



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 19 November 2021 — Term 4 Week 7 No. 37

Dear families,

We are on the cusp of the Advent season! A time where we reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and often show extra care and compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves. The hamper donations are flooding in and I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. The items that you donate go to those in our community who need some assistance, especially at this time.

End of Year student reports will go home to parents on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the format of the report will be very different to a usual Term 4 report due to the extensive amount of time spent in remote learning. There are no assigned grades and comments focus on Religious Education, English and Mathematics. The decision to have an amended report was made by the NSW Government earlier this term. As schools could devise their own reporting format, our local Catholic Primary Schools in the Hills area worked together to create a proforma that all of us will use. This year, the report will be printed for families though next year reports will be shared with you electronically via the COMPASS app.

Thank you again for your co-operation with the changed morning and afternoon routines that we have had to implement due to COVID restrictions. We appreciate the way the 2:30pm pickup happens so quickly and without drama. If you are a blue wall pick up, please remember that the 2:30pm timeslot is for Kindergarten, Year 1 and their siblings only. 2:45-3pm is for those remaining. Please be reminded that morning supervision for children begins at 8am. Prior to this time there are no staff members with the children.

We wish Fr Fernando a very safe trip back home to Mexico where he will spend some much-needed time with his family. Fr Fernando will be greatly missed in the coming months. We welcome Fr Clifford D'Souza from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes, who will be helping Father Shinto until Fr Fernando's return in 2022.

May God bless and keep you.

**Bianca Cooke—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism.

This last Sunday in Ordinary Time is dedicated to the very highest understanding of the nature, role, and purpose of Jesus of Nazareth.

The feast of "Christ the King" was first established in 1925, and Pope Saint Paul VI expanded its name to "King of the Universe" in 1969. By "King of the Universe" the Church is communicating Jesus' metaphysical scale, that God encompasses all of reality, not just man's reality.

The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

- That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
- That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.

*Christ the King, Your sovereignty over all creation is not heavy. You order all reality toward Yourself and govern Your creatures with justice and humility.*

*Help us to be faithful and subservient to what You desire, so that we can live one day in Your heavenly kingdom.*

### Week 8 Dates

**Wed 24 November**  
7.30pm P&F AGM

### Coming Dates:

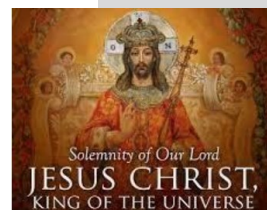
**Wed 1 & 8 December**  
K22 Orientation

**Fri 3 December**  
Yrs 2—5 Swimming carnival (Swimmers only)

**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>

## 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.



In the early 2000's social scientists discovered that we have 24 character strengths. Everyone possesses all 24 character strengths in different degrees, so each person has a truly unique character.

In Wellbeing this week we celebrated all 24 character strengths and we came up with our individual "Top 5". Hopefully your children brought home their list to share with you.

**CURIOSITY**  
kindness  
perseverance  
GRATITUDE  
forgiveness  
HUMILITY  
PRUDENCE

**creativity**  
self-regulation  
JUDGMENT  
FAIRNESS  
HOPE  
ZEST  
spirituality

**HONESTY**  
humor  
appreciation of beauty and excellence  
PERSPECTIVE  
teamwork  
social intelligence

**LEADERSHIP**  
LOVE OF LEARNING  
love

This week's lesson really made a point of telling the children that each and every one of them have all of these strengths. The question was asked; Why are some people kinder than others? Or Why are some people more cheerful than others? Well, it's because they practise that strength more often.

We all agreed that if we had all 24 strengths we need to start practicing some of the ones that we aren't strong in, like zest, which is approaching everything with enthusiasm and energy. People with zest give everything 100%.

