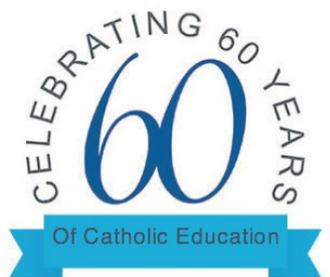




St Bernadette's School



Friday 7 September 2018 — Term 3 Week 7

No. 28

Dear Parents,

As always, we have so many great things happening in our school community, it's hard to single out a few. I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication of teachers and support staff, parent helpers, the Parents and Friends Association and our parish team who have all played a part in making the many events that have taken place so far this term so enjoyable for our children. It is such a joy to see so many parents join in with the spirit of learning and creativity that takes place in our school every day and especially at our extra curricular events.

We are continuing to welcome prospective families to our school for Open Days and school tours and on each of these occasions, including this week, our visitors compliment our children on their friendliness and welcoming manner as well as their learning achievements. When our students join with students from across the diocese, for instance at CAPTIVATE, Voice of Youth and gala days, it is always remarked upon how courteous and articulate our children are. The many guest presenters that we have had across the school this term - MusicaViva performers, Book Week presenters, Incursion specialists and our own parent helpers and expert presenters notice how interested and curious our children are. We all feel so proud when we receive such positive feedback for the work that we do together as teachers and parents.

Congratulations St Bernadette's!

PS Three weeks left of term and still lots more learning and creativity to take place!

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Confirmation

Many of our students in Year 6 and St Bernadette's Parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Although we normally receive this sacrament after First Communion, the Church considers it to be the second of the three sacraments of initiation as it completes Baptism.

In our Baptism, our parents and godparents make the promises for us, during Confirmation we as adult Catholics renew our faith for ourselves. 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.

Therefore, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.' We pray for all the children as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their Christian life.

On Saturday, the children of the parish will take part in Spirit Day as part of their Sacramental preparation. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Saturday 22nd September.

Shane Robinson—REC



Week 8 Dates

Mon 10 Sept
8.30am Assembly
1.10pm Threatened Species Meeting
3.00pm Motiv8sports

Tue 11 Sept
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 12 Sept
Student Banking Day
Waste Free Lunch Day
Cyber Safety Inc—All Students

7pm Parent Online Cyber Safety Workshop
Please RSVP

Fri 14 Sept
9am Preschoolers Concert
1.40pm Whole School Assembly—All welcome
HSIE/S&T Books Coming Home

Coming Dates:

Tues 18 Sept
ST2 & 3 Cricket Gala Day

Wed 19 Sept
Yr 5 Parent PD Evening

Thurs 20 Sept
Principal for a Day

Fri 21 Sept
Risky Business Day
5-8pm P&F Family Fun Night

Tues 25 Sept
Parent Maths Workshop

Fri 28 Sept
Super Hero Mufti & Gold Coin Donation for Muscular Dystrophy Day

Voice Of Youth

Congratulations to Tom Silvester and Jarratt Allan for making it through to the Upper Hills Cluster Voice of Youth Final and representing St Bernadette's. Both boys spoke well on the day and Tom was awarded Runner Up for his speech 'Disconnected'. We are very proud of Tom and Jarratt for representing our school so well.

Hills Cluster Debating

Our debating teams competed in their final debate today against St Angela's, Castle Hill debating the very challenging topic 'It is better to plant a cabbage than a rose'. The children demonstrated great team skills and their debates were evidence of their hard work throughout the debating competition. Congratulations this round to:

Affirmative Team

Paul Hornsi
Brieanah Moujalli
Lana Taha
Jardyn Orsini

Negative Team

Jarratt Allan
Rachael Hanna
Marisa Frketic
Tahlia Smith

Thank you also to Mrs Crammond who travelled to Winston Hills to adjudicate the debate between St Paul the Apostle and St Michael's.

REMINDER:

Online Cyber Safety Workshop

Senior Constable Rob Paterson is returning to St Bernadette's Primary School on **Wednesday 12th September** to present information on 'Online Cyber Safety' to Years 5 and 6 during the day. **THEN in the evening at 7:00pm**, Senior Constable Paterson will present to **ALL** parents on **CYBER BULLYING AND ONLINE ISSUES**. **DON'T MISS IT!** Please RSVP your attendance at the Parent Workshop by sending an email to the school using the subject 'Cyber Bullying Parent Workshop'.

Reminder About Bringing Toys to School

Parents are reminded that children do not bring toys to school. Thank you for supervising this from home so that your child does not become disappointed by losing their toys or having them accidentally broken by themselves or other children while playing with them at school.

