

St Bernadette's School



Friday 22 March 2019 — Term 1 Week 8

No. 8

Dear Parents,

We need to practise the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. Only through such respectful and compassionate listening can we enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal: the desire to respond fully to God's love and to bring to fruition what God has sown in our lives.

Pope Francis The Joy of the Gospel #171

*Gracious and loving God,
Open our minds and hearts
so that we can respond enthusiastically
to your loving invitation to listen so that we can
awaken in others their true dignity and worth.*

Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

Harmony Day 2019



R.E. NEWS



Through prayer we are being called into a dialogue with God. Lent is a time to focus on prayer, so we can build that relationship with God.

A first step is that we need to make a commitment for a time and place to pray. But how to pray? How to find God's voice inside our noisy minds and busy schedules? How to quiet down and listen?

'Lectio divina' is an ancient form of prayer that's accessible to all. The church provides daily Scripture readings that can be the gateway to prayer.

Choose a daily reading and go through it slowly. Pause and recall a word or phrase that particularly speaks to you. Spend time reflecting on what moves you. Then slowly read the entire text again to put the phrase into context and explore deeper meaning.

You could read and reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, John 4: 5-42 which is where Jesus meets the woman at the well, a traditional place for meetings and conversations. However, the conversation between Jesus and the woman happens on two levels.

Here are some reflection questions for you to reflect on the Scripture.

- * What most attracted your attention about Jesus' attitude to the woman during the dialogue? What method did Jesus use to help the woman become aware of a deeper dimension to life?
- * How does Jesus' attitude during the conversation question me or touch something within me?
- * The Samaritan woman led the discussion towards religion. If you could come across Jesus and talk to him, what would you like to talk about? Why?

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 9 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Sat 23 March
P&F Working Bee

Mon 25 March
Feast of the Annunciation
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

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

Wed 27 March
Student Banking Day

Thurs 28 March
9am School Tour for Kindergarten 2020
3.15pm Yr 6 End of Year Events Meeting

Fri 29 March
Literacy Books Coming Home

Coming Dates:

Mon 1 April
Cross Country Carnival Day (8 Yr Olds & Over)

Thurs 4 April
5.30pm Dance Fever Challenge (Yrs 3-6)

Wed 10 April
8.30am Cuppa 'n Chat (Hall)

Thurs 11 April
St Bernadette's Day

Fri 12 April
Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 28th March 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

Harmony Day Photos



Easter Eggs at School

As the Easter season and the common sharing of chocolate eggs is approaching, it is important to remember that there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who are severely allergic to nuts, eggs and/or dairy etc. Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that Lollies/Chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, either for themselves or to share with others. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making St Bernadette's a safe environment for all our children.

Congratulations

It was a nail biting game at The Centre, Dural on Tuesday afternoon for the St Bernadette's boys who made it into the Futsal Soccer Grand Final. The Yr 4 boys team demonstrated fabulous ball skills, team spirit and enthusiasm. While the team did not win the boys earned the respect of their coach and families for great sportsmanship. Well done and congratulations on a great season.



Siblings Enrolling Now—Kindergarten 2020

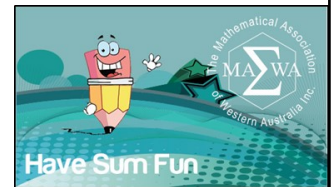
It is very important that sibling families let us know (by end of March) if they have a child to enrol next year so that we can plan our intake for 2020.

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**. Thank you.

What's Happening in Maths?

Two weeks ago I wrote about our 8 mathematicians who competed in the competition run by the Maths Association of Western Australia (MAWA).



I am very pleased to announce that these 8 fabulous students placed very highly and are to be commended on their achievements.

The Year 5 team of Xavier Bounassif, Liam Conlin, Ella Hammersley and Frederick Anderson came 11th out of 48 teams and the Year 6 team of Eva Cooper, Xavier Hennessey, Lucas Karam and Zander Cheng placed 10th out of 60 teams!

I look forward to continuing working with these students in future competitions and the younger grades will benefit from them as a maths mentors when they too have the opportunity to work together and compete in future competitions.

Mind Quest

Do you have a curious child?

The NSW Talent Centre is offering courses on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June in chemistry, earth sciences, robotics, art, and maths to name just a few.

The courses cater for Years 1 through to Year 6 and are aimed at children with special interests in their chosen areas.

If you would like more information about the courses, brochures are available from the office. The closing date is 3/5/19 but places fill quickly so don't delay if you are thinking this would be something your child would enjoy!

