



St Bernadette's School

Friday 20 November 2020 — Term 4 Week 8 No. 38

Dear Parents,

What a busy time of the year it is at school! This week we had our 2021 Kindergarten Orientation visits, school swimming carnival, High School Orientation days, finalisation of student reports and a Mufti Day to celebrate our whole school achievement of filling our jar with Bernie Roo Gems. The next two weeks are just as busy for students and teachers. I must commend, once again, the amazing staff we have at St Bernadette's. They work so hard and continue to smile even though I know they are exhausted. Thank you!

As you would know by now, next Friday (11th December) we are having a whole school party to celebrate 'surviving' a COVID year. There is a sausage sizzle lunch plus fun activities for the whole school ALL DAY. I am not going to spoil the surprises, though students can wear their sports uniform OR they may wish to wear some clothing that they do not mind getting wet, eg, board shorts and a T shirt. Joggers must be worn all day except during an activity where they might get wet. All students must wear a hat and bring a water bottle clearly marked with their name. Special thanks again to the teachers for organising such a fabulous day. I can't wait!

There is still a large amount of lost property waiting to be claimed. Please come and take a look at the jumpers, jackets, drink bottles and lunch boxes that are on the tables at blue wall each morning or afternoon. If you are unable to find your child's lost clothing item amongst the ones on the table, please take an item similar in size and quality to the one that you lost. All items remaining by next Friday will be donated to the uniform shop for second-hand sales.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Mrs Bianca Cooke - Principal

✠ A prayer for Advent ✠

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

R.E. NEWS



This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. We light another purple candle on the Advent wreath to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word 'hope' has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.



The children know and understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of our saviour. Here are some suggestions for activities to do during the month

of December through the season of Advent.

1. Make an Advent wreath at home – you will need 3 purple candles, one pink candle and one white candle for the middle of the wreath and use this as a focus for your family prayer.

2. Read the Scripture of the day and discuss the message God and what it means for our lives.

3. Decorate your own Jesse Tree. Use ornaments that represent people and stories from the Bible eg. you might hang a dove to represent Noah or a harp to represent David. Each night you could read a passage from the Bible on the person you have chosen. Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and what we can do while we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Religion Coordinator

Week 9

Term 4 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 7 Dec

3-3:30 pm
Motiv8sports—last day

Tue 8 Dec

8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)

Wed 9 Dec

Kindy Orientation
No Choir
Student Banking—Last one for 2020

Fri 11 Dec

Whole School
Celebration Day

Other Term 4 Dates:

Tue 15 Dec

7pm Year 6 Graduation
Mass. Bookings for attendance are required.

Wed 16 Dec

Last day of school for students.

MAI Dates

- Wednesday 27th January
 - Thursday 28th January
 - Friday the 29th January- for Kindergarten 2021 only
- Details will follow.

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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

Lost Property will be open for 2nd week

We *still* have a **mountain** of unclaimed jumpers, jackets, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. All items are NOT labelled with a child's name OR the name has washed away and can no longer be read.

Again, for a second week, we are going to place all lost property items in front of the blue wall gates each day from 7:30am-3:30pm.

Please come and see if your child's items are there. Of course, it goes without saying that, you would not take anything that does not belong to you.

Any questions, please contact the office.

Library Books

All library books now need to be returned and there will be no more borrowing this term.

Please ensure that you look in all the hiding places at your home for school library books- under beds, on shelves, behind the curtain, on desks...



St Bernadette's Got Talent -Virtual

We have had a fabulous response to our shout out for talent. Students will be watching the entries this week.

PM eCollection

The K-2 school subscription to the PM eCollection is still valid through the school holidays. Please ensure that your child has access to their username and password from this year so they can log in during the holidays and practise their reading. The collection makes books available for students at an easy level.

Online Training - Short courses for Parents on ASD and ADHD

CEDP are promoting 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 attached.



Enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website

2021 Return Dates:

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



Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you

A huge thank you to the St. Bernadette's community for your extremely generous donations to the Christmas Hamper appeal. Our Mini Vinnies and Year 5 and 6 had to make many trips to classrooms to collect all the food and gifts to get them to the hall.



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



Congratulations to the following students receiving Social Skills Awards

KB	Anastasia De Groot	Jeffrey Xue
KG	Tahlia Baker	Shivaan Suvama
KW	Sonya Stroukov	Melina Biyanwilage Dona
1B	Arianna Cascio	Michael Chacal
1G	Daniel Dvorjak	James Sahabu
1W	Ella Wassif	Alexander Sholkie
2B	Rachel Zeaiter	Emilia Crecca
2G	Victoria Ebrahim	Jacob Baker
2W	Jamie Haj	Lily Alam
3B	Alexia Peharda	Zoran Djuricic
3G	Lucas Keremelevski	Alastair Mattin
4B	Sofia Papandrea	Jack Kirkham
4G	Not for Publication	Lucy Saad
4W	Tiana Symin	Zara Osborn
5B	Melanie Wong	Evie Hogan
5G	Sara Uricoechea	Lucia Sorbello
5W	Zeo Kouknas	Joshua Tan
6B	Lana Formosa	Patrick Windress
6G	Antonio Zeaiter	Grace Zwaine
6W	Thomas McGinty	Lily Procter

Swimming Carnival News

The St Bernadette's Competitors Only Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre and was a great success.

A HUGE Thank you to our Parent Volunteers (in no particular order... Pennie Looker, Belisa Papandrea, Conrad Lopez, Juliet Ranieri, Julie-Ann Wigham, Lindy Burger, Lisa Viloria, Adel Kouknas, Karen Aiossa, Rebecca Wong, Adrienne McGovern, Brendan Sahabu, Julie Hawkes, Phill Moynahan, Carole Castellan and Nicky Colaco). We couldn't have done it without you. A MASSIVE Thank you to Jeff Younis who doesn't even have children at the school anymore, however every year is there to assist us at all our carnivals. It wouldn't be the same without you and your assistance is very much appreciated. Thank you also to Karen Orsini, Amanda Thorpe, Alexandra Buscall, Charmain Floody and Bianca Cooke for the smooth running of the day.

The final results and the students who will be representing St Bernadette's at the Zone Swimming Carnival next year will be announced next week.

Ivana Blazevic, Physical Education Teacher & Sports

