

School Newsletter

Term Three | Week Three

2020



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

St Patrick's Asquith

Due to social distancing, please call the Parish Office 9456 2450 to reserve a seat at Mass.

From the Principal



Dear Parents and carers,

We are nearing the end of week three and time is flying. Thank you all for engaging so fully with the teachers via the Zoom meetings. Teachers have been pleased that the technology has only presented minor hiccups and it has been a positive experience. Please feel free to continue to liaise with teachers via email or by leaving a message with the office. Teachers are very happy to respond.

I would like to thank you for continuing to respect the guidelines and the wellbeing of teachers by dropping your children at the gate. It is amazing how the little ones have grown in independence and march confidently into school, hanging their bags and running off to play. They are a credit to your parenting skills and we see that a gradual safe release from you is a positive thing. I would however, just like to remind parents to be mindful of the current situation and be careful to socially distance while on the street. I am conscious that this is difficult but please remember we are doing this for the greater good and we can stay safe by staying apart.

St Bernard's Day 20th August 2020

As a school we have plans to celebrate St Bernard's Day, however earlier in the week Carys M. and Ava D. in Year 3, came to me with an idea that I can only describe as inspired.

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In these times it is natural for us to try to protect our children from unpleasantness and we have been keen to shield them from the details of the current situation, but I have to say the maturity and concern shown by these two students was amazing. Ava and Carys wish to use St Bernard's day as a way to raise money for those who are affected by the virus, whether that be to support those struggling with feelings of isolation or those unable to be with loved ones as they battle illness in hospital.

To help support such people, the girls would like everyone to dress up as a front line worker or health care worker on St Bernard's day and donate a gold coin to help. As yet we have not decided on a charity but I am sure it will be a very worthwhile cause. The teachers and I think this is a fantastic idea and to show my appreciation I will be donating a prize for the individual or group who produces the best 'thank you' message to the people fighting to keep us safe at the moment. This can be a poster, a letter, a card, a video - anything goes. So start planning your front line worker outfit now and I will start thinking of a prize!

Below is a link to a beautiful tribute made by our year one students when they heard the news of the competition. Fabulous effort Year 1.

<https://www.sbbdbb.catholic.edu.au/thank-you-to-our-front-line-workers/>



COMPASS news

Parents & carers please note:

Only whole day absences for your child should be entered via the COMPASS APP.

If you are dropping your child to school late or collecting them early, absences should be recorded via the COMPASS Kiosk in the school office foyer.



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From the REC (Jackie Tod)



Mary MacKillop Prayer

*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our requests as a school community at St Bernard's
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

Saint Mary Of the Cross (Feast day on Saturday August 8)

This Friday St Bernard's will be celebrating class liturgies for the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross. Children will participate in the liturgy and will then complete class learning tasks about who Mary MacKillop was, what she did in her earthly life and why she is so significant in Australia.

Changes to Sacrament of Confirmation

As you may have read in the Broken Bay News, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has announced that the Sacrament of Confirmation will no longer be made by children in Year 2 (7 years old). Children will now make their Confirmation when they are in Year 3 followed by their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist when they are in Year 4. We will keep you informed about this and when the Sacraments are coming up for your children.

Sisters of Mercy Leadership Session for Year 6

Year 6 students had the pleasure of a one and a half hour Zoom session with Mary Rajca and Kate Connors who are the Mission and Formation Educators at Sisters of Mercy, North Sydney. Below are some reflections from some of the Year 6 children:

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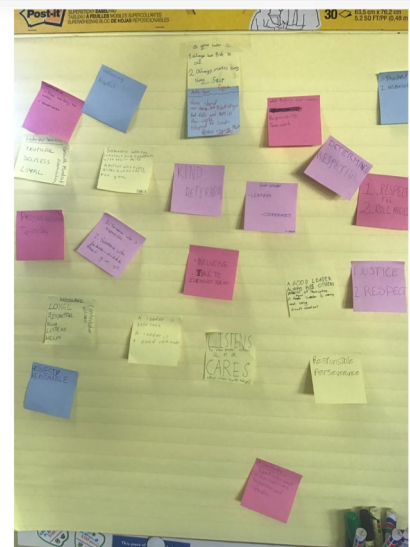
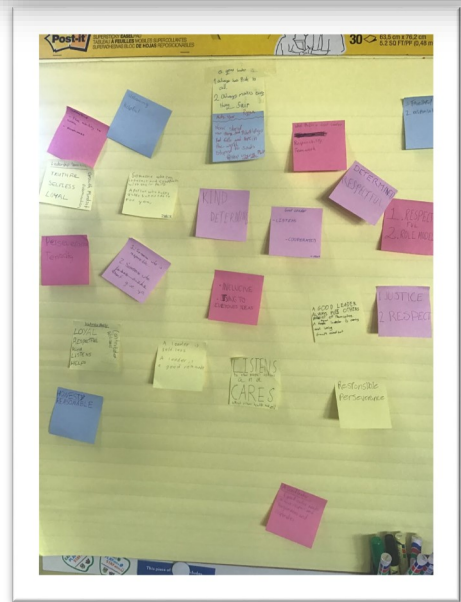
Our class learnt about Catherine McAuley during a Zoom meeting last week. We watched videos reflecting on her life and how she became one of the most well known nuns in Ireland. We did an activity on our peers leadership qualities and values. One of the things I learnt was that Catherine McAuley founded the order of the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin 1831.

