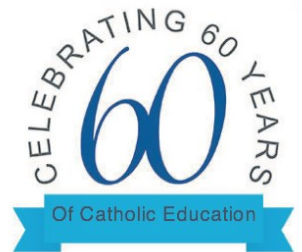




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 10th August 2018 — Term 3 Week 3

No. 24

Dear Parents,

## "Help a Farmer Day"

**Tuesday 14th August**  
we will be holding a drought relief fundraising mufti day



Children are invited to come dressed as farmers and make a donation in support of the Wilcannia Forbes St Vincent de Paul Drought Appeal. The Wilcannia Forbes Diocese is a sister diocese to Parramatta.

As a school we are well known for our generosity to those in need and this time we are asking you to dig deep in support of our "Help a Farmer Day" which is an opportunity for St Bernadette's students to reach out in support of families in Balranald, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Cobar, Condobolin, Deniliquin, Forbes, Hay, Hillstone, Narromine, Nyngan, Parkes, Peak Hill, Trangie, Trundle, Warren, Wilcannia.



We look forward to welcoming the children to school on Tuesday dressed as farmers. Please send your donation to school in a sealed envelope.

**Leanne Nettleton**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



As teachers of Religious Education, we believe that a close relationship with Jesus can change children's lives. Learning to understand the Scriptures can help them unlock the Word of God and make connections on a Spiritual and personal level.

The students can make connections between the Old Testament, New Testament, the Catholic Faith and their own Spiritual life.

When exploring Scripture, the students begin with the Literal Sense. They begin with looking at the actual event, person, things described in the text and the 1st Century context.

They would then revisit the same Scripture but possibly in a different form. They now enter the Spiritual Sense. In this sense, they connect to the Catholic Practices and Traditions and ask where is God/Jesus in the passage and what is revealed about them. They will explore the Scripture to make connections to the Sacraments and how the message of the sacraments guide them to live a just life and points them to going to heaven.

Lastly, they enter the Application Sense. By applying the Literal and Spiritual senses children can consider, 'What can I change in my thoughts, words and actions?' They can also contemplate how prayer can deepen their connections with God and identify ways they can lead a Christian life in their home, school and community.

By exploring Scripture in this way students develop a deeper understanding of God's word. They feel God is speaking directly to them and will help them apply what they discover in their everyday lives.

**Shane Robinson—REC**



### Week 4 Dates

**Mon 13 August**  
8.30am Assembly  
2.45pm Motiv8sports

**Tue 14 August**  
7.30am ICAS Maths Comp.  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
**Help a Farmer Mufti & Donation Day**

**Wed 15 August**  
Student Banking Day  
Waste Free Lunch Day

**Thurs 16 August**  
Kindy—Golden Ridge Farm  
Hills Zone Athletics  
Yrs 5-6 Surfing Scientist,  
Book Week Inc.

**Fri 17 August**  
Internal Audit  
Yr 6 Debating vs St Michael's  
1.40pm Whole School Assembly  
RE workbooks coming home

**Mon 20 August**  
Captivate Rehearsal

**Tues 21 & Wed 22 Aug**  
Captivate Showcase,  
Homebush

**Thurs 30 August**  
Fathers Day Stall

**Fri 31 August**  
6.45am Fathers Day Mass & Celebrations  
Open Classrooms

**Tue 6 Sept**  
9am K -Yr 6 2019 School Tour

**Fri 21 Sept**  
5-8pm P&F Family Fun Night

## Going Home Arrangements

It is particularly important that all families follow the procedures put in place by the school for students going home. At the bell time children are dismissed to the various pick up points, bus lines, walking lines or COSHC.

Please note that:-

The only way for walkers to exit the school without a parent is via the supervised school walking lines - Brisbane Road Walking Line and Old Northern Road Walking Line. Teachers have noticed that some children are walking themselves out of the school via the COSHC walkway. Parents are requested to tell their children to go to the Brisbane Road Walking Line if they have been using the COSHC walkway. Thank you for working with the teachers to ensure that your children are following the supervised Going Home Arrangements.



## St Bernadette's Word Parade

**24th August 8:30am**

Have you got your costume ready yet?

What exciting or interesting word has your child selected to dress up as?

On Friday 24th August, St Bernadette's will be hosting a word parade, where we are asking all students to select an exciting, interesting or unusual word and design a simple costume to represent the meaning of this word. This celebration coincides with our school's focus on extending our understanding and use of vocabulary during reading and writing.

How could your child dress up to represent the words perplexed, impostor, shredded, fragile, delectable, monstrous or even archaic?

