

School Newsletter

Term Four | Week Five

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.

**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Guringai people, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.
We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.**

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is flying toward the end of the school year and teachers are beginning to write their Semester Two Reports. This semester, teachers will be providing a full report on all KLA's, different to the 'snapshot' of learning you received at the end of Semester One due to Home Based Learning and the lockdown. You will receive the Semester Two Report in week 9 of the term via Compass.

This week we welcomed our Kinder students for 2021 at their second transition session. They were very settled and enjoyed their morning with us at school. It was lovely to see both the new Kinders and their Year 4 buddies so excited at the prospect of meeting properly next year. The groups spoke via Google Meet and Year 4 wrote letters of welcome which I am sure will be read, reread and read again in the weeks leading up to the start of school next term! Our Kinders who already have older siblings at school are particularly excited and happy to say hello to teachers at the car line - I think they would be happy to start tomorrow given the choice.

At the other end of the school we are preparing to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. They have had a difficult year, with many of the traditional Year 6 activities either cancelled or quite heavily altered in order to meet the many safety requirements of the pandemic. Miss Eves tells me however, that they are looking forward to their week of planned activities in Week 10 - a special mark of respect for their patience this year.

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Year 6 Graduation

Earlier in the week I wrote to all Year 6 parents with news of the Year 6 Graduation and how the most recent changes to the guidelines affect us at St Bernard's. Although the regulations have changed and now allow parents on site for 'one off,' special end of year celebrations - like Year 6 Graduation - the 'four square metre,' rule was not relaxed for enclosed spaces, which ruled out our hall as a venue. St Bernard's Church is also ruled out as the maximum Covid safe number there is just 60, not enough for a student and an attendant parent. The alternative space would be outside on the oval, this is problematic however, as we are vulnerable to the weather and a short notice move inside, bringing with it the same social distancing issues. In addition, on the oval I would be required to keep families apart and this would be difficult in such surroundings.

As a result of these difficulties I spoke with Father Shaju and asked his permission to allow the Year 6 Graduation Liturgy to take place at St Patrick's Catholic Church Asquith, our sister church in the parish of Ku Ring Gai Chase. St Patrick's can hold up to 100 people in a Covid safe environment. Father kindly gave his permission and so the Year 6 Graduation ceremony will be held at **6PM on Wednesday 16th December at St Patrick's Church Asquith.**

I do regret that the children will not graduate from their own school and on their own 'turf' as it were, but as we know, this year has brought many complexities, and looking at the bigger picture, this is the best possible solution. This way each child can bring both parents and share the special memories and traditions that mark a St Bernard's graduation, albeit in a different Church. I also regret that there will not be room for siblings or extended family but our community understands the constrictions we are faced with and are helping us to move forward to plan a wonderful Graduation Liturgy.

Jack N. - Artist in Residence!

Jack N. in Year 2 entered and won a local art competition, organised by McGrath Estate Agents and judged by two independent local artists. Jack's work was praised for its use of colour and technique. This was a major prize and Jack won \$1000 dollars for the school. I am keen that Jack has a say in how the money is spent so asked Jack to come up with a few ideas. We then met for a serious business meeting to decide what the money should be spent on. Jack would like some new goals to replace the broken ones on the oval and his classmates suggested some new toys for the mud kitchens. We also agreed that we should extend some of our Robotics equipment for our STEM room. Hopefully we can have these things here for the end of the term. Thanks Jack!

Year 5 Leadership Day

Next Tuesday we begin the process of preparing and selecting our senior student leaders for 2021. 'Youthworks Christian Outdoor Education,' will attend school for a full day of leadership and team building activities. My hope is that the students will enjoy the leadership day but also that it will help prepare them for the year of leadership ahead. Year 5 parents will receive a letter outlining the process of selection of School and House Captains.

P&F AGM

Our P&F will meet for its annual AGM on Wednesday 2nd of December in the HUB at 7PM. Please come along, I would love to see as many people there as possible - closer to the time I will send out a link to book a spot so that I can effectively manage social distance.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, celebrate being together and enjoy!

God Bless
Gill Austin

Family Registration Forms

Family Registration forms for 2021 were sent home this week.

Please complete and return this form to the school office before **Friday 20th November.**

The form should be completed by **ALL families** returning to St Bernard's in 2021, regardless of the number of students in the family.

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From the REC (Jackie Tod)

NAIDOC week and Remembrance Day Prayer

During this week, classes celebrated NAIDOC week. On Wednesday 11th November we shared class prayers to commemorate Remembrance Day.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** is currently underway and we are asking for families who are in a position to help to send items into school for this worthy cause. Similar to the Winter Appeal, we will have all items brought in on the one day for collection that afternoon by our St Vinnies Representatives.

On Friday 4th December, children are allowed to wear Christmas mufti clothes and are asked to bring their Christmas Appeal items on this day. They will learn about the important work of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and join in activities throughout the day where they will reflect on those in need at Christmas time.

The following are some suggestions of what each class could bring:

Kindergarten	Cordial, cereal, biscuits
Year 1	Juice, soft drinks, ice blocks (Zoooper Doopers)
Year 2	Soup, tinned fruit, tea
Year 3	Coffee, Milo, pasta, soap, shampoo, deodorant
Year 4	Pasta sauce, washing powder, tinned vegetables
Year 5	Beetroot, tinned salmon, tinned tuna
Year 6	Bon bons, Christmas lollies, chips

We are really mindful that this Christmas will be very different to usual and there are many families in our community who may need support for the first time. As always, thank you for your generosity and constant support of those in need.



