

School Newsletter

Term Four | Week Seven

2020



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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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,

We are nearing the end of term but there is no slacking off in pace. Teachers are finalising reports and preparing to transition students to their new teacher. In the coming week we will finalise dates and times for transition meetings for those with more complex needs and individual invitations for parents to book a time will appear early next week via Compass. I will announce teachers and classes in week 9 of the term and all students will have a chance to meet their new teachers. It will be very exciting for everyone I am sure.

Many of our current Year 6 cohort reached yet another milestone last week in attending their St Leo's College orientation day. As you know St Bernard's is now a Priority Feeder school for the college and I received some wonderful feedback from Tony Gleeson, Principal, about our students. Below are some photographs from the day, which Mr Gleeson kindly sent on to us. Certainly the students seemed very happy and excited about all that the day brought. It is so nice to know that they won't be too far away, and who knows perhaps we will see them again in a few years time as they return to us to act as mentors to future students and take an active role in the Priority Feeder School Project.

Year 5 are very busy considering their role as leaders for next year. It is always an exciting part of the year and one which the children seem to be relishing. Our Nominees, so far, are:

Girls:

Mia H.
Ariell F.
Sophie R.
Ella H.
Aniela K.

Boys:

Tom B.
Luka V.
Bailey V.
Jibril R.
Brodie R.

I send each of them my best wishes with their preparations for their leadership speeches. Parents of the nominated students will be sent a link so that they can view the speech. Details of the link will be published via Compass to the families.

P&F AGM REMINDER

Please join me in the HUB next Wednesday evening at 7PM for the P&F AGM. You will have received an invitation via Compass, it would be great to see as many people as possible there. This will actually be the first time parents have been permitted on site since March, a milestone in itself. Hopefully we can look forward to getting together more often next year.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the hot weather this weekend

God Bless
Gill Austin

From St Leo's

A Taste of High School

On Wednesday, 18 November, a group of 24 very excited St Bernard's Year 6 students attended an Orientation Day at St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga. Due to huge demand after the completion of their 25 million dollar campus upgrade, St Leo's recently added two extra streams for their 'Intake 2021' (Year 7).

In true St Leo's fashion, the day started in spectacular style – with new students selecting their House groups from the St Leo's House Cup on stage, complete with a smoke machine and ornate decorations. Once sorted into Houses, each group was paired with their St Leo's House Ambassadors and began a series of activities to give them a taste of high school life and familiarise them with the campus. These included everything from making tasty Christmas biscuits in the new commercial kitchens, learning Japanese crafts with the Languages team, science experiments in the labs and various sport and pastoral care activities to a modern Dance class in the new McKillop Theatre.

All in all, the students enjoyed the day, and an overwhelming show of hands indicated that nearly everyone who attended was considerably less nervous about starting high school – so mission accomplished!



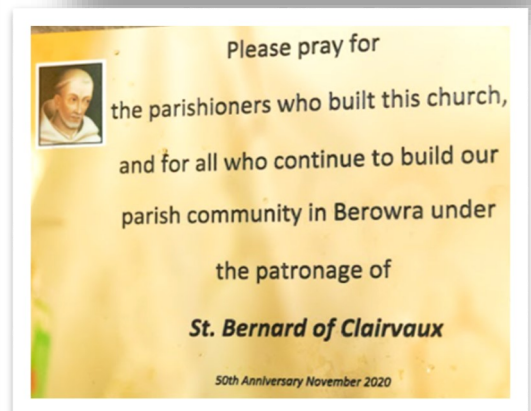


From the REC (Jackie Tod)

St Bernard's Church 50th Anniversary Celebrations

On Sunday 22nd November, Gill Austin, Zara, Liam and I had the privilege of joining Bishop Anthony, Father Shaju and parishioners at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St Bernard's Church. The day was attended by many who helped in the building of the Church and Mr Laurie Glendenning, who was the architect of the beautiful building we celebrate Mass in today.

