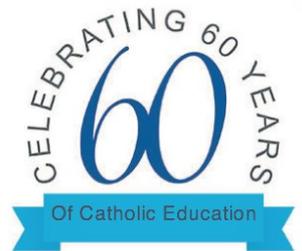




St Bernadette's School



Friday 21 September 2018 — Term 3 Week 9

No. 31

Dear Parents,

Principal for a day! Everyone wants to get this privilege and ... this time it was me. I was so excited about the day. I could barely sleep the night before the big day arrived.

Once I arrived at school Mrs Cassidy gave me my school blazer and principal badge. In the morning I met and greeted the COSHC children. I had to say "Good morning have a great day". I also had to tick their names off the attendance list.

Then I had morning duty. All the students - my friends, my sister and my sisters friends came up to me and wanted to know why I was wearing a blazer.

Once school started I visited 1B, 1G, 2G, 2B, 2W and KG. Year 1 and 2 were doing reading groups. They were doing activities on chrome books, reading with the teacher and doing grammar activities.

After this I was really tired, but I still had to keep going. Then I read the "Fox and the Hen" to KG. They asked me about how I liked being the principal and why I wanted to be principal for a day.

Today I also visited my peers in Year 5. They wanted to know if it is fun being in the office, and it is - but I have to tell you that I didn't spend much time in the office as I was so busy visiting classrooms and doing other principal duties.

Then it was recess, I had my morning tea in the staffroom with all the teachers who were celebrating birthdays for Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Bojanowski and Mrs Lee (from the library). I had a Tim Tam and chips. Then I went out on playground duty.

After recess I visited Years 3 and 4. They were all doing projects, projects and more projects. They were doing either push and pull or brochures about famous places around Australia.

It was so fun and exciting watching them do the projects that I did when I was in those grades. I learnt a lot about Australia and everything inside it. I never knew there were so many exciting and colourful places in Australia. I also learnt that you can invent things to help sick people.

After lunch I went up to Year 6 for their Parent Showcase of Risky Business. There were so many GREAT products on sale. The parents were very proud of the students work and loved all the products.

WOW it was an awesome day being a principal. I would like to thank the SRC for this privilege and it will be a great memory for me to look back on. My last suggestion for Mrs Nettleton is that she needs to organise a coffee van for all the teachers!!!!
(teachers requested this—Ha Ha)

Ailish Lincoln—Principal for the Day

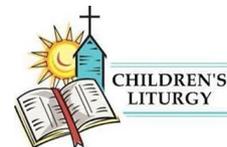
R.E. NEWS



In St Bernadette's Parish, a feature of the 9am Sunday mass is the withdrawal of the children from the ages of 5 to 11 years old to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.

This is set out in Directory of Masses for Children, which is an important document for the guidelines and principles so that the liturgy can be adapted for the children's level of understanding. The Directory states:

Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place with the adults and meanwhile celebrate their own liturgy of the word (DMC #17).



Week 10 Dates

Mon 24 September
8.30am Assembly
Debating Group
Celebration
MacKillop Athletics
3.00pm Motiv8sports

Tue 25 September
8-10am Uniform Shop
8.30am Parent Maths
Workshop
1.10pm Games &
Collectables Activity

Wed 26 September
Student Banking Day
Waste Free Lunch Day
10am Principal's
Morning Tea

Fri 28 September
**Super Hero Mufti &
Gold Coin Donation
Day**
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly & Values
Awards
Last day for Term 3

Coming Dates:

Fri 9 November
Staff Dev Day & Pupil
Free Day

Mon 15 October
Staff & Students return

Wed 31 October
7pm K19 Parent
Information Evening

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RE News continued ...

In Castle Hill, we have a wonderful group of catechists who lead the children in the scripture and breaking open the readings to help them understand the meaning, apply it to their lives and give the children a chance to respond. At 9am mass, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to experience the Word of God at their level of understanding.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Principal for a Day Competition

Congratulations to **Ailish Lincoln in 5B** who was Principal for a Day on Thursday 20th September. Ailish had a very busy day visiting classrooms and supervising playgrounds as well as completing some important office duties. Congratulations also to all those students who submitted their video applications. Well done boys and girls.



No Wrappers Goal: To assist with waste minimisation at school we encourage you to send snacks to school in a container, without wrapping. Any wrappers brought to school will be taken home by the children for disposal there.

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.



Commencing Term 4 we will be encouraging Waste Free Recess & Lunch everyday. Thank you to all those families who have been implementing the Waste Free strategies suggested throughout this year.

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.

Valuable Cyber information for parents can be viewed on the <https://esafety.gov.au/> website. This is a great website for you to bookmark into your favourites for ongoing reference.

**Student Council War on Waste initiative –
Waste Free Wednesdays**

Don't forget – EVERY Wednesday pack a waste free lunch.