Melissa Beggs—Assistant Principal

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 94.9%

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and 6 who have maintained their targets above 95%. A marvellous achievement! A reminder that a letter explaining absences when your child is not at school is required on the day of their return. Letters have been sent out this week if you have forgotten. Your prompt attention to this is much appreciated.

Kindy	93.6%	Yr 4	95.1%
Yr 1	94.3%	Yr 5	98.2%
Yr 2	89.7%	Yr 6	96.7%
Yr 3	95.8%		



**Congratulations to the following
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*Social Skill: Displaying our School Values at St Bernadette's
(Self Awareness)*

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Jerico Celestino	Rebecca Thomas	Harvey Kemmis
KG	Isla Stuart	Rishik Sathees Kumar	Katie Coghlan
KW	Arabella Egan	Jack Scotti	Zara Sakkal
1B	Zachary Drogaris	Mariella Zaiter	Samuel Wakim
1G	Ewan Osborn	Charlize Alatli	Georgia Gillogly
1W	Thomas Rendulic	Tiffany Lavulo	Alexa Kouknas
2B	Riley Bandiera	Isaac Sung	Aarshia Arun
2G	Alexis Mortel	Max Abouhamad	Harper Moynahan
3B	Mia Parame	Addisyn Ream	Kevin Philips
3G	Emily Mitchell	Jayden Lim	Annabelle Wong
3W	Holly Procter	Hayden Dmello	Olivia Damiano
4B	Jasmine Drogaris	Isaac Frketic	Rachel Sahabu
4G	Ava Smith	Jason Khoudair	Melanie Wong
4W	Sophia Aiossa	Dylan Gibb	Mikayla Alam
5B	Joshua Zeaiter	Juliana Farag	Lana Formosa
5G	Mia Papandrea	Liam Conlin	Jacob Elias
5W	Thomas McGinty	Isla Guy	Ella Lagana
6B	Danielle Jelwan	Alivia Dowling	Jorja Mizzi
6G	Charlotte Lee	Christopher Khoudair	Claudia Homsy
6W	Zelda Mormul	Sienna Symin	Michaela Scrooby

Principal's Awards:

Olivia Goss 4G
 Will Boxshall 4G
 Isabella Perete 4G
 Ethan Mi 2B
 Oscar O'Byrne 2B
 Patrick Kelly 2B
 Leo Ah Siu 4W
 Grace Kalina 4W



Tuckshop

A reminder that student lunches **must** be pre-ordered. Students are not permitted to go to the tuckshop and order a lunch at lunchtime. Our tuckshop is very busy and does not have time to prepare lunches at 1pm.

ICAS tests have moved to Term 3

We will be sending out letters of invitation for students from Years 3-6 to participate in the Writing, English and Maths tests at the beginning of Term 2.



The costs for these tests are as follows and will require students participating to be at school by 7:30am for a 7:45am start.

Subject	Sitting Date	Cost
Writing	10 September	\$18
English	17 September	\$9
Maths	19 September	\$9

Grandparents' Day

Please pass this information onto Grandparents so that they can book this date in their diaries—



Thursday 1st August 2019. Further details will be issued closer to the time.

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.



COSHC—Vacation Care

COSHC is now taking bookings for the Term 1 holidays. All enrolment forms must be submitted by 29 March. The child must be enrolled into COSHC before confirmation of care. The following excursions have been planned:

15th April- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
16th April- Magic Day
17th April- Powerhouse Museum
18th April- The day before Easter
19th April- CENTRE CLOSED/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
22nd April- CENTRE CLOSED/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
23rd April- A day at the Olympics
24th April- Mexican Fiesta
25th April- CENTRE CLOSED/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26th April- Featherdale Wildlife Park
Please contact Casey on 0408 582 535 if you have any questions.

P & F News:

Working Bee — Tomorrow - March 23

A reminder to join us for our Working Bee tomorrow morning from 9am—12 noon. If you can only spare an hour that's fine. Thanks in advance for your help!

2019 Fun Fair—Fri 8 November

The Fun Fair committee is looking for Stall Managers for :

- * Chocolate Wheel
- * Silent Auction
- * Tea & Scones
- * Gelato
- * Ride Tickets
- * Face Painting

Thank-you to everyone who has attended and contributed to our meetings.

Next meeting - **Wednesday 10th April, 07:30pm, Castle Hill RSL.** All enquiries : nickjgooley@bigpond.com or 0488 177 618.

ChiFUNese (Mandarin) Classes

Tuesdays 2.50—3.50pm

Is your child interested in learning the world's most spoken language? Classes run straight after school on Tuesdays. See flyer attached to this email for further details.

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 to Wed 18 December (for students)