



St Bernadette's School



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Dear Parents,

Moral Courage

"It takes real courage to be a chicken." First impressions made by this statement from a nine year-old, might be that this was a misstatement. However, when you receive the "official" explanation you are impressed: "What I mean is that if someone is trying to get you to do something that you don't think is right or it's really dangerous, and they're saying you're a chicken if you don't, then it takes real courage to be a chicken. Right?" "Right. Courage means doing the right thing when it's hard, even if it means being called a chicken." "Right!"

Our children's moral growth is an ongoing process and they rely on us to be there to nurture, influence, be a model and sometimes directly teach beliefs and habits that will help them demonstrate moral courage, whenever it might be needed. Our children need more than simply to have their head stuffed with rules and regulations; they need to be engaged in moral conversations that arise from, and are relevant to, what is happening in their lives.

We parents have the responsibility to show how our children should act, to offer responses to situations that give meaning and purpose to their lives and that are part of their growing and becoming. It is parents, relatives and teachers who give our children their first glimpses of courage, honesty, generosity, fairness and respect and help set the direction of moral growth.

If we have clearly-identified moral convictions, then, our children are more likely to adopt these beliefs as their own. By watching our choices and hearing our casual comments, our children quickly learn about our moral standards. Our children need to see us stand up for our beliefs if an important value is under threat; they need to see moral courage in action.

If we wish for our children to grow to become morally responsible and self disciplined, we need to offer our children more than appearances, we need to be strong in our core, ethical values. Children can learn what moral courage is through stories, games, role playing, discussions but they can learn to have it through our example, our praise of their example or their attempts at making correct choices. Children will repeat actions that get them attention from their parents. This means that we need to be more conscious of catching our children doing something right than doing something wrong.



Our children will grow in self-assuredness by being true to their inner feelings when they show strength and courage not to follow the crowd, when the crowd is heading off in the wrong direction. They need to know that even their parents' hearts beat faster and are touched by fear on occasion. Likewise, they need to know that a habit of making good choices will soon replace fear with calm and a feeling of true pride and self-belief.

*"God, my Father in heaven,
give me discernment in my everyday
proceedings, so that when the big issues
come along I will be prepared to do what is
right. Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit may
I be strong in moral courage; may this
strength be in my children.
Amen."*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

Week 6 Dates

Mon 19 November
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 20 November
8-10am Uniform Shop
8.45-10.15am K19 Final
Orientation & Parent
Session

Wed 21 November
Student Banking Day
7.30pm P&F AGM All
welcome (Library)

Fri 23 November
11-12 noon Band
Demonstration

Coming Dates:

Mon 26 November
8.30am Assembly
Swimming Carnival (Yrs
2—6)
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Wed 28 November
Yr 4 parent meeting

Fri 30 November
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly—All Parents
Welcome
Yr 6 Dinner Dance

Mon 3—Fri 7 Dec
K-2 Swimming Program

Mon 10 December
9am Thanksgiving Mass

Tues 11 December
9am Primary & 11am
Infants Awards

Thurs 13 December
5pm Christmas on the
Grass

R.E. NEWS



As we approach the end of the year and begin to think of the Christmas season with all the excitement and pleasure that it brings it is good for us to also think about families who have difficulty providing the basic necessities and they certainly cannot indulge in Christmas decorations, treats or gifts.

Therefore our St Bernadette's Mini Vinnie's group has organised to support the Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal as our mission and outreach initiative for Term 4.



Each grade has been allocated a family to collect donations of non-perishable foods such as pasta, rice and canned goods. Christmas treats such as tinned ham, custard, mince pies or plum puddings can also be included in the Christmas Hampers. Also small inexpensive gifts suitable for the age of the children could be part of the hamper. Please **do not** send in nuts, chocolate coated nuts or food containing nuts.

All toys and food will be packaged on Friday 30th November and be delivered by the Castle Hill St Vincent de Paul Society and parishioners to needy families during the following week.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

School Communication

Please note that official school information is communicated via the **school newsletter**, the **school website** and **Facebook page**, school emails to parents, and class newsletters. There are no official grade WhatsApp groups. Please be aware some grades have formed a closed group which is not endorsed, contributed to or seen by the school. As a result, there can often be inaccurate information regarding uniform changes, school events and parish programmes. Parents are always encouraged and welcome to direct questions to the school office, teachers, Mrs Beggs, Mrs Nettleton, Father Fernando or the Parish Office for accurate information. An example of official vs unofficial was illustrated last week where a parent explained they read it on the grade WhatsApp.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 88.1%

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Our attendance rate for this week is recorded opposite.

Kindy	89.6%	Yr 4	89.3%
Yr 1	88.5%	Yr 5	90.9%
Yr 2	92.9%	Yr 6	80.2%
Yr 3	86.1%		



Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive

A reminder that orders and payments for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts must be made by Thursday 22nd November. You are invited to order dozens of original glazed at \$19.00 per box or assorted dozens at \$23.00 per box.



Doughnuts will be available for collection from the COSHC room (above top court) on Friday 7th December at a time to be advised.

