



St Bernadette's School

Friday 6 December 2019 — Term 4 Week 8 No. 39

R.E. NEWS



This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. We light another purple candle on the Advent wreath to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word 'hope' has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

The children know and understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of our saviour. Here are some suggestions for activities to do during the month of December through the season of Advent.

1. Make an Advent wreath at home – you will need 3 purple candles, one pink candle and one white candle for the middle of the wreath and use this as a focus for your family prayer.
2. Read the Scripture of the day and discuss the message God and what it means for our lives.
3. Decorate your own Jesse Tree. Use ornaments that represent people and stories from the Bible eg. you might hang a dove to represent Noah or a harp to represent David.

Each night you could read a passage from the Bible on the person you have chosen.

Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and what we can do while we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Week 9 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 9 December

3pm Motiv8Sports—last week

Tue 10 December

9am Thanksgiving Mass & Farewell to Mrs Nettleton & Mrs Beggs
School Reports Going Home

Wed 11 December

Student Banking Day
Oztag Yrs 3 to 6

Thurs 12 December

Band Tour
Games Day 1-2pm

Coming Dates:

Fri 16 December

9am Primary Awards
11am Infants Awards (Church)

Tue 17 December

6pm Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 18 December

Last day for Students
Christmas Mufti Clothes

Term 1 Dates

Tue 28 January

Staff Development Day & MAIs (pm)

Wed 29 January

Staff Development Day & MAIs (All Day)

Thur 30 January

Yrs 1-6 commence

Fri 31 January

Kindy 2020 commence



Our 2019 Christmas Concert



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

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

2020 Mathematical Assessment Interviews Booking Details

At the commencement of the 2020 school year we will again be administering the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) to all students at St Bernadette's. The information gathered from these interviews will assist the teachers to better understand the needs of the students and allow them to

tailor their teaching program to effectively meet those needs.

We are using the online booking system that we have previously used for parent teacher interviews. **It is essential to book in for the MAI interviews.**



In week 10, families will receive a login code via email to use with the school interview online booking tool to organise an appointment time. The login code will be sent first to families with 3 or 4 children, next to families with 2 children and then families with 1 child. This is to allow parents who have more than 1 child the opportunity to book all their children at the same time.

If you have changed your email address please ensure you update it with the school office prior to Friday 13th December.

The MAI interviews will take place on Tuesday 28th January (pm only) and Wednesday 29th January (all day).

All interviews will be held in the student's 2020 classrooms.

If your child is unable to be tested at a suitable time for you with their class teacher Mrs Charmain Floody (2020 Assistant Principal), Miss Danielle Smith, Miss Ilana Blazevic, Miss Ashleigh Tabone and Mrs Elizabeth Evans will be available to complete the maths interview. These bookings can also be made online.

Melissa Beggs—Assistant Principal

St Vincent de Paul Fire and Drought Collection at our Christmas Concert

Once again the St Bernadette Community's generosity has shone through. Last night "at the doors" of the church we collected **\$1,071.35** to contribute to our Year 6 inspired donation to the St Vincent de Paul for Fire and Drought. Thank you everyone for your care and compassion for our country and nearby neighbours.



Thanksgiving Mass

You are welcome to join us for our Thanksgiving Mass taking place in the church on Tuesday the 10th of December at 9am. It will be an opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and parents, and to Farewell leaving staff including Mrs Nettleton and Mrs Beggs. We hope to see you there.

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 85.3%

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Congratulations to Kindergarten who remain the only grade to exceed the schools target of 90% each week.

A number of letters asking for outstanding explanations of student absences were sent out recently. We ask that you attend to these ASAP to assist us to finalise all unexplained absences prior to the end of the school year.

We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school and sharing all our end of year celebrations together as a community.



School Leavers

We are planning for the 2020 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 2020. A reminder to all 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 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 terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

COSHC Summer Vacation Care

COSHC have released the new booking forms for the 2020 Summer Vacation Care. Days like Motiv8 sports, Laser Tag and Sky Peaks Go Bananas are just a few examples of our new and exciting program. Bookings close Friday 13th December. Contact Casey at coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au for any questions.

