



St Bernadette's School

Friday 27 September 2019 — Term 3 Week 10 No. 31

Dear Parents,

Term 3 has come to a rapid close and it has been a very busy term at St Bernadette's. There have been celebrations of learning across the school - 100 Days of Kindergarten, PBL Showcases, Year 6 Voice of Youth and Risky Business, Buddy activities, Band Concerts, Incursions, Book Week and Literacy events, PRC, and the Great Aussie Book Swap; there have been open days for parents and families- Fathers Day, Grandparents Day and as usual we have participated in many sporting events - athletics, netball, soccer, basketball, mulo cricket and touch football.

As gardens do when they are tenderly nurtured and cared for, our beautiful school vegetable gardens have flourished under the care of Mrs Evans and her Generous Growers Garden Group and their dedicated parent support group. If you haven't had the time or the chance to visit our garden beds perhaps you will do so on the weekends in the holidays when you come to church. They truly are amazing and have offered such enjoyment to those students who do gardening as an extracurricular activity at lunch times. Thank you to our P & F who have generously supported the development of the gardens.



To all our families, students and staff, I wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting term of learning, commencing Monday October 14th.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Many of our students in Year 6 and St Bernadette's Parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Although we normally receive this sacrament after First Communion, the Church considers it to be the second of the three sacraments of initiation as it completes Baptism. In our Baptism, our parents and godparents make the promises for us, during Confirmation we as adult Catholics renew our faith for ourselves.



The introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states: 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.'

We pray for all the children as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their Christian life. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Saturday 26th October at 11 am.

Reminder: Spirit Day and Rehearsals
Saturday 19th October Parish, 1 – 5pm
Parish Hall

Term 4 Week 1 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 14 October
Staff & Students return
Full Summer Uniform
8.30am Assembly

Tue 15 October
8-10am Uniform Shop
7.45am Yrs 5/6 Boys
basketball training

Wed 16 October
Student Banking Day
Yrs 5/6 Girls basketball
training

Thurs 17 October
Yrs 3/4 Boys & Girls
basketball training

Coming Dates:

Mon 21 October
Motiv8sports
commences for Term 4
to 9 Dec

Tues 22 October
Yr 4 Incursion
Yr 3 Parent Expo

Wed 23 October
Dio Basketball Gala Day

Thurs 24 October
K—Yr 6 2020 School
Tour
Sausage Sizzle (Mission)

Sat 26 October
Choir rehearsal for
Town Hall concert

Sun 27 October
Choir Town Hall
Concert

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN to Yr 6 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 24 Oct 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

St Bernadette's 2013 Graduates

Best wishes to the 2019 Year 12 students who are completing their secondary school education at Gilroy College, Mt St Benedict College, Oakhill College, Loreto and other schools. We wish you the very best for your HSC exams and will keep you in our prayers over the next month as you sit your exams.

Congratulations to the following 2019 Year 12 Award winning Gilroy Students (ex students of St Bernadette's)

Jack Towner	ADF Long Tan award for leadership and teamwork
Jonathan Lu	All Rounder Award
Saara Stenburg	Performing Arts Award
Kristy Hourigan	Reuben F Scarf Award for commitment



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

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



Attendance Matters

This week in our series on attendance and why it matters we have included a link to a YouTube clip made by the Catholic Education Office. It includes ways parents talking about ways they have found to help keep their children's attendance strong throughout their primary years and discusses why attendance matters.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and take time to relax with your families, return refreshed and ready to continue the 2019 learning journey at St Bernadette's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTmK8appfDI>

School Values Awards—Term 3

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of last term's School Values Awards sponsored by Stone, Hills District.

These awards are presented to two children who are nominated for living our core values of respect, honesty, care and compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Congratulations to:
Sophie Vilorio 1B & Xavier Bounassif 5G



Thanks to Stone Hills District for their continued support of this award.

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

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

<i>Social Skill: Appreciating Diversity of others at St Bernadette's</i>			
Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Poppy Thornton	Nikolas Puleo	James Sahabu
KG	Isabelle Minett	Isla Stuart	Rishik Kumar
KW	Joseph Aiossa	Alyssa Le	Alana Geeganage
1B	Madison Pena	Lucas Reyna	Amelie Saliba
1G	Eva Chambers	Ashlee Nguyen	Sienna Khoudair
1W	Jamie Haj	Bianca Hanna	Harrison Thom
2B	Evelyn Salter	Isaac Sung	Lewis Zalloua
2G	Alexis Mortel	Jessica Coghlan	Benjamin-Jude Raad
3B	Not for Publication	Emma Ballesty	Sofia Papandrea
3G	Kristina Jelwan	Rafael Clemente	Zara Osborn
3W	Savannah Jaucian	Hayden Dmello	Matthew Baker
4B	Marcus Chheng	Max Banicevic	Lucia Sorbello
4G	Olivia Goss	Felicity Miller	Liam McGovern
4W	Sofia Aiossa	Thasandi Fonseka	Matthew Khoudair
5B	Paula Reina Pinzon	Danielle Khoudair	Lana Formosa
5G	Ryan Suwandy	Jasone Iwanowski	Sophia Black
5W	Ella Hammersley	Alannah Ceh	Matthew Barone
6B	Sarah Jacinto	Amy Ballesty	Juliet Radman
6G	Claudia Homsy	Tyler Smith	Hilary Zhang
6W	Olivia Boxshall	Jack Robertson	Olivia Drogaris

Happy Holidays

Principal's Awards:



Ewan Osborn—1G
 Nicholas Ward—1W
 Tiffany Lavulo—1W
 Abby Guy—2B
 Zoran Djurisc—2B
 Aiden Ashkar—6W

Reminders

- School hat (no hat no play)
- Correct uniform for summertime
- Recess & lunch (online orders by 8.45am)
- All contact numbers up to date

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.



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:



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards
All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on
Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.

Other Items:

Hills Montessori Preschool

40th Anniversary Fair Saturday 19th October 10—2pm.
10 Taylor St, West Pennant Hills. Stall, jumping castles, petting zoo, face painting etc.

NSW Parliament House Family Fun Day

Friday 11th October 10—3pm. Free entry and free activities, children's trail, competition, arts and crafts, visit the legislative chambers. Sausage Sizzle \$3 & Café open. 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney. Tel: 9230 2047

Term Dates

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec (for students)

Term 1 2020

Tues 28 Jan—Staff Development /Pupil Free Day & MAIs
Wed 29 Jan—MAIs
Thurs 30 Jan—Yrs 1 to 6 commence
Fri 31 Jan—Kindergarten 2020 commence

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the O'Connor family (Lachlan in 1G), following the recent passing of his grandfather. May he rest in peace.

