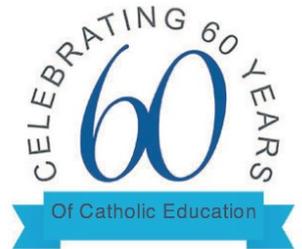




St Bernadette's School



Friday 23 November 2018 — Term 4 Week 6

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Dear Parents,

Last week our Year 5 students participated in a Spirituality Day with a focus on Leadership. Over the next two weeks these students will be considering their call to leadership for 2019. While each of the students at St Bernadette's is called to leadership and the service of others each year, our Year 6 students have a particular responsibility to be positive role models for the younger students by demonstrating "Strength through Gentleness" and our School Values (Respect, Honesty, Tolerance, Forgiveness, Care and Compassion). As a Catholic community we have a wonderful role model for leadership in Jesus. His life provides an example of how to live and interact within our school community, our families and the wider world. Student leadership therefore needs to be seen as an opportunity for our young people to use their gifts and talents for the service of the community

In our Student Leadership Policy it states that

"St Bernadette's Student Leaders have a major role to play in the day-to-day activities occurring at school. They are the public face of the student body as well as the children with the task of improving the school for their classmates and leaving behind a legacy of respect and achievement."

Over the next 2 weeks the Year 5 students will be discerning the gifts and talents they have to contribute to the student leadership of our school. These are important weeks not only for our Year 5 students but also for our whole school community. I ask that you keep all the students in your prayers as they reflect on their own and others leadership capacities and capabilities.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Mini Vinnie Social Justice and outreach Initiative

This is a reminder for children to bring in Christmas treats, non-perishable food and/or a small gift for the school and parish, St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Hampers. Any donations can be sent to your child's class and they will be collected on **Friday 30th November** for packaging. (please **do not** send in any nuts, chocolate coated nuts or food containing nuts) Parishioners and members of our parish St. Vincent de Paul team will be delivering the hampers to the needy families in our community.



Thanksgiving Mass—Invitation

We would like to invite all of the St Bernadette's community who have helped us during the year to our Thanksgiving Mass on **Monday 10th December at 9am** in the Church, followed by morning tea afterwards in the hall.



Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 7 Dates

Waste Free Lunch
Everyday

Mon 26 November
Swimming Carnival (Yrs 2 to 6)
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Wed 28 November
7pm Yr 4 Parent Meeting (Yr 5 LS)

Fri 30 November
12-2pm Kindy 19 Playgroup
1.40pm Whole School Assembly
6pm Yr 6 Dinner Dance

Coming Dates:

Mon 3—Fri 7 Dec
K-2 Swimming Program

Fri 7 December
Krispy Kreme Collection—Hall

Mon 10 December
9am Thanksgiving Mass

Tues 11 December
9am Primary & 11am Infants Awards (Church)

Thurs 13 December
5pm Christmas on the Grass—All invited!

Tues 18 December
Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 19 December
Last day for students



2019 Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Borg and Ms Sweetnam who have been appointed as Instructional Leaders in Diocesan schools from 2019. Mrs Borg will join the staff of John XXI 11 Stanhope Gardens and Ms Sweetnam will join the staff of Holy Trinity Granville. These appointments are indications of the pedagogical expertise of both Rochelle and Lyn who have made significant contributions to the professional learning and pedagogical practices of staff at St Bernadette's. Ms Sweetnam has taught Year 3 and has been a specialist EMU teacher for the Early Years maths support of children in Year One and a Reading Recovery teacher for the past 3 years. Mrs Borg has taught Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 6 during her time at St Bernadette's and has been instrumental in implementing the BYOD programme and Project Based Learning throughout the school. I know that you will join me in thanking and congratulating Rochelle and Lyn and wishing them the best in their future careers as they move on to support the learning of students across the diocese.

Mrs Lean fore, Mrs Bojanowski and Mrs Thomas will all be accessing Maternity Leave from the end of 2018. Mrs Mulligan will commence her maternity leave in Week 8 of Term One 2019. I know that you will join me in wishing our expectant mothers the very best and we look forward to welcoming their babies in the new year.

After 10 years of teaching at St Bernadette's Mrs Pam Hord has decided to resign at the end of 2018. During her time as the Learning Support teacher and as a member of the leadership team at St Bernadette's Pam has planned for, taught and made educational adjustments for many students within our school community. Most particularly Pam has been instrumental in setting up transition programmes for our Kindergarten students and in ensuring that teacher assistance is given to those students who require extra learning support. Pam's expertise has been much valued by her colleagues and the families that she has come in contact with through having their children on one of her programmes. Her love of learning, passion for education and making a difference in the lives of every student, combined with her great sense of humour have been traits much admired by the St Bernadette's community. Pam has been a quiet achiever during her time at St Bernadette's and has truly embodied our school motto of "Strength through Gentleness". We thank her for sharing her gifts and talents over the last 10 years and wish her the very best for the future.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day Attendance rate to date is 87.5%

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 soon.



Thank you for ensuring your child is at school ready for the school day which begins at 8:30am. We appreciate your support. Please remember that as we approach the holidays we are still working hard in our classes and learning continues each and every day until the holidays begin.

Kindy	88.1%	Yr 4	89.3%
Yr 1	86.9%	Yr 5	90.9%
Yr 2	92.9%	Yr 6	80.2%
Yr 3	84.9%		

Social Skills—Weeks 6 & 7

Choosing our Words and Actions Wisely- (Responsible Decision Making)

Learning to make good decisions enables children to develop independence and responsibility. A good decision is one that is most likely to lead to a positive outcome for everyone concerned. What we say and what we do relates to the decisions that our students make on a daily basis.

To make good decisions our children at St. Bernadette's learn to:

- Recognise when there is a choice for them to make
- Understand they are responsible for making the decision
- Take other's needs into consideration with what they say and the actions they engage in
- Think of possible choices or solutions and decide what is best

Steps for decision-making.

1. What do you have to decide about?
2. What choices do you have?
3. Weigh up the pros and cons of each option and choose the best option.
4. Put your choice into action and then check how it works out.

Helping children to take responsibility

Children will often focus on immediate wants without considering the long-term consequences of their decisions and actions. To learn to take responsibility and make good decisions, children need to be shown how to use the decision-making steps and be given the opportunity to practice making decisions. Children do not learn to make good decisions overnight.

Parents and carers can help children develop their decision-making skills by:

- Keeping decision-making manageable by providing a choice between two options that are realistic for the age and ability of the child.
- Listen enthusiastically to children's explanations and encourage children to explain their choices as this teaches them to develop their thinking processes and think through their choices.
- Use questions to encourage children to make judgements (eg 'Do you think this will work?', 'Is that a good idea?')
- Involve children in family decision-making (eg. Planning holiday activities). This encourages children to take others into consideration when making decisions.

Mrs Kathy Watt

P&F News:

P&F 2019

Last Wednesday night 21st November the P & F held its annual AGM and we congratulate the following parents who were elected:

President Mr Steve Lavis
Vice President Mr Nick Gooley
Treasurer
Secretary Mrs Belissa Papandrea

Additionally, Dianna Zaiter, Mark Haj, Amanda Baker and Nancey Abouhamad will be our executive members.

The work of the P & F in our school community is highly valued and sets a great role model of service for the students.

We also thank the outgoing members of the committee - Robert Taggart, Mark Lean-Fore and Julie Hawkes who are not continuing into 2019, for their contributions and hard work. Whilst Julie has stepped down from the executive committee she will continue in the busy role of running the Uniform shop.

However as you can see we have a spot that remains vacant. If you are interested in being part of this great team the role of Treasurer is available. There will be support for you in the role from past treasurers who have indicated their willingness to help the incoming person understand the role. If you are this person or you know of anyone who would be interested please let a member of the committee know. You will be most welcome!

Welcome Barbecue— Kindergarten 2019 families & new families to St Bernadette's in 2019

An invitation is extended to all our new families to the school to attend a Welcome Barbecue on **Friday 8 February at 5.30pm** onwards. All you need to bring is a blanket/chair to sit on.



Kindergarten 2018 (Yr 1 2019) families: you would have enjoyed the P&F Welcome Barbecue at the start of this year and now we ask you to be hosts for our Kindy and new families next year. Please mark this date in your diaries and further details will follow.



Uniform Shop—Last day to purchase school uniform this year is **Tuesday 18th December**.

Krispy Kreme Collection—WYD 2019

Panama

Thank you to all the families who have ordered Kreme Doughnuts in support of Mrs Blazevic and the St Bernadette's pilgrims, collection will be from the **Hall**, in the afternoon (time to be advised).

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.

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 school days or more**. This form is on our website: Community/School Notes/Administration Forms.

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.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Boxshall family (Emily 1G, Will 3B and Olivia 5G), following the recent passing of their great grandfather. May he rest in peace.† □□



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

Oakhill College—Christmas@Oakhill Family Picnic & Concert!

Tuesday 6 December 5—7.30pm

Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities! Free event—tickets essential—get your tickets at Trybooking.com

'Christmas@Oakhill' All proceeds of the event go to Ronal McDonald House—Randwick for sick children and their families this Christmas season.