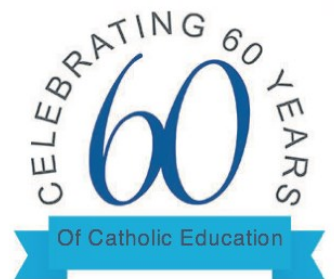




St Bernadette's School



Friday 28 September 2018 — Term 3 Week 10

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Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the end of Term 3 it is fitting that this week I include as my Principal's Message, a copy of the letter that we received from the Wilcannia Forbes SVDP in response to our Drought Donation.

Dear Mrs Nettleton, students, staff and families of St Bernadette's, Please accept our most sincere gratitude for the most generous donation of \$7401 received into our bank on 14th September.

Please pass onto your students, your staff and families, our heartfelt thanks for this great effort on our behalf with their amazing initiatives to raise these funds with our struggling farmers in their hearts.

The stories in your letter to Kelly received today, brought tears to our eyes. Kelly is with a team out at a Cobar gathering of over 300 drought affected farmers with their families. They will tell their stories and share the load and the hardships they are experiencing. We believe this will help them all see they are not alone and they have much support from many people.

I emailed Kelly your letter and she will share with the farmers the amazing story of the assistance your students have come up with. Even more important than the money are the reasons your students have given of their support.

Please let your students know the great impact their fundraiser and their support is having on our farmers.

Some of the ways we are assisting them with are food, rates, water cartage, household bills and some gatherings to support the farmers. We have members answering calls for assistance and some members are driving country roads to call and visit and sit and listen.

Your funds will greatly assist the work St Vincent de Paul Society is doing during this drought.

**Wilcannia Forbes Central Council
Per Frances Scurfield, Finance Officer
St Vincent de Paul Society**

R.E. NEWS



Last Saturday 70 children from our Parish community received their Sacrament of Confirmation. Proud parents, relatives, Mrs Nettleton and the Year 6 teachers watched as each child stood and firmly presented themselves to the Parish community to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states: 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.'

The Reverend Father Peter Williams and Father Fernando then sealed them with the Holy Spirit. The children were encouraged by Father Peter to continue the role of disciples of Jesus by carrying out his mission of helping the people in our society who are in need.

Congratulations to all our students from St Bernadette's.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC



Week 1 Dates Term 4

Mon 15 October
Staff & Students return
8.30am Assembly

Tue 16 October
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 17 October
League Tag Gala Day
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day

Fri 19 October
WYD 2019 Mufti & Gold
Coin Donation Day

Week 2

Mon 22 October
2.45pm Motiv8sports
commences

Tue 23 October
Kindy Incurion
Diocesan Basketball
Gala Day

Wed 23 October
Student Banking

Thur 24 October
10.30am Mission Mass

Sat 27 October
Choir at Rehearsal
Granville Public School

Sun 28 October
Choir at Town Hall
Performance

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Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Jarratt Allan	Emily Kouchoo
Noah Bailey	Alessia Lalli
Kiara Claridge	Shydan Magtoto
Lily Coleiro	Louis Malandrino
Liam Collyer	Ryan McMahon
Aimee Coulter	Holly Miller
Mitchell Daly	Brieanah Moujalli
Landon Emmas	Blake Noonan
Aprille Exton	Matilda Polley
Marisa Frketic	Max Procter
Chloe Gething	Nicolas Samperi
Thomas Heyes	Daniel Samperi
Dominique Jothy	Thomas Silvester
Timothy Kelly	Liam Taggart
Stella Kemmis	Lucas Tole
Macey Kinnane	Isabella Willard
Sophie Kouchoo	Ethan Zerafa

Assistant Principal's Pilgrimage

Best Wishes to Mrs Beggs who has left for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands with Assistant Principal's from across the Diocese. We look forward to hearing of Mrs Begg's experience when she returns. Please keep Mrs Beggs in your prayers during this time.

From Term 4:- Waste Free Recess and Lunch Everyday

Thank you for supporting this initiative at school. If your child brings wrappers such as cling wrap or foil or snacks in packings to school we will be asking them to take these back home in their lunch box.



Remind your children to look out for the Blue Wheelie Bins in our playgrounds. These Blue Wheelie Bins have been provided as part of our Waste Free Initiative. Children are encouraged to dispose of their single use drink containers into one of these bins. The containers will then be taken to a Return and Earn point.

Chicken Pox

We still have some children being diagnosed with Chicken Pox throughout the school. Hopefully the upcoming school holidays will provide an opportunity for everyone to return to good health. Meanwhile, can I ask that you be aware about recognising the early symptoms of chicken pox.

