



St Bernadette's School



Friday 21 June 2019 — Term 2 Week 8

No. 19

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the 59 families who took part in the recent Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey. 205 Students in Years 4, 5, 6 and our teaching staff also completed this survey. The results of the survey were extremely pleasing as it supports the great work happening this year at St Bernadette's Primary School. Our school exceeded many of the TTFM Norm scores. This is not at all surprising as we are a community that prioritises respect, resilience, safety and learning and a community that embraces continual improvement. Over the next weeks I will share with you some of the feedback that the TTFM has provided for us and will guide us in planning over the next 12 months.

This week I am sharing two aspects of the Student Survey - Advocacy and Positive Teacher - Student Relations. Both of these aspects closely correlate with student engagement at school. We know that all students need an advocate - someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and to whom they can turn to for advice. At St Bernadette's student engagement is a focus of our 2019 Strategic Plan and is viewed as a key role of classroom teachers:

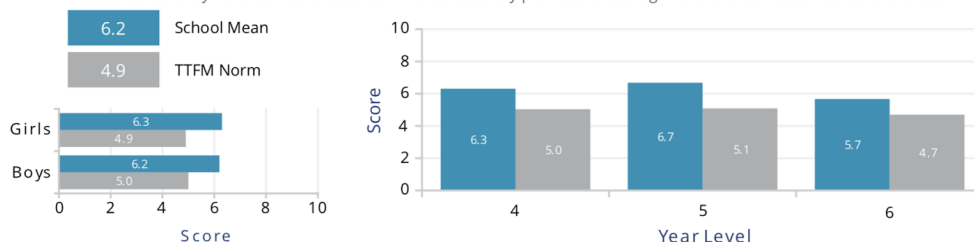
'In 2019 the learning and teaching challenge for the community of St Bernadette's is authentic student engagement for all students. Authentic student engagement gives students opportunities to

- engage deeply in their own learning,
- practice the transfer of knowledge across contexts, which includes timely and focused feedback about their learning, and
- reflect on the feedback received and their learning.'

This is the feedback that our Year 4-6 students provided in the TTFM survey:

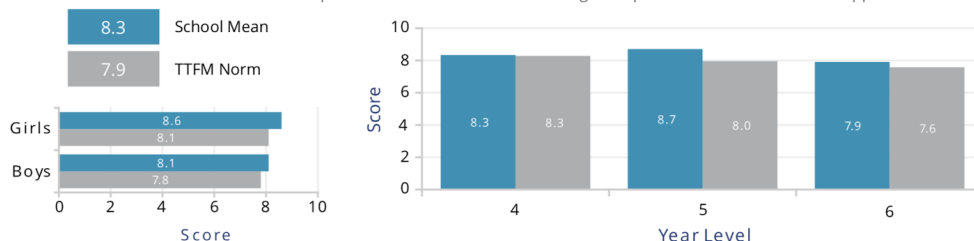
Advocacy at school

Students feel they have someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice.



Positive teacher-student relations

Students feel teachers are responsive to their needs and encourage independence with a democratic approach.



Week 9 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 24 June

8.30am Assembly
Primary Band Instrumental
Reports Coming Home
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 25 June

8-10am Uniform Shop
Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conversations commence

Wed 26 June

Student Banking Day
Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day

**Thurs 27 June
Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day**

Fri 28 June

7.30am ChiFUNese
Mandarin Class
Pyjamas Day / Gold Coin Collection Day — St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Fri 5 July

Last day for Term 2

Mon 22 July

Staff & Students return

Tues 23 July

Athletics Carnival

Wed 24 July

Yr 4 Fizzics Incursion

Fri 26 July

Yr 1 Travel Bugs Incursion

Wed 31 July

St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day

Thurs 1 August

Grandparents Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 4 July 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

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

Farewell Mrs Murphy

After 15 years of dedicated service and commitment to the St Bernadette's community Mrs Murphy will be retiring at the end of this term. For so many families and students Mrs Murphy has been the friendly face at the front counter welcoming them to our school, solving little dilemmas throughout the day such as lost hats and forgotten lunches, answering the phone to pass on messages between parents and teachers and coordinating bus travel, excursion bags and medications for students. These are just a few of the many tasks that Mrs Murphy has taken responsibility for over the years and she has carried these out with friendliness and patience. She has been a role model of our school motto "Strength through Gentleness".



