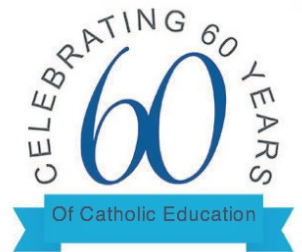




St Bernadette's School



Thursday 29 March 2018

No. 9

Dear Parents,

*Jesus has given us new life
Jesus has given us new hope
Jesus has given us a new heart*

As we finish the school week early to commence preparing for the Resurrection of Jesus we are reminded that the Easter experience brings our whole existence into focus. It calls us all to look inward and ask ourselves - whose table are we willing to share a meal & break bread with? Whose feet are we prepared to wash?

During this Easter our moment of Grace will come when we accept the invitation of Jesus to 'Love One Another'. At that moment we change, we grow, simply because at that moment God is truly at work within us.

May the joy of the Easter season remind us to look for Jesus in others ... our neighbours, our friends and our relatives. May we always remember the great love Jesus showed for us, by dying on the cross. Let us all try to share this love, this hope and a 'new heart' through our words and actions.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

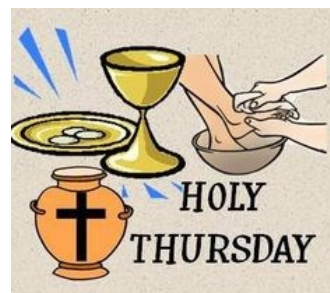
Holy Week Photos



R.E. NEWS



Today is Holy Thursday, which is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. Yesterday the children of St Bernadette's visited the hall for a Prayer Reflection to remember the events of Holy Week. Children have participated in prayer and song and they have had a chance to reflect on Jesus' message from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion.



Holy Thursday Prayer

You gave us an example to imitate. We celebrate the gift of the love of Jesus, given to us for our nourishment - given to us as an example of self-less love. In our prayer today, we let our Lord wash our feet - love us unconditionally - and we let Jesus be broken and given for us. We pray that we might be faithful to the one commandment of Jesus - that we might love others in the same way that we have been loved. Where charity and love are found, there is God.

Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Week 10 Dates

Sun 1 April
Easter Sunday

Mon 2 April
Easter Monday

Tues 3 April
Staff & Students return
Yr 3 Excursion
Riverside Theatre
3-4pm Dance Fever
After School Club

Wed 4 April
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day
Dance Fever Interschool
Challenge, Homebush

Thurs 5 April
9.15am Easter Mass
All Parents invited
Sporting School Sydney
FC Soccer

Fri 6 April
10.30am K-2 parents
welcome to join us for
morning tea then Infants
Cross Country Carnival
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly & Term 1
Values Awards

Coming Dates:

Mon 9 April
Captivate/Choir
rehearsal

Tues 10 April
8:45-9:45am K—2 Dance
Fever Showcase

Wed 11 April
11am Yr 4 PBL Expo

Fri 13 April
St Bernadette's Feast
Day & Mass at 9am
All Parents Invited
Last Day of Term 1

**Student Council War on Waste initiative –
Waste Free Wednesdays
Don't forget – EVERY Wednesday pack a waste
free lunch.**

Coles Vouchers

April 3 is the last day for collecting Coles vouchers. Thank you to all our generous families and friends of St Bernadette's for collecting so many vouchers for our school. We will be enjoying some fabulous sports equipment once these are all tallied up. Please send any remaining vouchers into school as soon as possible so that we can send these vouchers off before the end of the term.



Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **93.5%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child.

Our attendance levels are recorded below. Our target is for at least 90% attendance for each student. A big congratulations to Year 2 for maintaining 100% of children reaching our target and well done to Year 1 for a big improvement in attendance this week - nearly at our goal, well done!

