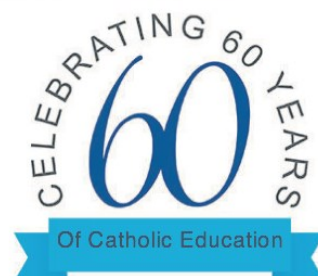




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 14 September 2018 — Term 3 Week 8

No. 30

Dear Parents,

**Today I hand over my front page article to Savannah and Kiara, Year 6 students who on behalf of our students and families wrote the letter below to accompany our generous donation to the Wilcannia Forbes St Vincent de Paul Office in support of Farming Families during this period of drought**

Dear Members of the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and St Vincent de Paul Society, Our community at St Bernadette's started to hear about the devastating drought that you are experiencing in your region and knew that we had to do something about it. On Tuesday 14 August, we were invited to dress as Farmers for the Day and bring along a donation to support farmers in the Wilcannia Forbes area. The fundraiser was called 'Dig Deep for the Farmers'.

At the beginning of the day we sang along to We are Australian to remind us that we are all part of our country and we all belong. As Australians and Catholics we support each other especially when someone is in need. Our Catholic community has raised money because you are our Australian farmers, you are in drought, and you support the whole NSW economy. A lot of our St Bernadette's students brought in money to support the hard battles you have been facing.

Some of the students gave amazing reasons why they donated money and where they got it from. One of the students donated her money from something she called a 'share jar'. She explained it was a jar that she put every bit of her money into for a charity. She saw that this was a concerning matter so she donated ALL of her share jar money to the struggling farmers.

One of our Year 3 students also kindly donated some money because her grandparents have experienced similar tough circumstances and she felt she also wanted to help. So she donated her money to the Farmer Fund, hoping it would help a lot!

Another student at St Bernadette's was talking about how he donated money out of his piggy bank. Our very generous Parents & Friends Association helped us by donating \$500!

The reason all of our students donated money to your district was because of the associations that a number of students and staff had in this area. As a school community we raised a total of **\$7401!** We are very proud of the generosity of our community and we hope the money donated will help the farmers in the challenging circumstances they are experiencing.

From the bottom of our hearts "we just want the mums and dads and boys and girls to know that we are thinking of you and praying for rain" We are keeping the farmers in our prayers. Kind regards,

**The students, staff and families of St Bernadette's Primary School, Castle Hill**

## R.E. NEWS



Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish.

Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to you on their developing religious literacy. This year staff have focused on student responses to Scripture at the Spiritual Sense in the student's assessments. The Spiritual Sense is breaking open the Scripture to learn about God in the passage, identify the Catholic teachings and the connection to at least one of the Sacraments. Cont... o/leaf

### Week 9 Dates

**Mon 17 September**  
8.30am Assembly  
2.45pm Motive8sports

**Tue 18 September**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
St 2 & 3 Cricket Gala Day

**Wed 19 September**  
Student Banking  
Waste Free Lunch Day  
7pm Yr 5 Parent PD Meeting

**Thurs 20 September**  
Principal for a Day

**Fri 21 September**  
Risky Business Market Day  
5pm P&F Family Fun Night

### Coming Dates:

**Mon 24 September**  
MacKillop Athletics  
Debaters Celebration

**Tues 25 September**  
8.30am Parent Maths Workshop (Library)

**Fri 28 September**  
Super Hero Mufti & Gold Coin Donation Day for Muscular Dystrophy  
1.40pm Whole School Assembly & Values Awards—All invited!  
Last Day of Term 3

**Term 4**  
**Mon 15 October**  
Staff & Students return

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### RE News continued ...

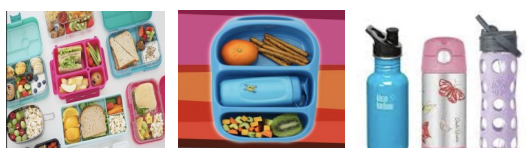
You might like to try the following questions with your children for one of the Scripture stories from the children's Mission unit for example, Feeding the Five Thousand Luke 9: 10-37, The Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37 or The Commissioning of the Disciples Mt 28:16-20.

*Spiritual Sense.* What does the passage reveal about Jesus? God? What Sacraments are present in the Scripture? What connections can I make to Catholic teaching, practice and tradition in the message of the Scripture? How does the message of the Scripture lead me to Heaven?

**Shane Robinson—REC**

### Why is St Bernadette's striving to minimise waste on site?

Like all schools, St Bernadette's can produce large amounts of waste. However, it is our aim to send as little waste as possible to landfill. This will lead to considerable benefits for the environment and many opportunities for the students to learn environmentally-sound attitudes and habits for their everyday living. Our SRC set us the challenge in 2017 to implement Waste Free Lunches everyday. Commencing Term 4 we will be promoting our Waste Free Lunches and Recess Everyday. A Waste Free lunch and Recess means children having a reusable lunch box and drink bottle and parents 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 (plastic wrap, foil, zip lock bags, yoghurt containers etc) home with them. We will provide containers for food scraps and single use drink containers so that these can be recycled.



