



# St Bernadette's School



Fri 30th November 2018 Term 4 Week 7

No. 39

Dear Parents,

This weekend we commence the season of Advent - a time that we set aside to stop and reflect in a special way on how Christ comes into our life.

First, Advent directs us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Our faith is not founded on feelings or emotions. It is founded on one clear fact: that in the birth of Jesus Christ, God came into the world as a human being. Second, Advent directs our attention to Christ's coming in our everyday life. He comes when we least expect him: in the awkward person we have to deal with; when we are feeling unwell and are tired with the difficulties of life. Our daily prayer helps us to prepare for those moments.

Finally, Advent directs us to Christ's coming for the last time - the "day that will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap". If we have contemplated his coming at Christmas and in our daily life, this final coming will be no fearful scanning of the horizon, hoping we will not be caught unawares. On the contrary, it will be a welcoming of a God who has been as close to us as God is in our celebration of the Eucharist: a God with whom we have been in such close communion that we have learned to see the world through God's eyes.

This Advent we could respond to the call to reflect and prepare by:- considering what is our favourite part of the Advent season and what it is that we like most about it? During Advent you may like to consider performing actions such as reviving an old promise that has been broken, making peace with a friend or family member, or renewing our promises to God in prayer and faithfulness. Over these last two weeks the children have generously contributed items for our Christmas Hampers and have reflected on the gifts of generosity and compassion.

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan  
you sent a messenger to prepare people's  
hearts

for the coming of your Son.

Help me to hear his words  
and repent of my sins,

so that I may clearly see the way to walk,  
the truth to speak,  
and the life to live for Him,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Leanne Nettleton—Principal*

## R.E. NEWS



Staff and students use Lectio Divina during prayer, which is the traditional practice of Scriptural reading. The teacher reads the Scripture passage twice and asks questions to help students respond, to demonstrate their understanding of God's word. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is the First Sunday of Advent and we will focus on the Scripture readings from Luke's Gospel.

The Gospel reading for Sunday is Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, which is an apocalyptic writing but the scripture gives the message of hope. After hearing the Gospel, you might like to reflect on what part of the text struck you, the imagery in the text or how do I balance being aware and compassionate in my community during Advent without being caught up with the commercialism of the season? You could talk with your family about what you can do during the Season of Advent, while waiting for the coming of Jesus.



In Mass, this weekend we will see one of the symbols of Advent. The Advent wreath with its evergreen leaves stand for life and the circle has no beginning or end, which stands for God's eternal presence in our lives. On the wreath, there are 3 purple and 1 pink candle. The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. The 1st purple candle will be lit this week at mass.

### Week 8 Dates

**K—Yr 2 Swim program**  
All week

**Mon 3 December**  
8.30am Assembly  
2.45pm Motiv8sports  
(last one for 2018)

**Tue 4 December**  
8-10am Uniform Shop

**Wed 5 December**  
Student Banking Day

**Fri 7 December**  
Term 4 Principal's  
Morning Tea  
Krispy Kreme  
Collection (Hall)  
Maths Books coming  
home

### Coming Dates:

**Mon 10 December**  
9am Thanksgiving Mass

**Tues 11 December**  
8:45am Primary  
11am Infants Awards  
(Church)

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

**Tues 18 December**  
Yr 6 Graduation

**Wed 19 December**  
Yr 6 End of Year  
Activities  
Last day for students



## 2019 Staffing News

I would like to announce the appointments of Miss Rachelle El Hage, Mrs Julie Brunt and Mrs Sophya Spann as members of the teaching staff at St Bernadette's from 2019. Miss Ashleigh Tabone will also join the teaching staff in 2019 as our Reading Recovery Teacher and an EMU Specialist teacher. I would also like to congratulate Miss Danielle Smith who has been the Learning Support Teacher at St Bernadette's in 2018 while Mrs Hord has been on leave and who has been permanently appointed to this position from 2019 and Mrs Karen Orsini who has been appointed as a Leader of Learning at St Bernadette's from 2019.



## End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home on Tuesday 11th December 2018. It is a mandated requirement that school reports (Years 1 to 6) award an achievement level to each child using a 5 scaled system (A,B,C,D,E) for each KLA. It is important for parents to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.



The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

*Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C  
End of Year Achievement level of C*

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

*Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B  
End of Year Achievement level of C*

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

Teachers on grade teams meet together to determine what constitutes an A, B, C, D or E and work samples and assessment information are moderated according to the syllabus standard for each KLA. As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This applies to all Diocesan schools.

