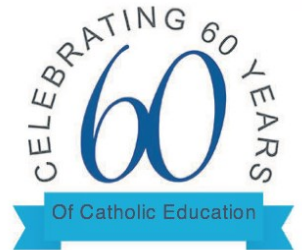




St Bernadette's School



Friday 13th April 2018

No. 11

Dear Parents,

It has been a great first term of learning, connecting, transforming and celebrating at St Bernadette's. It is hard to believe that 11 weeks of learning has passed. As we reflect we remember: our Beginning of the Year Mass, Catholic Schools Week celebrations, Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, Harmony Day, Dance Fever Programme and the Dance Fever Challenge, Student Goal setting, Learning Conversations, choir, band, SRC meetings, robotics, coding, chess, Lego, the St Bernadette's Growing Gardener's Group, art club, science club, homework club and Mini Vinnies activities, excursions to the BIG DIG, Riverside Theatre, Year 5 Vision Valley Camp, Cross Country and St Bernadette's Feast Day.

Thank you to you our parents who have supported the children and teachers throughout the term. It is in partnership that we educate our young children to be faith filled, resilient and confident learners.

During the school holidays our building project will be completed:- our lift commissioned for use and the front awning ready to provide shade for our students in the afternoons. It will be lovely to return in Term 2 to these new facilities.

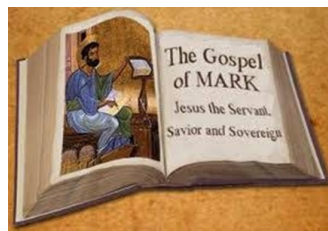
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a lovely holiday break.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



In Term 2 we will begin to read Mark's Gospel in class. Mark's Gospel is the focus for Cycle B. From a historical point of view, Mark, is the oldest of the Gospels, and the most reliable. The reason this is not only that it is closer in point of time to the events that it records but there is less interpretation concerning the meaning of these events than in the other Gospels. The Gospel of Mark records with as much accuracy as possible the main events of the life and teachings of Jesus. A record of this kind furnished evidence to support the belief that



Jesus was the true Messiah; by believing in Jesus, people could obtain salvation. That this gospel has been preserved

in the form in which we have it today testifies to the importance attached to it from its beginning.

Next term you may like to discuss with your child what story they have read and what they have learnt about Jesus. As well as that, you might want to take the time to read the Gospel story of the day as a family. The website Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/> using the Contemporary English Version.

Sacramental News: The Sacramental preparation process for 1st Eucharist will continue with the next session on Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May at 7:30pm in the Church. This session will be for parents only.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Term 2 Week 1 Dates

Mon 30 April
Staff Development &
Pupil Free Day

Tue 1 May
Students return—Term 2
Diocesan Cross Country
8-10am Uniform Shop
8.30am Assembly

Wed 2 May
Student Banking Day
Waste Free Lunch Day

Fri 4 May
Yr 1 Incursion—Science
Kaleidoscope

Coming Dates:

Wed 9 May
Mothers' Day Stall

Fri 11 May
Mothers' Day
Celebration

NAPLAN Dates
Tuesday 15 May
Writing & Literacy Test

Wednesday 16 May
Reading Test

Thursday 17 May
Numeracy Test

Friday 18 May
NAPLAN Catch Up Day
Power of One Anti-Bullying

Thurs 24 & Fri 25 May
Yr 6 Canberra Exc.

Thursday 2 August
Grandparents' Day

St Bernadette's Day Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the St Bernadette's Award

KB	Zachary Drogaris
KG	Sophie Vioria
KW	Lily Alam
1B	Joshua Mathews
1G	Emily Boxshall
2B	Marissa Zeaiter
2G	Natalie Alam
2W	Nathan Elias
3B	Isabella Mathews
3G	Poppy Dibble
3W	Marcus Chheng
4B	Allegra Xiberras
4G	Lucas Heyes
4W	Matthew Barone
5B	Lachlan McLaren
5G	Michaela Scrooby
5W	Genevieve Sing
6B	Daniel Samperi
6G	Savannah Moubarak
6W	Christian-George Farfoud



Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **89%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 2, 4 and 5 who have maintained above 90% for the term. Well done. Congratulations as well to those students who have had 100% attendance this term.

It is very important that children are at school every day of the school term as our learning continues from the first day to the last!

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	90.8%
Yr 1	84.1%	Yr 5	90.9%
Yr 2	100%	Yr 6	83.3%
Yr 3	84.6%		

Staffing

As you know Mr Bye has taken Long Service Leave in Term One. During this time he has decided that at the end of his leave he would like to pursue other career opportunities and therefore resign from his position at St Bernadette's after 25 years of teaching here.

