



St Bernadette's School

Thursday 16 September 2021 — Term 3 Week 10 No.30

Dear Parents,

We have made it! It is the end of one of the hardest school terms we have all known! Congratulations to the students for all that they have achieved this term and for the resilience shown to never give up, even when times have been extremely challenging.

A very big thank you to all parents and carers for the work that you have done to support your son or daughter with their 'at home' learning. I know that many of you have made huge sacrifices to be able to check over your child's work, encourage them to do their best, help them submit tasks and put up with the extra 'mess' that is around the house as they construct projects and art works. I know many of you have had to change work schedules to suit and are often working very late into the night to 'fit everything in'. I also know that having the children learning from home tests everyone's patience, not to mention the larger than normal food bill!

I know you also join me in thanking the staff for all that they have done to ensure remote learning has been so successful. The teachers have given their whole selves to ensuring that the tasks organised are purposeful as well as engaging, have adjusted the learning to cater for all student's needs, have given extraordinary amounts of feedback to students, been on zoom daily as well as made mountains of phone calls and emails home to touch base and problem solve. The Teacher Assistants have been amazing supports for the teachers and students as they work together via zoom.

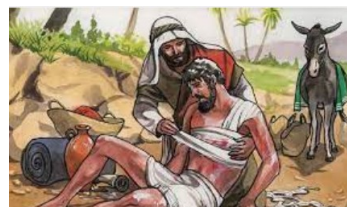
The Office staff and our IT Trainee have ensured the school keeps ticking along and have been active problem solvers to assist teachers and families to be able to continue to do their work. They have even had to manage the leaf blower and brooms to keep the school looking great.

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R.E. NEWS



Over the last 3 weeks Year 3 and 4 have been participating in their Religion Mission unit, which explores the concept of loving service and relationship to mission based on Jesus' example as portrayed in different Scripture examples such as 'Jesus washing the Disciple's Feet' and the parable of the 'Good Samaritan'.



Students will also research various organisations involved in social justice and how their mission is based on Jesus's example. The students will be creating a video in which they persuade others to support their chosen charity.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is one Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has introduced a group that works in primary schools. It is a group of young people who get together to help those in need within their school and local community.

Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, to the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. The Mini Vinnie's also lead in the many prayer experiences throughout the year at school.

In Terms 1 and 2 the Mini Vinnies Team supported Project Compassion and the St. Vincent de Paul Winter appeal which the school community generously supported. The Mini Vinnies team involves students from Year 4 to 6 who generously give up their time to help support the social justice initiatives, prayer experiences and liturgies in the school.

Mrs Shane Robinson, RE Coordinator

**Fri 17 September -
Staff Development
& Pupil Free Day**

Term 4:

**Tues 5 Oct—Fri 22 Oct
Weeks 1 to 3
Remote Learning**

**Proposed Return
dates:
Week 4—25 October
Kindergarten & Yr 1**

**Week 5—1 November
Year 2 & Year 6**

**Week 6—8 November
Years 3, 4 & 5**

**Wed 15 December
Last day for students**

**Thu 16 & Fri 17
December—Staff
Development Days**



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for 2022**

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

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Term 4 sees us return to at home learning for the first few weeks though this holiday break should help us all to feel recharged and refreshed, ready to tackle Term 4 head on. Most teachers will again remain working from home until the advertised dates of return to school for students. As always, I will share more information with you once we know the finer details of what Week 4 and beyond will look like.

Enjoy the break in routine and I hope everyone gets a chance to relax.

Thank you once again for your continued support of St Bernadette's.

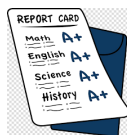
Best wishes,
Bianca Cooke—Principal

Day 1 Term 4 - Tuesday 5th October.

At home learning to continue for all grades.
Supervision only on site for families of essential workers.

End Of Year Student Reports

The format of End Of Year student reports will reflect the unusual schooling events of Terms 3 and 4 and be modified compared to the semester 1 report. Further details to come in early term 4.



NAPLAN reports

The reports for years 3 and 5 have been posted home. If you have not received it already this week, it should arrive early next week.

P&F Cookbook Fundraiser-

This fantastic fundraising initiative has been postponed until early 2022 as COVID challenges have meant that photography of the recipes has had to be delayed. Thank you once again for submitting your family recipes- they will remain in the cookbook for next year plus we will invite new families in 2022 to submit a recipe to be included. Thank you to our Cookbook Sponsors who have already generously donated money towards the production of the cookbook.