Dates for Term 4

Tuesday 17th November	The Dish
Friday 4th December	Vinnies Christmas Appeal & Christmas mufti
Friday 11th December	Andrew Chinn Workshops
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Liturgy
Friday 18th December	End of Year Mass



From the AP (Anne-Marie Hutchins)

St Bernard's Berowra

BYODD - *Bring Your Own Designated Device* for 2021

The BYODD program will continue into 2021 due to the continued success and positive impact on learning. The Year 1 families will be receiving information in the coming week to inform them of the process if they wish to provide a device for their child in 2021. Any additional families in Years 3-6 in 2021 are welcome to join the program at any time, including at the start of next year. If it's later in the year they need to allow a few days notification for their teacher to arrange wifi connection. A special reminder that this initiative is optional and offered to families with students in Years 2-6.



The minimum specification that CSO can connect to wifi is the Generation 7 iPad - wifi only (minimum 32GB) or the Generation 8 iPad (latest version). The device will need to be clearly labelled and have a hard cover case. Mini iPads are not allowed. Applecare protection is encouraged. If families purchase a WiFi+Cellular model, the SIM card slot must be empty when the iPad comes to school. *Keyboards and Apple Pencils are not required* but entirely optional if parents wish their child to have the extra features and functions. Families will be sent via Compass the information booklet that has details on the device, school procedures and expectations to help you make an informed decision.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR PARENT SURVEY?

TTFM- Tell Them From Me

Just a reminder to have your *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey completed by the closing date, **Friday 27th November at 4:30pm.**

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernard's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/wp3qs>

Thank you for your support.



ROAD SAFETY ON WARRINA STREET

Thank you to all our families who have supported us in the correct and safe use of our 'Drive Thru' on Woodcourt Road both in the mornings and afternoons for picking up or dropping off children. If you need a new Family Label to display on your dashboard, please contact the office and we can supply you with a new or additional one. Our walkers and bike riders continue to have access via the front gate.

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the amount of students walking out of the front gate in the afternoons to either walk home or meet their parents along Warrina Street. Unfortunately there have been a few times where students and families have crossed to the other side of Warrina Street at dangerous points

rather than use the flagged crossing available for safety. As you can appreciate, the ten minutes after school can be quite a busy time along this stretch of road, with parents parking on both sides, bike riders coming out, walkers leaving and buses arriving. To ensure safety for all, we encourage parents who park on the other side of Warrina Street, adjacent to the school to use the flagged crossing and not cross at the lower or higher end of Warrina Street.

We have asked all students who need to cross Warrina Street at the top end where it meets Berowra Waters Road or at the lower end where it meets Woodcourt Road or at any other point along Warrina Street **to join the bus line and cross together at the crossing flags with teacher supervision.** Any child who has a parent parked on the other side of Warrina street is also asked to join the bus line and cross with the teacher safely at the crossing flags. Parents have the option to wait in their car until their child crosses with the teacher or come across themselves to pick up their child at the gate. We encourage parents when able, to prioritise the use of the 'Drive Thru' to minimise gatherings outside the school front gate.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Last week, St Bernard's participated in Global Outdoor Classroom Day to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Classes experienced Science and Mathematics lessons, physical fitness, reading, writing, and Art in our school's open and varied spaces.

WHY OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING?

When teachers take learning outdoors they report some powerful impacts: Children's behaviour improves, whole classes are excited to learn, and individuals who feel inhibited by the curriculum often thrive in an outdoor environment.

When adults think back to their own happiest memories of childhood, they frequently recall the joy of playing outdoors. Play is not only central to children's enjoyment of childhood, but teaches critical life skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and creativity.

Find out more about the benefits of outdoor play and learning and the difference that Outdoor Classroom Day is making in schools around the world in their latest report, <https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/resource/outdoor-play-and-learning-at-school-survey-results/>



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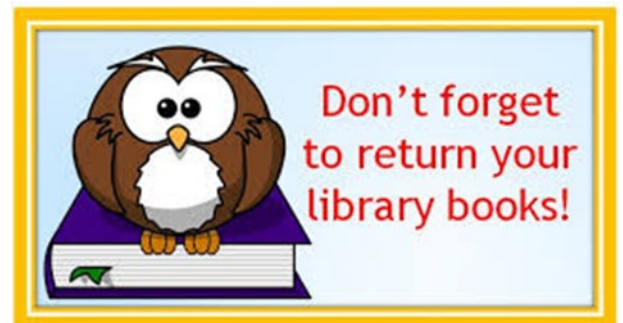


What's been happening in **the learning hub?**

LIBRARY BOOK BORROWING

Next week, Week 6 will be the last week for students to borrow library books.

Please check your home for any library books that need returning. All returns need to be finalised **by the end of Week 7** to ensure enough time to organise and sort the shelves in preparation for 2021.



OUR MATHS OLYMPIADS

Congratulations to all our Maths Olympiads for their participation in our practice sessions, problem solving lessons and the five contests. They demonstrated high motivation, persistence, great collaboration and adaptability with COVID during the Home Based Learning months. Well done to Aniel K. who received the highest results in the Contests followed closely by Suzie T. then Natalie B. and Preston N.



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.

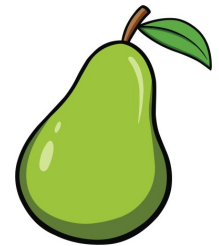
To order please use the QKR app.



Canteen

Lunch orders on Wednesday and Friday only.

To order please use the QKR app.





Community

Issue #8 is the final Book Club for 2020!

Use the “gift” option if you are buying for Christmas.

DON'T FORGET!





Book Club

orders are due:

30th November



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON



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