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.



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

### Congratulations to former St Bernadette's students appointed to School Leadership positions at Gilroy College in 2019:

**College Captain:** Jack Towner  
**College Vice Captains:** Sara Stenberg & Johnathan Lu  
**College Leaders:** Olivia Spiteri, Harrison Bayssari, Callum Duke & Dylan Schweda

### Online Cyber Safety Workshops

Thank you to Senior Constable Rob Paterson who presented Online Cyber Safety Workshops to our Stage 3 students during school time and to our Parents on Wednesday evening. Both sessions were extremely informative and supportive and a great way for students and parents to be kept aware of their need to be conscious of how they are communicating online.

### 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.

### Summer Uniform

As the weather is starting to warm up, for the remainder of the term the children can choose whether they would like to wear the full summer school uniform or the full winter school uniform to school. Please do not send your children to school in a combination of the summer/winter uniform - we ask that it is one or the other. Please feel free to choose which it will be on any day especially as the weather is changeable at this time of the year.



### Reminders:

- the summer short sock for school and sports uniform is a one cuff roll down sock not a cut off ankle 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 (predominantly) white jogger with white laces.

The new 2018 / 2019 Summer Uniform Order Form is attached to this week's e-news email or to download via our website.

### Parking around the School

We all agree that this is very challenging for everyone - thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your patience during congested times and your courtesy to each other and our neighbours who are also affected by the difficult parking circumstances that we are faced with. Please use the school identified ways of picking your children up from school in the afternoons and be mindful of parking signs and the **No Right Turn** sign at the bottom of the school driveway.



## **Parking Around the School** continued ...

Double Parking	\$337 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$337 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian / children's crossing	\$439 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$549 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$448 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$337 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$448 & 4 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3m)	
double centre line	\$337 & 2 demerit points

*Fines current as of July 2018*

*For a complete list of school zones offences visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)*

As parents and staff members we all want our students to be safe at all times. With this in mind you are asked to be vigilant especially at pick up and drop off times.

## **School Arrival and Departure Arrangements for Children**

### Before School

- 8:00am Supervision of students begins.
- Parents and carers may choose to use the Kiss 'n Drop area until 8:30am
- After 8:30am children need to be escorted to the office and signed into school



### After School

Students go only to the designated areas.

- Brisbane Road Buses
- Old Northern Road Buses
- Brisbane Road and Old Northern Road Crossings
- Tuckshop Terrace
- COSHC pick up
- Blue Wall Pick up

## **If You would like to talk with your Child's Teacher**

From time to time parents and teachers need to talk with each other about the children. If you need to discuss a matter with a teacher please make a suitable time for this discussion to occur so that the conversation can be the focus. Teachers cannot do this while they are supervising children or while they are teaching. Please contact the office to make a mutually suitable time for an appointment.

## **2019 Kindergarten Class Groups**

We will be having 3 Kindergarten class groups in 2019. If you know of any new families to the area with a child ready for school in 2019, please let them know that we are finalising our enrolments and that they are able to contact the office for an enrolment form and interview before the end of the term.

## **Preschoolers Band Concert**

Congratulations to our Band Students, Mr Lavis and Mr Ciccarelli & Mrs Masman on the very entertaining preschoolers concert held in our library today. Our preschoolers were treated to a musical adventure exploring each of the instruments in the band. Thank you to Dianna Zaiter for preparing a healthy morning tea for our little visitors to enjoy.



## **Attendance**

**Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 88.6%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 2, 4 and 5 who continue to exceed the schools target of 90% each week.

We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school participating in the learning opportunities in and outside the classrooms.

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	92.0%
Yr 1	87.1%	Yr 5	90.9%
Yr 2	91.6%	Yr 6	84.8%
Yr 3	84.9%		

## **SRC News!**

**Principal @ St Bernadette's—Applications close today!**

Thank you for your applications! The SRC now have the difficult job of assessing the applications and making a decision to appoint our 'newest' principal. Stay tuned for our announcement!

## **Friday Week 10**

### **What is your Super Skill?**

As you know on Friday 28th September we are having a gold coin donation & multi day to help raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. You are encouraged to dress as your favourite superhero and on the day we are showcasing our super skills. If you wish to showcase your super skills come share them with the SRC **Monday & Tuesday lunchtime** in the COSHC room.