Threatened Species Meeting

Students are invited to participate in the Featherdale Threatened Species Schools STEM Challenge.

Any child interested, can form a team to work on the challenge. Lunchtimes at school will be offered as an opportunity for the teams to work on their project with their team. The first lunchtime meeting will be Monday 10th September in the COSHC room above the Top Court. Any interested children come along. For more information visit <https://www.featherdale.com.au/threatenedspecies/>

FEATHERDALE
WILDLIFE PARK
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA
FEATHERDALE THREATENED
SPECIES WEEK
SCHOOLS STEM CHALLENGE



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

Suggestions for what a waste free lunch can look like?

Congratulations to all our families. As a school community we have been making a huge effort in moving towards having a waste free school through promoting action and change within the school. This includes the introduction of our 'blue bins' and the Waste Free Lunch initiative. A Waste Free Lunch means trying to pack items that can be composted or recycled and that won't end up in the garbage bin. That means, avoiding plastic wrap, foil, zip lock bags and packaged foods. If your child brings packaged foods to school they can take their litter home with them.



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.

Social Skills—Weeks 7 & 8

Being A Problem Solver At St. Bernadette's (Self Management)

Problem solving is a tool, a skill and a process. It is a tool because it can help you solve an immediate problem or to achieve a goal. It is a skill because once you have learnt it, you can use it repeatedly, like the ability to ride a bicycle, add numbers or speak a language.

At St Bernadette's we encourage the students to use a range of thinking skills, plan and carry out investigations, consider different strategies, find things out before making decisions and solve a variety of problems at school and at home.

Teaching children to become effective thinkers is recognised as an important goal of education. For students to function successfully in a highly technical society, they must be equipped with lifelong learning and thinking skills necessary to process information in an ever-changing world.

Family Discussion Starters

- What has been the hardest problem you have ever solved?
- How did you solve it?
- What do you do when a problem is frustrating and you can't seem to solve it?

Mrs Kathy Watt

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day Attendance rate to date is **89.4%**

Did you know? If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

We believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below. Congratulations to Kindergarten, Years 2, 4 and 5 for maintaining over 90% for their attendance this week.

Kindy	91.0%	Yr 4	92.0%
Yr 1	87.1%	Yr 5	90.9%
Yr 2	93.0%	Yr 6	86.1%
Yr 3	86.1%		

SRC News

Principal @ St Bernadette's

Have you submitted your application?

The SRC are again inviting students to apply for the job of Principal for a Day.

Students are asked to send in a 1—2 minute video of themselves which includes:

- ◇ Name and class
- ◇ A brief introduction
- ◇ Why they want to be principal for a day
- ◇ What they would do for St Bernadette's if they were chosen as Principal for a Day

The judging panel will be looking for a sizzling start to the video along with creativity and the ability to engage the audience.

Videos are to be sent to the school email address (Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) by **Friday 14th September**.

Friday Week 10 Come dressed as your favourite superhero and raise money for Muscular Dystrophy!

On Friday 28th September we will be having a gold coin donation mufti day to help raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. As part of this day the SRC would like to share you to share your super hero skills with your friends!



So start thinking about your super skill! Can you juggle? Twirl a basketball on your finger? Do you know some nifty soccer tricks?

The SRC will be holding auditions in Week 9 so get your thinking caps on. Further details on times will be shared by the SRC in classes next week.

What's happening in Maths @ St Bernadette's?

Save the date! Parent Information Session - Mathematics - Tuesday 25th September

On Tuesday 25th September St Bernadette's will be running a parent information session on Mathematics, with a focus on multiplication and division. This workshop is to inform parents how students use mental strategies in multiplication and division and develop their multiplicative thinking, from Kindergarten to Year 6.

This will be a workshop with a difference as it will commence at 8:30am in the library and will be followed by open classrooms during a Maths lesson. Parents will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and observe students engaging in multiplicative tasks aimed at developing mental computation strategies.

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to work in partnership with the school, witnessing firsthand the mathematical learning children are engaging in daily at St Bernadette's.

I hope that you are able to join us and I am looking forward to this opportunity to work alongside you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to know more.

Did you work out last week's brainteasers?

1- The bus I caught was number 1441.

Here's one way to work it out:

- If it has four digits and it's less than 2000, the first digit must be a 1.
- Since it's the same forwards and backwards, the last digit must also be 1.
- Since all the digits together make 10, the middle two digits must add to eight.
- Since the number is the same forwards and backwards, the two middle digits must be the same, so they must both be 4.

