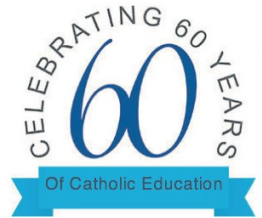


St Bernadette's School



Friday 8 February 2019 — Term 1 Week 2 No. 2

Dear Parents,

The beginning of a school year affords us the opportunity to set goals for ourselves with a new lease of energy and optimism. When encouraged by teachers and parents, children have the opportunity to face the year ahead with a positive and growth mindset. Taking the time to verbalise with your child the many opportunities that may be ahead for them in this new year helps your child to frame and reframe their thinking as they learn. Understanding that it takes time to acquire a new skill or concept is fundamental to learning.

As parents and teachers we have a responsibility to encourage our child to "have a go", persevere and "stick at things" when things get tough.

Challenging ourselves with new opportunities affords us not only new experiences but new learnings. To be able to encourage this mindset in our children we need to challenge ourselves. Perhaps this year you may dare to take a risk similar to those on the list below:-

- Sing a new song; dance a new step; take a new path.
- Think a new thought; accept a new responsibility; memorize a new poem.
- Try a new recipe; plan a new adventure; entertain a new idea.
- Learn a new language; blaze a new trail; enjoy a new experience.
- Make a new friend; read a new book; see a new movie.
- Climb a new hill; scale a new mountain; launch a new career.
- Find a new purpose; fill a new need; light a new lamp.
- Exercise a new strength; grasp a new truth; practice a new awareness.
- Add a new dimension; encourage a new growth; affirm a new beginning.
- Discover a new answer; envision a new image; conceive a new system.

Dream a new dream; chart a new course; build a new life.
 Open a new door; explore a new possibility; capture a new vision.
 Start a new chapter; seek a new challenge; express a new confidence.
 Write a new plan; turn a new page; follow a new direction.
 Watch a new program; be a new person; radiate a new enthusiasm."
Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Children from our Parish and school community who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be commissioned at one of the Parish masses this weekend. Sacramental initiation is parish-oriented. Introduction to the Church's sacramental life is the means through which one enters more fully into the life of the faith community. It is therefore proper that the faith community, expressed in the parish, be responsible for and intimately involved in the sacramental preparation and presentation of children. The progressive introduction of children to the sacraments includes discernment of their readiness, which is not simply a matter of age.

Priest and parents both have a role in ascertaining that the child has achieved appropriate faith development, and that their faith support is assured during the program.

For information about the Sacramental Program contact the parish office on 9634 2622. We look forward to seeing all the St Bernadette's community at our *Opening Mass* on Sunday 17th at the 9am Parish Mass.

Mrs Robinson—REC



Week Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 11 February

8.30am Morning Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tues 12 February
8-10am Uniform Shop Choir

Wed 13 February
Student Banking
3pm ChiFUNese Mandarin Class

Thurs 14 & 15 Feb
Yr 5 Vision Valley Exc.

Sun 17 February
9am Welcome Mass—Church—All invited

Coming Dates:

Wed 20 February
7.30pm P&F Meeting
All welcome

Fri 22 February
1.40pm Whole School Assembly—Church—All welcome

Sat 2 March
Working Bee

Sun 3 —Fri 8 March
Catholic Schools Week

Tues 5 March
9am Kindergarten 2020 Open & Enrolment Day

Wed 6 March
Ash Wednesday

Fri 8 March
Yr 1 The Big Dig Exc.

OPEN DAY & ENROLMENT DAY KINDERGARTEN 2020 TUES 5TH MARCH 2019 9 AM

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Dropping off and Picking Up Procedures

A huge thank you to our parent and grandparent volunteers who have helped out in the car park this week. Thank you also to the majority of our families who are following all the guidelines for parking in the school grounds and entering the school via Brisbane Road. It is disappointing though that there are some drivers who are putting the safety of our children and family members at risk by choosing to ignore the guidelines or the requests from our volunteer parents who are assisting in the car park in the mornings. I would ask those drivers to reconsider their decisions in light of safety and respect to other families. Those drivers who continue to enter the car park from Old Northern Road are particularly placing our children at risk. As parents we are role models to our children and it is certainly not a good example to children if parents ignore the requests made by the school. It is extremely important that everyone in the school community adheres to these requests so that we can keep our children safe.