Term 4 Incursions & Excursions

Unfortunately all of the previously planned incursions and excursions have been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID situation. Mrs Cassidy and the CEDP Finance team are currently working on refunds/credits to school fees. Further details next term. Thank you.

LAST FEW REMAINING PLACES KINDERGARTEN & Years 1 to 6 2022

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2022? If not, limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake. Interviews are now taking place with Mrs Cooke, school principal (and for Yrs 1 to 6 2022). If you have not yet submitted your enrolment form and accompanying documents could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.



We are all looking forward to a well earned break from the world of online learning and daily zooms. Term 3 will go down in history as one of the most challenging that we have experienced. In years to come we will talk about this time and discuss the resilience that we all needed to make it work and how we faced the challenges with determination. It wasn't all smooth sailing but nothing ever is, we learnt to adapt and make changes. These lessons are invaluable for our children who may just grow up into adults that can adapt and change and cope with life's ups and downs better for this experience.

During the holidays enjoy the Spring weather and have fun. In the back of some children's minds will be the return to school. It may bring some anxiety and nerves. We are all feeling it and it's best to acknowledge that this is normal, that many will feel anxious about coming back. It has been close to 18 weeks since they have been at school - 3 lots of Christmas holidays!!

*Just when the caterpillar
thought the world was over –
It became a butterfly*



This week we made butterflies in Wellbeing, these represented the butterflies we may feel when we come back to school. I challenged the children when they made one that was one less worry in their tummies. Go gently and enjoy the break. Take care

[Origami Butterfly](#)

Sally Coppini

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

School Leavers

We are planning for the 2022 school year and to help us with this please advise the office via email if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2022. A reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing MUST be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rate credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Voice of Youth

Congratulations to our five Voice of Youth School Finalists for their outstanding and thought-provoking speeches presented on Monday.

Thank you to our comperes Harry and Keira for running such a smooth finals event.

We also want to thank our three judges, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Floody, and Mrs Coppini. They had the difficult task of selecting our Overall Winner (Sofia Aiossa), Runner up (Lucas Ranieri) and Social Justice (Isabella Perete).



Mrs Maryanne Lean-Fore
Year 6

Free fun with the Parliament of NSW

Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 September and Friday 1 October. For children up to 12 years. Visit Australia's oldest Parliament via ZOOM this school holidays for **free** fun, educational activities for children and families. We have three sessions over three days planned including storytelling, a virtual guided tour through the chambers and a special cultural session with [Mirri Mirri](#). Link for bookings: [Free Family Fun with the Parliament of NSW – Parliament of New South Wales](#)

We also have a school holiday colouring-in competition. There will be four lucky winners and the prize is a Parliament of NSW Gift Box filled with goodies, valued at \$100. The link to the competition is <https://education.parliament.nsw.gov.au/school-holiday-fun-colouring-in-competition/>

Hills Shire Library Service

Healthy Lunch and Snack Ideas for Children

Take part in a live online presentation about how to make healthy lunches and snacks for your family. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and you will also receive links to online resources with healthy lunch tips and ideas.

- Fri, 24 September 2021 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- Thu, 30 September 2021 3:40 PM – 4:10 PM

Raising Resilient Children

Building resilience is important for children's mental health. Join Stephanie O'Hare, Clinical Neuropsychologist, as she explains the different stages in child development and how best to support these stages in your child.

- Wed, 20 October 2021 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

All sessions are free however bookings are essential to receive the talk links www.eventbrite.com.au/o/the-hills-shire-library-service-231647259



School Camps at Home!

School Camp at Home is a fantastic resource for Teachers and parents alike. Developed by the Office of Sport with COVID-19 lockdown in mind the activities can be done in a wide range of environments - parks, backyards, green spaces, balconies or even inside!

This can be a great way to break up a student's day, the self-distancing and social isolation. Maintaining the public's physical and mental well-being is now as important as ever. Where possible, it is important community members continue to exercise, so long as social distancing is practised and rules around public gatherings are complied with. Some of these you can do with your child, or set them free in the backyard, make a cup of tea, or catch up on work.

Download Resource Pack [Here](#) & Other Resources [Here](#)

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