



Covid-19 Newsletter 1

Principal's Message – Mrs Joanne Webster

22nd April 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back...whether it be remotely or onsite to all - students, staff and families! I hope you enjoyed a happy and Holy Easter with your families and hope you all found the peace and presence of the risen Lord in your lives and those of your family.

I would like to begin by thanking you all for the remarkable support and learning you have been doing with your children. The staff have commented on the videos, photos and learning you have uploaded displaying student learning during this time. Your partnership with the school, demonstrates the sense of community and connectedness we have always espoused here at St Bernadette's, being embraced and lived by all. For this we are very grateful. A big thank you to all the students for their commitment and engagement with the learning throughout this time. It has been both heart-warming and a joy to have the students back at school, even if remotely. A thank you also to each of the teachers, leaders, learning assistants, admin and maintenance staff for all your "work"- whether it be producing learning tasks, making videos, giving feedback, producing platforms for teachers and students to utilise or learn with, maintaining our school, answering the phone and the list goes on.... The face and the love of God in each of you. Very blessed and very grateful.

During this period of remote learning, I have decided to compose a short newsletter (no more than a page) each week, to inform you of the happenings in education or here at St Bernadette's-wherever "here" may be for you.

LEARNING TASKS

After consultation and feedback, between and from teachers and families, teachers will continue to provide a maximum of four learning tasks per day. Students are expected to complete two out of the four learning tasks, but CAN of course complete all four. The teachers may designate the two expected tasks. If you have any concerns or worries about this, please contact your class teacher on the email list provided to you.

ATTENDANCE

Marking school attendance for each child is required by the Department of Education. As such, teachers at St Bernadette's will be monitoring student attendance daily during this time. Given the circumstances for learning have changed, we ask you to follow this process:

- If your child is learning offsite, and is ill and therefore not participating in the learning for the day, please complete the Flexibuzz attendance proforma or email your classroom teacher to let them know.
- If this goes on for more than one day, you will need to continue to inform the classroom teacher.
- If your child is being supervised onsite, and will not be attending on a designated day, we ask you to inform the school, the day before or call the office between 8:30-9:00am.

GOOGLE MEET

To enhance the learning experience for students and families, the school is looking to introduce Google Meet, next week. Google meet gives teachers and students the opportunity to communicate face to face. This will have a positive impact on students and teachers giving all the capacity to connect boosting wellbeing for all. On Friday you will receive a note explaining how this works and the expectations we require from all for this to be successful. If you have any further questions regarding this please email Heidi Chapman-Foehn the ICT Leader hcfoehn@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT FOR 2021: SIBLINGS

Enrolments for Preps 2021 are open. Enrolment applications are available from the School Office or online. **All siblings must also complete an enrolment application.** Parents are also asked to provide copies of: Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and Certificate of Immunisation Status for Primary School Enrolment. Interviews and school tours will be conducted with the children and parents, once the school has reopened. If you have any queries, please call our school office on 931 18872. We ask that you do this as soon as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who may have had a birthday this week!!

PRAYER

Last Sunday was the 2nd Week of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday.

Lord,
The resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian idea.
Grant us wisdom
to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen

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