CENSUS—CHANGE OF DATE—MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

If you know that your child will be absent on **Mon 18th February**, please email the school explaining their absence prior to the day. Likewise, if your child is unexpectedly absent on the day, please email the school by 10:00am on Mon 18th February simply advising your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and when they will return. Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is mandatory. This is a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you.

Students with Lowered Immune System

We have students at St Bernadette's with a lowered immune system which is a major concern if they are exposed to diseases such as measles / chicken pox. Therefore, if your child has or may have the symptoms of these please:

- do not send them to school
- notify the office as soon as possible

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK INCLUDING Open Day & Enrolment Day — for Kindergarten 2020

Prospective parents are invited to attend our Open Day & Enrolment Day for Kindergarten 2020 on **Tuesday 5 March 2019 9.00am—12.00 noon.**

A presentation by Mrs Nettleton will be followed by a tour of our Kindergarten classrooms. Enrolment packs will be available on the day or from our website. Please register your interest by either contacting Mrs Dawn Crake in the school office on 02 9407 6600 or via our website:
<http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/>

Every Learner Every Day

Our community believes that **every day counts for every child**. Thank you parents of St Bernadette's for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. From next week we will publish our attendance rate for each grade so that you can see how well we are tracking. Thank you for your assistance and congratulations to those children who have begun the year with 100% attendance!

We love seeing you at school!

2019 Semester 1 SRC

Congratulations to the children nominated below on being selected to the 2019 SRC in Semester 1. We look forward to working together with you to promote the school values and support student initiatives that help us grow and learn as a community.

2B Matilda Cowper	5B Danielle Khoudair
2G Aleksander Puleo	5G Antonio Zeaiter
3B Jack Kirkham	5W Samuel Akle
3G Emily Mitchell	6B Gabriel de Ponte
3W Tess Gooley	6G Joshua Foo
4B Rachel Sahabu	6W Michael Khoudair
4G Isabella Perete	
4W Matthew Khoudair	

Captains (Kinder) Dean Guy/Charlotte Lee

Vice Captains (Yr 1) Xavier Hennessey/Imogen Vines

Mrs Melissa Beggs and Mis Georgia Fitzalan

Social Skills

Weeks 2, 3 & 4—Being a Great Friend at St Bernadette's (Social Awareness)

Making friends - Everyone needs a friend. Having friends at school is important. Positive friendships allow children to have fun as well as cope during difficult times of stress and change. The core friendship skills for children are:

Cooperation-

Learning how to share, take turns and work together towards a common goal.

Communication-

Using words to explain what you want and listen to others respectfully.

Understanding and managing feelings-

Being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you.

Recognising and responding to others' feelings.

Accepting and including others-

Recognising others' needs for respect and friendship. We all have an important role to play in helping children to develop their friendship skills. By setting an example of how to manage relationships, teaching them helpful social skills and talking through friendship issues with them, adults are able to guide children as they refine their friendship skills.

We as a school community look forward to many positive friendships being developed to ensure that 2019 is a supportive and caring environment for us all at St Bernadette's.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Grade Teachers for 2019

Kindergarten

KB Miss Georgia Fitzalan

KG Mrs Corena Laso

KW Mrs Leanne Napoli

Year 1

1B Mrs Kathy Watt

1G Mrs Amy Macey / Mrs Karyn Lee

1W Mrs Julie Brunt

Year 2

2B Mrs Sally Coppini

2G Miss Kristina Jurcevic

Year 3

3B Mrs Melinda Bullen

3G Mrs Sophya Spann

3W Mrs Amanda Thorpe / Mrs Stephanie Hottes

Year 4

4B Miss Stephanie Morelli

4G Mrs Julie Ingegneri

4W Mrs Shane Robinson

Year 5

5B Miss Rachelle El-Hage

5G Mrs Nicole Metwally

5W Mr Stephen Bamford

Year 6

6B Mrs Katie Mulligan

6G Miss Lauren Bleakley

6W Mrs Karen Orsini

Principal Mrs Leanne Nettleton

Asst Principal Mrs Melissa Beggs

Sport Mrs Ilana Blazevic

Library Mrs Crammond & Mrs Lee

Learning Support & EMU Miss Danielle Smith

Reading Recovery & EMU Miss Ashleigh Tabone

Music/Drama Mrs Buscall / Mrs Evans

2019 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee accounts will be sent home from the Catholic Education Office shortly and will be due on **Wednesday, 20th March, 2019**. Flexible Payment Plans (FPP) will again be offered in all schools in the Parramatta Diocese 2019. The FPP is an alternative to our current payment terms of **30 days** and offers families the choice to pay their annual fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly over either a six month period from **March to August (Standard Plan)** or nine month period **March to November (Extended Plan)**.