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

***Social Skill:  
Being a Problem Solver at St Bernadette's (Self Management)***

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Social Skill Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Nicholas Botros	Sophia-Therese Raad	Harry Overend
<b>KG</b>	Layla Dmello	Benjamin McLaren	Rachel Tan
<b>KW</b>	Lucas Reyna	Isaiah Mathews	Evanna Hui
<b>1B</b>	Joanna Asaroglou	Ethan Mi	Xavier Lavulo
<b>1G</b>	Valda Mormul	Benjamin-Jude Raad	Rafael Lamata
<b>2B</b>	Elizabeth D'Souza	Thomas Masina	Adam Wassif
<b>2G</b>	Tess Gooley	Samuel Lean-Fore	Sophia Khamis
<b>2W</b>	Gianni Castellan	Jude Saliba	Breannah Ragno
<b>3B</b>	Evie Hogan	Ava Smith	Alexander Nader
<b>3G</b>	Poppy Dibble	Kevin Le	Dylan Gibb
<b>3W</b>	Woo Chan Lee	Rachel Sahabu	Audrey Sullivan
<b>4B</b>	Christian Rahme	Paula Reina Pinzon	Isabella Long
<b>4G</b>	Samantha Badenhorst	Lucas Heyes	Antonio Zeaiter
<b>4W</b>	Deangelo Chedid	Not for Publication	Liam Worne
<b>5B</b>	Jasmine Azzi	Tess Ellis	Zachary Miller
<b>5G</b>	Charlie Barone	Claudia Chambers	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter
<b>5W</b>	Gabrielle Youssef	Charbel Zeaiter	Amy Ballesty
<b>6B</b>	Louis Malandrino	Lucas Tole	Deema Arraf
<b>6G</b>	Katerina Giannakakos	Rachel Hanna	Tahlia Smith
<b>6W</b>	Landon Emmas	Mia Lagana	Christian Farfoud

**Celebrating Talents**

Congratulations to the 12C1 netball team who have made it through to the Grand Final this Saturday (16 Sept). They play on Court 12 at the Kellyville Netball Complex at 8:30am. Please come out and help cheer the girls on!

Congratulations to **Micaela Scrooby in 5G** who played hockey for the U11 Northern Districts Strikers who reached the semi finals.

Congratulations to **Harry Rushton in 6B** who has been selected to join Sydney FC Youth Team for 2019.

**Principal's Awards:**

Aimee Coulter 6B  
Charlie Thom 3W  
Camellia Fernando 3G  
Ryan Suwandy 4W  
Levi Parame 4W  
Marissa Zeaiter 2B  
Sophie Pratt 2B



## **Risky Business Market Day** **Friday 21st September 2018**

Come one, come all to our Year 6 Risky Business Market Day. There are so many wonderful and exciting products for you to buy! Check your inbox for an email outlining what's on sale. Products range from \$1.50 - \$3.00

**Remember to bring your money on Friday to the Year 6 Risky Business Market Day!**

## **What's Happening in Maths @ St Bernadette's**

**Have you booked the date for our Parent Information Session**

**Multiplicative Thinking Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

We are looking forward to opening our classrooms to give you an opportunity to see our maths learning in action. We will meet together in the library at 8:30am before moving to classes.

**Did you work out last week's brainteaser?**

*Last week's question*

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?

**Answer**

You can convert the letters to numbers using a simple substitution:

A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 and so on.

This gives us the sequence:

14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56

You might notice that they're all multiples of seven! That means the next number in the sequence is 63.

Taking it back through the substitution code, we get the answer, FC.

**This week's challenge!**

Twenty years ago, my mum was twice my age. I'm 42 years old. How old is my mum?

**Lunchtime Clubs:**

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science & Lego

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

Thurs—Library, Chess

**St Bernadette's Gardening Club**

A reminder to parents to please make sure that students who attend weekly garden club sessions are to remember to bring a plastic/cloth bag to take home produce and bring gardening gloves, a sun hat and an old shirt/apron to protect their uniform. Children must wear gloves if they are planting.



## **Bring to School Everyday**

A reminder to families to please make sure that your child's comes to school everyday with either a packed lunch or an online order. If you have place an order online, please make sure that you have clicked 'Submit'. Thank you for your assistance.

## **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.

## **P&F News:**

### **Uniform Shop—Summer Uniform**

Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop from Week 9 (Tuesday 18th September). Please email an order form to [uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com) or visit us in store Tuesdays from 8-10am.

## **Family Fun Night, Friday September 21 - Final Reminders**

Only one week to go until the big night, it's time to get excited! Don't forget the following important information.

- ♦ arrive from 5pm
- ♦ entry through blue wall gate
- ♦ parking will be limited so consider car pooling or public transport
- ♦ we will be undercover all night (top/bottom court) so this is an all weather event
- ♦ no charge for entry, food and drinks can be purchased on the night

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

or email [president.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:president.stbpnf@gmail.com)

- ♦ all online RSVP's go into the draw to win one of three \$50 lucky door prize vouchers

Our band, The Kamis, have just played at the RSL and have told us they are really looking forward to having a great night here with us at St Bernadette's. We have some amazing food, great coffee, tempting deserts but most importantly we are going to have an awesome crowd all keen to have a good time.

So whether you come to listen or dance, to enjoy the food or the coffee, it's not too late to RSVP! Jump online now and add your name to the growing list of families coming next Friday evening.