Check out our Facebook page for more creative ideas.

## Parking in Brisbane Road and Mercer Street

With the relocation of the NWRL Site Office into Brisbane Road the streets around the school have become congested and there is significant demand for parking especially before and after school. Site inspections by Council Officers and Police in the last couple of weeks around Brisbane Road and Mercer Street indicate that some parents are parking illegally including in the No Stopping Zones next to the pedestrian crossing and over resident driveways.



We have been advised by the Hills Council Road Safety Officer that parents will need to consider parking further away if they cannot find any legal parking in Brisbane Road or Mercer Street. Please be warned that Compliance Officers will be undertaking patrols of these streets and infringements will be issued. Please see email attachment for details of infringements and the associated fines and demerit points.

## Social Skills Weeks 3 & 4

### Respecting Others at St Bernadette's (Responsible Decision-Making)

Respecting ourselves, others and their property, and accepting responsibility for what you say or do. This includes being honest and truthful with everyone within our school community. We respect others and ourselves when we believe that others deserve to be treated with kindness and feel motivated to contribute to the common good for all.

The following quotes both from Year 6 students and others outlines for us the meaning of respect and its importance in building friendships and a caring school environment where we look after our own belongings and each other.

*"If you respect others, they will respect you." (Yr. 6 student)*

*"Don't expect respect if you don't respect others." (Yr. 6 student)*

*"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." (Bryant H. McGill)*

*"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners." (Laurence Sterne)*

*"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is even greater." (Bono)*

**Mrs Kathy Watt**

### Attendance

**Every Learner Every Day - Attendance rate to date is 90.2%**

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities.

MISSING  
(SCHOOL)=  
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OUT

Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below.

A reminder that all absences from school need a note to be sent to the teacher. Thank you for assisting us with this legal requirement as otherwise the absence appears on the roll as unexplained.

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	93.3%
Yr 1	90.3%	Yr 5	89.3%
Yr 2	94.4%	Yr 6	88.9%
Yr 3	86.1%		

### School Tour - Kindergarten to Year 6 2019

Please advise any friends or neighbours that we will be holding a school tour on Thursday 6th September 9am for prospective parents to view our school/classrooms and meet with the school principal. RSVP: 9407 6600.

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

## What's happening in Maths at St Bernadette's?

Over the next weeks we have some exciting maths events for the students of St Bernadette's.

Firstly the ICAS Maths competition will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the Year 4 rooms. The test will begin promptly at 7:30am.

We look forward to seeing all the participants ready to think and problem solve.

Next on the agenda is our

### "Find Your Treasure Numeracy Day"

which is being held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August. On this day all the children will be celebrating numeracy week by spending the middle session participating in challenging maths activities centred on the theme of finding treasure. A montage of the event will be showcased at our assembly and on our school Facebook account.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable day extending our maths knowledge.

Lastly this month we have 4 teams (one from each primary grade) who have been chosen to compete in a national maths competition run by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia.

This involves the students practicing each week together and then entering an online quiz. They have one hour to complete all the questions by working together to problem solve the best answer. Congratulations to the following children who were selected to represent their grade.

#### Year 3

Sofia Aiossa  
David Lievano  
Lucas Ranieri  
Sebastian Vioria

#### Year 4

Xavier Bounassif  
Liam Conlin  
Isabella Scotti  
Ella Hammesley

#### Year 5

Eva Cooper  
Xavier Hennessey  
Lucas Karam  
Zander Chang

#### Year 6

Elias Semaan  
Paul Homsy  
Chloe Gething  
Timothy Kelly



## Fathers' Day Celebrations

Join us for our Fathers' Day Celebrations on Friday 31st August at 6:45am which commences with Mass. Breakfast for dads and their children will be served afterwards then Open Classrooms — see invitation coming home soon.



### Fathers Day PowerPoint

Families are invited to email to the school **one** photograph of dad with his children to be included in the PowerPoint which will be shown in the Church. Email to: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au by Monday 27th August at the latest. Unfortunately, photos received after this date cannot be included.

### Fathers Day Stall—Thursday 30 August

Our P&F Association will be holding a Fathers Day Stall for students to purchase gifts for dad or grandad. Gifts are priced from \$2 to \$10. It is a good idea for students in Kindy & Year 1 to place their money in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and Fathers Day Stall on it.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children:

Clare Baker, Georgia Elias, Thomas Rendulic, Jed Alameen, Matthew Baker, Elizabeth D'Souza, Chelsea Fayle, Jackson Leib, Ava Rendulic, Peter Yacoub, Jacob Elias, Cassandra Perez-Rigatos, Nathan Elias, Jack Robertson, Anna Weppner.