WE WILL MISS YOU



I know that many students and families have known Mr Bye in a wide variety of roles at the school during this time, most recently as Sports Teacher, however prior to this as class teacher on a number of different grades and specialist teacher in various areas including art. Mr Bye has always energetically involved himself in a number of extra curricular activities such as gardening, waste recycling, numerous extra curricular sporting activities, concerts, creative arts expos, overnight excursions, Diocesan Sports events as well as many building and refurbishment projects over the years and much, much more. Mr Bye is a man of many talents - sound technician and handyman to name just two. He has seen and experienced a long history of education and learning at St Bernadette's having worked with at least 6 Principals during this time and many staff members supporting each of them. The staff join me in thanking Mr Bye for his collegiality and support. On behalf of all the students and families past and present I thank Mr Bye and wish him every happiness for the future.

Mrs Blazevic will continue in the role of Sports Teacher for the remainder of the 2018.

Canteen

This week parent and student representatives were able to do a taste testing of food that could be supplied by our prospective new Canteen Contractor. Over the holidays we anticipate being able to sign a contract for the provision of a Canteen Service to our families from Term 2. At this stage we are not able to confirm that the Canteen will be operating in Week One. We will keep you informed via the school Facebook page and email.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Keep up the great reading during the holidays:

Week 10

Sophia-Therese Raad, Yen-Shuo Chen, Alyssa Hawkes, Benjamin-Jude Raad, Amelia Lavis, Mia Lee, Joseph-Anthony Raad, Enya Jui, Charlotte Lee, Zelda Mormul, chloe Gething, Savannah Moubarak.

Week 11 Emma Sakkal, Sofia Aiossa, Meleni

Ariyanagam, Olivia Boxshall, Dean Guy, Claudia Homsi, Justin Lim, Ailish Lincoln, Ashleigh Scrooby, Micaela Scrooby, Sienna Symin, Nicholas Gomez, Aaliyah Symin, Grace Zeaiter.

School Uniform

A reminder that in Weeks 1 & 2 next term winter or summer uniform (not a mixture) may be worn depending on the weather. In Week 3, we ask that all students be in their winter uniform. Thank you for your assistance.

Mothers Day Celebrations

Please join us as we celebrate Mothers' Day on Friday 11th May:
8am Open Classrooms
9am Mass followed by morning tea



PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au to be included in our PowerPoint in the Church. Photos are to be received no later than **Friday 4th May**. Thank you!

P&F Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall for children to purchase a gift for mum/grandma will be held on **Wednesday 9th May**. Prices start from \$2-\$10. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send money in on the day. For students in Kindergarten/Year 1 it is a good idea to place money in an envelope/snap lock bag with their name and class on it.

Also, if you are able to assist with gift wrapping and/or our Mothers Day Stall please contact Melissa Younan on 0404 711 111. Wrapping will take place on Wednesday 2nd May between 8.30 and 2.30pm here at school. Thank you for your assistance.

Grandparents Day

Advance notice of the date that we will celebrate Grandparents' Day—

Thursday 2nd August 2018.

7:45am Book Fair

8:15am Open Classrooms

9am Liturgy followed by morning tea.

We look forward to welcoming all of our grandparents on this day.



School Bus

Hillsbus has notified us of the following change from Monday 30th April 2018:

Due to a change of road condition, there is a path change to Route 601, 603, 605, T64 and T66. Services will operate via Commercial Rd instead of Rouse Hill Dr in Rouse Hill.

Please check their website for further details.



Free School Holiday Guide

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Check out The Hills Youth Week 2018 Program of Events. Check out the free morning tea and screening of the movie "Rampage" starring The Rock at Event Cinemas, free job seeking and mindfulness workshops, health, sport and wellness days at Bernie Mullane Recreation Centre and Waves Aquatic Centre etc. For details, please follow the link below:

<https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Services/Our-Community/Youth/Live-it-Up---Hills-Youth-Week-2018>

Wesley Uniting Church Giant Garage Sale

Church grounds—32 Showground Road
Friday 4th May 8—1pm and Saturday 5th May 8—1pm
Sale items/stalls will include: Books, Records, CDs
DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester and more! Refreshments are also available.

North Sydney Youth Orchestra presents 'The Streets of Vienna' Saturday 12th May 2018 at 7pm at Pacific Hills Christian School, 9 Quarry Road, Dural. Tickets available online at: Trybooking.com. One of our students Enya Hui will be performing.

Term 1 2018

Mon 29 January—Fri 13 April

Term 2 2018

Mon 30th April—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 1 May (students return) to Fri 6 July

Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

Term 4

Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December (for students)