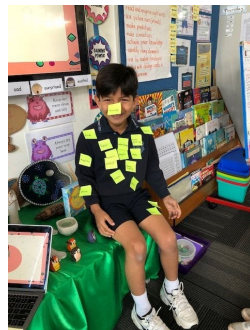
In our discussions children shared one of their character strengths but it was very special when they shared a character strength of one of their classmates. It does wonderful things for your self esteem when your peers congratulate you for a special quality that you possess and share with others.

[The 24 Character Strength Posters](#)

[Youtube - The 24 Character Strengths](#)

Like everyone of us Arnav from 1B has all 24 character strengths that he can use everyday.

Take care,  
**Mrs Sally Coppini**



## Lost Property

A pair of student reading glasses have been handed in to the office. If your child's glasses are missing, please contact the office on 9407 6600.

## Library News:

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who ordered Book Club this term. With every purchase we receive a 10% reward. This term we earned \$680.30 which we will use to buy new books for the library. Thank you to Karen Aiossa and Adel Kouknas for doing such a great job in coordinating the Book Club for St Bernadette's.

**LAST MINUTE ORDERS**

[Book Club Issue 7](#)



## Library Books

Please check under beds and bookshelves as we are still awaiting the safe return of over 200 library books.

I mentioned to the children that St Anthony is a great person to ask when you have lost a book or two or three. It is amazing where you might find them!

Thank you

**Sally Coppini**



## Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge

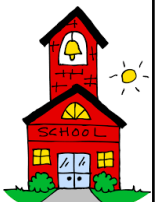
Taking part in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two \$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](#).

## 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.



## Allergy Advice for Online Tuckshop Orders

If your child has a food allergy, it is important to add his/her known allergies to the Health Warning in **Quickcliq**. Click on the 'Student' tab and look under 'User (student/participant) details' to find the 'Health Warnings' field. This will help to prevent the likelihood of your child having contact with foods that they are allergic too.



## School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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

## 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](mailto:stbcastlehill@cdpsl.org.au) for any enquiries. We look forward to having you join us soon!

## P&F News:

### P&F AGM—Wed 24 November 7.30pm in the school Library and via ZOOM

Parents are invited to attend our Annual P&F AGM in the school library or via ZOOM (details below). 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.

Following current guidelines, please note that parents attending in person will be required to wear a mask, social distance and show proof of vaccination.

Meeting ID: 854 7574 2353

Passcode: 315457

Link: <https://teachingservices.zoom.us/j/85475742353?pwd=Zkp5b2dLSXZGaVkrRTBsZ2dzdXdlZDZ09>

## Band News

Congratulations to all of the St Bernadette's students who are part of the school band! It has been a tough year though you have managed zoom lessons exceedingly well and showed great resilience to never give up.

Vacancies exist for 2022 so if your child is interested in learning an instrument and then becoming a part of the school band, more information can be found in a final parent information session (zoom) – **Monday Nov 22nd, 7pm** <https://teachingservices.com.au/parent-information-webinar/>

## Other News

### Catherine McAuley Westmead

**Enrolling now for Year 7 2023**—Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Application close on 25 March 2022. For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website. Tours of the school campus will be held during Catholic Schools Week 2022 (Tues 8 March to Fri 11 March 2022) Visit our school website to book a tour. [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)

## OLMC Mercy Scholarships

Applications are now open for Year 7 2023 Mercy Scholarships for: Academic Excellence, Music Excellence, OLMC Parramatta Alumnae. [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

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# ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2022 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a band demonstration highlighting the different instruments available to learn at school. **After this demonstration they will receive a flyer with information** about school band and how to enrol.

What do you need to do?

1. **Carefully read the flyer** for information about the school band (or visit [www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI](http://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI))
2. **Select which instrument\*\*** your child would like to play in the band – there are some important factors to consider when selecting an instrument and these are all covered on our website
3. **Enrol online** – once you have confirmed which instrument your child wishes to play, please finalise your enrolment online

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

*\*\*Selecting an instrument during remote learning and COVID restrictions will be different to previous years – TSA will provide parents with clear and simple advice to help you find the instrument best suited to your child.*



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