



St Bernadette's School



Friday 24 May 2019 — Term 2 Week 4

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Dear parents,

Over the last few weeks we have been interviewing families for enrolment in 2020. They often comment when asked why they chose St Bernadette's that they have spoken with friends and family about the great things happening here and speak highly of the students and the way that they have seen and heard them enacting our school values.

Never underestimate the influence that we have when we welcome new people into the St Bernadette's community. Just yesterday one of our students during a school tour spoke so eloquently about our school, its expectations and facilities when asked by a parent during the visit they cited this as confirmation that St Bernadette's is the place for their family.

Next week you will receive your invitation to book an interview with your child's teacher about their Semester 1 report. This is an important time to connect with the teacher and discuss your child's achievements and next steps in their learning. As part of our partnership in your child's education teachers are often asked how can I assist my child at home especially in maths.

For those parents who are interested I have included the link to a reading from the site 'Youcubed' which is run by Stanford University. The article discusses how to encourage your child to do well in maths and feel successful.

[Twelve steps to increase your Child's Math Achievement and Make math Fun](#)

This evening we welcome back our Year 6 students from Canberra where they visited Parliament House, The High Court, Questacon and the War Memorial to further their studies about government and Australia.

We look forward to hearing their stories and thank the teachers for their support in giving up their own family time to ensure this learning can take place. I am sure the Year 6 parents will have some tired but excited children and will hear great recounts of their busy time away.

We also welcome back Mrs Leanne Nettleton next Monday morning and look forward to her re-joining our community after her time at St Monica's, North Parramatta.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Melissa Beggs—Acting Principal

"If we live like children of God and we let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit we do good to all creation as well."

Pope Francis @Pontifex

R.E. NEWS



***For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink';
Matthew 25: 35.***

This quote from Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the important value of justice for our neighbour and the importance of the dignity of the human person. The Church promotes that every person, especially the most disadvantaged and marginalized, should have reasonable access to more than just the basic necessities.

To remind us of Jesus' love for others and the importance of promoting social justice we are asking for the St Bernadette's community to help support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The month of May marks the start of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. The society needs help to meet the increased demand for food and warm clothing during the colder months.

Week 5 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 27 May

8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 28 May

8-10am Uniform Shop
Year 3 Excursion

Wed 29 May

Student Banking Day

Thurs 30 May

3-4pm Sydney FC
Soccer Skills

Fri 31 May

7.30am ChiFUNese
Mandarin Class
Yr 6 Debating

Coming Dates:

Week 7

Fri 14 June

Build-A-thon Day

Weeks 9 & 10

Parent/Teacher/Student
Learning Conversations

Late night:

Wed 26th June

Booking information to
be sent home Week 5.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 6 June 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9407 6699

Email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

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

RE News continued

Our school Mini Vinnies group has planned that on **Friday 28th June** (the Feast of the Sacred Heart) the students will come to school in pyjamas as a reminder that many Australians don't have cosy warm clothes to wear and sleep outside during winter. On that day we are asking for each child to bring in a donation. For every \$100 raised the St Vincent de Paul can provide warm clothing to a person in need.



We hope you will generously support this social justice initiative.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Medical

Flu is much more serious than a cold and spreads easily. In 2017, over 650 people died in NSW from it. An annual flu shot is your best protection against the flu. The flu shot is safe and does not give you the flu. Free flu shots are available for pregnant women, children from 6 months to under 5 years, all Aboriginal people from 6 months of age, people with serious health conditions, including severe asthma, diabetes, cancer, immune disorders, kidney, heart, lung or liver disease, and all people 65 years and over. Talk to your doctor or health worker for more information. It's in your hands. See the NSW Health website:



<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/influenza/Pages/default.aspx>

Illustration Competition - Remember: Lest we forget

'Remember' tells a story from a child's perspective as they step into the shoes of people at an ANZAC Day march, to find out why it is important to remember. The author and publishers are holding a national competition to provide illustrations for the book. The competition is open to people of all ages, including students, teachers, and families. To register your interest in being one of the illustrators for this children's book click on this link:

<https://www.rememberlestweforget.com/>

All winners will have their illustration published in the book, "Remember", as well as being invited to enter the Grand Final stage, where you'll have the chance to create the front cover, and have your name appear as the leading illustrator. More details can be found at www.rememberlestweforget.com or on Facebook. Please contact the author, J E Miller, at rememberlestweforget.com if you have any further queries.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate is 90.1%

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 Kinder, Year 3, Year 5, and 6 who have maintained their targets above 90%. A marvellous achievement.