2 - Clocks often have their numbers in Roman numerals, so 12 is written XII. If you cover the bottom half of XII, you'll get VII, which is seven in Roman numerals!

This week's challenge!

You've just received a secret coded message:

AD, BA, BH, CE, DB, DI, EF

You know it follows a pattern, but can you work out what pair of letters come next?

Clue: You might have noticed that the first letter in each term is further along the alphabet. What if the pairs of letters represented numbers?

Melissa Beggs—Assistant Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC:



Eve Lincoln, Peter Makhlouf, Rafael Clemente, Jack Kirkham, Holly Procter, Ava Smith, Rosemary Carroll, Leah Kebblewhite, Olivia Kirkham, Lily Procter, Andrew Zalloua and Tyler Smith.

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.

ICAS English Results

Earlier this term several students from Years 3-6 at St Bernadette's participated in the ICAS competition in English. In this test students are assessed on their ability to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts, focusing on the aspects of meaning in both literary and factual texts, syntax and vocabulary. This competition is held Australia wide.

We congratulate the following students on their excellent achievements. Their certificates will be presented at our next Friday assembly.

Year 3

Distinction: Piper Johnson, Joseph-Anthony Raad

Year 4

Distinction: Ella Macey

Credit: Kaiden Taggart, Isabella Scotti

Year 5

Distinction: Zander Cheng, Joshua Foo, Charlotte Lee

Credit: Sarah Jacinto, Imogen Vines

Year 6

Distinction: Liam Taggart

Credit: Mitchell Daly, Paul Homs, Timothy Kelly.

P&F NEWS:

P&F Meeting

Thanks to the dedicated group of parents who attended our P&F meeting this Wednesday evening. Topics discussed included Brisbane Road parking, canteen, a new prayer garden initiative and reports from the various committees and office bearers. The next P&F meeting will be our AGM on **November 21**.

Family Fun Night FAQ's

Luckily we have had all our rain this week and things will be dry and warm on September 21. Regardless of the weather, though, the food, coffee and music will all be hot so don't miss what is rapidly becoming the social highlight of the year.

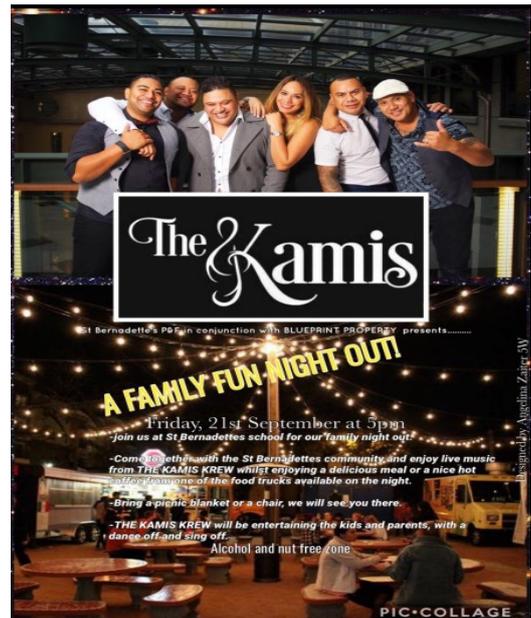
I'm having trouble using the online RSVP link.

If you can't click on the link in the FFN flyer in the newsletter, try clicking on the link here - <https://goo.gl/forms/kakzr2mLyKcPPkKC2> (or type the link address into your web browser). Online is the fastest and easiest way to RSVP but if you can't get it to work simply email president.stbpnf@gmail.com and indicate how many adults and children you expect to attend.

What is the best entry point to the event?

For safety and child protection reasons the only entry to the event will be via blue wall gate. Having only one entrance will make it a little harder to get in and out of the event but will mean parents can relax knowing our site is secure for the night.

Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for menu's, photos and more information. Don't forget to RSVP online to go into the draw for our lucky door prizes and if you would like any further information email president.stbpnf@gmail.com



Family Fun Night RSVP: [Click Here](#)

Inala Fair—Sunday 16 September 9—3pm

Cnr Castle Hill & Franklin Roads, Cherrybrook

A fun day out for the whole family! Arts & Crafts, Live Entertainment, Gourmet Food Stalls, Pony Rides & Animal Farm plus more!

Sydney Youth Orchestra—2019 Auditions

SYO offers a range of stimulating music and training and education programs for musicians aged 6-25 at every level of their musical journey. Auditions information session—Saturday 22 Sept. For further details: syo.com.au