Mrs Murphy has seen many changes in the administration of schools during her time at St Bernadette's and has always taken on the 'new ways' that have been introduced. Our staff and students have all experienced her compassion and care, especially in times of need. They have also valued her words of kindness, encouragement and wisdom. So as you retire Mrs Murphy please accept the heartfelt thanks of a grateful St Bernadette's school community. We hope that you take with you many happy memories of us all. God Bless you and thank you for all that you have done for us.

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

In Term 3 Mrs Robinson will be taking Long Service Leave from Week One to Week Five and Mrs Sally Coppini has been appointed as Acting REC. We wish Mrs Robinson a very happy period of leave.

Children's Workbooks Coming Home

History books will be coming home today. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt? What new ideas/information did they find out? The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so, to read a comment. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Please return your child's books on Monday so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.



Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 88.3% Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 who continue to exceed the schools target of 90% each week. We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school.






K	89.4%	Year 4	86.4%
Yr 1	86.9%	Year 5	92.8%
Yr 2	82.8%	Year 6	92.7%
Yr 3	86.3%		

Mid Year Reports

Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed towards the end of this term. Students in Kindergarten will receive a report where the level of achievement is reported on using a scale of Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond. Years 1 to 6 have an A to E reporting system.

- A** describes students who have an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a very high level of competence and can apply the skills and knowledge to new situations.
- B** describes students who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a high level of competence and are able to apply the skills and knowledge in most situations.
- C** describes students who have achieved a sound understanding of the content and skills and have an adequate level of competence in these areas.
- D** describes students who have achieved a basic understanding and knowledge of the content and skills and have a limited level of competence.
- E** describes students who have achieved an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content with teacher assistance.

To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where do you fit on the scale?

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix racer!
				

Arts Factor Band Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our 35 band students who performed on Monday at the CAPTIVATE ARTS FACTOR EISTEDDFOD. This was a fabulous opportunity for the students to perform in front of an audience and to also be apart of an audience for band students in other schools. Thank you to Mr Ciccarelli and Mr Lavis from Teaching Services Australia for their preparation and support of the St Bernadette's band students.



R.E. NEWS



Sunday is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.



In John's gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others. Next week our students will be donating to St. Vincent de Paul Winter appeal to assist them in service of those who cannot afford warm clothing. We congratulate and continue to pray for all those children from our parish who will receive their First Communion this weekend and on the following weekend.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations

Thank you to all the parents who have booked for their interviews next week. The teachers are looking forward to this opportunity to speak with you and your children about their successes and next steps in their learning.



A reminder that the interview site will be closed for bookings on Sunday 23rd June at 5pm.

To book a parent/ student/teacher interview please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code ggkeq

eSafetyparents
and carers

Tips and advice on helping your child have safe enjoyable experiences online.



How can I protect my child?

Whatever the age of your child

Stay involved in your child's digital world

- Keep up-to-date with the sites, apps and online chat services they are using, and explore them together.
- Consider whether you are comfortable with the content of these sites and the potential for contact with others, including adults.
- If you are concerned they are visiting sites they have not told you about, talk to them about your concern. As a backup, you could look at your child's internet browsing history — but this should be a last resort. The aim is to establish trust and open dialogue.
- Try to be aware of who they socialise within the real world and who they know only in the virtual world.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following excellent readers on completing the challenge:

Daniel Dvorjak, Florence Michael, Emilia Crecca, Seline Chen, Thomas Macey, Audrey Michael, Johnny Symin, Fabian Crecca, Tiana Symin, Jasmine Drogaris, Elle Gaya, Harry Palmer, Ella Macey, Natalie Samperi, Leah Symin, Gregory Zucconi.