After the school holidays and on returning to school, if your child has or may have the symptoms of chicken pox, I would ask that you please:

1. Do not send them to school
2. Notify the school office as soon as possible of the circumstances

Please click on the following link for the NSW health website for information on chicken pox:
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx>

Summer Uniform

Please take the opportunity during the school holidays to look at your child's Summer Uniform to ensure that your child is wearing all items according to the guidelines on the School Website. In particular parents are reminded that the summer short sock for school and sports uniform is a one cuff roll down sock not a cut off anklet sock that cannot be seen above the shoe.



The school shoe is a black leather shoe NOT a jogger

The sports shoe is a basic white jogger with white laces

Congratulations to ex-St Bernadette's Students

Students who have been elected to Leadership positions at Oakhill College for 2019:
Brandon Leyba—Lasallian Captain
William Fitzalan—Miguel Captain

Mt St Benedict's Awards for Yr 12 2018:

Anne Younis—Christian Leadership
Alexander Maher—Yr 12 Academic Excellence

Gymnastics Programme

We have been successful in securing another Sporting Schools Grant and we are able to use this to provide a Gymnastics programme, in Term 4 to our Years 3 and 4 students. The grant will provide trained gymnastics instructors who will conduct 30 minutes gymnastic sessions across the term during school time on a Friday afternoon. In Term 4, in addition to their regular sport day with Mrs Blazevic, Years 3 and 4 will need to wear their sports uniform on Fridays. More details about the programme will be provided in Term 4.

School Values Awards—Term 3

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of last term's School Values Awards sponsored by Stone, Hills District. These awards are presented to two children who are nominated for living our core values of respect, honesty, care and compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Congratulations to:
Conrad Lopez 6G
Alyssa Khoudair 5B



Thanks to Stone, Hills District for their continued support of this award.

**Congratulations to the following
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Social Skill:
Appreciating Diversity at St Bernadette's (Social Awareness)**

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Samara Colaco	Zara Mortlock	Georgia Gillogly
KG	Victoria Ibrahim	Isaac Saad	Michael Mitchell
KW	Aidan Jaucian	Mariella Jaucian	Rachel Zeaiter
1B	Thomas Macey	Sienna Smith	Abigail Wigham
1G	Max Abouhamad	Emma Sakkal	Lucia Aiossa
2B	Aditi Gowda	Nicolas Reyna	Marissa Zeaiter
2G	Zara Osborn	Aaron Pereira	Holly Procter
2W	Fabian Crecca	Sofia Papandrea	Kristina Jelwan
3B	Jet Jackson	Isabella Mathews	Lanna Heneghan
3G	Grace Kalina	Xavier Xiberras	Tahlia Haj
3W	Jenice Luong	Joseph-Anthony Raad	Michael Lalli
4B	Najeeb Haddad	Emily Nguyen	Isabella Scotti
4G	Anthony Gomez	Roman Younan	Jacob Elias
4W	Levi Parame	Andrew Zalloua	Hannah Cherian
5B	Ailish Lincoln	Tyler Smith	Alyssa Khoudair
5G	Dean Guy	Micaela Scrooby	Olivia Drogaris
5W	Nathan Colaco	Ella-Rose Semaan	Charlize Desouza
6B	Emily Kouchoo	Daniel Samperi	Noah Bailey
6G	Sophie Kouchoo	Liam Collyer	Stella Kemmis
6W	Paul Homsy	Brieanah Moujalli	Mia Lagana

Principal's Awards:

Ashleigh Scrooby 5B
 Holly Williams 5G
 Xavier Lavulo 1B
 Micaela Ragone 1B
 Jasmine Azzi 5B
 Melanie Wong 3B
 Lucas Ranieri 3B



Super Hero Day—Muscular Dystrophy

Thank you to the students who raised a total of \$700 toward Muscular Dystrophy Research. Everyone looks fabulous in their Super Hero outfits and a special congratulations to the students who shared their 'super skills'. A great job by the SRC in organising this event.



Attendance

Every Learner Every Day Attendance rate to date is 87.6%

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Our target is 90%. Thank you for ensuring your child is at school ready to begin the day and for being prompt with notes regarding absences when your child has been too unwell for school.

We hope you have a restful holiday with your families and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 4 and increasing our attendance rate to over 90% in all grades.

Kindy	86.5%	Yr 4	89.4%
Yr 1	83.9%	Yr 5	92.4%
Yr 2	91.6%	Yr 6	83.4%
Yr 3	84.9%		

Maths @ St Bernadette's?