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY. If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Please allow 2 days for all BPay and POSTBILLPAY payments to reach our account. Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2019 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 94076600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Library—General Information

The library is an educational centre for both students and staff. It is a valuable resource where children are able to foster their love of reading and literature. In the library learn as a class group or individuals.

The Library is open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30 to 2.45pm. The library is supervised at lunchtime 1.20 to 1.40pm and the children may visit Tuesday to Thursday. The Library is closed at recess.

Borrowing

Borrowing limits for children vary according to the child's grade.

Kindergarten -	1 book at a time
Years 1 & 2 -	2 books at a time
Year 3 & 4 -	3 books at a time
Year 5 & 6 -	4 books at a time

Students visit the library once a week for Library lessons and borrowing but may borrow more often if they are avid readers.

They must however return books before new ones can be loaned.

Students are encouraged to choose a suitable book themselves as this develops their tastes and skills. However this does not always occur. Please contact me if you are concerned.

Borrowing is encouraged over the school holidays (excluding Christmas) for recreational reading.

A **LIBRARY BAG** is required by the children when borrowing.

All books should be returned after 2 weeks.

Borrowing began this week.

Late Books

After the due date (i.e. 2 weeks after the book was borrowed) the book is overdue. Books may be renewed if students need more time to finish reading the book. Overdue notices are issued to students once per term. Long term overdue notices are issued as a message to parents.

Lost or Damaged Books

If you think a book has been lost or damaged, please contact the library.

We will:

- check the shelves to ensure that the item has not been returned. (It may not have been scanned or incorrectly scanned.)
- ask to check with your child's classroom teacher to make sure it is not in with the classroom books or reading books.
- request payment to replace the book.

Reminder:

If you have found any books with St Bernadette's barcode on the back of them, during the holidays, please return. We love getting the books back as it is very costly to replace lost books.

Mrs Gaye Crammond—Librarian

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.

School Band – New Enrolments Welcome

Did your child miss out on signing up for band in 2019?! Don't worry, it's not too late!!

We started lessons for all our newest band members today and what an enthusiastic bunch they were. If your child is in Year 3-6 and would be interested in learning a musical instrument at school as part of the band program we would love to welcome them into the band. Lessons take place each Friday during school time and rehearsals will be before school each Friday morning. Enrolment is still open for most band instruments but we would especially welcome new beginners on Trumpet, Saxophone or Percussion in 2019.



To enrol please visit www.teachingservices.com.au or contact steve@teachingservices.com.au for more information.

Grade Contact Lists

Please provide your contact details (via the Google form link below) if you wish to be added to the Grade Contact List that will be distributed to all parents in your child's grade. You will need to submit this form once for each child, ensuring that you complete the required details each time.

This list is used by parents to arrange playdates, birthday parties, and other social events. It is also used for correspondence with parents on behalf of the P&F. An email will be sent to all parents early next week with further details about the 'Grade Contact List'. The closing date to fill out the form is Monday February 18th. Any questions please email antonina.scotti@gmail.com

Below is the link to the form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/wx8yyhEL9qYH7O4D2>

Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 31 January —Thursday 11th April (Friday 12th April—Staff Development Day)
Term 2: Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July
Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge



Our own St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge will be coming to a close. Please return your forms to school by Monday 11th February to be in the running for some great prizes!

P&F Welcome Barbecue— Kindergarten 2019 families & new families in 2019

Fri 8 February 5.30pm

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. Looking forward to a great night.



Yr 1 2019 Families:

You would have enjoyed the P&F Welcome Barbecue last year and now we ask you to be hosts for our Kindy and new families this year. If you can spare an hour or two—your assistance would be appreciated tonight.

Uniform Shop

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

Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments Year 7 2020 – Wednesday 20 February 2019

Principal's address: 6.15pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall. College Tours will be conducted at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Enrolment Packages available now from the College Office, Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm and at the Open Evening.

Gilroy Catholic College focuses on quality education within the nurturing environment of a faith community.

Gilroy is a Technology rich learning environment.

We aim to develop competent and confident young people who can think critically and make decisions informed by Catholic values.

Pastoral care is central to the organisation and operation of the school and endeavours to ensure that all students are able to recognise the dignity of their relationship with others. Applications close 7 March 2019.

To book a tour www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/community/announcements

For further information Email mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu