



St Bernadette's School



Friday 22 February 2019 — Term 1 Week 5 No. 4

Dear Parents,

Every family has hopes and dreams.

As parents we have hopes and dreams for our children. We encourage and listen to them; we provide them with opportunities for growth and development. These hopes and dreams express our love for our children - a love that is unconditional- even when hopes and dreams may not be realised or may be shattered.

God too has dreams for each of us to reach our full potential through our families, friends and through the risks we take. Our hopes and dreams for ourselves and for others give us only a glimpse of the vastness of God's dreams for us. It is in striving genuinely to reach our dreams that we become aware of God's action in our lives. In the midst of the joy and the grief that our daily living can bring, we discover a God who loves us and who both rejoices and laments with us in all our hopes and dreams.

God dreams that we will live together in peace and harmony.

God dreams that we will love and take care of each other.

God dreams that we will forgive each other.

God dreams that we will care for our world.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Staff attending our Welcome Mass on Sunday 17 February. It was lovely to see many of our children and their families at the 9am Parish mass last Sunday celebrating the beginning of the 2019 school year.

Thank you Fr Fernando.



R.E. NEWS



Children from our Parish and school community who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have begun their first week of the Parish Sacramental program.

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 adequate faith support is assured.

Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for Reconciliation and their First Eucharist.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Week 5 Dates

Mon 25 February
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 26 February
Dance Fever
8-10am Uniform Shop
2.50pm ChiFUNese
Mandarin Class

Wed 27 February
Student Banking Day

Catholic Schools Week

Mon 4 March
8.45am Liturgy—Church
9.30am Open Classrooms

Tues 5 March
9am Kindergarten
2020 Open & Enrolment Day
Shrove Tuesday

Wed 6 March
Ash Wednesday

Fri 8 March
Yr 1 'The Big Dig' Exc.

Coming Dates:

Mon 11 March
Yr 2 Rouse Hill House Exc.

Fri 15 March
Bullying—No Way Day

Tues 19 & Wed 20 March
School Photo Days

Mon 18—Fri 22 March
Parent/Student/Teacher Learning conversations

Fri 22 March
Harmony Day

Sat 23 March
Working Bee

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

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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 - 8:45am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy in the Church followed by 9:30am -10:30am Open Classrooms K-6 focused on the theme of *"Transforming Learning through Curiosity"*

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

Invitation to parents: see attachment to newsletter.

When you were school age, what was something that you were curious about?

The children love to hear about what it was like when you were at school. Parents, you are invited to come along to our school Open Classroom K—6 on March 4th at 9:30am to share with your child and their friends something that you were curious about when you were at school. You might have been curious about how planes stay in the air, or what clouds were made of, or is there life on Mars? Come along and share your curiosity and how you went about solving it?

The children will also be demonstrating how they use curiosity in their learning.

Remember: 8:45am Liturgy - Kindergarten will be attending this liturgy

9:30am Open Classrooms

(please note the date for the Open Classrooms for our Students K-6 on Monday 4th March following the liturgy).

School Calendar

Did you know that the school calendar can be found on the school website. Each week in this school newsletter you will also find upcoming important dates listed for your convenience.

Website: [http://](http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/Community/Events)

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Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Assembly	Open Classroom K-6	Open Classroom K-6	Open Classroom K-6	Open Classroom K-6	Open Classroom K-6	Open Classroom K-6
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Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free Recess & Lunch EVERY DAY

A reminder to all our families who use afternoon Blue Wall Car Pick Up Service

Parents who use this service are reminded not to enter the car park until **3:00pm**. Please do not queue in the driveways before 3:00pm because this obstructs vehicles that are trying to leave the car park and makes it very difficult for cars already in parking spaces to leave those spaces.

Cuppa 'n Chat with Mrs Nettleton & Mrs Beggs

Parents are invited to join Mrs Nettleton and Mrs Beggs for an informal Cuppa 'n Chat in the school hall after the morning school bell at 8:30am on **Wednesday 13 March**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with other parents, our Principal and Assistant Principal for an open discussion. There is no set agenda, just come along and perhaps meet someone in our school community that you have not met before.

