



St Bernadette's School

Friday 27 November 2020 — Term 4 Week 7 No. 37

Dear Parents,
Our Year 5 Leadership process for 2021 Leadership positions is well under way. Nominations, voting and speeches are happening and before the end of the year we will be able to announce our student leadership team for 2021. Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students for the mature manner in which they have approached this process. Good luck to all nominees.

Our 2021 Kindergarten Orientation Days begin next week and we are very excited to be meeting our newest members of the St Bernadette's community. I am sure we will be able to share some great photos of the visit sessions.

Thank you once again to our wonderful P&F committee and helpers. Our AGM held last Wednesday was very well attended and some families even joined via zoom. Thank you very much to all for your support of the P&F and the school. I congratulate the 2020 team for all they have done. Even though many events were cancelled this year, the COVID-19 'hiccup' didn't dampen their spirit and enthusiasm. Congratulations to our 2021 P&F team. I look forward to working with you next year and hopefully we can hold some of the usual events that St Bernadette's is so well known for.

Our 2021 Executive Committee members are:

President- Nick Gooley

Vice President- Mark Haj

Secretary- Steve Lavis

Treasurer- position remains vacant at this stage.

They will be supported by a very large group of parents who volunteered their services in other areas.

As you know, everyone has been working very hard to gain a whole school reward by gaining Bernie Roo tokens. I think we have made it! See what the reward is by reading the update further in this newsletter!

Have a wonderful weekend and with Advent beginning this week, perhaps begin random acts of kindness to others- at home, at school, when waiting in a queue, when driving, when in the carpark.

May God bless you.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



This weekend we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time.

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**Week 8
Term 4 Dates**
**Waste Free Recess &
Lunch Everyday**

Mon 30 November
8.30am Morning
Assembly
3-4.30pm Motive8sports

Tues 1 December
8-10 am Uniform Shop—
emailed orders only

Wed 2 December
Kindy Orientation-Day 1
No Choir
Student Banking

Thu 3 December
Swimming Carnival -
Competitors Only

Fri 4 December
Mufti Day—Whole
School

Other Term 4 Dates:
Wed 9 December
Kindy Orientation

Fri 11 December
Whole School
Celebration Day

Tue 15 December
7:00pm Year 6
Graduation Mass

Wed 16 December
Last day of school for
students.

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Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

In Mass, this weekend we will see one of the symbols of Advent.

The Advent wreath with its evergreen leaves stand for life and the circle has no beginning or end, which stands for God's eternal presence in our lives. On the wreath, there are 3 purple and 1 pink candle. The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. The 1st purple candle will be lit this week at mass.



Mrs Shane Robinson—RE Coordinator

Second Hand Uniform Stock

Are you interested in purchasing a second hand uniform for your child?

If so, Julie from our uniform shop will be setting up two racks of second-hand clothing outside of the Brisbane Road gate every Tuesday before the end of the term between 8:30am—10:00am.

Transactions will be EFTPOS only.

Thank you Julie!



Farewell Father Shinto

Fr Shinto Francis, St Bernadette's Assistant Priest, is leaving our Parish and heading off to live in the Blue Mountains. Thank you Fr Shinto for all that you have done for our community. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



Online Training - Short courses for Parents and TAs on ASD and ADHD

This week we have attached information on a couple of free online learning courses for parents that have been designed by OnLine Training on Supporting Students with ADHD and ASD.

The link to register for the courses can be found in each flyer.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Ream family (Brayden 5B & Addisyn 4B), following the recent passing of their great grandmother. May she rest in peace.



2021 Return Dates:

Years 1-6

Friday 29 January

Kindergarten

Tuesday 2nd February

Bernie Roo Update

At the beginning of Term Three we launched our whole school Positive Behaviour Support for Learning initiative - 'St Bernadette's Expectations', and our mascot Bernie Roo. This initiative supports us with teaching our school to follow our school agreements of- At St. Bernadette's: We are Respectful, We are Resilient, We are Safe and We are Learners. Students earn "Bernie Roo" tokens in their learning spaces and on the playground for displaying our school agreements.



When students display these agreements they earn "Bernie Roo" tokens within the classroom and on the playground. They receive an acknowledgment of this by a stamp on their Bernie Roo card. Once students have reached 10 stamps they receive a gem which is added to the class gem jar to earn whole class rewards. When the class jar has reached a certain level, the gems are then added to the whole school gem jar to reach a whole school reward.

We are excited to announce that the students at

St Bernadette's have filled the whole school gem jar and in doing so have earned a whole school reward. The whole school reward will take place next Friday 4th December 2020 and this day will be a mufti day. Congratulations to all of the students on this achievement - what a wonderful way to finish the year.

Celebrating Talents

William Abouhamad (6W) received his Black Belt from Taekwondo this week. Congratulations William!



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

Notice from NSW Roads - Showground Road

The Australian Government and NSW Governments are taking action to improve the reliability and efficiency of bus services, while easing congestion and improving safety for all road users.

Transport for NSW is upgrading the intersections of Showground Road at Carrington Road and De Clambe Drive and widening Showground Road and Carrington Road to provide extra turning lanes and bus lanes.

They will start work on Sunday 29 November.

Their work will involve:

- establishing the site compound on the western corner of Showground Road and De Clambe Drive
- installing traffic controls, such as barriers, signs and temporary line marking, along Showground Road and Carrington Road
- undertaking road and utility investigations
- removing the central concrete medians along Showground Road and Carrington Road
- installing a new storm water drainage system under Showground Road
- removing trees and other vegetation.

This project will be completed in August 2022. More information is on the attached flyer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

A message from Mr Gregory Whitby (CEDP's Executive Director):

We all know the importance of reading and how a great book can spark imagination and creativity too. These summer holidays, I am again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on **23 November 2020** and close at 5:00pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

This year we are introducing Student Reading Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Reading Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher).

Let's all make this year's Summer Reading Challenge one to remember!



Parish News

Sacramental Program-Reconciliation 2021 Information Evening

A parent's information evening will be held on Monday 14th December for parents wishing to enrol their children in the Reconciliation program for 2021. The evening will commence in the church at 7:30pm and will last approximately 1 hour. Children do not need to attend. Reconciliation program is suitable for any students in Year 3 and above in 2021 who have been baptised.

For more information, please contact Laura at the Parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au

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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