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Principal's Message – Mrs Joanne Webster

14th October 2020

Dear Families,

Welcoming the students back to school on Monday, was the biggest highlight for all of us this year! The sound of children playing in the yard, their delightful shrieks and laughter was "music to our ears". The students seemed to have eased into school life as if they had never been away. Many have told me they are so glad to be back. We too, are so glad to have them back!

Thank you again for the learning you have done with your children. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and truly noticed. Thank you, to each of you for making our transition to onsite learning seamless. The drop off and pick-ups before and after school have been very smooth. The returning of the devices, the students beautifully presented in their uniforms, your patience collecting your children, all evidence of our sense of community, alive in these actions.

A couple of reminders: -

Flexibuzz is no longer active, and as such please call the Office on 931 18872, or email the class teacher, if your child is unwell and absent. Again, please remember, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we ask you to keep your child home if they are unwell. **This means if your child has runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea etc, they should NOT be at school.**

Whole School Assemblies will now take place on Thursday at 2:30pm. These will be virtually held. This week Year 6H will host. We will record this and upload to See Saw later on Thursday afternoon, for families to view.

One of our parents, Kylie Cassar, has produced an online course for parents who may like to start yoga at home with their children. It is yoga for literacy and learning titled "PHONIC FAMILY YOGA". If you are interested in this, further details are in the flyer attached to this email.

It's that time of year again when we begin, to consider our needs and class lists for 2021. **Any students leaving St Bernadette's School at the end of 2020 are to inform the Principal in writing as soon as possible please.**

Many of you have called and asked about the reception of Sacraments this year. At this point in time the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation are on hold until further notice. This may mean that students who may have celebrated these sacraments in 2020, will do so in 2021 instead. This matter is out of our control.

We have had some good news on the Staff front over the last few weeks. Ms Rebecca Hunter is expecting her first child in February next year and Ms Federica Falco is expecting her second child in March of next year. We wish them and their families all the very best and bestow our blessings upon them.

The usual Grand Final Public Holiday has been altered from Friday Oct 2nd to **Friday 23rd October**. This is a gazetted public holiday and therefore the **school will be closed on this day**. Please mark this in your diary.

School Closures for Term 4 will be on Friday 30th October and on Monday 2nd November. On Friday 30th October teachers will take part in professional learning using Fountas and Purnell detailing effective evidence-based reading and writing strategies. This was scheduled for August, but was postponed due to Covid 19. Monday 2nd November will be a report writing day. Please mark these dates in your diary, **as the school will be closed to all students.**

Prayer

This Friday the students will participate in the whole school rosary. The Rosary is an important devotion that honours Mary while focusing on the events in the life of Jesus Christ. As October is the month of the Rosary, this week's prayer will be the Hail Mary, one of the more prominent prayers of the Rosary. For families wishing to pray the rosary you may find how to do this on the following website:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Catholic-Faith/Prayers/How-do-I-Pray-The-Rosary>

So, this week we pray to Mary our Mother to bless us and watch over us all, as we return to school. We will post the slides we have used with the students on See Saw. You may like to use this to pray the rosary as a family.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Enjoy your week ahead.

God bless, and stay safe.

Mrs Joanne Webster