Should you require an order form or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via phone or email. We thank you for your generous support.

School Band

Would Your Child Like To Learn A Musical Instrument?

If your child will be in Year 3-6 in 2019 and would be interested in learning a musical instrument as part of the school's band program the school band will be hosting a short instrument demo concert next **Friday November 23 at 11am** in the hall. All Year 2 students will attend and we invite any parents who wish to join us to come along and watch. Students will be shown a variety of instruments available for tuition at school and information will be given on how to join. The concert will run from 11am-11:40am and parents are invited to remain behind for a short Q&A session afterwards from 11:40am-12:00pm. No RSVP required, parents please enter via blue wall gate.



Camp Quality

You might like to tune into Sunrise on Sunday 18 November from 9:10am to see **Ethan Zerafa** try to break a record of cracking open Christmas bon bons with one of his best friends.

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERYDAY

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

*Social Skill:
Identifying Your Own Emotions*

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
KB	Annika Bond	Mila MaGrath	Thomas Rendulic
KG	Eva Chambers	Giselle Connell	Benjamin McLaren
KW	Not for Publication	Clare Baker	Cruz Lamata
1B	Martin Lousin	Hailey Xue	Yen-Shuo Chen
1G	Jed Alameen	Nicholas Masina	Sofia George
2B	Emma Ballesty	Ryder Egan	Xavier Schellack
2G	Savannah Jaucian	Kevin Philips	Tiana Symin
2W	Charlotte Ward	Annabelle Wong	Ashton Allan
3B	Chloe Karam	Jesse Oliver	Keira Pereira
3G	Jack Robinson	Sofia Aiossa	Camellia Fernando
3W	Jasmine Drogaris	Charlotte McLaren	Maya Keremelevski
4B	Charlie Akle	Rhys Zerafa	Allegra Xiberras
4G	Allanah Ceh	Liam Conlin	Joel Dierkx
4W	Samuel Akle	Hannah Cherian	Isabella De Souza
5B	Juliet Radman	Richard Luong	Cooper McGlynn
5G	Zoe Baroni	Lucas Karam	Angelique Daniele
5W	Genevieve Sing	Ella-Rose Semaan	Nathan Colaco
6B	Aimee Coulter	Marisa Frketic	Ethan Zerafa
6G	Nicolas Samperi	Jarratt Allan	Tahlia Smith
6W	Aprille Exton	Nicholas Peharda	Seth Robinson

Congratulations Gilroy Leaders:

Jack Towner—Captain
Sara Stenberg—Vice Captain
Jonathon Lu—Vice Captain

Congratulations to our ex-students who have gained leadership appointments at Gilroy Catholic College for 2019.

Principal's Awards:

Evelyn Salter 1B	Chelsea Fayle 2W
Chelsea Nicolaou 2W	Ashton Pulvirenti 4W
Fabian Crecca 2W	Riley McGlynn 2G
Natalie Alam 2G	Jack Kirkham 2G
Alexis Mortel 1G	Valda Mormul 1G
Harper Moynahan 1G	Rafael Lamata 1G
Holly Procter 2G	Sophia Khamis 2G
Mia Parame 2G	Samantha Simmons 3G
Layaan Arraf 4G	Nathaniel Barone 4G
Lucas Heyes 4G	



Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Maya Keremelevski in 3W** who received an 'A' grading / Honours for her Grade 1 (AMEB) piano exam.

Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science & Lego

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

Thurs—Library, Chess

Book Club Term 4

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club. We are totally online via the LOOP and no longer accept cash or cheques via the office for Book Club purchases. This is a more efficient system of ordering and tracking the children's orders. **All LOOP orders must be completed by Wednesday 28 November 2018. Please allocate your child to their correct class when ordering via the loop.**

If you are ordering books as Christmas presents and do not wish for them to be sent home with your children, please tick this box (when ordering) and the school will contact you when the order has arrived to come and collect them from the office.



If you are new to the school you are able to easily set up an account by following this link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> and clicking onto the register button at the top of the page.

How to Order Book Club Online via the LOOP

- Simply grab your book club catalogue and head to the website:
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au>
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER
- OR register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who to book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!

Many thanks

Book Club Co-ordinators

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Mrs Karyn Lee (3 White teacher) and her family, following the recent passing of her grandmother. May she rest in peace.



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.

Uniform Shop—Tuesdays 8—10 am

A reminder that the last day to purchase school uniform this year is **Tuesday 18th December**. If you wish to place an order please complete the order form on our website and send into the office (or via email) on Monday. Your order will then be sent home via your child on Tuesday.

Uniform Shop email: uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com

PRC General Parent Meeting—Term 4

Mr Greg Miller—Principal and Educational Leader
St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park

Topic: Next Generation Schools—What is the new normal for education?

Where: St Luke's Catholic College, Lot 1104, Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park.

When: 6.30pm

Tea, coffee and light supper is served

PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session.

Please register: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

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*

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Zwaine family (Grace in 4B) on the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.

