



St Bernadette's School



Fri 2nd November 2018 Term 4 Week 3

No. 35

Dear parents,

**Each of us is absolutely unique and irreplaceable
in the eyes of God**

As parents and teachers each and every day we remind our children that they are much loved and unique children of God—one of a kind. God gave each of us special gifts and talents that we are born with to share with the world.

Part of celebrating our uniqueness is learning to look for the good in ourselves. This is as important as looking for the good in others. Instead of looking critically at their faults, examining all their blemishes and focusing on all their failings, it is important for us to help our children to see themselves as a beautiful work of God's love. As adults we can model this for our children by the ways in which we talk about ourselves. We can never underestimate the influence and power of what our children see and hear.

When our children play and learn together with their friends and peers they are encouraged to share their ideas and insights which in turn can be enhanced and refined by the contribution of the ideas of others. These circumstances regularly provide opportunities and challenges for children to share their gifts. It takes courage to share our talents and gifts and courage and curiosity to be willing to be open to new ideas and possibilities shared by others.

An open mind is liberating. Though our children's natural inclination may be to crave the comforts of what they already know, it is the nature of life to grow, evolve and change. It is our responsibility as parents and teachers to cultivate this habit of curiosity so that our children will be open to new ideas and confident to critically reflect on these ideas so that they will be able to apply their learning in creative ways in new contexts.

*Dear God,
We thank you for making us the way we are and giving every one of us a unique quality. We thank you for eyes to see the sky, for ears to hear the birds, for feet to walk amidst the trees and for hands to pick the flowers from the earth. We ask you to help us in our weaknesses and to stand by our side to face our fears. We make this prayer in your holy name AMEN.*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Parish 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 12 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.

School RE News:

Throughout the month of November there will be a 'Book of Remembrance' in the front foyer of the school. If you would like any names added, please send them to the school office. A candle will be kept alight in the foyer during this day.

Week 4 Dates

Mon 5 November
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8Sports

Tue 6 November
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 7 November
Student Banking Day
Yr 5 Taronga Zoo Exc.
8:45am Kindy 2019
Orientation & Parent
Workshop

Fri 9 November
Staff Development &
Pupil Free Day

Coming Dates

Mon 12 November
7.30pm Sacramental
Preparation Night

Tues 13 November
8:45am Kindy 2019
Orientation & Parent
Workshop
7.30pm Sacramental
Preparation Night

Fri 16 November
Yr 5 Spirituality Day
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly

Mon 26 November
Swimming Carnival (Yrs
2-6)

Mon 10 December
9am Thanksgiving Mass

Tues 11 December
9am Primary & 11am
Infants Awards

Thurs 13 December
5pm Christmas on the
Grass

Tues 18 December
Yr 6 Graduation

Student Council War on Waste initiative - WASTE FREE EVERYDAY

Year 5 2019

Year 4 parents are invited to attend a tour of the Year 5 Learning Space in preparation for their child moving into Year 5 in 2019. Tours will take place in Week 5 on the following days. Please RSVP to the office or via the school email account using the subject 'Year 5 Learning Space Tour'.

Monday 12 November—8:50am

Tuesday 13 November—11:10am

Wednesday 14 November—2.00pm

World Teacher's Day Prayer

Thank you for our teachers at school and for all they teach us. Please help all the children to respect the teachers and also to use the other school values of honesty, tolerance and compassion. Thank you for making St Bernadette's a beautiful school. Amen
Xavier Ranieri in 1Blue

Mission Week Sausage Sizzle

Students enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch today as part of our Mission Week fundraising activities.

A huge thank you to Mrs Stacy Daly and her team of wonderful volunteers who prepared 600 sausage sandwiches for our students. Your support is much appreciated.



Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance Rate is 87.5%

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities however if your child has missed a day please remember to send in a note of explanation. This is a legal requirement of attendance. We have a number of students who have outstanding notes for their absences and we would appreciate your assistance in notifying the school with the reason. Thank you.