St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following 10 lucky winners of our reading challenge. Each winner received a Dymocks voucher:



Charles Watson KW

Isaac Saad 1G

Nevan Fernando 1G

Jessica Coghlan 2G

Sofia Papandrea 3B

Harry Wigham 3G

Angelique Daniele 6W

Danielle Khoudair 5B

Lucy Saad 3W

Poppy Dibble 4W

Lunchtime Clubs:

Tues Gardening Club (recess)

Choir, Library, Little Techies, 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

School Fees

We have been advised by the Catholic Education Office all School Fee accounts for Term 1 have been delayed. Please note the invoice date will be changed on the statements which will extend the due date of all fees. The CEDP are working to rectify this situation as quickly as possible and apologise for any inconvenience caused. **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 9407 6600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill:
Being a great friend at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Evan Parame	Florence Michael	Not for Publication
KG	Not for Publication	Austin Ellis	Victoria Kalina
KW	Sofia Raic	Harry Mortlock	Georgie Smith
1B	Sophie Vilorio	Gabriel Saad	Giselle Connell
1G	Isaac Saad	Evanna Hui	Eva Chambers
1W	Lily Alam	Oscar Barone	Christian Khoudair
2B	Peter Abdo	Alyssa Hawkes	Johnny Symin
2G	Rovinya Fernando	Julia Foong	James Zeaiter
3B	Ashton Baker	Sofia Papandrea	Grace Semaan
3G	Juliana Zaiter	Harry Wigham	Andrea Yacoub
3W	Natalie Alam	Jackson Leib	Marissa Zeaiter
4B	Thomas Nourdine	Sienna De Juan	Peter Yacoub
4G	Will Boxshall	Keira Pereira	Matthew Hanna
4W	Tahlia Haj	Alexander Barone	Samantha Simmons
5B	Andrew Zalloua	Charlotte Cowper	Leah Symin
5G	Olivia Kirkham	Antonio Zeaiter	Rhys Zerafa
5W	Matthew Barone	Samantha Badenhorst	Samuel Akle
6B	Sarah Jacinto	Tyler Beames	Sabrina Puglisi
6G	Joshua Foo	Sarah Lievano	Ashleigh Scrooby
6W	Olivia Boxshall	Michael Khoudair	Charlie Barone

Welcome to new students:

A warm welcome is extended to our new families starting St Bernadette's in 2019 with children in Years 1 to 6:

Ian Liu 3G

Laclan Waters-Marsh 4G

Thomas Nourdine 4B

Grace Abdo

Cheska Lim 3W

Peter Abdo 2B

Rachel Saad 5G

Michael Saad 3G

Gabriel Saad 1B

Joshua Tan 4B

Caleb Tan 2G

Brayden Ream 4W

Addisyn Ream 3B

Caleb Gomez 4G

Maya Abaza 1W

Henry Wang 5W

Ethan Lim 6B

Celebrating Talents

If your child has achieved an award (out of school) ie. dance, music, sport — please send in a few lines about their achievement and it will be included in this section. All entries to the school email address: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au before Thursday.

Principal's Awards:

Angelique Debelak 4B

Tyler Beames 6B

Claudia Homsy 6G

Zander Cheng 6G



St Bernadette's Garden Club

Do you have any old / unused / unwanted wheelbarrows lying around in your back yard? Our little gardeners would love to have them to grow herbs and lavender in (even if they have a few holes). Please contact the office if you have one.



St Bernadette's Netball Club

NetSetGo starts next week—Friday 1 March 3-4pm on the school's lower court. This is a fun 8 week program for girls and boys born in 2013 or 2014. Cost is \$70 (or free with an Active Kids voucher). Contact the club registrar, Anabel Formosa, on stbncregistrar@hotmail.com to find out how to register.

Older age groups—Keep an eye on the club's Facebook page and website—<http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/> next week for news about late registrations. If you missed the cut-off, and there are vacancies in your son or daughter's age group, we'd love to have you join us!

Parent Representative Council

Parent Meeting—Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety—Mon 4 March 6.30pm for 7pm (2 hours)
St Patrick's Primary School 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Learn effective ways to deal with child anxiety and positive behaviour practices. What can you do? How is the Catholic Education Department, Parramatta (CEDP) helping? Guest speaker—Anoushka Houseman, Clinical Psychologist, Wellbeing Coordinator CEDP
Register free now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au
Flyer attached to newsletter!

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

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—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.

P & F News:

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!

Oakhill College Open Day—Sunday 10 March 11—3pm. Principal's address 11.30, 12.30 and 1.30pm. Register at www.trybooking.com/XWGW

Our congratulations to the Lean-Fore family (1G Teacher 2018) on the birth of a baby boy, Charlie, brother to Samuel in 3W and Annabeth in KG. Our best wishes to the family.



Term Dates

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