K	90.8%	Year 4	88.9%
Yr 1	86.9%	Year 5	92.8%
Yr 2	87.9%	Year 6	91.3%
Yr 3	91.8%		

Garden Club

On behalf of Mrs Nettleton and the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to offer many thanks to the terrific team of fabulous parents who painted the top garden wall on the weekend. These parents are Mark Beshay, Richard Crecca, Mark Haj, Adrian and Belisa Papandrea and Steve Xuereb from Ultimate Property Maintenance.



They gave up their precious time to paint the walls in the top garden area. They look absolutely spectacular and will provide the most wonderful canvas for future colourful vines to grow on.

Also, a very big thank you to Adrian and Belisa Papandrea and their family for donating all the costs incurred on that day. We are most grateful for your continued help and support.

Elizabeth Evans and Sophya Spann
Garden Club Coordinators

Car Park—Entry to school

A reminder to parents that entry to our school (morning and afternoon) is via **Brisbane Road ONLY**. Please **do not** enter school grounds from Old Northern Road. Care must be taken at all times when driving through the car park and Kiss 'n drop area—children are around and their safety is our top priority. Your cooperation is much appreciated.



Year 6 Excursion to Canberra

Our Year 6 students having a wonderful time in Canberra:



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

<i>Social Skill: Being a Caring Student at St Bernadette's</i>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
KB	Isaac Pellicano	James Sahabu	Iris Jiang
KG	Isabelle Minett	Spencer Tang	Scarlet Joukhadar
KW	Jeremy Tan	Kelvin Yohan	Lily Smith
1B	Amelie Saliba	Michael Mitchell	Tessa Kaufmann
1G	Ava Papandrea	Not for Publication	Jacob Baker
1W	Jamie Haj	Bianca Hanna	Lily Alam
2B	Cooper Keremelevski	Sophie Zucconi	Jaden Zaiter
2G	Benjamin-Jude Raad	Caleb Tan	Sofia George
3B	Olivia Joukhadar	Thomas Masina	Rosalie McGinty
3G	Breannah Ragno	Ian Liu	Sebastian Haywood
3W	Nicolas Reyna	Lucy Saad	Sophie Pratt
4B	Zoe Kouknas	Rachel Sahabu	Thomas Nourdine
4G	Campbell sing	Palmoa Lopez	Christopher Zaiter
4W	Hilda Mormul	Leo Ah Siu	Vihansa Fonseka
5B	Charlie Akle	Rosemary Carroll	Joshua Zeaiter
5G	Isabella Long	Jasone Iwanowski	Olivia Kirkham
5W	William Abouhamad	Denzel Coutinho	Lily Procter

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Cassandra Perez-Rigatos in 5G** who competed at the Sydney Eistedfodd, one of the most prestigious singing competitions and she did amazinly well! In her section, Musical Theatre 10 and under, comprising of 28 talented singers, Cassandra placed 3rd! A wonderful result.



Principal's Awards:

Michael Lalli 4B
 Nicholas Beames 5W
 Alexia Peharda 2B
 Thomas Macey 2B
 Joshua Mathews 2B
 Mitchell Touma 5W
 Alexander Barone 4W
 Xavier Schellack 3B
 Jacob Elias 5G



Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Just place your stickers onto the sheet that was provided and emailed to you and then once full please send to the office. Thank you!



School Fees

Just a reminder to all families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing **MUST** be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the Principal the terms school fees will be charged for your child/children.

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.

Our congratulations to the Baker family on the birth of a baby boy, Sean, brother to Matthew in 3W and Clare in 1G. Our best wishes to the family.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Gomez family (Anthony 5B), following the recent passing of his grandfather. May he rest in peace.



Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July
Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day—Thurs 27 June
Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September
Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for students)

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.

ChiFUNese (Mandarin) Classes here at school

A reminder that classes are held on Friday's 7.30—8.30am in the school library. Should you wish to enrol your child please contact www.chifunese.com/enrol/ for further details.

P & F News:



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.

**Student Council War on Waste initiative –
Waste Free EVERY DAY**