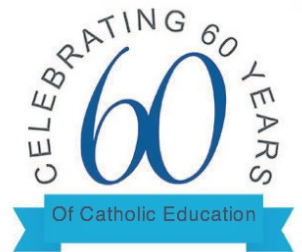




St Bernadette's School



Friday 19 October 2018 — Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families and staff. I can tell from the children that they enjoyed the break and the opportunity to spend time with their families. A very special welcome to Giselle Connell (KG) and Chelsea Connell (4W) who have joined the St Bernadette's school community this term - we know that you will find our school inviting and inclusive.

During the holidays a very energetic group of parents and students completed gardening throughout the school - our bottom vegetable gardens and our gardens in front of the administration block. I think that you will agree that they all look amazing. Thank you to all those who helped out and especially to Dianna Zaiter and her family who planned the work in the front garden and to Mrs Evans and Mrs Thomas who have spent many hours all year in our vegetable gardens. Thank you to Steve Lavis who has coordinated the support of the Parents and Friends to assist in these projects.

On the weekend, at mass in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis declared El Salvador's, Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI, saints. During the mass Pope Francis called Pope Paul "a prophet of the church turned outwards" to care for the faraway poor. He remarked that Oscar Romero gave up his security and life to "be close to the poor and his people". This week the teachers talked with the children about how these two men provide great role models for each of us in the way in which we can care for others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Below I include Oscar Romero's prayer - "Prophets of a future not our own" - a prayer that many teachers follow as their creed.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Lunch Everyday

Mon 22 October
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 23 October
8-10am Uniform Shop
Dio Basketball Day
Kindy Science Incursion

Wed 24 October
Student Banking Day
10.30am Mission Mass
at St Patrick's Cathedral

Sat 27 October
Choir rehearsal at
Granville Public School

Sun 28 October
Choir at Town Hall
Rehearsal &
Performance

Coming Dates:

Mon 29 October
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tues 30 October
Yr 2 Excursion

Wed 31 October
NSW PSSA Athletics

Fri 2 November
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly

R.E. NEWS



October is the month of the Rosary when the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on the 7th October. Pope Francis has asked Catholics all over the world to join him in a campaign to say the Rosary every day in the month of October.

With the request to pray the Rosary, the Pope has asked to include two important prayers, Suob and the Prayer to St Michael.



The Suob prayer is the oldest prayer we find in the church that evokes Mary. The second prayer that the Pope has asked us to add at the end of the recitation of the Rosary is the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel. According to some sources, the prayer was instituted in 1886 by Pope Leo XIII to be said after Mass.

Over the next few weeks, all classes will be spending some time learning about the Rosary and the children are invited to bring in their rosary beads to use while praying together in class. Each week the class prayer bag goes home, with a set of rosary beads and a copy of the Rosary to assist you in praying the Rosary as a family.

“The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth.” Pope Saint John Paul II (1920- 2005)

Shane Robinson—REC

Parish News:

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2019: Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (holy Communion) are invited to attend one of our information evenings being held on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th November. Both evenings will commence at 7.30pm and are held in the church. Evenings will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 3 or above.

Families of children who are currently in Year 2 and would like to commence preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation only are also invited to attend the information evenings. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the parish office on 9634 2622.

Assemblies in Term 4

In Term 4 Whole School Assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons in Week 3, 5 & 7.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is **87.7%**

Welcome back to Term 4. As a community we believe that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels for week 1 are recorded below.

Congratulations to Years 2 and 5 who continue to exceed the schools target of 90% each week.

Kindy:	86.5%	Yr 4:	88.1%
Yr 1:	86.9%	Yr 5:	92.0%
Yr 2:	93.0%	Yr 6:	81.7%
Yr 3:	86.1%		



Waste Free Everyday—CONGRATULATIONS

In just one week we have made an incredible difference to the waste that our students are bringing to and leaving at school. Thank you for supporting your children to differentiate where the litter that they do bring to school goes

- **BLUE BIN - single use drink containers**
- **CANTEEN BIN - only rubbish generated by the Canteen**
- **FOOD SCRAPS BIN - Fruit/veg peels etc/ food scraps**
- **TAKE HOME - plastics, foil, food packaging and at this stage papers**

Student Council War on Waste initiative –

Don't forget – EVERYDAY pack a waste free lunch.

Gymnastics Programme—Years 3 & 4

We have been successful in securing a NSW Government Sporting Schools Grant that will allow us to employ Sport In Schools Australia to conduct a 5 week Gymnastics programme for the students in Years 3 and 4. This will take place on selected Friday afternoons. All instructors are accredited Gymnastics instructors.

Mufti & Donation Day— \$900 raised to support Mrs Blazevic — thank you! Congratulations to all families on the generous support given to WYD19 at school today. We had such fun commencing the day with a surprise dance performance by our Year Amigos. Well done 1B, 1G, Mrs Watt and Mrs Lean-Fore.



