



As the 2020 school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the school community. This year has been an extraordinary year and your ongoing commitment to your children, and their learning is to be commended. As a school, the work we all have done, during remote learning continues to demonstrate our work and growth as a community and for this I feel blessed and thankful.

On Tuesday 15th December, the students will bring home their school reports, detailing the learning implemented and their progress during this year. Again, this report looks different to previous years, as remote learning not only changed the way teachers gathered data from students, it also changed the way learning happened. This is an opportunity for you to sit with your child to celebrate their growth this year as a learner.

I would also like to thank each and every one of you for your trust in me over the last eight years. My growth as a leader can be attributed to each of you-students, families and staff. Your trust and faith in me is a privilege and gift, given to me from all of you from the moment I was welcomed here. Together, we have endured much joy and adversity, yet this has strengthened our relationship and partnership as a school community. I feel strongly connected to you and your children, and in some ways see you all as family-my St Bernadette's family. This is my first school as Principal and as such, like my first class when I first became a teacher, I have never forgotten those students! I will never forget you. You are always in my prayers and hope you may pray for me as I move on to another primary school as Principal. I know you will welcome Brendan Gill, the new Principal, as you did me. He is lucky to be surrounded by such good and honest people, as you are.

May the peace and joy of Christmas and the gift of Jesus Christ, the Lord, be with you all. May you have an enjoyable and restful holiday and may God bless you.

A Christmas Blessing



God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.

STAFF NEWS

Farewells for 2020 -

The following staff will be leaving at the end of 2020. We thank them for their service to the community and wish them all the best as they continue their journey as educators and leaders.

- ❖ Miss Jacqueline McGrath who will leave us to join the school community of Our Lady Help of Christians in Brunswick, as Deputy Principal.
- ❖ Mrs Daniela Torcaso who will leave us to join the school community of St Peter's, in Epping, as Deputy Principal.
- ❖ Mrs Rachel Phelan, who will leave us to join the school community of St Michael's in North Melbourne as a learning assistant.
- ❖ Ms Rebecca Hunter, who will be on maternity leave from next year. We bestow our blessings on Rebecca and David as they await the birth of their first child.

We all remember with love and gratitude your service to our school community.

Welcome for 2021

Class Teachers

Prep Purple	Miss Daniela Granata
Prep Yellow	Ms Melissa Szulik
Year 1M	Mrs Jennifer Marshall
Year 1T	Miss Cecilia Tran
Year 2P	Mr Daniel Powell
Year 2C	Miss Michelle Camenzuli
Year 3P	Miss Holly Phillips
Year 3S	Miss Lynette Sciberras
Year 4E	Miss Stephanie Elam
Year 4H	Miss Monica Hughes
Year 5C	Miss Elise Casamento
Year 5S	Miss Emma Scerri
Year 6L	Ms Shruti Lad
Year 6R	Mr James Reitmaier

Leaders

Principal	Mr Brendan Gill
Deputy Principal	Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn
Religious Education Leader	Miss Amanda Browne
Student Diversity & Art Leader & Co Teacher	Mr Fredrik Zeinstra
Literacy P-2 Leader & Co Teacher	Mrs Sarah Turner
Literacy 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher	Mr Sean Walshe
Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher	Ms Kim Nguyen
Mathematics 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher	Mrs Karen Constabile
Student Wellbeing Leader	Ms Renee Cassar
Family Engagement in Learning Leader	Miss Stephanie Elam
Cluster Engagement Learning Leader	Ms Gill Baxter

Support and Specialist Staff

Visual Arts Teacher	Mrs Joanne Butler
Physical Education Teacher	Mr Ian Miller
Music	Mr Frederik Zeinstra
Strategic Learning and Teaching Teacher	Mrs Leonie McCarthy
Strategic Literacy Support Teacher	Mrs Nicky Harley
Reading Recovery Teacher	Mrs Julie Whatman
Digital Technologies / Robotics Teacher	Mrs Christine Roberts
Languages Teacher: Italian	Ms Federica Falco
	Mr Matteo Maccio
	Mrs Jane Gilmartin
	Mrs Jane Gilmartin
	Ms Bernadette Fenech
	Ms Thi Phan

Learning Assistants

	Ms Mary Balzan
	Ms Marita Debattista
	Mrs Johanna Hennessy
	Ms Alex Rossi
	Mrs Rosemary Romeo
	Mrs Cherie Saad
	Mrs Mary Semaan
	Mrs Amanda Nguyen

School Administration Staff

	Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz (Admin. Manager)
	Ms Errica Mastrilli
	Mrs Joanne McNabb
	Mrs Sandra Attard Borg

Canteen Manager

Canteen Assistant

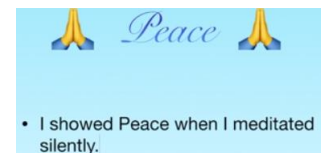
Maintenance Officer

School Counsellor

	Ms Marita Debattista
	Mrs Rachel Gilmore

Mr Joe Tabone

Ms Sarah Judde



SCHOOL NEWS

Last Day of the School Year -

The last day of the 2020 school year will be on **Wednesday 16th December, 2020**. The students will be dismissed at **1:00pm** and **this will be a casual dress day**.

Dates to begin 2021 -

Staff are back on Wednesday 27th January for two days of planning and preparation for 2021.

The school office will open on Thursday 28th January from 9am for uniform purchases and enquiries.

School starts for Year 1-6 students on **Friday 29th January** at 8:45. We shall have WELCOME TO SCHOOL time for all the parents after the bell rings and the children have gone to class. The delicious Coffee Van shall be on site and so will many of staff and members of the Parent in Partnership Team to chat and answer questions and talk about plans and dreams for the coming year. **Prep students begin on Monday 1st February at 8:45am.**

Fees for 2021

Fees and Levies for 2021 will remain the same as 2020. Your account may be in credit. This credit will be applied to your account in 2021.

A credit/debit form has been attached, as an option for payment of fees. Please complete and return to the office.

Family Fee	\$1150.00
Levies	\$ 275.00
Camps	
Yr 5 & 6	\$ 270.00
Yr 4	\$ 180.00
Yr Prep, 1, 2 & 3	\$ 10.00
Sacraments	
Yr 4 & 6	\$ 20.00
Yr 3	\$ 15.00
Interschool Sports	
Yr 5 & 6	\$ 30.00
Graduation	
Yr 6	\$ 20.00
Swimming	
Yr Prep – 4	\$ 90.00 (7 weeks)



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS FOR 2021

These will be the school closure dates for 2021.

Term 1

Wednesday 27th January
Thursday 28th January

Term 2

Thursday 3rd June
Friday 4th June
Thursday 24th June

Term 3

None

Term 4

Monday 1st November
Friday 17th December

Please place these dates in your diaries.

PARENT NEWS

PARENT IN PARTNERSHIP TEAM MEETING DATES 2021

Dates are as follows:

February, 19 th	August, 6 th
March, 19 th	September, 10 th
May, 14 th	October, 22 nd
June, 18 th	November, 19 th

The Christmas raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th December at the final assembly. Thank you to Rose Packer and the parents who have assisted her to make this happen for the children.