



St Bernadette's School

Friday 5 March 2021 — Term 1 Week 6

No. 6

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual event and involves all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. 2021 Catholic Schools Week celebrations will take place from 7-13 March and announces the start of the official enrolment period. The theme for 2021 is 'Celebrating 200 years of Catholic education'.

From our first school in 1820, the contribution of the earliest Catholic schools transformed access to education for disadvantaged Australians. Today, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta builds on this legacy through leadership both on equity and the transformation of learning and teaching through innovation.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate the bicentenary of Australia's first Catholic school through a continued commitment to growing opportunities of Catholic education for all. We acknowledge the history, stories, and Dreaming of the Darug people. We learn from the wrongs of the past, and these challenges guide us to a future that is accepting, welcoming and proudly diverse. The history of Catholic education in Australia is far from staid, beginning with Irish insurgency in the early colony. We continue to grow from our beginnings in 1820, acknowledging the spirit, determination, and initiative shown by our earliest lay teachers.

Ours is a story of courage and determination with heroes like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, a woman whose extraordinary faith effectively extended the opportunities of education to ordinary Australian children. We continue to grow from the foundations laid by the religious orders and the legacy of the clergy who dedicated their lives to building Catholic schools and their communities.

We celebrate all that unites us, and we commit to a hope that defines us, in living out God's love for one another.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal



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R.E. NEWS



This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Lent and this week's Gospel is 'The Cleansing of the Temple'.

The event of the cleansing of the Temple is to be found in all four gospels; evidence of its historicity and its importance for the early Christian community.

While we might have expected Mark's account given that it is year B, the church (in its wisdom) has presented us with John's account, and indeed in year B we also read from John on weeks 4 and 5 of Lent.



There are three parts to this Gospel : V 13-17; the actual cleansing of the temple by Jesus. V18-22; a dialogue between Jesus and the Jews, with a comment (V17) from his disciples. V23 – 25; a description of the ministry of Jesus which is separate from the main story.

V13: "Jewish Passover" as above.

V14: "people selling ...and money changers – Animals were slaughtered and presented as sacrificial offerings. They were sold in the outer margins of the Temple so that Pilgrims travelling from outside Jerusalem did not have to take them with them. Roman coins could not be used in the temple grounds and so the money changers were necessary but they were often dishonest and charged exorbitant rates.

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Week 7 Dates CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mon 8 March
8.30am Morning Assembly
Dance Fever
CEDP Hockey
3-4.30pm Motiv8sports

Tue 9 March
8-10am Uniform Shop (Emailed orders only)
9.15am Open Day Kindergarten 2022
AFL Gala Day
Diocesan Swim Carnival

Fri 12 March
Band Lessons
11.30am Open Day Kindergarten 2022

Tues 16 March
7.30am Sibling Photos
School Photo Day

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>

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V15-16: “he drove them all out” – Jesus could not tolerate activities which entailed so much corruption and abuse (and no doubt exploited the poor) and ran totally contrary to God’s plan for his people. In his anger and frustration he lashed out physically overturning tables and verbally challenging them to respect the One in whose House they were.

V17: “zeal for your house” – now the disciples understood what Scripture meant – no man or woman of God can stand by and do nothing in the face of such desecration.

V18: “the Jews intervened” – the Jews represent those opposed to Jesus – those weak in faith, with wrong values, looking for signs.

V19 -21: the dialogue between Jesus and the Jews highlights two different understandings of sanctuary – the Jews are concerned with the physical sanctuary, the building, which they believe house God’s presence, and which took 46 years to build and whose destruction would be a disaster. Jesus, on the other hand is focused on a new understanding of sanctuary – the presence of God embodied in his human person (and by extension in people). The presence and activity of God cannot be stopped – it may be delayed, frustrated, crushed but it will always rise again.

V22: looking back in the light of the resurrection the disciples understood what Jesus was talking about.

V23 – 25: these verses are separate from what goes before. Jesus recognises those who are only interested in what he can give them. The perceptive discerning Jesus is not easily seduced by flattery, acclamation or success.

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: • **What word or words in this passage caught your attention?** • **What in this passage comforted you?** • **What in this passage challenged you?**

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to **Murphy Sun 4W & Ava Papandrea 3G** who were awarded runner up prizes and received a \$30 gift voucher:

Thank you all students who took part and well done!



Exciting News ... Compass Parent Portal App ...

It’s here and ready for you to download.

Email sent on Monday with details.

Compass Parent Portal

All parents have recently received an email invitation to install the COMPASS App on their phone. If you did not receive the email, please contact the office for assistance. The COMPASS Parent App is designed to enable ease of communication between school and families with the use of push notifications rather than emails. The COMPASS Parent App also allows parents the ability to update family details such as home address and contact phone numbers plus allow you to indicate child absentee reasons without writing a formal explanation letter. The App is simple to use and will eventually become the school’s main method of communication with families. We already have over 180 parents signed up, which is amazing and encourage all remaining families to do so as quickly as possible.