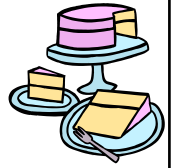
**Student Council War on Waste initiative –  
Waste Free EVERY DAY**

## End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

**Friday 10th December 9:00am**

**followed by PARENT HELPERS 'THANK YOU' MORNING TEA.**

All parents and friends are invited to join us at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. This is also an opportunity for the school community to thank all our parent helpers who have assisted in classrooms, at carnivals, on excursions, as part of the P&F and in any way at all such as covering books, in the gardens, transporting students to and from debating, choir or other extra curricular activities. You are all invited to come along for our Mass and then to enjoy a 'THANK YOU' morning tea afterwards in the hall.



## Christmas Wishes

As there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



**PS:** Children are welcome to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks.

## Christmas on the Grass You're Invited

Please join us for the St Bernadette's Christmas Concert on Thursday 13th December from 5pm. Bring either a picnic blanket or low chair to watch the children who will perform on the grass area. Hope you can join us for a lovely community celebration. Parents are invited to bring their own picnic hamper & drinks (no alcohol) to the event.

## Attendance

**Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 88.7%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Kinder, Year 2 and 5 who have exceeded the schools target of 90% this week with Year 4 not far behind!. We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school participating in the learning opportunities in and outside the classrooms.

Kindy	91.1%	Yr 4	89.3%
Yr 1	88.5%	Yr 5	92.5%
Yr 2	94.3%	Yr 6	81.5%
Yr 3	84.9%		



## St Bernadette's Swimming Carnival

St Bernadette's had our 2018 Swimming Carnival on Monday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The day was a huge success due to so many students, teachers, parents, Gilroy students and supporters.

Students from Year 1 to Year 6 competed throughout the day in 100m, 50m, 25m, kickboard and Water Safety Activities. It was wonderful to hear the support coming from the stands on both sides - the parents cheering along with pride and from the students, we heard House Chants led by their amazing House Captains.

The day came right down to the wire - with students competing for their House to win vital House points. A highlight once again was our 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. This was our first year to fill all lanes with competitors: students, Gilroy students, parents and teachers. Well done everyone.

Overall Swimming House Winner: **Blue House!**  
 Congratulations also to the top 2 places in each 50m and 100m event. These children will become part of the 2019 St Bernadette's Swimming Team and will compete at the Hills Zone Carnival on February 18th, 2019 at Hawkesbury Oasis Pool, Windsor.



## Data Validation Survey

Having accurate, up-to-date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing, and supporting their learning. It also assists schools to make good decisions about how best to support and care for all students. To ensure that the data we currently hold is current and accurate, CEDP is conducting a data validation survey.

### What does this involve?

It is pretty straight forward. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) will send you an email, SMS and/or letter with a link to the survey. Please note that in some cases you may need to confirm visa details, arrival and school starting dates in Australia, so please have this information with you before starting the survey.

The survey will ask you to confirm or change the information the school currently has about your child/children. This could include names, addresses, email addresses etc. In the majority of cases, the information will not have changed. If it has, it is important you record this in the survey. Letters sent to parents will include instructions on how to access the survey online.

Completing this survey helps to ensure that we have the right information about your child in the case of an emergency and for programs that best suit your child's needs. Reminder emails and SMS will also be sent.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this project, please contact your school. You can also contact the CEDP Helpdesk: [enterpriseservicedesk@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:enterpriseservicedesk@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 9840 5620. Thank you for your support of this important project.

### Girls Age Champion

7 Yrs Gabriella Papandrea  
 8 Yrs Charlotte Ward  
 9 Yrs Rachel Sahabu  
 10 Yrs Bridget Clemente  
 11 Yrs Olivia Boxshall  
 12 Yrs Chloe Gething

### Girls Runner Up

Natalie Alam  
 Savannah Jaucian  
 Ysabella Jaucian  
 Eva Bailey  
 Amy Hammersley  
 Aimee Coulter

### Boys Age Champion

8 Yrs Sebastian Vioria  
 9 Yrs Levi Parame  
 10 Yrs Liam Worne  
 11 Yrs Jarratt Allan  
 12 Yrs Jardyn Orsini

### Boys Runner Up

Rafael Clemente  
 Anthony Gomez  
 Patrick Windress  
 Zachary Miller  
 Blake Noonan