Emily's Reflection;

On the 31st July we had a Zoom meet with Mary Rajca and Kate Conner from Mercy College in North Sydney. We learnt about Catherine McAuley and her life. We also learnt about leadership skills and made a mind map of the values of a leader.

Alena's Reflection:

Last week on the 31st of July, Year 6 had a Zoom with Mary Rajca and Kate Conner. We learnt about Catherine McAuley and her missionary work to not only her home country but also the UK. Our class also learnt about leadership qualities and values.



Dates for Term 3:

Friday 7th August

Friday 14th August

Thursday 20th August

Friday 21st August

Friday 4th September

Tuesday 15th September

Class Liturgies for Saint Mary of the Cross

Class Liturgies for the Feast of the Assumption

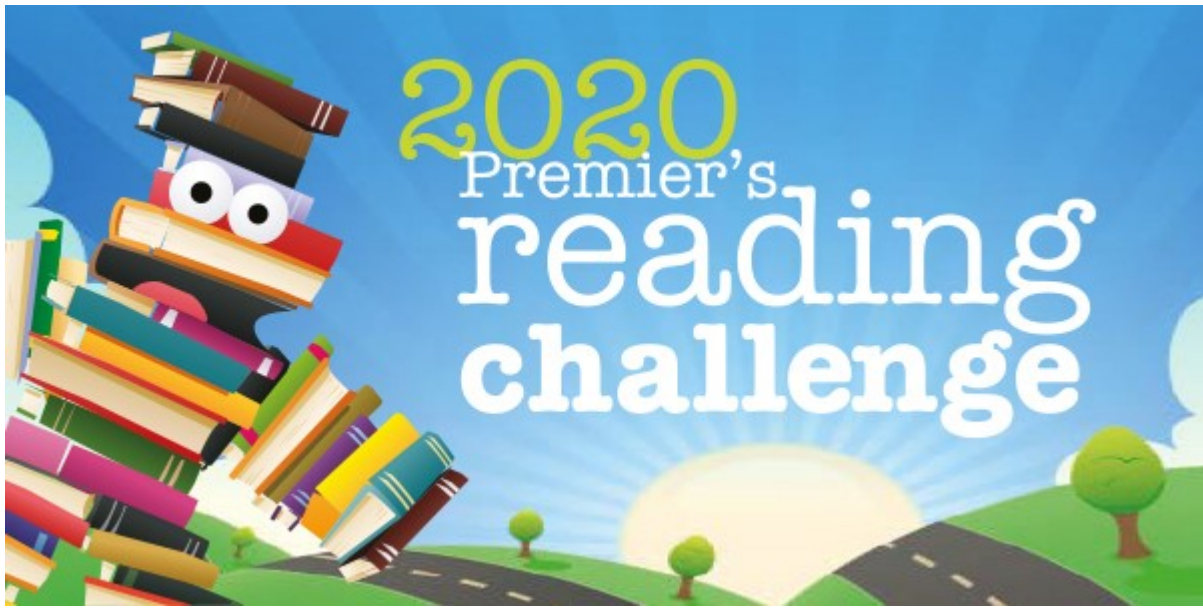
St Bernard's Day

St Bernard's Games - Fun Day (TBC)

Father's Day Prayer

The Dish

What's been happening in **the learning hub?**



Congratulations to the following children who have joined the list of students to have completed the PRC at St Bernard's:

- Year 1:** Piper T.
- Year 2:** Clara K.
- Year 4:** Madeline T.



Use of personal communication devices during school hours.

In some instances, parents may deem it necessary for a child to carry a mobile phone. As stated in the [St Bernard's Parent Handbook](#), these devices are to be kept in the student's school bag and only used for sending and receiving calls & messages outside school hours.

All communication during school hours should be directed to the school office by phone or email. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Events

For upcoming events, please refer to the Google Calendar on the News and Events page of the school website:

<https://www.sbbdbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/google-calendar/>



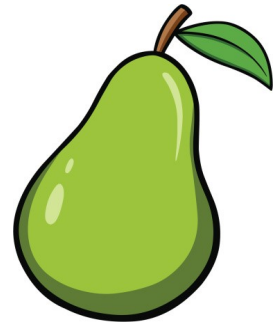
Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on selected Fridays from 8.30—9.30. To order please use the QKR app.

Canteen

Lunch orders on Wednesday and Friday only.

To order please use the QKR app.



Community

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Playground supervision commences at 8.25am on each school day. Any students who need to arrive before this time must be enrolled in before school care.

Class commences at 8.55am. Once the bell rings, the school gates are locked. Any students arriving after this time need to be signed in by a parent or guardian via the Compass kiosk in the school office foyer.

Thank you for your understanding.

