



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 23 April 2021 — Term 2 Week 1

No. 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope you and your family had a blessed Easter and a restful holiday break. I know the teachers rested and enjoyed the break in routine and are full of energy for the term ahead.

This term, like all terms, has many events planned so make sure you keep an eye on future newsletters and COMPASS notifications so you know what is happening in our great school.

Talking about COMPASS, have you downloaded the APP to your phone? We strongly encourage all families to have this APP as soon as possible as all future communication will be via this format, rather than email.

Also, have you submitted three (3) family favourite recipes for the St Bernadette's School Cookbook? The cookbook is our major fundraising venture for the year so I would love all families to get involved. Even I took advantage of the holidays to search through old cookbooks for the favourite recipes of my family! Yes, I have submitted them too! It is quick and easy to do. Make sure you don't miss the deadline of the 21st May. Funds raised will go towards playground refurbishments.

Do you have a preschooler at home that intends coming to school next year? Do you know a family friend or neighbour that would like to send their child to our school next year? Kindergarten 2022 positions are filling fast so make sure completed enrolment forms have been lodged. We would hate for you or others to miss out. If there are any questions about enrolment, please contact Mrs Dawn Crake in the office or check the school website.

As the weather is cooling down, some children are electing to wear the winter uniform, which is fine. The official uniform changeover date is the Monday after Mother's Day- 10th May. Get your winter uniform orders in ASAP via the Quikcliq app as the preferred ordering method. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming school event.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



On Friday we reflected on the life of St Bernadette of Lourdes who our parish and school are named after. St Bernadette was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France and died April 16, 1879 in Nevers. She was a young girl whose visions of the Blessed Lady led to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes.

Bernadette was the eldest of 9 children from a poor family. She often suffered from ill health. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, at the age of 14, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the nearby Massabielle grotto, from which the Parish newsletter takes its name. Mary revealed her identity with the words "I am the Immaculate Conception" and, among other messages and affirmations, told Bernadette that a chapel should be built there.



Bernadette steadfastly defended the genuineness of these visions despite strong opposition from her parents, the local clergy, and civil authorities, and she faithfully transmitted Mary's messages. However, her humility, truthfulness and modesty encouraged many others to believe in her visions.

A few years after her visions she became a nun and took the name Sister Marie Bernadette. She was later canonised by Pope Pius XI who authenticated her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.

On Monday 26th April, Week 2 we will commence the day with a special prayer service at our Monday morning assembly on top court to remember those who have died in wars and to commemorate ANZAC Day.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

### Week 2 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch**

#### Mon 26 April

8.30am Class Lines & ANZAC Prayer  
Yrs 5/6 Writing Inc.  
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports starts till

#### Tue 27 April

8-10am Uniform Shop

#### Wed 28 April

7:45am to 8:30am  
Choir commences (Music room)

#### Fri 30 April

Band Lessons  
Infants Cross Country  
School Assembly

### Coming Dates:

#### Wed 5 May

Mother's Day Stall

#### Thurs 6 May

Mother's Day Celebration

#### NAPLAN 2021

11 May Online testing opens  
21 May test must be completed



**ST BERNADETTE'S**  
PRIMARY CASTLE HILL

**Enrolling now  
for 2022**

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

## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

Have you downloaded it yet? So many benefits ... ease of communication, push notifications, update family details, quick & easy absentee notification, school calendar and more! Contact the office for further details.

### Mother's Day Celebration

Please join us for our Mother's Day Liturgy on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30 am** on Grass Area. We would love you to stay and join your child/children for a BYO Recess Picnic from 10:15 am—11:00am.

You might like to bring a blanket or a small picnic chair to sit on. Tea, coffee and a small snack will be available for mums.



There will also be a photo booth set up on the passive grass area for you to have a picture taken with your family so don't forget your phone.

At 11:00 am it will be time for the children to line up ready to return to class. Unfortunately, this year due to Social Distancing Rules we are unable to have mums visit the classrooms.

Dads: We will need some helpers so look out for a letter next week.

### Infants Cross Country

Next Friday, 30th April, the Infants Cross Country will be held at school. The event will be held between 11:00am - 12:45pm for years K-2 on the grass area. The children will also be participating in a number of activities on Bottom Court, Handball Court and Tuckshop Terrace.

Children are to come dressed in their school sports shorts and may like to wear a coloured t-shirt of their house colour. Children are also required to wear their school hat and bring a water bottle.

Preschoolers and younger siblings are to be under the direct supervision of their parent at all times. Unfortunately they cannot take part in the activities and games due to safety concerns.

Any family members that are coming onto the school site to spectate, must sign in using the Services NSW COVID app, sanitise upon entry and maintain social distancing regulations. Please do not attend if you are unwell or experiencing flu like symptoms.

Looking forward to a great day!

**Mrs Ilana Blazevic—Sports Coordinator**

## ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

Enrolment interviews are now taking place for Kindergarten 2022 (and Yrs 1 to 6 2022). If you have not yet submitted your form and accompanying documents could you please do so as soon as possible.

### Siblings Families

Thank you for notifying us of sibling enrolments for our Kindergarten 2022. If you have still need to let us know of a sibling for next year, please contact the office next week.



### Well Done Ava

Congratulations to **Ava Rendulic in 6W** who has been selected in the BNSW Talented Athlete program. Ava has also been selected for the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Netball team. Keep up the good 'sports'.

### Way to Go Caleb!

Congratulations to **Caleb Gomez in 6W** who made the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union team. He will trial for the MacKillop team in Forbes in June. We wish him every success.