**Premier's Reading Challenge closes—Friday 31st August 2018!**

### Uniform Shop—CLEARANCE

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop is holding a **clearance sale for second hand winter stock** during the month of August. Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday 8—10am or email them on: Uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com.

### Gardening Club

Our Garden Club needs your help! Do you have any of the following items? If so could you please contact the office on 9407 6600.

- ◇ 3 old car tyres
- ◇ plenty of spare newspapers
- ◇ empty large milo tins
- ◇ old tin buckets or large pots to use as planters



Thank you in anticipation.

**Elizabeth Evans**

## School Band

### Important School Band Dates

\***Sunday August 12** (this Sunday!), 4pm-5pm - Concert Band and Performance Band playing at the Australian Brewery (no beginner band this time, sorry).

\***Friday August 24**, 5pm-6pm - our annual 'Chamber Music Evening' (all band members). More information will be emailed home shortly but this is a wonderful performance opportunity for all students and we hope to see you all there.



## New Band Director - Welcome to Mr Ciccarelli!!

We extend a very warm, St Bernadette's welcome to Mr John Ciccarelli who will be joining us as our new TSA St Bernadette's Band Director starting this term. Mr Ciccarelli has been with TSA for over 10 years now and has worked at several local schools during this time. Many students will remember Mr Ciccarelli from TSA band camps where he often tutored our basses and low brass. Band parents will get the opportunity to meet Mr Ciccarelli at one of our upcoming concerts soon, we are sure you will make him feel welcome.

## Kindy 2019—Parent Information Session

Parents of students in Kindergarten 2019 are invited to attend a 'Getting Ready for Kindergarten - Speech Pathologist and School Counsellor Parent Information Session' on Tuesday 28th August at 9-10am.

## Term 3 School Fees

Families should have now received their Term 3 School Fee Statements from the Catholic Education Office. If you have not yet received your account please contact the school office as soon as possible. Unless undertaking a Flexible Payment Plan or other arrangement, payment of fees will be due **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**. Fees can be made by cash, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY. If paying by BPAY please make sure the correct biller and reference code is used from statement, this is located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences. Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 5 days or more. This form is on our website: Community/School Notes /Administration Forms/ Application for Extended Leave. Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton.

## School Leavers

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:

### Family Fun Night Fri 21 September 5—8pm

See flyer below and invitation with RSVP has been sent to all families via email this afternoon.

St Bernadette's P&F invite you to our

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

In the school grounds  
**SEPTEMBER 21 - 5PM-8PM**  
*Take the hassle out of Friday night dinner!*

Join us for a relaxed evening, catch up with friends (new and old) from our school community whilst enjoying live music from *Kamis Crew*, delicious street food from two of Sydney's premier food trucks and freshly brewed coffee to kick start your weekend!

Entry anytime between 5pm-8pm

Kids dance off

Bring a picnic rug and chairs

Nut free

Alcohol free zone

Purchase meals & coffee with cash or card

RSVP appreciated - [click here](#)

If you would be interested in assisting or sponsorship contact [president.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:president.stbpnf@gmail.com)

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Our congratulations to **Mrs Alice Bradshaw** (Parish Sacramental Coordinator) and her husband Mark on the birth of a baby girl Thea. Our best wishes to the family.



## Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

## Term 4

Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December (for students)

## Calling all Budding

### Netballers



#### Term 3 NetSetGo Starts Next Friday

St Bernadette's Netball Club is our parish netball club, open to boys aged 12 and under and women and girls of all ages.

Our littlest players (born in 2012 and 2013) can learn to play netball in the Term 3 NetSetGo program at the school netball court. It starts on 17 August, with sessions running each Friday from 3pm to 4pm until the end of term. The cost of the program is \$65, which includes all insurances and a NetSetGo T-shirt and netball. The club is an Approved Provider under the NSW government's Active Kids Vouchers program – if your child is eligible for a voucher the cost of the program reduces to nil!

New members can register online by following the links on the club's website here: <http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=159404&id2=1&eID=43308&entityID=43308>

If your child participated in the Term 1 NetSetGo program, and would like to come back again, there is no need to re-register. Simply contact the club registrar to let us know that your little one is returning.

Email the registrar, Pauline Andrew at [stbncregistrar@hotmail.com](mailto:stbncregistrar@hotmail.com), or call her on 0403 762 796 if you'd like to know more.

### Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 16 August 2018.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity to see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness. Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother Steve Hogan. Visit <http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour/> to reserve your place or contact the Registrar on 9634 0802 for further information.