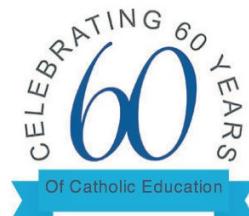




St Bernadette's School



Friday 3 May 2019 — Term 2 Week 1

No. 12

Dear Parents,

It has been so wonderful to welcome students and parents back for Term 2. The children have returned to school with many stories about their holiday adventures and an eagerness to reconnect with their friends and teachers.

We have already begun an exciting term celebrating both ANZAC Day and Easter with special liturgies, sending Year 5 to the Hyde Park Barracks, hosting School Tours for prospective 2020 Kindergarten students and staff participating in a Professional Learning Twilight Session ... and that is all in the first week back at school.

On Thursday at our Easter Mass we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Father Shinto reminded us that Easter calls us to be people of prayer and of hope; Easter people. Let us strive to become an 'Easter People' who know and reflect God's love through our love for one another.

As I announced last term, for the next three weeks I will be Acting Principal at St Monica's, North Parramatta assisting that community while Principal Miss Louise O'Donnell is on leave.

Mrs Beggs will be Acting Principal at St Bernadette's during this time, Mrs Kathy Watt will be Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Corena Laso will be Acting Coordinator joining Mrs Robinson and Mrs Orsini on the Leadership Team. Thank you in advance for supporting Mrs Beggs and Mrs Watt during this time.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



A crowd of thousands gathered before dawn at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve in Kellyville to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Anzac Day on 25 April is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and in operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance to our sense of national identity.

Our school Leaders represented our school community at the Dawn service and our Captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Our leaders heard Year 11 students who were chosen from local high schools as 2019 Secondary School Anzac Ambassadors, speak confidently and passionately about the impact of the Battle of Binh Ba, a battle that took place during the Vietnam War. Then they heard Commander Paul Garai, give the address, comparing his experiences in the Australian Navy today with that of his brother who served in the Vietnam War. The commander spoke about the courage of those who served during the war. It was a great experience for our young people to not only be at the Dawn Service but to also hear of the experiences of service men and women and to witness young people speak with passion and poise at a public event.

Our leaders also assisted in leading the school ANZAC prayer liturgy on Monday for our school community.



Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 6 May

8.30 am Morning Assembly
2.45 pm Motiv8sport commences

Tues 7 May

8-10 am Uniform Shop
Diocesan Cross Country

Wed 8 May

8-8.30 am K-2 Literacy Helpers Mtg in 2B/2G classrooms
Student Banking
Mothers Day Stall

Thurs 9 May

8 am Generous Growers Market Stall (passive grass area)
9 am School Tour for Kindergarten 2020
1.40 pm Whole School Assembly & Term 1 Values Awards

Fri 10 May

New Day & Time
7.30 am ChiFUNese Mandarin Class

Mothers Day Celebrations:

8 am Open Classrooms
9 am Mothers Day Mass—Church, followed by morning tea
7:30pm P&F Mothers Day Drinks—Castle Hill RSL

Coming Dates:

Tues 14 May to Fri 24 May
Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 9 May 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9407 6699

Email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

- **Holly and Lily Procter** who over the holiday period performed with their dance school (Australian Performing Arts College) in the parade down the boulevard in Disneyland, performed in 4 short concerts in Disneyland, Universal Studios, Sea World and then finally on a cruise ship travelling to Mexico. Well done girls. Leading up to this tour the girls were dancing 15 hours a week in preparation for their performances.
- **Gregory Zucconi** who has been selected as one of 5 Australian children to travel to Fukushima, Japan from the 30th July 2019 to 7th August 2019 as a representative of Baseball Australia and to participate in the World Children's Baseball Fair. Gregory not only needed to be a passionate Baseball player he also was required to write a short essay in order to be in contention for selection. We are all very proud of this achievement Gregory. Below is a copy of the essay that Gregory wrote as part of his selection process.

