time of year though COVID-19 has 'thrown a spanner in the works'. We continue to abide by Government restrictions and make changes accordingly. We do look forward to welcoming our 2021 Kindergarten children to school for their Orientation days as well as our end of year events that celebrate the work and achievements of our current Year 6 students. We also have plans in place for a fabulous celebration day for the whole school on Friday 11th December, though we are not giving too much away to keep the day as a surprise!

The teachers are currently preparing the end of year student reports and I thank them for the many extra hours that they are spending in attending to this very important task. As you have seen in previous newsletters, the report format is changing. More details about these changes are listed further in the newsletter.

We will also finalise 2021 class placements soon so if you know of any friends or neighbours who are thinking about joining our school next year, please encourage them to contact the office ASAP for enrolment details as places are limited and available positions are filling fast.

May you and your family have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Mini Vinnie Social Justice Initiative

This is a reminder for children to please bring in **Christmas treats, non-perishable food and/or a small gift** for the St Vincent de Paul and school parish Christmas Hampers Appeal.

Please ensure that all non-perishable food donations such as biscuits, pasta and tinned vegetables are well in date.

Each class has a particular family they are collecting goods for. Please send all donations to your child's class by Thursday 3rd of December. Thank you to those families who have already generously donated.



Christmas can be a challenging time financially for a number of families in our community and even more so in this year of Covid. Many families do not have the funds for treats or presents at Christmas so we are hoping the generous St. Bernadette's community can once again support this worthwhile social justice issue.

Please see page 3 for the list of the class and the family each class is providing for.

Mrs Shane Robinson, RE Coordinator

Week 6 Term 4 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 16 November
8.30am Morning Assembly
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

Tues 17 November
8-10 am Uniform Shop—
emailed orders only

Wed 18 November
No Choir
Student Banking

Other Term 4 Dates:

Wed 25 Nov
7:30pm P & F AGM in
the School Library or via
ZOOM

Wed 2 Dec & 9 Dec
Kindy Orientation

Thu 3 Dec
Swimming Carnival -
Competitors Only

Fri 11 Dec
Whole School
Celebration Day

Tue 15 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Wed 16 Dec
Last day of school for
students.

**ENROLLING NOW
FOR
KINDERGARTEN
2021**

Limited Places
School Tours
Please call
02 9407 6600

End Of Year Reports - an Update

This semester, our school is one of a number of Diocesan schools that have transitioned to a new CEDP reporting system through an application called COMPASS. The remainder of CEDP schools will be included in this new reporting system in the first semester next year. We are grateful to be included in this round of schools as the new system is more user friendly and reliable.

In this new format we continue to report student achievement in the same subject areas on a 5 point scale as always, as well as provide grades for effort and application. In fact, this new report does not look too different from the half yearly one that we devised as a school earlier this year.

The biggest differences are that the 5 point grade scale labels has moved to wording and that Further School Involvement will not be included in a separate section this semester due to the many cancellations of school events caused by COVID-19. There will be comments for RE, English, Mathematics and a General Comment and a section for work habits.

The wording of the 5 point grade scale is as follows:

- Working Deeply
- Working Beyond
- Working At
- Working Towards
- Working With Assistance

The Effort scale is now a 4 point scale. The wording for this section is now:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Requires Improvement

The whole grade comparisons of subject achievement will not be included on the report though can be requested once you receive the school report in Week 9, if you so wish.

This new report format will be used by all grades, Kindergarten to Year 6.

Mrs Bianca Cooke, Principal

PAT Testing

All students in Years 2-6 have recently completed the PatR and PatM. These are online standardised tests that are set by the diocese for each school to complete. Students have completed the reading test for a number of years and this year completed maths for the first time. The data collated will be used by the diocese to make informed decisions about system directions and professional learning experiences for teachers. Our staff will also be analysing the data to make informed decisions about the next steps in their teaching.

2021 Return Dates:

Years 1-6 Friday 29 January
Kindergarten Tuesday 2nd February

St Bernadette's Got Talent Virtual



- All entries must be filmed on a camera roll (no social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Snapchat or Instagram will be accepted) and emailed to lmckinnon6@parra.catholic.edu.au.
- Please name the file with student grade, surname then first name eg. Year 6 - Floody, Charmain.
- Each student is only permitted one entry, group entries are allowed. If student groups are from multiple grades, then entry is to the oldest group members grade.
- Items are to be between 1 minute – 2 ½ minutes ONLY.

All entries need to be received by Monday of week 7 (November 25th).

SRC News

To mark NAIDOC week, this week our SRC reps have created signs using Indigenous symbols to identify areas of our school. Thank you to our Year 4 reps who brought forward this idea when they were learning about Australian history.



MAI Dates for 2021

It has been advertised in the newsletter that students in 2021 will return to school on Friday 29th January, Kindergarten will commence on Tuesday the 2nd of February.

Please note, we will be holding the annual Mathematics Assessments Interviews (MAI) on

- Wednesday 27th January
- Thursday 28th January,
- Friday the 29th January- for Kindergarten 2021 only.

Bookings will become available later in the term.

COVID-19 symptoms



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

Mini Vinnie Social Justice Initiative

List of classes and the families each class is providing for
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Class	Hamper No.	Adults	Boys	Girls
KB	690	1M/1F	5Yrs	12, 6 Yrs
KG	709	1M/1F	14, 3, 2 Yrs	
KW	721	1M/1F	9, 9, 2 Yrs	
1B	742	1M/1F	11, 8, 5 Yrs	
1G	633	1F		7, 6 Yrs 7mnths
1W	671	1F	7, 2 Yrs	1 Yrs
2B	687	3Adults		13, 12, 6yrs
2G	629	1F	15, 18 Yrs	12 Yrs
2W	628	3M/1F	18 Yrs	16, 12 Yrs
3B	600	1F/1M		13, 12, 6 Yrs
3G	624	1F	6 Yrs	13, 13, 10 Yrs
4B	688	1F/1M	9, 4 Yrs	8, 7, 5, 3 Yrs
4G	623	1F	9, 2, 3 Yrs	19, 6 yrs
4W	667	3 Adults	15, 12, 6 Yrs	11, 10 Years
Year 5	691	4 Adults	8, 7, 5, 3 Yrs	13, 6 Yrs, 1 mnth
Year 5	689	1F/1M	13, 11, 6, 4 Yrs	16, 14, 8, 3 Yrs
Year 6	725	1F	16, 15, 14 Yrs	
Year 6	706	1F	11, 9, 3 Yrs	13, 4, 7, 3 yrs, 5 mnths

Afternoon Pick Up

Remember, for the safety of all, please enter the car pick up line from Brisbane Road entry only. Do not enter the pick-up queue from Old Northern Road.

Road-side Parking

It has been reported from local residents that some of our parents have been parking their cars across their driveway at pick up time. Please remember that it is illegal to park across a driveway, not to mention very frustrating for residents who are needing to enter/exit their property when needed. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

P & F News

AGM Meeting

Wednesday 25 November—7:30 pm
in the school library or via ZOOM.

Blue Wall Pick Up

Want to join the car pick up line? If you are interested in joining the 'Blue Wall Pick Up' please contact the school office via email (bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) to receive a registration form. Enjoy the convenience of collecting your child without even getting out of your car!

Celebrating Talents

Equestrian rider Addisyn Ream in 4B competed at 'Horse of the Year 2020' last Friday. She was awarded runner up Rider of the Year by The Showhorse Council of Australasia! Addisyn was the youngest rider in the under 12 age group. Congratulations on your achievement, Addisyn!



ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

**Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.



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