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Week 6:

Friday, 2nd June : Stage 3 return from Camp

Week 7:

Wednesday, 7th June : Cheese Toasties Breakfast

Friday, 9th June : Assembly at 2:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a pleasure over the past few weeks to meet our new Kindergarten children for 2024. Quite a few known faces and the rest are new families to us. For our new families I always ask the same question, "Why choose our school to enrol your child?". The responses usually include proximity to the school but a growing number of parents mention our community feel and how there is a good 'vibe' at our school. It was also mentioned that the students and staff were really welcoming during the open day. This speaks volumes about our united front and open dialogue. Our students are our core business and we are committed to raising well balanced members of our community.

You would have received a letter regarding our annual Tell Them From Me survey being open for your feedback. Having as many responses from parents as possible gives us a well rounded view of where we sit in various areas of school life. As a staff we take this feedback seriously and we have implemented many of your suggestions in the past. So please take a moment to complete the survey.

Please take note of the Important Dates to remember section of the newsletter today. There is a lot coming up so please add them to your calendar.

Love and Light

Lisa Gerrard

Principal



(on behalf of the St Bernadette's staff & students)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Have a wonderful week,

Rebecca Boidin

Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday 4th June 2023 - The Most Holy Trinity Year A **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

REFLECTION By Fr Michael Tate

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Think of all the wonderful things that God has made.

How can we praise God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all that we have been given?

God sent his Son Jesus because he loves us.

How can we return that love?

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Term 2 Reconciliation & Mass Calendar

Week/Date	Wednesday Reconciliation	Week/Date	Friday Mass
Week 1 26 April	ANZAC Day Liturgy	Week 1 28 April	2, 3, 4 St Bernadette Liturgy
Week 2 3 May	3	Week 2 5 May	Whole School
Week 3 10 May	6	Week 3 12 May	K, 6 Mother's Day Liturgy
Week 4 17 May	5	Week 4 19 May	1, 5
Week 5 24 May	4	Week 5 26 May	
Week 6 31 May		Week 6 2 June	Whole School
Week 7 7 June		Week 7 9 June	
Week 8 14 June	3 & 6	Week 8 16 June	K, 6
Week 9 21 June	4	Week 9 23 June	2, 3, 4
Week 10 28 June	5	Week 10 30 June	1, 5

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance Rate: 79.9% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 79.9% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

We have now finalized 2024 Kindergarten enrolments.

Compass Parent Portal

Our reports will be released digitally this year via our Compass Parent Portal. Please ensure two things:

- That you have downloaded the Compass App and have created an account.
- Download the reports and save them to your desktop etc, as once your child leaves St Bernadette's you will no longer have access to these documents.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns using this app. It will be our only form of communication moving forward as we no longer have a Skoolbag account.

Assembly Week 7

There will be no Friday afternoon assembly in Week 7 as the backup carnival day will be that Friday (9th June 2023)

Important Dates To Remember

Week 8:

Monday, 12th June : Public Holiday (King's Birthday)

Week 9:

Friday, 23rd June : Reports live on Compass

Week 10:

Monday, 26th June - Thursday, 29th June : Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 30th June - Last day of Term 2

Term 3:

Week 1:

Monday, 17th July : Staff Development Day (No students at school)

Tuesday, 18th July : First day back of Term 3

Cheese Toastie Breakfast
Wednesday mornings



Get ready for a delicious start to your Wednesday mornings with our new Cheese Toasties Breakfast! Join the Faith in Action Team at the canteen between 8:30 and 8:50 am for a mouth-watering cheese toasties that will leave you feeling energised for the day ahead.

To participate, simply purchase a voucher for \$3 through QKR between Thursday 10:00 am and Tuesday 10:00 am. All proceeds from the sale of the cheese toasties will be donated to the Manning Foundation, a worthy cause that supports our parish and community.

Don't miss out on this tasty opportunity to support a good cause and start your day off right. We can't wait to see you there!

News From The SRC

S.R.C

PBS4L

In Week 4 students looked at being confident and having optimism. They explored the idea of 'I can' instead of 'I can't'. To be confident and achieve we all need to think like a champ:

Challenge yourself

Have a go!!

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Always look for and use your strengths

Mistakes happen

Persist and put in effort. Don't give up.

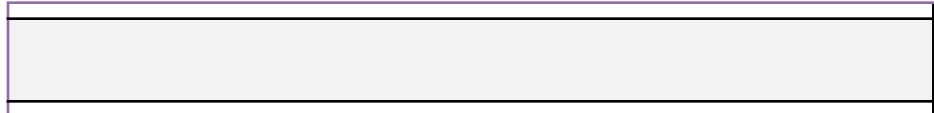
Our next SEL lesson *Assessing One's Strengths and Limitations* builds upon this. A strength is a positive quality about ourselves - it could be an academic strength, sporting strength or personality strength. We can use our strengths to help ourselves when faced with a challenge and also help others.

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Last week our Stage 3 girls competed at the Diocesan Soccer Gala Day. Miss Maria was very impressed with the skills on display, with the girls winning 3 of their matches, which is a great result! She was equally impressed with the girls' sense of fair play, team spirit and exemplary conduct throughout the day. This is something that we are very much accustomed to with the children of St Bernadette's when representing our school.

A huge thank you to Samara's dad Mark, who did such an excellent job coaching the girls. We are always grateful when parents find time in their busy schedules to help make these days such a success.

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Return and Earn

Want to know how you could help the environment AND earn some money for the school?

St. Bernadette's has become a registered charity with Return and Earn so now you can recycle

your containers and contribute to the school at the same time.

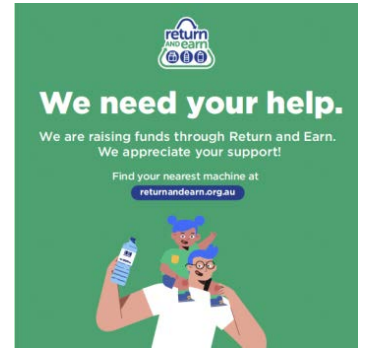
Here is how you do it:

- Collect the empty containers.
- Take them to the Return and Earn Machine **located at Victoria Road, Rydalmere.**
- Put the containers into the machine.
- At the end press DONATE.
- Then find St. Bernadette's Dundas and press that button.

The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy.

So start collecting those containers to help us out.

Thank you.



Which drink containers are eligible for a 10c refund?

10c REFUND AT COLLECTION
DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING
STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE



- ✓ Lids on
- ✓ Barcode
- ✓ Uncrushed
- ✓ Empty



Happy Birthday

Madeleine - 22/05

Antonio - 28/05

Stefan - 31/05

Hailey - 02/06

Just a reminder that any treats sent in are kept to a minimum and individually portioned.

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