At this celebration, we presented Bishop Anthony and Father Shaju with three artworks of the church that were completed by students from our school and will be hung in the parish office. A further three artworks have been kept by the school and will be hung in the front foyer. Congratulations to Elka W, Liam L, Maddie T, Olive O, Sienna F and Emily M on their fabulous artworks of our beautiful church!



Candela Talk by Mary Rajca

Mrs Mary Rajca will visit our school on Monday December 7th to speak to the children about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in the shanty town of Candela in Lima Peru.

The mission supports women through a programme that teaches them to make beautiful handicrafts. The proceeds from the sale of these crafts give the women an income so they can provide for their families. All money raised goes back to the women who have made the goods. This money is used by the mothers to buy basic necessities for their families.

The Pandemic has struck the shanty towns in Peru very badly. All shops and factories are shut – most people are out of work and there is no support from the government. The women in Candela are living off their meagre savings and from the generous support of donors in Sydney.

During the week of December 7th the children will have the opportunity to buy a beautifully made item from Candela. This is the women's only source of income and this year the women have found it especially difficult to care for their families.

Your support of the mission is greatly appreciated.



A food parcel for 80 year old Maria who is the sole carer for her 3 great grandchildren.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

A reminder that on **Friday 4th December**, children are allowed to wear **Christmas mufti clothes** and are asked to bring their Christmas Appeal items on this day.

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

Thank you in anticipation of a great day!



Christmas Concert with Andrew Chinn

On **Friday 11th December**, we will have Andrew Chinn joining us to lead us in our school Christmas Carols.

Children will workshop with Andrew in class groups throughout the morning. We will then Zoom our **Christmas Carols from 1:45 until approximately 2:45pm.**

A link will be sent home closer to the date and an event will be created in COMPASS allowing you to RSVP with the names of those who will be joining us. Children can wear 'a touch of Christmas' for this exciting celebration (for example, a santa hat, Christmas socks or some reindeer antlers).



Dates for Term 4

Friday 4th December	Vinnies Christmas Appeal & Christmas mufti
Monday 7th December	Candela talk with Mary Rajca
Friday 11th December	Andrew Chinn Workshops and Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday 18th December	End of Year Mass



From the AP (Anne-Marie Hutchins)

DEVELOPING GREAT LEADERS

Year 5 have recently concluded nominations and are presently involved in preparing their speeches and profiles for 2021 leadership positions. At St Bernard's, not only do we nominate and vote for School, Vice and Sport Captains but we also have various leadership teams so that all students in the grade have the opportunity to develop the skills required to lead in an area of interest or personal strength.

Leadership is a practical and valuable skill that can help your child go far later in life. All students have the potential to lead and develop the necessary skills. The following parent tips can be used to support your child in developing the skills required:



Good Leaders are Good Communicators

This doesn't mean they only talk; good leaders also listen.

Provide them with opportunities – engage in conversation, be open to sharing about feelings, share books and discuss the stories, explore and discover together.

Adopt a Positive Belief

Leadership means adopting a “yes, I can!” approach. Provide opportunities for your child to try things for themselves; to experience an appropriate level of challenge and to receive positive feedback for his/her effort. Present activities where they are encouraged to make choices, given challenges or opportunities to explore and discover. These activities encourage active participation in learning, provide opportunities for positive encouragement, and contribute to the “I can” belief.

Show Resilience

Overcoming challenges, being able to “bounce back” from disappointment and being open to trying a different approach are important areas that leaders should develop.

Modelling how you fix mistakes (and the fact that you make them), acknowledging feelings, encouraging your child to ask questions and asking him/her to think and express his/ her ideas are good ways you can work on enabling this.

Have a sense of Responsibility

Being committed to something and taking ownership are qualities of a leader. Give him/her simple things to do, for example, helping with some of the household chores, tidying up toys, helping to water the plants, and so on.

Whether or not he/she becomes a great leader, helping your little one develop the areas mentioned above is important to help him/her fulfil their potential.

As dancer and artist Stacia Tauscher put it:

*“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow,
yet we forget that he is someone today.”*

Further tips can be found on the following website:

<https://teamkids.com.au/developing-leadership-skills-in-children/>

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A person always doing his or
her best becomes a natural
leader, just by example.