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 white jogger with white laces.

Social Skills— Appreciating Diversity at St Bernadette's (Social Awareness)

In Australia we often talk about 'giving someone a fair go'.

We have people from all over the world who come to live here. We may look different, we may believe different things, we may worship in different ways, we may eat different food, we may not speak English very well, we are male or female, young or old but we are all people living in Australia.

All people are similar in some ways and different in others. Being different and having different qualities is what makes each of us unique and special. Not only do we have things that we are good at, we also have things we are not good at or qualities we would like to improve, we are able to do this by accepting each other's differences.

At St Bernadette's we are tolerant towards each other by accepting that we are different and learn to give each other a "fair go". We learn from the diverse cultures that we interact with on a daily basis.

"We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race." - Kofi Annan

Mrs Kathy Watt

Staff Development Day & Pupil Free Day

Term 4 Week 4 —Friday 9 November

Staff will engage in Professional Learning related to Religious Education.

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. Our target is 90%. It has been great to welcome back our students who have been sick over the last weeks and we hope to reach 90% in all grades as the weather warms up. Thank you for ensuring your child is at school ready for the school day which begins at 8:30am. We appreciate your support.

Kindy	88.0%	Yr 4	93.4%
Yr 1	87.1%	Yr 5	92.4%
Yr 2	91.6%	Yr 6	83.1%
Yr 3	84.9%		

SRC News

Friday 24 September—Week 10 Super Hero

Muft & Gold Coin Day

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

Thank you to all the students who auditioned earlier this week and demonstrated their super skills. We can't wait for you to share your fantastic super skills with the others in your grade. Don't forget your gold coin on Friday! The SRC will be collecting the coins from students in class Friday morning. All money raised will be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for research.



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

Our parent information morning is just around the corner! Tuesday 25th September - 8:30am

Come meet us in the library for our session on multiplicative thinking and join in the learning in the classrooms following. We look forward to seeing you!

Please RSVP to the school email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au your attendance so that resources can be prepared. Thank you



Did you work out last week's brainteasers?

Last week's question

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

Twenty years ago, I was 22, so my mum was 44. Now, she's twenty years older, so she's 64.

This week's challenge!

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?

Tuckshop

Please remind your children if they have ordered an ice cream they must present their '**paper lunch bag**' (that has the type of ice cream on it) to the canteen to get their order. Thanks for your cooperation.



Threatened Species Project

Two weeks ago students all over the school were invited to join an amazing club named Threatened Species Project. The children who joined the club were invited to enter a competition run by Featherdale Wildlife Park. The children formed groups, chose a threatened species to explore and commenced answering questions about the threatened species. The groups had to think of creative ways to present their information to an audience that would persuade others to protect and preserve their threatened species. Some groups decided to use an advertisement, an iMovie, a poster and more! Our projects need to be finalised by next Wednesday 26th September so that they will be ready for judging on the 28th September 2018 by zoo keepers from Featherdale Wildlife Park. We are all having so much fun at lunchtime working together and using technology.

Mia and Danielle Khoudair

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.

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees were due on **Wednesday, 29th August**, thank you to all families who have finalised their 2018 school fee account for the school year.

If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 3, we ask if you could please make payment now or should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 94076600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL

Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science

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

Thurs—Library, Chess

Fri—Lego Club

Final Reminder to Year 6 Parents

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

Chicken Pox

Please be mindful that we still have cases of chicken pox around the school. If your child has or may have the symptoms of chicken pox, I would ask that you please:

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

Further information is available from the NSW Health website.

P&F News:

Brisbane Road Parking

Recently the P&F has written to The Hills Shire Council asking them to consider the impact the relocation of NWRL office and growing residential density is having on the safety and accessibility of parking on Brisbane Road (if you would like to see a copy of this letter, please email president.stbpnf@gmail.com.)



If you wish to add your voice to that of P&F and other local residents you can send your own submission to council in one of the following ways.

*In Person - 3 Columbia Court, Norwest

*In Writing - mail to PO Box 7064, Norwest, NSW 2153

*Online - <https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Contact-Us/Report-or-Request-Directory>

We have no preferred solution and apportion no blame to any party. We simply write to ask the council to consider whether they can find a solution to the current level of congestion, which we feel is a danger to students and a frustration to local residents.

Above all, please continue to do your part by showing patience, tolerance and courtesy to all motorists, pedestrians and residents when travelling to and around our school.

Lifeline Saving Lives—Castle Hill's Huge Book Fair

Fri 12—Sun 14 October @ Oakhill College, Old Northern Road. 50,000+ Books, CDs & DVDs.
24/7 Book Donation Points Tel: 9498 8805

Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

Term 4

Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December (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

**Maths Assessment Interviews*

Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods are 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. Thank you for your assistance.