Kindy	92.5%	Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 1	88.9%	Yr 5	95.5%
Yr 2	100%	Yr 6	91.7%
Yr 3	91%		



Using the Carpark and Exiting / Leaving the School Grounds

Thank you to all parents for all that you do in managing the traffic in the school carpark on a daily basis. This includes

- following the procedures for dropping your children at school and using the Kiss 'n Drop Zone rather than pulling up at the crossing and letting your children out there
- exiting the driveway at the bottom of the school and turning left as sign posted
- only entering and exiting the school via Brisbane Road

- only entering the carpark from 3pm if you are using the Car Pick Up Service - this allows the earlier traffic to exit the carpark
- leaving the carpark as soon as possible if you are collecting your child from school using the Tuckshop Terrace so that the Car Pick Up families can enter at 3pm

When everyone follows these procedures we minimise traffic jams and ensure the safety of our children. Another suggestion to help the flow of traffic and the safety of those walking to school via Brisbane Rd is that parents avoid doing U turns into our neighbour's driveways. Our surrounding roads are very busy and we are always trying to be mindful of the safety of our students and families especially when vehicles are reversing

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2018 (NAPLAN)

In May 2018, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from the 15th to 17th May 2018.

The schedule of tests is set out below:

Tuesday 15th May—Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday 16th May- Reading

Thursday 17th May- Numeracy

Friday 18th May - Is a 'catch-up' day scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

An email with an attached note explaining about NAPLAN and the dates were sent home to parents with students in Years 3 and 5 on Tuesday 27th March.

Changes to Going Home Arrangements

In our busy lives sometimes going home arrangements for children need to be altered. We ask that if you need to change arrangements for your child at short notice/in an emergency, please ensure that you contact the office via phone or email prior to 1:30pm and a message can be sent and not email teachers directly.

Teachers are very busy teaching, meeting with colleagues, running extra curricular activities and preparing for teaching and learning during their day and may miss an email as they often check emails after the day has ended for students. We thank you for your continued cooperation for the safety of your children.

Dance Fever For Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2

On Tuesday 10th April from 8:45– 9:45am the Infants students will have the opportunity to show off their newly learnt dance moves with you. Parents are invited to come along and join us on top court. You'll be amazed at the moves these students have.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this week: **Ava Papandrea, Alessia Lalli, Antonio Zeaiter, Deema Arraf, Mitchell Daly, Holly Miller, Max Procter and Gabrielle Younis.**

SCHOOL FEES

Please see attached letter from Executive Director, Greg Whitby in relation to school fees. Thank you to all the families who have paid this term's fees or who have committed to a part payment arrangement.

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue and reminder letters will be sent home to families from the Catholic Education Office—**Tuesday, 3rd April**. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY & POSTBILLPAY.

If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2018 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or by email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Also a reminder to families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing **MUST** be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the principal, the term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

P & F NEWS:

Uniform Shop—From Week 10 winter uniforms will be available for purchase. Please visit the uniform shop on Tuesdays from 8-10am. Alternatively you can return the winter order form to us via the office or email it directly to uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com. A 'winter' order form was emailed to all parents earlier this week. It is also available for download from our website: Community/Notes and Forms/Whole School/2018 Winter Uniform Order Form.



In Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 2 students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform depending on the weather (but not a mixture of uniforms). In Week 3, Term 2 we ask that all students be in full winter uniform.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Zaiter & Makhlof families (Angelina 5W, Christopher 3B, Juliana 2G, Mariella KW and Peter), following the recent passing of their great-grandfather. May he rest in peace.



P&F NEWS:

Mothers' Day Drinks

Calling all St Bernadette's mum's—you are invited to attend our Mother's Day Drinks on Friday 4 May 7:30pm at Castle Hill RSL (Upstairs Bar). RSVP to your class parent by Monday 30th April.



Gilroy Catholic College's production of **Beauty and the Beast** will be held on Wed 9 May, Thursday 10 May, Friday 11 May and Saturday 12 May. Tickets available from www.trybooking.com/345002. Join us for a fabulous night!

School Holiday Workshops Perfect Holiday Activity

The Teaching Services Australia (TSA) school holiday band workshops are on once again! Registration is now open for 6 different workshop dates and location during the Term 1 school holidays (\$80). Give their music a jump-start in 2018! Visit www.teachingservices.com/au/workshops for all information.

17 April—St Declan's, Penshurst
18 April—St Michael's, Baulkham Hills
19 April—Sacred Heart, Pymble
20 April—Regentville Public School
20 April—Ourimbah Public School
24 April—Northmead High School

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)