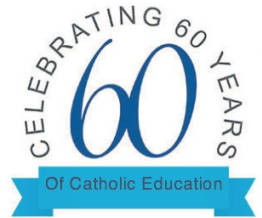


# St Bernadette's School



Friday 1st March 2019 — Term 1 Week 5 No. 5

Dear Parents,

## St Bernadette's is Celebrating Catholic Schools Week March 4th - 8th

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

### Monday 4th March 2019 -

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

### Tuesday 5th March 2019 -

9am Open School Day Tours launching our 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments Open Classrooms

### 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 Day on Monday 4th March 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 is Monday 4th March following the liturgy)

*Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal*

## R.E. NEWS



Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. 'Shrove' means being forgiven for wrong doings. Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day. A long time ago this was a day for feasting and having a good time. People went to church to confess the bad things they had done and would be forgiven before the start of Lent. As rich foods such as eggs were forbidden during Lent, one way of using them up would be to make pancakes.

Wednesday, 6th March is Ash Wednesday and this marks the beginning of Lent.

The season of Lent goes for forty days and is a time for Catholics to prepare for Easter. Lent is usually a time of fasting and repentance as well as a time for reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifices for us. On Ash Wednesday, Years 1 to 6 will attend the 9:15am Parish Mass and the 12 noon Parish Mass. They will receive the ashes on their forehead and hear these words 'turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'.

Kindergarten will have a short prayer service in their rooms and receive their ashes.

*Mrs Shane Robinson—Religious Education Coordinator*



### Week 6 Dates

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### Mon 4 March

8.45am Liturgy (Church) followed by Open Classrooms to 10.30am  
2.45pm Motiv8sport

#### Tues 5 March

#### Shrove Tuesday

8-10am Uniform Shop  
**OPEN & ENROLMENT DAY—KINDY 2020**  
**9am Presentation by school principal followed by tours of the school**  
2.50-3.50pm ChiFUNese Mandarin Class

#### Wed 6 March

#### Ash Wednesday

#### Student Banking

9.15am Mass Yrs 1, 5 & 6  
12 pm Mass Yrs 2, 3, 4  
Kindy-prayer in class

#### Fri 8 March

Yr 1 The Big Dig Exc.

1.40pm Whole School Assembly

#### Mon 11 March

Yr 2 Rouse Hill House Exc.

#### Wed 13 March

8.30am Cuppa 'n Chat (Hall)

#### 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

**OPEN DAY & ENROLMENT DAY KINDERGARTEN 2020**  
**TUES 5TH MARCH 2019 9 AM**  
**Please register your attendance via our website**

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

## **Brisbane Road Walkway near the COSHC**

From Monday 4th March 2019 the gate at the top of the Brisbane Road Walkway near the COSHC will be locked from 3:15pm each afternoon. All parents who use this walkway of an afternoon are advised to be sure to exit prior to 3:15pm. In the mornings the walkway gate will continue to be open from 8:00am.

## **Cuppa and Chat with Mrs Nettleton and 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.

## **Did you know that in each of the student toilet blocks, soap dispensers are available for handwashing?**

In the classrooms there is liquid soap for handwashing as well as anti bacterial hand gel. Teachers remind the children to wash their hands frequently throughout the day as well as always after they use the bathroom. Should your child remark that there is no soap available in the toilets please remind him/her to report this to their teacher or the school office. Soap dispensers are refilled each day by our cleaners and are checked throughout the day by school staff. Please talk to your child regularly about the importance of handwashing.



## **Why is my child's teacher not in class today?**

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at diocesan events etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the substitute teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept. St Bernadette's has an excellent pool of substitute teachers to call upon.

These teachers are familiar with our students and school protocols. We thank you for your support in this area.

This Week all of our Infants teachers K-2, attended professional learning in Mathematics.

Next Week one staff team will attend Professional Learning in "Positive Behaviour Support for Learning" and another staff team will attend 'Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder' presented by Tony Attwood and Sue Larkey

## **Dance Fever Challenge**

Yesterday Year 3 - 6 parents

received an email outlining how

to purchase tickets for our exciting Interschool Dance Challenge. Let's make this a really memorable evening for our students by having as many students attend and participate as possible - Parents our Challenge Dance is going to be S-P-E-C-T-A-C-U-L-A-R!!!! Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions.



## **Shrove Tuesday—Tuesday 5th March**

Our wonderful P&F Association are organising for every child to receive a pancake next Tuesday (just before lunch). If your child is not permitted to have one due to allergies please let the office know.

## **Open & Enrolment Day—Tuesday 5th March 9am**

Existing families at St Bernadette's are invited to attend our Open Day next Tuesday if you have a little one to enrol into Kindergarten in 2020. Enrolment packs are available from the school office or you can download the form from our website. Interviews have already started for our sibling families so please have your form submitted to the office with all necessary paperwork by the end of March. It is very important that sibling families let us know (by end of March) if they have a child to enrol next year so that we can plan our intake for 2020.

## **Student Parent Teacher Learning Conversations**

These will take place in Week 8 with a late evening interview day being held on Wednesday 20 March to allow parents the opportunity to come at a time that is more family friendly. Interviews will be booked through the School Interview website.

Information about this will be provided next week. During the interview your child and the teacher will discuss your child's learning goals.



**Student Council War on Waste initiative –  
WASTE FREE EVERYDAY**

## Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **96.9%**

Congratulations St Bernadette's!

Our community believes that every day counts for every child and our target each week is to be above 90%. Our records below show that in every grade we have exceeded our target! Our school is an engaging place to be and we look forward to seeing each face every day!

Kindy	96.6%	Yr 4	96.3%
Yr 1	92.8%	Yr 5	90.8%
Yr 2	94.8%	Yr 6	98.6%
Yr 3	100%		



## School Photos

**Tues 19 & Wed 20 March –Week 8**

Student photograph envelopes and sibling envelopes were sent home yesterday.

Parents are asked to complete their order online (or cash) and return their child's envelope to school as soon as possible. Sibling photos will take place on both days.



## Lunchtime Clubs:

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

## Premier's Reading Challenge

It's that time of the year again! The Challenge begins on 4th March and continues until 30th August. The children read a set number of books from the Booklist on the website and enter them onto the PRC website.

K-2: read 25 books from the list and 5 books of their choosing (this includes books read to them).

Yrs 3—6 read 20 books from the list and 5 books of their choosing.

Their passwords from last year are still valid. I will give class teachers a copy of these over the next two weeks. Kindergarten and new students to the school will receive their passwords within the next two weeks.

## 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.

## Change of Going Home Arrangements

Parents are reminded not to send an email to the school for any 'change of going home arrangements', these should be in writing to the class teacher. **Only** in an emergency do we ask you to call the school office with any changes for that day. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com) or school email: [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au). Orders will then be sent home via your child on Tuesday.

## OLMC Parramatta Open Day Sunday 10 March

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Day on Sunday March 10. In 2019, the College is celebrating 130 years of Mercy Education. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

## School Bus Travel—OPAL CARDS

Parents are reminded of the following: One of the requirements travelling on Hillsbus is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.



Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your children that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

## Term Dates

Term 1: Thurs 31 January — Thursday 11 April  
(Fri 12 April Staff Development & Pupil Free Day)

Term 2: Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

Term 4: Mon 14 October—Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day  
Tues 15 October to Wed 18 December (for students)