### Sport Uniform Days

Kindy	Thursday & Friday
Yr 1	Wednesday & Thursday
Yr 2	Monday & Thursday
Yr 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 4	Monday & Tuesday
Yr 5	Tuesday & Wednesday
Yr 6	Monday & Wednesday



**Winter Uniform changeover-** All students are expected to be in winter uniform from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### Thank You

A big thank you to the parents who kindly offered to cover new books for us. With just over 400 new books added, our students (and teachers) are excited to pick up new book sets for Guided Reading.



Without the support of these parents we would not be able to access our new resources so quickly, thank you again.

**Mrs Floody**

### Kiss N Drop Reminder

When dropping your children off in the morning please organise your child to be able to alight the car with their bag without your assistance. We ask that you remain in the car as your children exit. Your cooperation will help with the flow of moving vehicles. Thank you.



## Wellbeing Library

Welcome back to Term 2. This week we are beginning to have a regular 5 minute session of meditation. We are using the Smiling Mind App which draws the students attention to their breathing which in turn can relax their body. So far all the students have given it a go and I can see there are some 'professional meditators' in the school. Many students have told me they do meditation at home. That's great!

We are also talking about goals. Setting goals is a life skill that can help us succeed.

By setting goals we have a clear direction of where we want to go, like a road map. Understanding the importance of goal setting is useful from a young age as it gives students a sense of purpose. This is vital for maintaining mental health and students are less likely to experience anxiety about the future.

A **DREAM** written down with a date becomes a **GOAL**.  
A **GOAL** broken down into steps becomes a **PLAN**.  
A **PLAN** backed by **ACTION** becomes **REALITY**.

Here are a few links to some resources we used in the lessons.

[Goal Setting for Infants](#)

[Goal Setting for Primary](#)

[Salt in his shoes- The story of Michael Jordan](#)

## School Notification

Parents are asked to notify the school immediately if any circumstances change. It is very important that the school has up to date information for the following:

- Parent contact details
- Parent addresses
- Emergency contact details

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



## Motiv8sports

In Term 2 Motive8sports will again be running their after school program on Mondays till 4.30pm. A flyer with details was sent home this week.

### Term 2:

Mon 19 April to Fri 25 June

### Term 3:

Mon 12 July to Fri 17 September

### Term 4:

Tues 5 October to Fri 17 December\* (\*Student's last day is Wed 15th December)

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—Staff development days

# Save the date! Mother's Day Stall 2021

*Wednesday 5th of May*

*We hope to spoil every Mum,  
Auntie and Grandmother*



## P & F News:

### Uniform Shop

**QuickCliq**—the new preferred sales method for ordering uniform. It's so quick and easy to use—and currently used by parents to order recess/lunch from the canteen. Once you have created your QuickCliq account you will have access to the Uniform Shop as well as the school canteen in one handy app: [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) The order form on the school website will continue to be accepted for now during this transition phase.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Pace family (Ashton 5W & Stella 2G), following the recent passing of their grandmother. May she rest in peace.



**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Rizk & Khoury families (Christian 3W and Ava 1G), following the recent passing of their great grandmother.



## NAPLAN

The test schedule at St Bernadette's will be as follows:

	Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy
<b>Year 3</b>	Tuesday 11th May 9am Paper Copy	Wednesday 12th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 11:30am Online	Thursday 13th May 9am Online
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday 11th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 9am Online	Wednesday 12th May 11:30am Online	Thursday 13th May 9am Online

\*All Year 3 Writing must be completed by Friday 14th May

\*\*All other tests must be completed by Friday 21st May

## Playing our part to Build a National Picture of Child Health



In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs Floody through the office.

## Child Protection—NEW

CEDP has launched a new Building Child Safe Communities form and online training module that **ALL** volunteers are required to complete.



ALL parents/volunteers must have completed this new online training in order to be able to help in classrooms/around the school, carnivals, gala days and on excursions (including grandparents that help with reading).

The new link is:

[https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eg4ATdmnlyyyfNH](https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnlyyyfNH)

Thank you for your support.

## RE News:

On Monday at our Assembly we remembered with prayer and Scripture that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Today we had a Prayer Liturgy for **St. Bernadette's Day** who is the Patron Saint of our School and Parish.







**ST BERNADETTE'S  
CASTLE HILL**

## **ST BERNADETTE'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR 2021 WE'RE PUBLISHING OUR VERY OWN COOKBOOK!**

**2021 is the year for our school community to come together to create and publish our very own cookbook.**

**This exciting project will involve our children and their families as well as our fantastic teachers and staff.**

**The St Bernadette's Cookbook will be full of your most loved family favourites. From snacks to quick & easy weeknight meals, weekend feasts to mouth watering desserts.**

**Each recipe will be a dedication to your children & family, making this a beautiful and personalised gift for your family & friends in time for Christmas.**

**Stay tuned for our cookbook photography weekend!  
Date & venue TBC**

**PLEASE SUBMIT 3 OF  
YOUR FAVOURITE  
RECIPES FOR  
CONSIDERATION.**

**DON'T DELAY,  
SUBMISSIONS CLOSE  
FRIDAY, 21st MAY 2021**



**CLICK ON THE LINK  
BELOW TO SUBMIT  
YOUR RECIPES**

[STB Cookbook Link](#)

**1 RECIPE PER FAMILY  
WILL BE INCLUDED**

**Help  
NEEDED**

**If you have the skills and some free-time  
in any of the following professions:**

**Photography  
Graphic Design Work  
Food Styling  
or Printing**

**AND would like to be involved in the production of the  
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