Any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 OPEN DAY

Tues 9 March—9.15am

Fri 12 March—11.30am



Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our Open Days for Kindergarten 2022. Due to COVID restrictions this year, parents **MUST** register their interest on our website: [here](#)

A total of 30 people per session will be enforced. Therefore, in order not to miss out please inform any friends or relatives that are planning on coming to our Open Days that they need to register first.

Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Enrolment forms are available to download from our website.

Existing families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2022 are asked to contact the school office before the end of February. All completed enrolment forms can now be submitted with all necessary paperwork by **Friday 2nd April 2021**. It is very important for our 2022 planning that we know how many siblings to expect. Your assistance in notifying the school is much appreciated.



This week in our wellbeing lessons we talked about the challenges that we might encounter. We realised that **everyone** has times when they are challenged. We read a book called *The Huge Bag of Worries* by Virginia Ironside ([YouTube Link](#)) and we discussed that it is normal to have worries but we need to have people that we can trust to talk to about our worries. We wrote a contract to ourselves and listed 5 adults that we can talk to when we have something on our mind. Those adults would:

- Listen to you
- Believe you
- Do something to help you

We have also been practising our Five Finger Breathing. Stay tuned to Facebook to see it in action. Have a happy week.

Garden Club - OPEN GARDEN

The staff and students of the garden club invite their parents to join us for a 'hands on' family gardening session on **Friday March 19, 3pm-4:30pm**. We will be weeding, fertilising and mulching the garden beds ready for planting and hope you can join us to get a sneak peak at what we have planned for the year ahead.



Students will need to be collected from school as usual and should only attend the open garden if supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. We ask all visitors to meet at Tuckshop Terrace at 3pm where you can sign in and we will show you where to go.

If you can, please bring along gloves and any small garden tools (secateurs, spade, etc) as well as a hat and sunscreen.

Numbers are limited (due to COVID) so please RSVP using the online link below or by contacting the school office:

<https://forms.gle/PfGrFTcKoygdvN7s9>

Term 1:

Fri 29 Jan to Thurs 1 April

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

Hillsbus—Student Transport

Please be advised that the following routes have been updated commencing 15 March 2021:

- Route 2017 will be discontinued, affected student can catch existing alternative Route 2052
- Route 2052 will commence 5 minutes later
- Route 2562 will depart from Old Northern Road and have a path change
- Route 3519 will be discounted, potential affected students can catch route 626, 632 and 635.

School Photo Day

Tuesday 16th March

A reminder that photo day is coming up. All students are to wear their full summer uniform. Parents can go online to order photos with the shootkey given on the note this week. Sibling photos will take place from 7.30am, at recess and lunchtime.



New Seating

Our senior students are enjoying their new picnic seating at lunch time.



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.aul.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg4ATdmnllyyfnH

Thank you for your support.

PM eCollection

Our K-2 students are in the process of receiving their usernames and log in's to be able to access the PM eCollection.

In 2020 CEDP kindly paid for a subscription for all K-2 students to access the online books. We are pleased to announce that this subscription has been renewed by CEDP.

Please make the most of this resource at home to access reading books set by teachers for the children to access. All books are at a level for the children to be able to access them fairly independently. You can also explore the site function and have the book read aloud to your child.

Access is via the app on an iPad or via the website on a computer.

To download the the iOS app for iPad, visit the iTunes store and search for 'eCollection' or [use this link](#).

To access the browser app, go to app.pmecollection.com.au on any browser.

Charmain Floody—Assistant Principal



P & F News:

UNIFORM SHOP- Today your child will be bringing home a flyer from the Uniform Shop advertising our preferred new sales method for uniforms. The flyer outlines **QUICKCLIQ** as the way to order and pay for uniform items. QUICKCLIQ is currently in use by many families for canteen orders and the uniform shop works in the same way. 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

The order form on the school website will continue to be accepted for now during this transition phase. We will also organise fitting times for those new families that require a uniform fitting for the winter uniform. Details to come in the next week.

P&F- we need your help!

The P&F require the services of a financial auditor to 'review the books'. If you, or someone you know, would be able to assist, please contact the school office or the P&F Secretary Steve Lavis- secretary.stbpnf@gmail.com
Thank you in advance!

The link to our order form is below.

[2020 2021 Summer Uniform Order Form](#)

The uniform shop will be selling 2nd hand summer and winter stock at the Brisbane Road gate from 8am Tuesday 9th March. EFTPOS only.

Winter Uniform changeover- All students are expected to be in winter uniform from Monday 10th May. Please do not leave your ordering of winter items to the last minute as stock levels vary.

Second Hand items- if your child has outgrown school uniform items that are still in good condition, especially winter uniforms, we would love to have your donations! Please leave donated items in the school office. Thank you in advance.

Baulkham Hills Bulls Try Hockey—free sessions

Saturday 6 & 13th March 6-7pm Pennant Hills Park Hockey Fields. Welcoming all under 7s and older. Register online at baulkhamhillshockey.org.au

MindQuest 2021– Glenwood HS

(Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Dr) Saturday & Sunday 22 & 23 May 2021—NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a specialist interest. They will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, 3D printing, Lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (inc GST). Contact Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148 Closing date: Fri 23/4/2021

