



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School Prep Level Newsletter Term 1 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

School Closure
Monday 5th March

Wednesday 14th February
Prep Testing Day
No school for Preps

Sunday 18th February
Staff Commissioning Mass
11.00am All welcome

Wednesday 21st February
Prep Testing Day
No school for Preps

19th—23rd February
Meet n Greet

Monday 26th February
Preps at school full time

Wednesday 28th February
Learning Helpers Workshop
9am & 2.15pm
(Parents & Carers)

Friday 2nd March
Family Night

Tuesday 13th March
Incursion Melbourne
Markets

Friday 16th March
Incursion—Policeman visit

**Monday & Tuesday 19th &
20th March**
Alpha Dental

Tuesday 20th March
School Photos

Thursday 29th March
Easter Liturgy 10.00am

Term Dates

Last day of term Thursday
29th March 1.00pm finish

Thank you to all parents and families for supporting your child in the big transition to Primary School! What a great start to the year we have had! The students have begun to settle into the daily routines of the learning space and are getting to know each other and their teachers. We are also enjoying getting to know all of our new students as well!

Timetable Weeks 2, 3 & 4 ONLY

Learning Area	Prep Yellow	Prep Purple
Physical Education (sports uniform required)	Thursday	Tuesday & Thursday
Robotics	Tuesday	Not this term
Art (art smock required)	Tuesday	Tuesday
Science	Friday	Friday
Library (library bag required)	Monday	Monday

Inquiry Learning

During our Inquiry, we will focus on answering two 'Big Questions'.
How can I be happy, safe and healthy at school?

In answering this question, we will explore how actions, behaviours and choices can affect our health and safety. We will share and explore the different ways we can be safe at school, for example by following Agreed Ways. We will research what makes us feel happy and what doesn't. As well as this, we will look at how we can make choices that help us to be healthy at school, such as exercising and eating well.

How can I be a self-manager?

In answering this question, we will explore how self-managers look after their own belongings and take responsibility for their own learning.

Discovery Time

Discovery Time is a time of structured play. During Discovery Time, we will focus on building the Learning Asset of 'Self Manager'. The students will practice applying the skills of self-managing, such as packing up and taking turns. They will also reflect on their learning and progress as a self-manager.

Faith Life Inquiry -Religious Education

During Religious Education, we are inquiring into our Big Question -
"Who is Jesus and how can I be like him?".

We will explore this by looking at the following focus questions:

Who is Jesus?

How can Jesus help me?

How can I be like Jesus?

The understandings that underpin these questions are:
We can pray to Jesus to feel happy, safe and healthy,
fair and kind to others.

Jesus is a good person who cares for everyone.
I can be like Jesus by being nice, friendly, happy,

English

Our focus this term will be:

Oral Language: Students will be encouraged to wonder about things, ask and respond to simple questions and express their thoughts, ideas and needs in small groups and with the whole class. We will share songs and stories that explore onset and rhyme. We will practice non-verbal communication skills for example, making eye contact, smiling and nodding.

Reading and Viewing: Students will explore the differences between letters, words, pictures and sentences. They will be encouraged to identify and write capital and lower-case letters and make their sounds. When reading as a class, students will be asked to identify parts of texts such as the title, picture, printed text and punctuation marks.

Writing: Students will be introduced to simple sight words such as; *the, is, in* and *at*. They will be encouraged to include these in their sentences when writing. Students will be encouraged to write or copy simple sentences, draw pictures to match their writing and begin sounding out words.

Flexibuzz



Please ensure you are logged into our class Flexi-Buzz page to view photos of your child's learning, notes, updates, school events and more!

Download the app on your device.

Search

'St Bernadette's Primary School Sunshine North'

Select our class page!

Our password is stb001



Mathematics

Number and Algebra

Students will practice counting forwards and backwards, connecting number names, numerals and quantities initially up to 10 and then beyond. Students will be exposed to different types of patterns. They will be asked to copy, continue and create patterns using colours and shapes.

Measurement and Geometry

Students will compare and order the duration of events using everyday language of time, such as *before, after, next* and *later*. They will connect days of the week to familiar events and actions. They will connect events that occur during the day to times for example, eating breakfast in the morning. Students will also learn how to sort, describe and name familiar 2D shapes.

Learning about our Agreed Ways

We have begun learning about our Agreed Ways and how they help to keep everybody happy and safe. At school, we are expected to follow the Agreed Ways at all times and in all places. At home, you can talk to your child about what each of these Agreed Ways means. Continuing to use the same language at home will help us to support each other in the learning of every student. The Agreed Ways are:

Follow directions.

Listen to the speaker without interruption.

Speak appropriately.

Treat property and the environment with care.

Move safely around the school.

Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

To further give your child a great start to their school year you can:

Read stories and books every day.

Practice counting forwards and backwards. Point out and also name letters and numbers.

Make sure your child comes to school with brain-food (fruit or vegetables), water, a healthy lunch and a healthy afternoon snack.

Make sure that your child has an art smock, library bag and blue folder with their name on it.

Ensure that your child's belongings, such as their hat, jumper, lunchbox and water bottle, are clearly labelled with their name.

Important Information

Bell times

Music plays at **8.45am**—students can enter learning spaces.

Students are expected to be on time as all lessons begin at **9:00am**.

If your child is late for any reason you will need to sign in at the office before proceeding to the classroom.

School Pick-up/Drop-off

If your child will be dropped off or picked up by another family member or friend, could you please let the office know prior to or on the day.

Medical

Throughout the year if your child has any medical needs, please see your teacher.

Parent Helpers/Experts

We extend an open invitation to all parents to help out in the learning space, as well as attending incursions and excursions.

Your involvement is always appreciated and valued. If you are interested in helping out at all, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher. Please note, as a legal requirement, you need to have a current Working with Children Check and sign our School Code of Conduct.

If you have any special talents or an expertise in a particular area, please let us know as we are always looking to partner with families for to enhance our students' learning.



