



# St Bernadette's School



Friday 5 April 2019 — Term 1 Week 10

No. 10

Dear Parents,

In his book Michael Grose, leading parent educator, speaker and writer, writes that the statement "Parenting is the world's hardest job" is one of the great clichés of modern times. Today I include for you a selection from Michael's book *Thriving*. Raising Exceptional Kids with confidence, character and resilience.

"Raising kids is challenging. It always has been and it always will be. Every generation of parents has had their specific challenges. If you raised your kids during the Great Depression, simply feeding them was a challenge. Kids with full bellies were measures of effective parenting. If you were raising your kids after the Second World War, there was a shortage of resources. Infant Welfare Centres had to be built, new schools were constructed and teachers were trained en masse to cater for the burgeoning population of children.

Today's parents have challenges of a different sort. A lack of time to devote to their children has become a big issue: the choice of many new mothers today to stay at home and care for their children full-time can openly be seen as a reaction to the image of the frazzled working mother that has grown up in the previous decade or so. Modern technology is irrevocably changing the parenting landscape, making it both easier and harder to navigate. Staying in touch with your kids has never been easier as they are only ever a text message or call away. Yet keeping them safe has never been harder: as communication technology means that even in their bedrooms they are connected to a whole new world.

Today's parents, like parents of any generation, want the best for their children. They want the full package: that is, they want their children to be successful, to achieve their potential, to be happy and to enjoy their relationships."

At St Bernadette's, we take our responsibility as partners with you in the wholistic education and development of your child very seriously. The teachers want to assist you to achieve the best for your child in all areas of their development and are keen to always keep the lines of communication between you and them open. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss with them your child's learning and well being. Remember "it takes a village to raise a child."

## Staffing Term 2

In Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of Term 2, I will be assisting the St Monica's North Parramatta school community by performing an Acting Principal role at the school while Miss Louise O'Donnell, Principal of St Monica's takes Long Service Leave. During this time Mrs Beggs will be Acting Principal and Mrs Kathy Watt will take up the position of Acting Assistant Principal at St Bernadette's. Both Mrs Beggs and Mrs Watt are well known in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact them during this time should you need their support.

*Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal*

## R.E. NEWS



### Holy Week

Holy Week presentations will take place in the Church on **Monday 8 April** commencing with Kindergarten at 9am then Yrs 1 & 2 at 9.15am, Yr 3 at 9.30am, Yr 4 at 9.45, Yr 5 at 10 am and Yr 6 at 10.15am (approximately). Parents are welcome to join their children for this prayer celebration.

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## Week 11 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch**

### Mon 8 April

8.30am Assembly  
9am Holy Week Presentations (All Welcome—Church)  
Principal's Morning Tea  
2.45pm Motiv8sports

### Tue 9 April

Dance Fever  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
8.45am Infants Dance Fever Demo (parents invited)  
2.50pm ChiFUNese Mandarin Class

### Wed 10 April

Student Banking Day  
Infants Cross Country  
8.30am Cuppa 'n Chat

**Thurs 11 April**  
**St Bernadette's Day**  
**9am Liturgy (All invited—Church)**  
**Last day of Term 1 for students**

**Fri 12 April**  
**Staff Development & Pupil Free Day**

## Term 2:

**Mon 29 April**  
Staff & Students return  
8.30am ANZAC Day Service

**Thurs 2 May**  
9am Easter Liturgy (All invited)

Wed 8 May  
Mothers' Day Stall

**Fri 10 May**  
9am Mothers' Day Liturgy—Church

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020**

**Next School Tour: Thurs 2nd May 11.30 am Please Register: 9407 6600**

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**School Calendar:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

In St Bernadette's Parish, a feature of the 9am Sunday mass is the withdrawal of the children from the ages of 5 to 11 years old to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.

This is set out in Directory of Masses for Children, which is an important document for the guidelines and principles so that the liturgy can be adapted for the children's level of understanding. The Directory states: Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place with the adults and meanwhile celebrate their own liturgy of the word.



In Castle Hill, we have a wonderful group of catechists who lead the children in the scripture and breaking open the readings to help them understand the meaning, apply it to their lives and give the children a chance to respond. At 9am mass, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to experience the Word of God at their level of understanding.

## Mothers' Day Celebrations

An invitation will be sent to all of our mums to attend our Mothers Day Celebration on Friday 10th May at 9am. Further details to follow.



## PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) to be included in our PowerPoint in the Church. Photos are to be received no later than Monday 6th May. Unfortunately, photos received after this date cannot be included. Thank you.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

## Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Bernadette's a safe environment for all our children.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Great effort by the following students in completing the reading challenge: *Callum Hawkes, Nikolas Puleo, Georgia Elias, Yule Choi, Rovinya Fernando, Alyssa Hawkes, Aleksander Puleo, Zara Hawkes, Layaan Arraf, Samantha Badenhorst, Jasone Iwanowski, Isabella Long, Patrick Windress, Grace Zwaine*. Congratulations!!

## St Bernadette's Feast Day Celebration

St Bernadette's School Feast Day Celebrations will take place on **Thursday 11th April**. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities during the day including:

- Our St Bernadette's Feast Day Liturgy from 9am-10am
  - Watching a children's film about St Bernadette
  - Writing a prayer to St Bernadette
  - Completing a piece of artwork for our St Bernadette's Art Competition
  - A visit from Dance Fever on the day where the children will have the opportunity to take part in a Dance Fever disco
- 11-12pm K-2  
12-1pm Years 3-4  
1:40-2:40pm Years 5-6  
All students will need to wear their sport uniform on this day.

## Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 93.9%

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Our target is for at least 90% attendance for each student. A big congratulations to Stage 3 for maintaining above 95%. You are setting a great example for the school! As we head into the holidays soon it would be appreciated if all outstanding attendance notes are returned to your child's teachers. A reminder that school begins at 8:30 and all students need to be at school prior to the bell. Thank you for your assistance with this important start to the day!

Kindy	94.8%	Yr 4	92.6%
Yr 1	90%	Yr 5	98.6%
Yr 2	87.9%	Yr 6	97.9%
Yr 3	94.5%		



## Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday 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.

## Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill:</i>			
<i>Having the ability to 'Bounce Back'</i>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
<b>KB</b>	George Fayle	Not for Publication	Arianna Cascio
<b>KG</b>	Harper Clark	Ava Zeaiter	Wilma Mormul
<b>KW</b>	Joey Aiossa	Madison Spears	Benjamin Maggs
<b>1B</b>	Josephine Burraston	Lucas Reyna	Georgia Elias
<b>1G</b>	Ashley Nguyen	Amy Ma	Nevan Fernando
<b>1W</b>	Aidan Jaucian	Daniel Rowe	Phoebe Goss
<b>2B</b>	Xavier Ranieri	Matilda Cowper	Lila Oliver
<b>2G</b>	Martin Gao	Valda Mormul	Ava Berrell
<b>3B</b>	Oscar Nicholson	Khiara Heyes	Sophia Khamis
<b>3G</b>	Zara Osborn	Jai Stuart	Krishel Sathees-Kumar
<b>3W</b>	Charlotte Ward	Matthew Baker	Adam Wassif
<b>4B</b>	Audrey Sullivan	Cooper Dowling	Maya Keremelevski
<b>4G</b>	Jet Jackson	Lucas Ranieri	Felicity Miller
<b>4W</b>	Annabelle Farag	Kevin Lee	Poppy Dibble
<b>5B</b>	Ysabella Jaucian	Layaan Arraf	Eleanor Read
<b>5G</b>	Aidan Leong	Valentina Anderson	Georgina Kassis
<b>5W</b>	Ella Hammersley	Not for Publication	Alannah Ceh
<b>6B</b>	Juliet Radman	Xavier Hennessey	Ella-Rose Semaan
<b>6G</b>	Nathan Colaco	Tess Ellis	Anna Weppner
<b>6W</b>	Daniel Black	Angelique Daniele	Holly Williams

### Principal's Awards:

Audrey Sullivan 4B  
Joseph-Anthony Raad 4B  
Olivia Kirkham 4B



## Sport News—Cross Country 2019

Our Cross Country was a huge success this Monday 1st April. The sun was shining over the lush green fields at Crestwood Reserve Baulkham Hills. Students aged 8 - 12 tackled the tough course, up hills, across bridges, through the winding paths and back to the finish line.

The children were enthusiastic participants throughout the day both in spirit and in their events. Parent helpers were once again outstanding in their assistance throughout the day. We couldn't have achieved such a successful day without you. THANK YOU!

Congratulations to the following students who will progress through to the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 1st May as part of St Bernadette's Cross Country Team:

### Under 8/9 Combined

Harry Wigham  
Jackson Lieb  
Samuel Lean-Fore  
Thomas Nourdine  
Campbell Sing  
Sebastian Vioria  
Emily Mitchell  
Charlotte Ward  
Savannah Jaucian  
Emily Boxshall  
Juliana Zaiter  
Sofia Papandrea

### Under 10

Anthony Gomez  
Douglas Windres  
David Lievano  
Isaac Frketic  
Cooper Dowling  
Alexander Barone  
Paloma Lopez  
Samantha Simmons  
Lucia Sorbello  
Natalie Samperi  
Grace Kalina  
Rachel Saad