JOE DIMAGGIO
New York Yankees Outfielder & Hall
of Fame Baseball Player

BYODD - *Bring Your Own Designated Device* for 2021

All St Bernard's families with children in Years 1-6 have been emailed the updated Parent Information Booklet for BYODD that has details on the device, school procedures and expectations in regard to our BYODD program and to help families make an informed decision on the use of personal devices. A special reminder that this initiative is optional and for Years 2-6 only. Any new iPads purchased over the holidays can be brought in any day from **Thursday 4th February** for school wifi connection. You may also decide to wait until a birthday or an alternative time during the year to purchase an iPad for your child. If you choose to purchase an iPad some other time during 2021, you just need to let your class teacher know a few days before so that we can organise connection to the school wifi.

PLEASE NOTE:

If purchasing a new iPad, the current version is the one you would buy for use at school for 2021, which is the iPad 8th Generation (not mini, air or pro). The information booklet specifies that the **minimum** specification that CSBB can connect to wifi is the 7th Generation iPad - wifi only (minimum 32GB). This means that if your child has been using an iPad Gen 7 this year, the device will continue to be supported in 2021. This is the **minimum** requirement.

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



From the classroom (Japanese—Alison McNeill)

Minasan konnichiwa – Hello (good afternoon) everyone.

I wanted to let you all know what your wonderful children have been doing this year in Japanese. I am so proud of the learning they have done, even with the challenges that this year has thrown at us all.

Kindergarten have been learning about Japan, festivals and folk tales, how to talk about the weather and this term has been all about zoo animals.

Stage 1 have been studying schools in Japan, classroom objects, all about ‘my family’ as well as lots of paper craft. This week they even recorded themselves doing a little speech in Japanese about a family from their “Little House” books.

Stage 2 were supposed to be following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. They still learnt about sports, clubs and hobbies, looked at schools and had a mini Undoukai (Sports Day). There was also lots of origami and even ‘Interviews with an Olympic Athlete’ – all in Japanese.

Stage 3 also studied and participated in the ‘Interviews with an Olympic Athlete’ as part of HBL. The main focus this year was learning about restaurants and food in Japan, shops and money (yen). All this knowledge will allow the students to go shopping using full Japanese and paying with yen which is happening next week as a role play in the classroom. The students have been working very hard on this.

I have really enjoyed teaching the students at St Bernard’s this year and am looking forward to next year when we learn about farms and pets (Stage 1), All About Me (Stage 2) and travel around Japan (Stage 3).

Have a Merry Christmas,
McNeill Sensei



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.

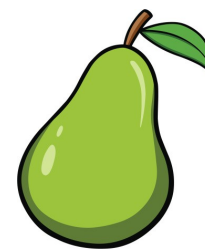
To order please use the QKR app.



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

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30th November



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Wishing Tree — North Shore Mums Smiles2U

Christmas is just around the corner and we would love your support in the Smiles2U Wishing Tree. Throughout the month of November we will be collecting Christmas Gifts to gift to the many children who will be in hospital on Christmas Day.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

This summer, your kids can fire up their imaginations and keep their hands and minds busy at our popular school holiday programs.

Holiday gymnastics and swimming programs

Kids can bounce, balance and tumble around the gymnastics hall, or jump in the pool with our swimming classes which range from learn-to-swim to more advanced levels (4 to 15 years of age). Individual and group lessons/clinics are available.

Vacation care

Our vacation care program has something for everyone: indoor and outdoor activities and excursions, arts and crafts, drama, cooking and games. It's hands off devices and hands-on fun.

Junior Science Academy

Switch on their curiosity at our Junior Science Academy with fun, hands-on experiments in classes for students from kindergarten to Year 6.

RoboCamps

Build robots and learn to drive them with the Thunder Down Under robotics team. Fun, educational and professionally run, these classes are ideal for children in Years 1–7. **Creative Kids vouchers** (value is \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

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