ICAS at St Bernadette's in 2019

At St Bernadette's we will again be offering students the opportunity to participate in the areas of Writing, English and Mathematics and new for 2019 all assessments will be conducted online with the exception of the Year 3 and 4 writing papers.



These competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their achievements in an external assessment. It also provides the student, parents and school with comprehensive reporting of results.

All students who participate receive a certificate indicating the level of achievement attained and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. **This year payment for the ICAS assessments will be done online through the UNSW Global Parent Payment System.** You can access this service by typing unsw.global/parentpay into your browser.

To purchase assessments for the English, Mathematics or Writing assessments you will need to use the school code which is: **741614525f**

Please note that ***all competitions will be held before school at 7.45am in the Year 4 classrooms. Students will need to be at school at 7.30am ready for a prompt start at 7:45am.***

Build A-Thon

Thank you everyone for sending in your sponsorship money—we have raised **\$9856** so far!

From the Parish Office

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019: parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend an information evening on Tuesday 23 July at 7.00 pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The evening will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. For information please contact the parish office on 9634 2622.

From the School Counsellor:

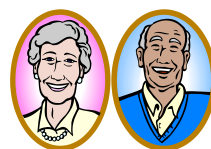
Parents play a critical role in helping kids manage their anxiety. The first important step is to recognise your child's anxiety which is often confused with poor behaviour and learning difficulties. This article will help you determine if your child is anxious, and how to give your child the support they need.

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/my-child-is-anxious-what-do-i-do>

Mrs Belinda Burgess—School Counsellor

Grandparents / Special Friends Day

Please be advised that our Grandparents Day will be held on **Thursday 1st August 2019 (Term 3 Week 2)**. An invitation will be coming home in the next week or so but please advise grandparents as we know how much they enjoy this special morning.



The morning will start at 8 am with Open Classrooms then a special liturgy at 9 am in the Church followed by a delicious morning tea in the Hall. A book fair will be held in our school library throughout the morning.

School Fees Reminder

Term 2 school fees were due on 5th June, if you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2 we ask if payment could be made now, thank you to all our families that have finalised their account already. Should you wish to make an arrangement for your 2019 school fee account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

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.

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Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: <i>Being a fair and considerate student at St Bernadette's</i>			
Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Samantha Leong	Nikolas Puleo	Leonardo Bird
KG	James Tsang	Alexander Sholkie	Annabeth Lean-Fore
KW	Braxton Johnson	Kerryn Allan	Oliver Thomson
1B	Sebastian Aloschi	Madison Pena	Sophie Vloria
1G	Mila McGrath	Not for Publication	Christopher de Ponte
1W	Elliot Greer	Nicholas Ward	Tiffany Lavulo
2B	Lucas Keremelevski	Litia Baker	Abby Guy
2G	Jeslyn Ariyanayagam	Adam Gamble	Emily Boxshall
3B	Aaron Pereira	Jackson Randall	Khiara Heyes
3G	Tiana Symin	Salote Ah Siu	Fabian Crecca
3W	Tess Gooley	Riley McGlynn	Chelsea Fayle
4B	Lucia Sorbello	Michael Lalli	Isaac Frketic
4G	Sebastian Vloria	Evie Hogan	Campbell Sing
4W	Xavier Xiberras	Mikayla Alam	Diego Garcia Behrens
5B	Sebastian van Jour	Lana Formosa	Ysabella Jaucian
5G	Rachel Saad	Gregory Zucconi	Mia Papandrea
5W	Christian Rahme	Maya Salloum	Antonio Wadih
6B	Ailish Lincoln	Justin Lim	Georgia Pratt
6G	Eva Cooper	Daniel Egan	Zander Cheng
6W	Dean Guy	Olivia Drogaris	Alyssa Khoudair

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Joshua Foo in 6G** who was awarded a B+ result from his recent AMEB Grade 8 piano exam. He now goes on to prepare for his AMEB Certificate of Performance.