If I was allowed to go to Japan for 9 days for WCBF it would mean that I could learn new things about baseball, learn new languages, cultures and last but not least make new friends.

I would love to learn new things about pitching in baseball. Things like how to throw a changeup, other pitches and more strikes. I would also like to get better at catching fly balls and fielding ground balls at 3rd base. Learning new languages and cultures would be awesome. Later I could be practicing a little of the languages

that I brought home with me from Japan. Then I would like to learn more about the culture of Japan, particularly to try and learn about the food of Japan.

For me the best part would be, to make new friends from different cultures. Meeting other kids that love baseball from Japan, America, Korea, China and other parts of the world. And getting to know about what playing baseball is like for them. The WCBF would make me learn, listen and understand better than before.

Social Skills Weeks 1- 2

(Self Management: Goal Setting)

Being a Balanced Student at St Bernadette's

The pace of life is very fast. Getting the balance right is a difficult challenge. Most people are very busy and there are many demands on our time. However, each day has only 24 hours and each week has 7 days. Schools are really important. At St. Bernadette's we try to provide lots of opportunities for the students to develop academic skills like reading, writing, maths, science etc, but also sport, music, drama, art and most importantly their social and spiritual development. Our aim is a balanced program so that the students develop some skills and knowledge in all areas and find out what they love doing because they have an interest in it.

Being balanced means having a range of interests. We work hard, rest, exercise, have a balanced diet and have fun. This applies to all of us to ensure that we lead a happy and fulfilling life, no matter what our age is.

Family Discussion Questions:

How many hours sleep are you getting?

What are your interests?

Do we eat well? Is there one thing we could improve?

What would we do on a TV/Technology free night?

Do we take time for the family to just sit and enjoy conversation?

Take some time to think about your balanced lifestyle.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Mothers Day Celebrations—Fri 10th May

An invitation was sent to all of our mums this week inviting you to our Mothers Day Celebrations. The morning will start at 8am with Open Classrooms, Mass at 9am in the Church followed by a delicious morning tea.

We are looking for as many dads as possible to help on the day—if you can spare an hour or so, please fill out the reply slip or contact the office. Thank you!

PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: 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

Mothers Day Stall

Next Wednesday our P&F will hold a Mothers Day Stall. Students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts. It is a good idea for students



Attendance—Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **91.7%**

Welcome back to Term 2! We have begun the term again meeting our target of over 90%. Thank you for your support of your children's education and the importance of being at school on time every day. A reminder that if you are held up in the morning or have an appointment and arrive after the morning bell you must report to the front office and complete a late slip. Your assistance with this is most appreciated in helping us keep accurate attendance records. Our grade attendance rates are listed below.

Kindy	96.1%	Yr 4	90.1%
Yr 1	86.9%	Yr 5	94.2%
Yr 2	87.9%	Yr 6	94.2%
Yr 3	91.7%		

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our fantastic holiday readers:

Michael Chacal, Katie Coghlan, Victoria Kalina, Sienna Petitto, Sofia Raic, Zara Sakkal, Jacob Baker, Georgia Gillogly, Elliot Greer, Alexia Kouknas, Nicholas Ward, Jessica Coghlan, Ashton Baker, Elizabeth D'Souza, Mia Lee, Charlotte Ward, Jet Jackson, Grace Kalina, Zoe Kouknas, Olivia Kirkham, Joshua Zeaiter, Charlotte Lee, Ashleigh Scrooby, Michaela Scrooby, Genevieve Sing.



Keep up the great reading everyone!

Mrs Crammond—Librarian



Sports News—Athletics

ATHLETICS information to all students aged 10 Years - 12 Years THIS YEAR

There will be NO NSW PSSA Track & Field team selected at the 2019 NSW PSSA State Championships in November.

The selection trial for the 2019 NSW PSSA State team to travel to the School Sport Australia Championships in Darwin in September will be held on Thursday 8th August.