St Bernadette's Netball Club

For boys aged 7 to 12 and girls aged 7 and up! Registrations open in January—Find us on Facebook for updates and further information. Training is held in Castle Hill on weekday afternoons.

P & F News

The P&F team's Annual General Meeting took place last week on the 27th of November. Minutes are attached to this week's newsletter.



Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge—A Message from Mr Greg Whitby

"These summer holidays, I am again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel. Taking part in the Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge is easy! **Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30.** Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 2 December 2019 and close at 5pm on 2 February 2020. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#). This year we are introducing Student Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher). Nominate your Student Ambassador via this form <https://forms.gle/yXAq3Svz93HPKES99> by 2 February 2020. Let's all make this year's Summer Reading Challenge one to remember!"

Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two Google Chromebooks or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

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St Bernadette's Swimming Carnival Results

Overall Swimming House Winner:

Blue House

BLUE	GREEN	GOLD	RED
609	531	497	494

Congratulations also to the top 2 places in each 50m and 100m event. These children will become part of the 2020 St Bernadette's Swimming Team and will compete at the Hills Zone Carnival on Friday 14th February – Week 3 at Mt Druitt Pool.



	Girls Age Champion	Girls Runner-Up
7 years	Sophie Villoria	Ava Papandrea
8 years	Matilda Cowper	Natalie Alam
9 years	Savannah Jaucian	Charlotte Ward
10 years	Ysabella Jaucian	Rachel Sahabu
11 years	Eva Bailey	Olivia Kirkham
12 years	Olivia Boxshall	Charlotte Lee
	Boys Age Champion	Boys Runner-Up
7 years	Nicholas Ward	Not for publication
8 years	-	-
9 years	Rafael Clemente	Sebastian Viloria
10 years	Douglas Windress	Levi Parame
11 years	Liam Worne	Patrick Windress
12 years	Zachary Miller	Xavier Hennessey

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill: Displaying Care and Compassion</i>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
KB	Hanna Saham	James Sahabu	Florence Michael
KG	Annabeth Lean-Fore	Alexander Sholkie	Isabelle Minett
KW	Joshua Hough	Xavier Shalala	Sofia Faic
1B	Amelie Saliba	Josephine Burraston	Emelia Crecca
1G	Nicholas Botros	Amy Ma	Victoria Ibrahim
1W	Annika Bond	Thomas Rendulic	Jamie Haj
2B	Oscar O'Byrne	Lucas Keremelevski	Joshua Mathews
2G	Martin Gao	Max Abouhamad	Adam Gamble
3B	Danielle Khoudair	Charlotte Cowper	Nathaniel Barone
3G	Juliana Zaiter	Fabian Crecca	Ryder Egan
3W	Holly Procter	Tes Gooley	Hayden Dmello
4B	Sienna De Juan	Isaac Frketic	Rhys Timbrell
4G	Isabella Perete	Will Boxshall	Piper Johnson
4W	Kevin Le	Alexander Barone	Grace Kalina
5B	Danielle Khoudair	Charlotte Cowper	Nathaniel Barone
5G	Bridget Clemente	Jacob Elias	Rachel Saad
5W	Denzel Coutinho	Not for publication	William Abouhamad
6B	Sarah Jacinto	Justin Lim	Tyler Beames
6G	Joshua Foo	Anna Weppner	Gabrielle Youssef
6W	Angelique Daniele	Jasmine Azzi	Dean Guy

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations
to **Anthony Gomez**
who received a
"Grade A with Honours"
for his
AMEB Preliminary Piano
exam completed last week

Principal's Awards:

Abigail Wigham—2B Alivia Dowling—6B Charlotte Lee—6G Christopher Khoudair—6G Harry Thom—1W Isabella Forder—4B Justin Lim—6B Johnny Symin—2B Juliet Radman—6B	Marcus Yacoub—3W Matilda Cowper—2B Oscar Barone—1W Peter Yacoub—4B Poppy Dibble—4W Xavier Hennessey—6B
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