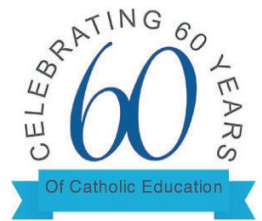


St Bernadette's School



Friday 15 February 2019 — Term 1 Week 3 No. 3

Dear Parents,

Today, on this ordinary day, let's make it an extraordinary day!

We each have it within us to make everyday an extraordinary one. Adopting a mindset to face each new day with the opportunity to make it extraordinary has the potential to positively impact everyone with whom we come in contact. Just think how marvelous it would be to release such a potential through the way in which we interact with others. Nelson Mandela wrote about this:

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, but that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? Actually who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are born to make manifest the Glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people the permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

Being conscious of the impact that we have on those around us compels us to be the best version of ourselves.

Dear Lord,

Another day has come and I thank you for this new day.

Help me to try my best, stay focused and see life more clearly.

Bring me to the end of the day with pride and joy at what I have achieved.

I ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Leanne Nettleton

R.E. NEWS



Our pilgrims have returned from World Youth Day. During the 15 day pilgrimage they toured Mexico, Panama and Houston. In Mexico the youth and leaders from the Parramatta Diocese embraced how Christianity has influenced the Mexican culture and then immersed themselves in the youth festival in Puebla. Father Fernando also helped plan a cultural and service experience for the pilgrims. The group then travelled to Panama with millions of young people to encounter the Universal Church during World Youth Day Week, ready to encounter a deeper union with Jesus and others.

From our parish, those attending World Youth Day in Panama with Fr Fernando and seminarians Andrew Rooney and Adam Carlow were:

Laura Burton, Cassie Holden, Joshua Formosa, Jason Irawan, Alyssa Tchang, Andrew Tchang, Jackie Willard, Jana Fizely, and Ilana Blazevic who has shared some of her experiences of WYD:

I can't be grateful enough to have been given the opportunity to attend World Youth Day in Panama and I couldn't have done it without your support and generosity. I had an absolutely amazing experience, very confronting and humbling at times but I can't explain the feeling of coming together with Catholics from around the globe for the one purpose, hearing the wise words of Pope Francis.

He is urging us to live our lives through the eyes of God. "The young people of today are not the future, but the now of God. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you".

Week 4 Dates
Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

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

Mon 18 February
CENSUS DAY
TUCKSHOP REOPENS
8.30am Morning Assembly
Zone Swimming
2.45pm Motiv8sport

Tues 19 February
8-10am Uniform Shop
Dance Fever
Yr 5 Parramatta Eels Community Carnival
2.50-3.50pm ChiFUNese Mandarin Class

Wed 20 February
Student Banking
7.30pm P&F Meeting—
All invited

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

Coming Dates:
Mon 4 March
9am Liturgy for Catholic School Week then Open Classrooms

Tues 5 March
9am Kindergarten 2020 Open & Enrolment Day

Wed 6 March
Ash Wednesday

Fri 8 March
Yr 1 The Big Dig Exc.

Sat 23 March
Change of Date for Working Bee

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

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The major theme of his homilies was Love. He said, "Love is one of the essential elements in the life of Christians." Whatever you fall in love with, it will win over not only your imagination, it will affect everything. It will be what makes you get up in the morning, what keeps you going at times of fatigue, what will break open your hearts and fill you with wonder, joy and gratitude. We may possess everything, but if we lack the passion of love, we will have nothing. Let us allow the Lord to make us fall in love!

We look forward to also hearing from Father Fernando his impressions and thoughts of WYD on his return this weekend.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC



CENSUS—MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

If your child is absent on Monday (18th), please email the school by 10:00am 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.



Entry to the school Car Park

As everyone in our school community is aware, the only entry to the school car park for vehicles is via Brisbane Road. Thank you to all those drivers who are following this guideline and ensuring the safety of all those who need to walk across the car park to enter the school.

From Monday 18th February the driveway from Old Northern Road will be monitored and number plates recorded for any car entering the car park from Old Northern Road.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week—March 4th to 8th

Parents are warmly invited to help us celebrate Catholic School's Week in Week 6 by attending:

Monday 4th March 2019 - Catholic Schools Week Liturgy in the Church followed by Open Classrooms focused on the theme of "Transforming Learning"

Tuesday 5th March 2019 - 9am Open School Tours launching our 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments. Please register via our website.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who participated in our St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge. Well done on reading so many books over the holidays!

Sophie Vloria, Ava Papandrea, Christopher de Ponte, Georgia Gillogly, Isaac Saad, Jacob Baker, Nevan Fernando, Sophia Therese Raad, Alexa Kouknas, Harry Watson, Nicholas Ward, Abby Guy, Abigail Wigham, Lila Oliver, Litia Baker, Martin Lousin, Xavier Ranieri, Alastair Mattin, Anthony Khoudair, Benjamin Jude Raad, Jeslyn Ariyanayagam, Jessica Coghlan, Lucia Aiozza, Rovinya Fernando, Yule Choi, Ashton Baker, Sofia Papandrea, Zara Hawkes, Elle Dibble, Harry Wigham, Sebastian Haywood, Amelia Lavis, Charlotte Ward, Lucy Saad, Matthew Baker, Joseph Anthony Raad, Zoe Kouknas, Jason Khoudair, Lucas Ranieri, Sebastian Vloria, Camellia Fernando, Elle Gaya, Poppy Dibble, Sofia Aiozza, Danielle Khoudair, Deangelo Chedid, Isla Guy, Samantha Badenhorst, Hilary Zhang, Angelique Daniele, Arianna Cascio, Callum Hawkes, Cameron Lennon, Isaac Pellicano, Rebecca Thomas, Daniel Dvorjak, Katie Coghlan, Charles Watson, Sofia Raic.

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.

P&F News: Student Banking

St Bernadette's participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If a student has an existing account but doesn't have a Dollarmites deposit wallet, just send the deposit in a sealed envelope with the account name, BSB and account number and a new wallet and deposit book will be issued. For every deposit made students will receive an electronic "token" and when they have accrued 10 tokens they can be redeemed for a reward. Students will be notified when they are eligible to select a reward. Student banking day is every Wednesday. Students need to hand their book in at the beginning of class and they will be processed and returned by the afternoon. Any changes to weekly banking will be communicated via the school newsletter.

Grade Contact List 2019- CLOSING SOON!

A reminder to fill out the form by **Monday 18 February** if you would like your details added to the contact lists for your child's class. Below is the link to the form <https://goo.gl/forms/wx8yyhEL9qYH7O4D2>
Please note **no** changes will be made to the lists after this date.



P&F Meeting - Wednesday Feb 20, 7:30pm

A reminder that next week will be our first P&F meeting for 2019. These meetings are an excellent forum to meet other parents and to get involved in the great work the P&F does in our school community. Fresh voices and ideas are always welcome. Join us in the library from 7:30pm on Wednesday February 20.

Working Bee (Change Of Date) - March 23

Please note the change of date for our upcoming Working Bee. This is the date of the NSW State Election so come and get your hands dirty in the garden at school, not just the polling booth!

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

Mount St Benedicts Open Day

Sunday 3 March 10—2pm Enquiries: 9980 0444

St Bernadette's Playgroup extends a warm welcome to families with children up to 5 years to attend playgroup this year. Playgroup runs on a Mon & Thurs morning 10-12 during school terms in the COSHC building (31B Brisbane Road). Enquiries: 0411 547 285 Carolyn Lincoln.



Our congratulations to Mrs Bojanowski (2B Teacher last year) and her husband Pete on the birth of their son Carter. Our best wishes to the family.