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

**Social Skill:  
Choosing our Words and Action Wisely (Responsible Decision Making)**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Social Skill Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Ava Papandrea	Not for Publication	Nicholas Botros
<b>KG</b>	Nevan Fernando	Sophie Vioria	Parker Roberts
<b>KW</b>	Christian Rizk	Jamie Haj	Bianca Hanna
<b>1B</b>	Alexia Peharda	Lewis Zalloua	Oscar O'Byrne
<b>1G</b>	Julie Foong	Alexis Mortel	Miriam Naoum
<b>2B</b>	Rosalie McGinty	Marissa Zeaiter	Aditi Gowda
<b>2G</b>	Sebastian Napoli	Mia Parame	Juliana Zaiter
<b>2W</b>	Gianni Castellan	Olivia Joukhadar	Chelsea Fayle
<b>3B</b>	Liam McGovern	Sebastian Vioria	Lucas Ranieri
<b>3G</b>	Leo Ah Siu	Matthew Khoudair	Ava Rendulic
<b>3W</b>	Zoe Kouknas	Michael Lalli	Joseph Anthony-Raad
<b>4B</b>	Olivia Kirkham	Jason Leigh-Knight	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos
<b>4G</b>	Charlotte Cowper	Jasone Iwanowski	Anthony Gomez
<b>4W</b>	Bridget Clemente	Andrew Zalloua	Ryan Suwandy
<b>5B</b>	Alyssa Khoudair	Zachary Miller	Ailish Lincoln
<b>5G</b>	Olivia Drogaris	Joshua Foo	Georgia Pratt
<b>5W</b>	Claudia Homsy	Imogen Vines	Amy Ballesty
<b>6B</b>	Lachlan Crimston	Dominique Jothy	Emily Kouchoo
<b>6G</b>	Stella Kemmis	Conrad Lopez	Joanna Iwanowski
<b>6W</b>	Jardyn Orsini	Kayla Zaiter	Grace Zeaiter

**Principal's Awards:**

Matilda Polley 6G  
Daniel Egan 5G  
Olivia Boxshall 5G  
Joanna Iwanowski 6G  
Max Procter 6G  
Landon Emmas 6W  
Nicholas Peharda 6W  
Isabella Willard 6W  
Joseph Hadchiti 6B  
Aaliyah Symin 6B  
Jasmine Drogaris 3W  
Douglas Windress 3W  
Samuel Akle 4W  
Anthony Gomez 4G  
Bennett Moynahan 4G

Aaron Pereira 2G  
Zelda Mormul 5G  
Zachary Hughes 6G  
Cooper Keremelevski 1B  
Savannah Moubarak 6G  
Thomas Heyes 6W  
Brieanah Moujalli 6W  
Deema Arraf 6B  
Harry Rushton 6B  
Ava Smith 3B  
Lucia Sorbello 3W  
Charlotte McLaren 3W  
Katerina Giannakakos 6G  
Thomas McGinty 4G  
Sebastian Napoli 2G

Lachlan Crimston 6B  
Amy Hammersley 6W  
Miriam Naoum 1G  
Emily Boxshall 1G  
Tayla Van Ryswyk 1G  
Seline Chen 1G  
Arianni Sebastian 1G  
James Zeaiter 1G  
Marisa Frketic 6B  
Jacob Goss 6B  
Oscar Polley 3W  
Matthew Baker 2G  
Rafael Clemente 2G  
Lily Procter 4G



## Kindy to Yr 2 Swimming Program

Just a reminder to pack the following items for students in Kindergarten to Year 2 **everyday** next week for their swimming program:

- Swimmers
- Goggles
- Towel
- Thongs



## 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.

## CANTEEN – 2019 New Lunch Ordering System

Families will no longer have access to order their child/children's lunch order via Munch Monitors in 2019. Instead, our canteen supplier Healthy Bites have asked that all families register all lunch orders at the beginning on the new school year, Term 1 – 2019:- via [www.QuickCliq.com.au](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au)

## QuickCliq - Support Line 1300 116637 (Please contact QuickCliq not the school)

All outstanding money left on your family Munch Monitor account will need to be finalised before the end of the school year. Any money remaining on your account after this date, parents will need to request a refund directly from Munch Monitors on 1300 796 190.

## How to get started:

- Visit [www.Quickcliq.com.au](http://www.Quickcliq.com.au)
- Sign up by completing the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email with activation link
- Activate your account and login to the website
- add student and nominate their school
- Order whenever you like

## How to order meals:-

- Select a student
- Select date
- Add items
- CONFIRM**

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Gething family (Chloe in 6W), following the recent passing of her great uncle. May he rest in peace.



## Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Have you entered the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge yet? Haven't heard about it? Well it's on now! Entry is easy simply go to

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

to find out how you could win a mini iPad.

You have all summer to enter and the more times you enter the more chances you have to win. Entries close 5pm on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.



## St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge

Not only is there the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge, but our own St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge is about to begin too. Details about our own special competition will be sent home in Week 9. Don't forget to keep reading over the summer break so that you have a flying start into 2019.

## Book Club 2019 HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a new team to run Book Club for 2019. Training and support will be offered. If you are interested in continuing our school Book Club at St Bernadette's, please contact Steve Lavis on [president.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:president.stbpnf@gmail.com)  
Your support would be very much appreciated

## P & F TREASURER - POSITION VACANT

If you are interested in being part of our great P&F 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 an email was sent earlier this week and further details will be sent at the start of the year.

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

