



St Bernadette's School

Friday 8 October 2021 — Term 4 Week 1

No. 31

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

I hope you and the family had a restful break over the school holidays and that everyone is energised to return to their learning!

The teachers have commented how quickly the children settled back into their learning this week. Thank you to the families for your continued support!



As you would have heard recently by our new Premier, return to school plans have changed slightly. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school very soon. In fact, the teachers cannot wait! More details will be shared with you next week with final arrangements though here are the 'highlights':

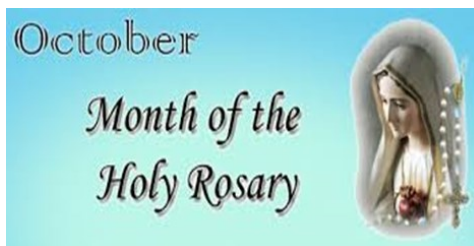
- Kindergarten and Year 1 return to school on Monday 18th October
- Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 return to school on Monday 25th October
- If students return to school before their allocated date, they will be supervised by available staff (not their class teacher) and work on remote learning tasks set by their class teacher via Google Classroom/ See-Saw
- All students are to wear their school summer uniform. Don't forget your hat and water bottle!
- The water bubblers will remain switched off for now
- Students will have staggered recess and lunch breaks during the day so that grades minimise mixing of students
- There will be a crunch and sip break for all students throughout the day
- Parents will NOT be allowed onto the school site for drop off or pickup- we will begin dismissing students from 2:30pm to allow for an easing of congestion. New arrangements will be shared with you to ensure we uphold current restrictions.

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R.E. NEWS



October is the month we focus on the special prayer— the Rosary. We discover and learn the different parts of it. The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but can also be a vocal prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the life and death of Jesus Christ, his passion and his glory and we also think of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We hope that you have been able to find some time at home to pray this special prayer with your families.



The Joyful Mysteries: (said on Mondays and Saturdays, the Sundays of Advent and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light): (said on Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of the Lord
2. The Wedding of Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

After each Mystery, we recite the Fatima prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy."

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 2 Dates

Weeks 1 & 2

Tues 5 Oct—Fri 15 Oct
Remote Learning

Week 3—Mon 18 Oct
Kindergarten & Yr 1

Week 4—Mon 25 Oct
All students on site

Wed 15 December
Last day for students

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December —
Staff Development & Pupil Free Days



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

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- All teachers need to be fully vaccinated to return to school
- All teachers need to wear a mask- for students it is recommended though not mandatory
- COSHC is operating before and after school
- Details about the canteen will be shared next week
- The school uniform shop is closed for face-to-face sales. ALL sales must be online
- The school will continue to have extra daily COVID cleaning throughout the school during the day and the evening.

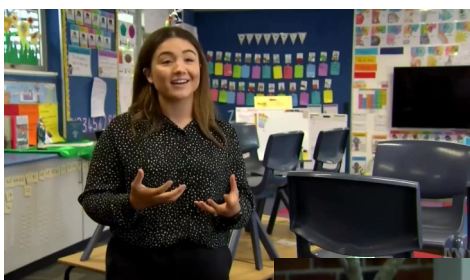
As mentioned, further details will be shared with you next week. (Just in case there are any last-minute government changes over the weekend)

Thank you once again for all that you do to support your children with their learning at home. I know it is not easy though the end is in sight!

Best wishes,
Bianca Cooke

ABC News Interview

Congratulations to Miss Jurcevic and Emily from KW for their superstar performances on the ABC news last Sunday night! Kristina and Emily spoke about what it has been like during 100 days of lockdown. You can watch the full interview on ABC iview or watch the shortened version [here](#).



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.



In the next couple of weeks we will be emerging from restrictions and lockdowns after an unprecedented amount of time. Naturally this is going to evoke many different reactions, from excitement about the activities we have missed and anxiety about how we will cope in the 'real world' again. The children have had daily rituals that helped them cope with lockdown and now these routines will need to change again. Many will struggle with the early mornings, the inevitable morning rush and the separation from family they have spent every moment with for the last few months. Some parents might feel the same separation anxiety. All of these emotions are completely normal.

A helpful way to cope with the transition back to school is to create a plan. Planning is a huge part of any successful outcome.



1. Reassure your children about returning to school.
2. Start conversations about school routines and prepare them for possible changes in some school activities.
3. Set the alarm to get children ready to wake at a certain time.
4. Have a set recess and lunch break, you could even pack it in their lunchbox.
5. Return to your normal bedtime routine.
6. Be prepared for some emotions to be expressed. The significant changes may make it difficult for them to control their feelings and behaviour and they may need some extra support.
7. Talk about how each family member is feeling, it's important to get those emotions out into the open so they can be dealt with. If they are finding this difficult they could draw or write how they are feeling.

I have included a link to an article with some good ideas to support your child on their return to school. [Helping Children Return to School](#)

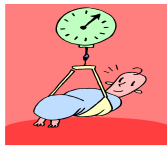
Good luck and take care

Sally Coppini

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Gray family (William in KW), following the recent passing of his grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Our congratulations to the Symin family on the birth of a baby girl, Charlotte Faith, sister to Abigail in 2W and Madeleine in KG. Our best wishes to the family.



ICAS News

Students who are participating in ICAS testing for English and Mathematics will complete these when we return to school. Students participating in the ICAS Writing test will have details emailed to them for completing the test online remotely on Wednesday the 13th of October.

New Shelves for our Library

During the school holidays our Library was treated to a little refresh. New shelves were installed so that we can display our wonderful selection of children's books.



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Term 1 2022:

Fri 28 Jan—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Mon 31 Jan—Staff Dev Day & MAIs

Tues 1 Feb—Years 1 to 6 commence

Wed 2 Feb—Kindergarten 2022 commence

Fri 8 April—Last day of Term 1

P&F News:

Summer Uniform

Our summer uniform is now available to order via the **Quickcliq App**. Please note that the uniform shop remains closed to parents so the only way to order uniform is via the App. Pre-loved uniform items are also available to purchase from the App.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Collection of uniform will be via your child (if they are on-site) or by drive by and pick up from the office if your child is not yet on site.

The long sleeve polo shirt is in stock and available to purchase! Parents who had previously emailed the uniform shop to go on the waiting list can now order and pay for the item via Quickcliq.

Summer uniform is to be worn from Week 3 onwards—so now is the time to start ordering!

LAST FEW REMAINING PLACES KINDERGARTEN & Years 1 to 6 2022

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2022? Limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake. Interviews are also taking place for Yrs 1 to 6 2022. Please submit your enrolment form and accompanying documents to the school office as soon as possible.



A Message from Hillsbus

We are pleased to inform you that all Hillsbus school services will recommence from **Monday 18 October 2021**. From that date, Hillsbus will also recommence School Term timetables for all public routes for students who use public routes to school.



Finally, from the 18th October route 610X peak extensions from/to Kellyville will be curtailed to operate between Castle Hill and the City, and there are minor timing changes to routes: 602X, 607X, 610X, 611, 612X, 613X, 614X, 615X, 616X, 619, 620X, 622, 642X and 652X. Schools which are directly affected by any of these changes have been informed with new school advice sheets. Travellers are encouraged to plan their trips on Transportnsw.info or call 131500 for travel options.

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