Congratulations to **Enya Hui in 6B** who was awarded a Pass with High Distinction in her Second Grade Practice of Music, Horn exam. Enya has also been awarded 1st place in the Under 13 Novice Trumpet Susan Ceasar Award.

Principal's Awards:

Matthew Khoudair 4W
 Lanna Heneghan 4G
 Paloma Lopez 4G
 Sara Uricoechea 4G
 Patrick Windress 3W
 Andrew Zalloua 5B
 Grace Zwaine 5G
 Isaac Sung 2B
 Matthew Hanna 4G
 Vihansa Fonseka 4W
 Kevin Le 4W
 Sofia Aiossa 4W
 Paul Makhlof 4W
 Martin Lousin 2B
 Aarshia Arun 2B



Sports News - Athletics Carnival

Next term all students will participate in a School Athletics Carnival. In 2019, for the first time, we will be running 2 separate carnivals with our students -

- A Primary Carnival at AH Whaling Reserve, Baulkham Hills for all students aged Under 8 to Under 13 (Week 1, Term 3)
- A mini-carnival at school for K - 2 (later in Term 3)

The Primary Carnival allows for all children to participate in track and field events earning points for their House. Students will participate in:

- 100m
- 200m
- Shot Put
- Long Jump
- Novelties
- 800m (optional)
- HOUSE CHANTS
- 4 x 100m Relay - Houses vs Parents vs Teachers vs Gilroy

At the end of the carnival, points will be collated and the winning house will be announced. Ribbons will be presented to the top four places in each heat, as well as the top four places overall. The top 2 places overall in each event will progress to the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 15th August. Age Champion and Runner-Up trophies to each age group (Under 8 to U12 boys and girls).

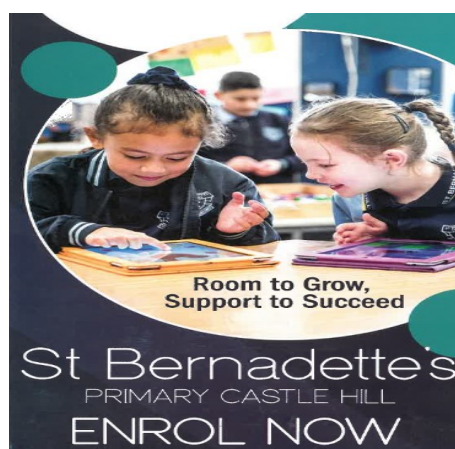
Students will earn points for the way our house looks (dressing in our house colour) and for their cheers so children are asked to remember to wear a RED/BLUE/GREEN/GOLD shirt if they have one, keep their area clean and cheer along with our house cheers. Students are not able to leave until after our final event - 4 x 100m RELAY which will be the Parents vs Teachers vs Houses vs Gilroy.

Mrs Karen Orsini
Sports Coordinator

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day Team Trials:

Years 5/6 Boys
Thursday 4th July
2:45pm - 3:45pm
Grass Area

Years 5/6 Girls
Friday 5th July
During Sport Time
Grass Area



**ENROLLING NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2020 & Years 1 to 6**

**Please contact the school office if you would like to
register for a school tour / enrol your child in 2020.**

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.**

ChiFUNese

Mandarin Chinese classes are run every Friday morning at the school at 7.30 am to 8.30 am. For further details please go to www.chifunese.com/enrol/.

Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook (9980 7822).

Swimming lessons for all ages.

Visit: <https://www.carlile.com.au/cherrybrook/>



Woolworths Earn & Learn

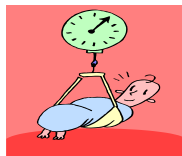
St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Just place your stickers onto the sheet that was provided and emailed to you and then once full please send to the office.



**Children don't forget you can earn colour house spirit points for collecting and bringing in stickers.
Promotion ends: 25th June 2019**

Our congratulations to the Dmello family on the birth of a baby boy, Gavin, brother to Calvin in KG, Layla in 1G and Hayden in 3W.

Our best wishes to the family.



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)