Please see attached the [NSWPSSA Athletics Selection Trial Information and Application](#) to be held on Thursday 8 August, Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, Homebush.

NSWCPS Golf

GOLF - 29 July 2019 - Entries close 1st July
Does your child play golf at a high level? NSW Catholic Schools provides pathways for talented students in Golf via the NSWCPS 9 Hole Tournament & 18 Hole Championship & Selection trials (Students 8 Years to 13 Years)

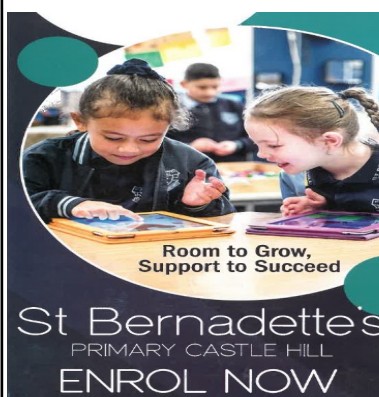
Who is eligible?

Any student in Years 3 - 6 at a NSW Catholic School affiliated with NSWCPS MacKillop & Polding.
Entries are by individuals not as a team or school.

This event is also used for selecting a MacKillop team to go to the NSW PSSA State Carnival in September.

Monday 29 July @ Blackheath Golf Club
[Click Here >>](#) for more information.

Mrs Karen Orsini—Sports Coordinator



ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Please contact the school office if you would like to register for a school tour /enrol your child in 2020.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

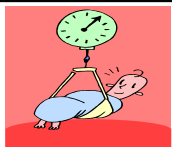
St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. So please remember to ask Grandma, Grandad plus other family members to save them for you. Just place your stickers / sheets in the box provided or send to the office. Thank you.



Lunchtime Clubs:

- Tues** Gardening Club (recess)
Choir, Library, Little Techies, Lego (Yrs 1&2)
Gardening (Yrs 1-6)
- Wed** SRC (even weeks) COSHC Room
Library & Gardening Club
- Thurs** Gardening Club (recess)
Chess in 4G Yrs 3-6 & Library
- Fri** Gardening Club (recess)
Science Club in 6LS Yrs 3-6

Our congratulations to Mrs Mulligan and her husband Chris on the birth of a baby boy Rory, brother to Mac. Our best wishes to the family.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Mrs Christine Fuoco (former Financial Secretary) and her family following the recent passing of her mother Thelma Nolene Thomas. May she rest in peace.



Reminder—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.

Child Protection

A reminder for parents who are required to **'UPDATE'** their child protection and for **'NEW'** parents to the school.



It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE. This training is available online at: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and **MUST** be completed every two years. This is the new link as of July 2014.

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

Term Dates

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 students)

P&F News:

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only. To order uniform: download order form from website (community/school notes/uniform) and email uniform shop directly before Tuesday on: uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com or school email: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au. Orders will then be processed and sent home via your child on Tuesday.

Winter sales are well underway and have run smoothly due to parents being organised and sending order forms via email. If order forms are emailed either directly to the school or to the uniform shop please be aware parents must include credit card details so we can process payments. If parents do not want to include their payment details on the form then they will have to visit us in the shop Tuesday's from 8-10 am and be prepared to wait as it is extremely busy at this time of year. Thanks to all families who patiently waited for back orders to be filled. Most have now been sent out with the remaining orders expected to be sent home with children next week.

The P & F voted to introduce a better style of micro fibre trackpant for sports uniform. These are lined in navy rather than white and have a 4 way stretch to reduce rips and tears. These trackpants are now in stock in some sizes.

We have a great range of second hand winter uniform in stock. Drop in and have a look Tuesday's from 8-10am. Brushed cotton winter shirts for boys are discontinued and are available for a bargain price of \$10! Sizes 4 and 6 available.

Finally thank you to my wonderful team of volunteers. Each week I am supported by these parents who give up their time to serve customers and fill orders. Thanks!

St Bernadette's P&F Mothers Day Drinks



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.