Our attendance levels are recorded below:

Kindy	86.6%	Yr 4	97.9%
Yr 1	85.2%	Yr 5	92.0%
Yr 2	92.9%	Yr 6	81.6%
Yr 3	86.1%		

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 anytime during the term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received, a pro-rate 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:

Home Safety Presentation (Wednesday 21 November 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 21 November

Time: 7—7.30pm

Venue: School Library

Please RSVP to the school office if you have not already done so via the online Google form.

P&F AGM—Wednesday 21 November 7.30pm

(following Home Safety presentation)

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

***Social Skill:
Personal Goal Setting (Self Management)***

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Charlize Alatli	Madison Pena	Sebastian Jeri
KG	Jacob Baker	Eve Lincoln	Jingyi Liang
KW	Harrison Thom	Christopher de Ponte	Lily Alam
1B	Aarshia Arun	Patrick Kelly	Alyssa Hawkes
1G	Martin Gao	Tayla Van Ryswyk	Jessica Coghlan
2B	Jayden Lim	Krishel Sathees Kumar	Nicolas Reyna
2G	Emily Mitchell	Harry Wigham	Marcus Yacoub
2W	Khiara Heyes	Mia Lee	Nathan Elias
3B	Felicity Miller	Sara Uricoechea	Hannah Wall
3G	Annabelle Farag	Thasandi Fonseka	Alexander Barone
3W	Angelique Debelak	Douglas Windress	Caterina Porte
4B	Frederick Anderson	Ella Macey	Mia Papandrea
4G	Danielle Khoudair	Morgan Smith	Layaan Arraf
4W	Juliana Farag	Chelsea Connell	Ashton Pulvirenti
5B	Tess Ellis	Xavier Hennessey	Logan Emmas
5G	Daniel Egan	Michaela Scrooby	Hilary Zhang
5W	Sarah Jacinto	Alivia Dowling	Jack Overend
6B	Liam Taggart	Lana Taha	Aimee Coulter
6G	Kiara Claridge	Mitchell Daly	Savannah Moubarak
6W	Lorenzo Rubalcaba	Chloe Henrico	Holly Miller

Principal's Awards:



Jayden Lim 2B
 Riley Bandiera 1B
 Sophie Zucconi 1B
 Alessia Lalli 6B
 Dominique Jothy 6B
 Charlie Barone 5G
 Tom Silvester 4G
 Gabrielle Younis 6W
 Mia Lagana 6W
 Charlie Akle 4B
 Carla Kamel 3G
 Renee Sakkal 3G
 Mikayla Alam 3G
 Najeeb Haddad 4B
 Thomas Masina 2B
 Conrad Lopez 6G
 Olivia Damiano 2W
 Maya Salloum 4W

Kristina Jelwan 2W
 Gianni Castellan 2W
 Zoe Kouknas 3W
 Roman Taha 6B

Angelina Zaiter—Cutting Hair for Charity

As many of you would know we lost my husband Joe, 4 and a half years ago to Brain Cancer. Angelina and her cousins Emelia and Olivia, have been growing their hair to cut and donate to Variety, to make wigs for kids with cancer. We would also like to support the Charlie Teo Foundation, in finding a cure for Brain Cancer. Charlie Teo is a remarkable doctor who performed two of Joe's surgeries. He gave us hope when we had none. On Sunday 4th November the girls will be cutting their hair. If you would like to contribute to the two charities we are supporting the links are below. Thanks for your support Dianna, Jennifer & Morrie.

<https://giveinmemory2018.everydayhero.com/au/in-memory-of-joe-zaiter>

<https://www.hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/hair-with-heart-by-angelina-emelia-olivia>

<https://www.facebook.com/100002633331748/posts/1830733470357746/>

Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments are now being accepted for Year 7 2020. The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1st round offers is Friday 22 March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applications, but open to any year group. Monday 26 November and Thursday 6 December 2018 at 9.15—11am.

Contact school reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Also Open Afternoon 4—7pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019.

Term 4

Mon 15 October—Staff & Students return
Fri 9 November—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day
Wed 19 November—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

* Maths Assessment Interviews