



St Bernadette's School

Friday 12 November 2021 — Term 4 Week 6 No. 36

Dear Parents,

“Is there room for God in our life?”

Our answer should be “yes”, if we believe that God is not simply “Our Father who art in heaven” but that God is also with us on earth. God is within us and around us; we need to grow in our ability to trust God with the overall direction of our lives. That direction is not sign-posted by what we can gather through our external senses but through the guidance of our inner insights.

There is always the temptation to allow our lives to be motivated by achievement, performance and acquisitions. Experience will teach us, though, that life is not what is accumulated but what is given to others. Our inner self will tell us that it is better to “love one another” and to “forgive your enemies”, for in so doing, we live purposefully and lovingly instead of selfishly and hurtfully.

Mother Teresa once wrote that: “The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action. Religion has nothing to do with compassion. It is our love for God that is the main thing, because we have all been created for the sole purpose to love and be loved.”

If we allow God to have a strong presence within us and to guide us towards an inner peace, we will be happier human beings and not stuck in negative thoughts.

*“God, you are present in all your creation, open our minds and hearts to you so that your peace might seep into our souls. May our connectedness to you lead us to an inner wisdom through the comfort of your peaceful presence.
Amen.”*

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Mini Vinnie Social Justice Initiative

This is a reminder for children to please bring in non-perishable food and/or a small gift for the St Vincent de Paul and school parish Christmas Hampers Appeal. Please ensure that all non-perishable food donations such as biscuits, pasta and tinned vegetables and long life milk are in date. Each class or grade in the Primary classes have a particular family they are collecting goods for. Please send all donations to your child's class by **Wednesday 4th December**.

Class	Hamper No	Adults Male/Female	Boys	Girls
2G	800	2F/1M	12yr	13 yr,9
KG	802	1F	12Yr	2x10yrs
Year 4	135	2F		9yr,11,12,15,17
Year 6	144	1M/1F	5,16 yrs	Baby, 7,12,13Yr
2W	602	2F/1M	4,8,11yrs	
Year 3	636	1F/1M	8,9,15,15 yrs	
1G	639	1F	3,7yrs	
KB	644	4F/1M	5yrs	6,12yrs
1W	668	1F	7,12yrs	
KW	669	1F		13,16 yrs
1B	670	1F/1M	3yr,6yr	12yr
2B	674	1F	4,17yr	
Year 3	703	1M	10,12yr	
Year 5	722	1F	6 children genders not advised	
Year 6	725	1F/1M	4 children	

Thank you to those families who have already generously donated to this appeal. Your support is much appreciated.

**Mrs Shane Robinson
REC**



Week 7 Dates

17 & 18 November
Yr 6 'Becoming your Best' days

Thurs 18 November
Yrs 3&4 ICAS Maths

Fri 19 November
Yrs 5&6 ICAS Maths

Wed 24 November
7.30pm P&F AGM via Zoom

Wed 1 & 8 December
K22 Orientation

Tues 14 December
7pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Wed 15 December
Last day for students

Thu 16 & Fri 17 December—Staff Development Days



**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>



This week we tackled the topic of differences. We carried out an experiment and the results proved that we are all different. Part of the activity was to name something that the students would like to change about themselves. We discussed and agreed that people might want to change certain things because they wanted to fit in and be like everyone else. Being different was challenging!

Some Stage 3 students bravely shared the differences they faced through autism and ADHD. We heard how they experienced life and how they handled activities and school work. It helped the other students to understand that they were not different but we are all different. One student cleverly said, "we are all the same because we are all different". Such wise words.

The things that make me different



I challenged the students not to change themselves so they would 'fit in', but celebrate the differences that they were born with. Every single student said that it would be ok if their friend had different likes or had different ideas to them. With so many diverse students at St Bernadette's we are lucky that we are exposing our children to realise that while we are all

different we are all the same deep down. Out of such experiences comes a wonderful opportunity to develop empathy and acceptance. Dr Suess beautifully said, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out".

This is a lovely video for adults about differences. [Putting people in boxes](#)

Take care,
Sally Coppini

~ Remember ~

At St Bernadette's Primary, school starts, and gates close at 8.30 am.

Please arrive before 8.30 am so that your child/ren are ready to start their day poised, calm and unrushed.

Thank you

**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.



School Absences

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, please notify us via the Compass Parent Portal App or a note to the teacher please. It is a requirement that every absence is notified to the school.

Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge

Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on 1 November 2021 and close at 5:00pm on 25 February 2022. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Hanna family (Charbel & Joseph in Kindy, Mia in 1W and Matthew in 6G), following the recent passing of their grandmother. May she rest in peace.



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.

**Congratulations to the following
students receiving Bernie Way & Class Merit Awards
Bernie Way Award— Being Safe & Being Respectful**

	Bernie Way Award	Bernie Way Award	Class Merit Award	Class Merit Award
KB	Amelie Perete	Sisendra Sathees Kumar	William Liccioni	Not for publication
KG	Madeleine Symin	Axel Nguyen	Gabriel Leon de la Barra	Elyssa Saad
KW	Mariam Ibrahim	Jasmine Diab	Sebastian Barone	Kaitlyn Chen
1B	Angela Kamel	Harvey Folitarik	Jacob Woolford	Khloe Calapan
1G	Sonya Stroukov	Ava Khoury	Harvey Greer	Sienna Kirkwood
1W	Liam Kruger	Olivia Inchaustegui-Herrera	Brody Van Ryswyk	Archer Black
2B	Nayonika Sharma	Samantha Leong	Oliver Thomson	Xavier Lai
2G	Andre Van Jour	James Sahabu	Lily Smith	Amelia Banovic
2W	Jeremy Tan	Daniel Truong	Eliana Escobar	Abigail Barone
3B	Ashlee Nguyen	Ameer Singhal	Hamish Smith	Clare Baker
3G	Amelie Saliba	Sophie Vioria	Isaiah Mathews	Aiden Lam
3W	Rachel Tan	Samuel Khamis	Harrison Thom	Rachel Zeaiter
4B	Alexis Mortel	Not for publication	Xavier Ranieri	Emma Sakkal
4W	Hayden Sharwood	Aleksander Puleo	Ridhima Talwar	Arianni Sebastian
5B	Aditi Gowda	Ashton Baker	Annabelle Wong	Grace Semaan
5G	Olivia Damiano	Clovis Chan	Holly Procter	Mia Parame
5W	Addisyn Ream	Jack Kirkham	Gianni Castellan	Emily Mitchell
6B	Grace Kalina	Cooper Dowling	Helena Alexander	Alexander Barone
6G	Ava Smith	Nathan Coutinho	Chloe Malandrino	Jesse Oliver
6W	Jai Salter	Audrey Sullivan	Jet Jackson	Evie Hogan

Thank you to our Cookbook Sponsors



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

Birthday Treats for Classmates

Due to COVID conditions it is preferred if birthday treat items are store bought and individually wrapped - no lolly bags or whole cakes. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

PARISH NEWS: Sacramental Program-Reconciliation

There will be a Parent's Information Evening on **Tuesday 16th November at 7pm** in the Church for any parents wishing to register their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation next year. The program is for students in Year 3 and up in 2022, who have already completed the Sacrament of Baptism.

For more information please contact Laura Burton at sacraments@stbernadette.org.au or 9634 2622

ENROL NOW FOR COSHC FOR TERM 4 & 2022!

We offer an exciting and safe space for children of all ages to come before and after school. We are currently accepting bookings! Please email stbcastlehill@cdpsl.org.au for any enquiries. We look forward to having you join us soon!

Parents & Friends News:

P&F AGM—Wed 24 November 7.30pm

All parents are invited to attend (via Zoom) our P&F AGM. As parents we have a responsibility both for our children and for building a community in our school. We all have similar hopes and share a common purpose for the education of our children. The P&F Association works tirelessly for the welfare and learning of the children. Through our social and fundraising efforts, we are able to provide a wonderful environment which is safe and welcoming. An email was sent to parents on 1 November with full details. Meeting ID: 854 7574 2353
Passcode: 315457
Link: <https://teachingservices.zoom.us/j/85475742353?pwd=Zkp5b2dLSXdGaVkrRTBsZ2dzdXdlZ09>

Uniform Shop

Our summer uniform is available to order via the Quickcliq App. Please note that the uniform shop remains closed to parents for now so the only way to order uniform is via the App.



Other Items:

Hills Community Aid—December Workshops

A range of face to face, online activities, workshops for children and families, youth and adults are planned for December:

Gingerbread House workshops, Kahoot family Christmas Trivia, Christmas wreath making, Creative family craft, watercolour card making, paint a Christmas plate, gingerbread train workshop, Let's draw online & more!

Registrations essential: <https://www.hca.org.au/whatson-old> or Enquiries: 9639 8620.

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