



St Bernadette's School

Friday 26 November 2021 — Term 4 Week 8 No. 38

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday evening we held the Term 4 P&F meeting in the library and via zoom. Thank you to those who were able to attend and show their support. I know this time of year is a very busy one for all families.

During the meeting we held our Annual General Meeting to elect new office bearers for 2022. I would sincerely like to thank the outgoing 2021 P&F committee members for their hard work and dedication in a very challenging 12 months. As always, COVID impacted just about everything that was planned to occur and our major fundraiser- the St Bernadette's Cookbook, has been held over to early next year. We look forward to a brighter and more successful 2022.

Congratulations and thank you to the following people who stepped forward to take on positions of responsibility for 2022:

- President:** Amanda Baker
- Vice President:** Mark Haj
- Secretary:** Steve Lavis
- Treasurer:** Heath Baker
- Executive Committee:** Nick Gooley, Joanne Baker, Lydia Dahdah, Elena Sciberras, Brianna Smith, Di Zaiter, Rita Bradshaw
- Hospitality:** Joanne Baker
- Maintenance:** Nick Gooley
- PRC:** TBC
- Grade Parent Organisers:** Rita Bradshaw, Belisa Papandrea
- Book Club:** Adele Kouknas, Karen Aiossa
- Social Media:** TBC
- Mother's & Father's Day stalls:** Debbie Kalina, Laura Symin

As always, more helpers are required to assist with 2022 events and we look forward to seeing as many new faces as possible assisting when called upon. It's a great way to not only help your child's school in a practical way, but it is also a fabulous way to make new friends.

Thank you once again for your constant support. Have a restful weekend.

Bianca Cooke, Principal

R.E. NEWS



This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle C of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

To prepare for the Second Coming of Christ and for a fruitful commemoration of His first coming at Christmas involves, in the words of the Second Reading (1 Thess 3:12-4:2), that we allow ourselves and our hearts to be "confirmed in holiness that we may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints." The One who came and Who is to come, the reason for this season, came in the simplest and humblest of ways. *Continued page 2...*

Week 9 Dates

Wed 1 December
K22 Orientation

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

Coming Dates:

Tues 7 December
Tremendous Tuesday

Wed 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



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

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The simplicity of His appearance in our midst informs us of how simple God wants us to be and it is in this simplicity that we can best prepare to meet Him at the end of time.

Truly, "God made us plain and simple, but we have made ourselves very complicated" (Ecclesiastes 7:29). Part of the ways of preparing for these celebrations could be to choose to live simply in imitation of Christ the Emmanuel who came to us in the simplest of ways and Who has remained with us in simple ways, in the sacraments and in our brothers and sisters and Who wants us to live in simplicity of life.

May God bless our hope and preparations this Advent Season and grant us an all-round positively transformatory Liturgical Year; Amen.



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

This week we looked at how important mindfulness is to our wellbeing. A simple meaning of mindfulness is being in the present moment not thinking about the past or what is going to happen in the future. Practicing mindfulness is as simple as gently and silently focusing on the task at hand.

The Primary classes experienced mindful eating. We used all our senses and focused our attention and gratitude on enjoying the sensation of eating. In the other grades we did a listening mindfulness and many of the students had the chance to play the Pandora drum.

Life becomes more meaningful when you realize the simple fact that you'll never get the same moment twice.

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All of the experiences gave us time away from the past as well as the pressures of the future. We gently enjoyed the power of now! We discussed in class that if we're always thinking about the past or worrying about the future we never get time to enjoy what is happening around us right now. We realised that the 'now' is all we can actually experience.

Take care and enjoy the weekend.
Sally Coppini

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.



Congratulations

Our congratulations go to **Evelyn Salter in 4B** who won 1st place in her Age Category in The Sydney Eisteddfod for Musical Theatre and 2nd place for Vocal Performance. Well done, Evelyn.

Has your child achieved something we can mention in our newsletter? Just send an email to the school.

Parramatta Diocesan Team Sports

If your son or daughter will be in Year 5 or 6 in 2022 and play at a representative level in the below sports, they have an opportunity to trial for the Parramatta Diocesan Team in their chosen sport. Information and the link to register your expression of interest was shared through Compass on Tuesday.

AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Diving, Football (soccer), Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby (League, 7's and Union), Softball, Tennis or Touch Football.

Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email (bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Access the information using any below:

- 1.Registration (Expression of Interest) link: [2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)
- 2.Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
- 3.FACEBOOK link: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)



Iiana Blazevic
Physical Education Teacher & Sports Coordinator

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.

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

	Bernie Way Award	Bernie Way Award	Class Merit Award	Class Merit Award
KB	Allegra Sciberras	Oscar Pellicano	Not for Publication	Not for Publication
KG	Michelle Nguyen	Angus O'Byrne	Chelsea Di Matteo	Olivia Foundas
KW	Olivia Jung	William Rowe	Xavier Akle	Amelia Baltyn
1B	Elise Rae Goseco	Aidan Shalala	Samuel Coleman	Hannah Gao
1G	Samuel Viski	Olivia McManus	Joey Healy	Emily McVean
1W	Wei Yu Chen	Rebecca Chaccal	Jack Ranieri	Abel Alatli
2B	Arianna Cascio	Wilma Mormul	Georgie Smith	Iris Jiang
2G	Harper Clark	Isaac Pellicano	Nikolas Puleo	Alyssa Le
2W	Saanvi Talwar	Leonardo Bird	Katie Coghlan	Harvey Kemmis
3B	Parker Roberts	Yuna Haely Parcon	Eleanor Lee	Harry Watson
3G	Oscar Barone	Not for Publication	Xander Gil	Lucas Reyna
3W	Nicholas Botros	Roxanne Succar	Christian Rizk	Madison Pena
4B	Evelyn Salter	Caleb Tan	Anthony Khoudair	Oscar O'Byrne
4W	Janaya Habito	Jessica Coghlan	Peter Abdo	Arianni Sebastian
5B	Sophie Pratt	Harry Wigham	Breannah Ragno	Ashton Baker
5G	Nathan Elias	Oscar Nicholson	Khiara Heyes	Emma Ballesty
5W	Natalie Alam	Isaac Beshay	Jack Kirkham	Ashton Pace
6B	Mikayla Alam	Will Boxshall	Renee Sakkal	Mitchell Woo Chan Lee
6G	Max Banicevic	Charlotte McLaren	Marcus Cheng	Rachel Sahabu
6W	Jack Robinson	Lucia Sorbello	Lachlan Waters-Marsh	Keira Pereira

St Bernadette's school is having its own
Summer Reading Challenge
with some great prizes to be won.

It's easy. All you have to do is read 5 books (or more) of your choice or have someone read 5 (or more) books to you.

Once you have read your books simply print, fill out the attached form(s) and return it to school by **Friday 11th February 2022**.

You never know it might be YOU who wins one of our special prizes. You can enter more than one sheet. The more the merrier!



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.

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](#).



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 to.

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.

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!

PARISH NEWS:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For those wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Reconciliation program for 2022, please contact sacraments@stbernadette.org.au or visit the Parish Office Monday-Friday 9am-5pm for a copy of the Parent Information Booklet and details on how to enrol.

VACATION CARE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE NOW!

So many fun and exciting days planned during the Summer School Holidays! We're going to the farm, reptiles and waterslides coming to the service and lots of fun craft and cooking activities for all! Please email stbcastlehill@cdpsl.org.au for more information!

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Zeaiter family (Marissa in 5B), following the recent passing of her grandmother. May she rest in peace.



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

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