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Multiplicative Thinking information session and classroom visits. The students and staff enjoyed being able to demonstrate what maths looks and sounds like in our classrooms.



If you were not able to join us last Tuesday and have an area of maths that you would like to see showcased or further information on please email the school with your query.

Brain teasers?

Last week's solution!

I want to find a number that is divisible by three. I also want all of its digits to be 8s. Does my number exist? Yes! If you add the digits of a number together and they are divisible by three, the original number is also divisible by three.

$8 + 8 + 8 = 24$ and 24 is divisible by three, so 888 is a solution to the puzzle!

There are also other solutions, including 888 888 and 888 888 888.

This week's challenge!

On Sunday, 1 January, Layla announced her New Year's resolution. "Throughout this year, on the fifth Sunday of the month, I'll throw a party!" How many fifth Sunday parties did Layla celebrate that year?

Gardening Volunteers Needed

During the school holidays the gardening club and the P & F have 2 gardening projects that they would like to tackle:-

- chip barking the bottom garden beds and
- preparing and planting the garden bed in front of the administration block

If you have a few hours in the morning on Thursday 4th October between 7:30am and 10:30am it would be great to have you come along and lend a hand. RSVP by clicking on <https://goo.gl/forms/gxiSJapPFAAbiy6g2>

Many Hands Make Light Work!



ICAS Mathematics—2018 Results

Our final university exam results have arrived and once again St Bernadette's students have received outstanding results.



The mathematics exam assesses all aspects of the maths curriculum and in particular the student's ability to apply their knowledge to solve real life problems. These tests are held Australia wide.

The following children will be presented with their maths certificates at our first assembly in Term 4.

Congratulations!

Year 3:

Credit—Sofia Aiossa, Haley Gonzales, Zoe Kouknas, David Lievano, Joseph-Anthony Raad, Lucas Ranieri

Year 4:

Credit—Emily Nguyen, Isabella Scotti

Year 5:

Distinction— Zander Cheng

Credit—Joshua Foo, Xavier Hennessey, Enya Hui, Genevieve Sing.

Melissa Beggs

Assistant Principal

Cyber Safety Workshops

Senior Constable Rob Paterson will visit the school again in Term 4 on Tuesday 30th October 2018 to present a Cyber Safety Workshop to our Stage 2 students.

Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science & Lego

Wed—Library, Art, Robotics & Coding, Gardening & Little Techies

Thurs—Library, Chess

School Leavers

We are planning for the 2019 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2019. 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.

Yr 6 Parents—Reminder

October 15 is the deadline for parents to upload photos for the Year 6 Yearbook. To ensure your child's photos are included, please visit <https://goo.gl/2xw67E> for the Parents Guide on how to upload photos and associated web links. The Yearbook Committee appreciate your help in creating a memorable keepsake for you and your child.

Yearbook Committee

Motiv8sports

A flyer came home yesterday inviting students to attend the Motiv8sports after school sessions on Mondays commencing Week 2. Please refer to flyer for further details.

Sydney Metro School Holiday Program—will be back in October 2018. Come join us for free hands-on activities for children aged five to 12. Bookings are essential. Please check the website for further details. All Aboard

<https://www.sydneymetro.info/all-aboard-workshop>
Minecraft

<https://www.sydneymetro.info/minecraft-workshop-booking-form-castle-hill>

Hills Community Aid & Learning In The Hills

Thursday 4 October—9 to 12pm Family fun morning and open day. Balcombe Heights Estate 92 Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills. Jumping castle, face painting, lawn games, craft activities, biscuit decorating and Zumba.

Annie Jnr —Coming Soon

New Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill in November
Congratulations to **Cassandra Losurdo (Molly)** and **Charlotte Lee** who were recently cast in Spot On Productions' upcoming musical Annie Jr! They will be performing at The Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill in early November. For more information about how you can watch the girls shine onstage head to www.spotonproductions.com.au

Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

Term 4

Mon 15 October—Staff & Students return

Fri 9 November—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Wed 19 December - last day for students

2019 Term 1:

Tues 29 Jan—SDD / Pupil Free Day / * MAI (pm)

Wed 30 Jan- *MAI Day / Pupil Free Day

Thurs 31 Jan—Yrs 1 to 6 commence

Fri 1 Feb—Kindergarten 2019 commence

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

Our congratulations to the Mi family on the birth of a baby boy, brother to Ethan in 1B. Our best wishes to the family.