Social Skills—Term 4 Weeks 1, 2 & 3— Personal Goal Setting- (Self Management)

During this term our classes are learning about how being organised and setting goals helps them to be successful. They will also be thinking about factors that help or hinder achievement of their goals:

- Outside distractions can prevent me from achieving my goals.
- It is important to overcome outside distractions to reach my goals.
- I may not always achieve my goal the first time. Outside distractions may get in the way.
- I can have another go, come at it from a different direction, try again and overcome any outside distractions
- To be successful I decide that no matter what happens, I can work out how to reach my goal.

Some classes have been using the *Mountain Climber* analogy. To be a mountain climber you need to climb over mountains (overcome many outside distractions) to reach your goals. This analogy shows what students should do when outside distractions get in the way of their goals. Climbers have to climb over mountains to get to the finish line. The mountains are outside distractions, and to get over the obstacles, climbers have to do something. If the climbers allow the mountains to stop them, they will not reach the finish line. If students let outside distractions stop them from taking action, they will never reach their goals!

Something to try at home:

1. Talk with your children about what distractions get in their way when trying to achieve a goal.
2. Younger children might draw a picture of some mountains and write down things that prevent them from reaching their goals.
3. Older children can begin to think about different types of distractions – external as well as internal (thoughts and feelings that cause us not to make the necessary effort). I can have another go, come at it from a different direction, try again and overcome any outside distractions.

To be successful I decide that no matter what happens, I can work out how to reach my goal. Even as adults, we encounter many mountains and need to overcome obstacles to achieve our goals. Allow your children to see you as a 'Mountain Climber' and how you overcome the distractions to meet your goals in life.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science & Lego

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

Thurs—Library, Chess

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive



We are holding a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive to raise money for World Youth Day. The doughnuts will be available for pickup from the **COSHC Room** (above top court) on Friday 7th December. You can choose from original glazed or assorted. Order forms will be sent home with students next week. We look forward to you supporting this worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Blazevic at iblazevic@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Katie Sing (Yr 8 Gilroy)**, **Rebecca O'Brien (Yr 7 Loreto)** and **Chloe Gething (Yr 6)** as their Hills Hornets basketball Team finished in 6th place out of 24 teams nationally at the U14 Australian Club Championships held in Shepparton, Victoria during the first week of the school holidays.

Congratulations to **Jackson Leib (2W)** who gained 1st place in gymnastics apparatus at the All-Around National Club Championships on the Gold Coast recently. Jackson also received a 1st place in vault and 3rd place in Pommel, Rings and Floor.

Congratulations to **Charlotte Lee (5G)** and **Cassandra Losurdo (5B)** who were recently cast in 'Spot On Productions' upcoming musical *Annie Jr!* The girls will be performing at Castle Hill's new Pioneer Theatre from the 8th to 11th November. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.pioneertheatre.com.au/Events-directory/Spot-on-Productions>



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 are now due. If you haven't already finalised your school fee account for 2018, we ask that payment be made as soon as possible or contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9634-2898 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31st October as these trials will be held in November 2018. All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials.

Any primary students enrolled in Year s 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2019 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date. Detailed information can be found on the website: www.primarysportparra.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. Thank you for your assistance.

School Bus Opal Card

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Motiv8sports—Term 4 2018

Sports clinic after school on Mondays to 4:30pm for 8 weeks. A flyer went home last term or find out more details at www.motiv8sports.com.au or call 0447 532 824. Students in Kindergarten to Yr 6 are able to join.

P&F News

Home Safety Presentation (Wednesday November 21, 7pm). Do you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen? What about a blanket? And if you do, would you know how to use one?

The P&F invite you to join them for a free parent information session - Home Safety and Situational Awareness presented by St Bernadette's favourite firefighting Dad, Brett Johnson. Brett is a Risk Management Consultant and has 20 years experience in Fire and Rescue. He will be sharing his experience and knowledge with us in a short presentation and Q&A. Starting with basic fire prevention and safety but covering a range of other basic household safety tips Brett's presentation will help you safely negotiate the BBQ and beyond this summer.

Date: Wednesday November 21

Time: 7pm-7:30pm

Venue: School Library

RSVP: [Click Here](#)

P&F AGM - Wednesday 21 November, 7:30pm
(following Home Safety presentation).

Fun Fair Ideas And Stallholders - the P&F need a small team of parents who are willing to meet and commence initial planning for our 2019 Fun Fair. No prior experience required so whether you are keen to get involved for the first time or work in event management for a living we would love to have you join us. If you would like to be involved please email president.stbpnf@gmail.com for further information.

Playgroup

St Bernadette's Playgroup extends a warm welcome to families with children up to 5 years to attend playgroup for Term



4. Families with children starting Kindergarten at St Bernadette's in 2019 are also more than welcome to come along and meet others before the new school year. Playgroup runs on Monday and Thursday mornings during school terms. For further information please contact Carolyn Lincoln on 0411 547 285.

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

**Maths Assessment Interviews*

Mt St Benedict College School Tour

Thursday 25 October 11am—449C Pennant Hills Road
Additional places now available for Yr 7 2019 and 2020.
Bookings online: www.msb.nsw.edu