### Under 11

Cohen Orsini  
Charlie Akle  
Sebastian Van Jour  
Patrick Windress  
Liam Worne  
Christopher Zaiter  
Eva Bailey  
Charlize De Souza  
Olivia Kirkham  
Paula Reina Pinzon  
Amy Ballesty  
Eva Cooper

### Under 12

Jack Overend  
Xavier Hennessey  
Nicholas Power  
Lachlan McLaren  
Tyler Beames  
Zachary Miller  
Sarah Lievano  
Genevieve Sing  
Alivia Dowling  
Olivia Boxshall  
Juliet Radman

These children make up our 2019 St Bernadette's Cross Country team and will compete at the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival on Tuesday 7th May at Eastern Creek.

The winning House for the 2019 Cross Country House Shield—**GREEN!**



## Dance Fever Challenge—Thursday 4th April– Well done everyone!

Last night almost 200 of our students attended the Dance Fever showcase at Quay Centre, Homebush. The children performed two partner dances, Foxtrot and Cha Cha, in their grade groups. At the end of the evening the whole school group performed their showcase dance that we have been practising at school. The performance was spectacular and earned rave reviews from the Dance Fever conveners. A big thank you to all the teachers that attended to assist on the night as well as all of the parents who attended.

We were awarded two trophies, one for 'best Year 4 group' as well as winning the 'overall trophy' for having the most amount of students in finals throughout the night.

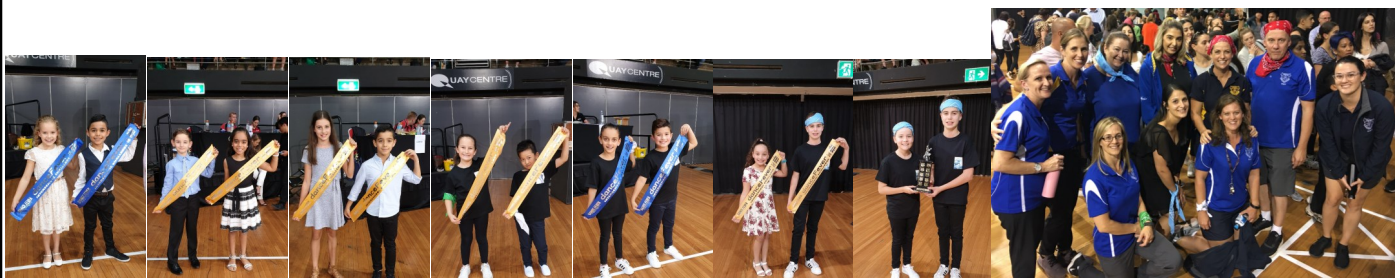
Two Year 6 students described their experience by saying.

"Dance Fever was a flash of colours and rhythm, it was very enjoyable" Nathan

"I could really feel the energy and excitement in the room" Ashleigh

The school can be very proud of the way these students represented our school last night.

The performance and more photos from the evening are available on the school Facebook page.



## Child Protection—Online

A reminder to parents that it is a diocesan requirement that you must have completed the Child Protection Module ONLINE if you would like to volunteer at school. The link for the child protection module is available below or from our website (right hand side). Please note there are **two** steps to complete the online course.



<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, in the uniform shop or any other help around the school. An email confirmation of both steps is then sent directly to the school to confirm your child protection is completed and valid for two years. Thank you for your cooperation.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Cassaniti family on the passing of their son Christopher Cassaniti, one of Gilroy College past students who tragically passed away on Monday. May he rest in peace.



## Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 31 January — Thursday 11 April  
(Fri 12 April Staff Development & Pupil Free Day)

Term 2: Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July

**Staff Spirituality Day—Thurs 27 June (Pupil Free Day)**

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for

## P & F News: Uniform Shop

Winter uniform will be available to purchase at the Uniform Shop from Tuesday 2nd April (Week 10). The winter uniform order form is attached to this email.



The Uniform Shop is open each Tuesday morning from 8.00am until 10.00am. Just keep in mind that it may take a little longer at this time as the shop will be very busy and you may need to queue.

Alternatively, email your completed order form to [uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com). Orders received before Tuesday are made up and sent home with your child on Tuesday afternoon.

In Term 2 students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform (not a mixture) for the first two weeks depending on the weather. In Week 3 all students are required to be in full winter uniform.

## Mothers' Day Stall—Advance Notice

**Wed 8 May—Exciting New Products Available**

Our Mothers' Day Stall for children to purchase a gift for mum/grandma will be held on **Wednesday 8th May**. Prices start from \$1—\$10. Further details will follow next week.



**SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards**

More Dance Fever photos:

