



St Bernadette's School



Friday 30 August 2019 — Term 3 Week 6

No. 27

Dear Parents,

Today we came together to celebrate as a community and give thanks for our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and all the special men in our lives who give us care, protection, love and direction.

I would like to thank the many people who made this celebration possible – the band of mums who were up early and served a delicious breakfast, the readers who led us in prayers for our fathers, the authors who reminded us why dads have such a special role in our lives, the musicians who entertained us despite the cold and wet conditions and the families who joined us to share the Mass with Father Fernando and visit the classrooms.

We also remember St Joseph whose love and care for the Holy Family is an example for all fathers. St Joseph was a carpenter and worked hard for his family. He was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but still he took her as his wife. He always looked after his family. When the angel came again to tell him that they were in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and baby and waited there until it was safe to return. Joseph loved Jesus. He was



his stepfather and loved him as his own son. He protected and guided him. Everything he was asked to do by God he did - not questioning the difficulty it presented.

Lastly, we welcome Mrs Leanne Nettleton back to school next week. We look forward to hearing about her travels. Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Melissa Beggs
Acting Principal

"The light of God enlightens those who welcome it"
Pope Francis @Pontifex

R.E. NEWS



Next Week students from K – 6 will be participating in their Religion Mission units, which will explore the concept of loving service and relationship to mission based on Jesus' example as portrayed in different Scripture examples such as 'Jesus washing the Disciple's Feet' and the parable of the 'Good Samaritan'.

Students will also research various organisations involved in social justice and how their mission is based on Jesus's example. The St Vincent de Paul Society is one Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The St Vincent de Paul Society has introduced a group that works in primary schools. It is a group of young people who get together to help those in need within their school and local community.



Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, to the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. Our Mini Vinnies are currently asking to help from the community to donate toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Rotary Dental appeal for the Philippines Oral Health Program.



Mrs Shane Robinson
REC

Week 7 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 2 September
8.30am Assembly

Tue 3 September
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 4 September
Student Banking Day
Crazy Sock, Book Swap & Gold Coin Donation Day
7pm Yr 5 PD Evening

Fri 6 September
Yr 6 Debating
Kindy Farm Incursion

Coming Dates:

Tues 10 Sept
7.30am ICAS Writing

Thurs 12 Sept
9am School Tour Kindy to Yr 6 for prospective parents

Fri 13 Sept
9am Preschoolers Concert (Hall)
1.50pm Whole School Assembly (Church)
5pm Band Showcase (Hall)

Mon 16 Sept
MacKillop Athletics
Motiv8 BBQ for Green K-2 students

Tues 17 Sept
7.30am ICAS English

Thurs 19 Sept
7.30am ICAS Maths
1.40pm Yr 6 Risky Business Parent Showcase

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN to Yr 6 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 12 Sept at 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

2019 Great Book Swap & Crazy Sock Day

Next Wednesday 4th September the SRC are hosting a Great Book Swap to raise awareness about Indigenous Literacy Day.

For just a gold coin donation, students can come to school wearing their craziest socks and spend time swapping and reading some of their favourite books! On the day students are asked to bring along a favourite book to share and swap for an afternoon of reading. This is St Bernadette's Great Book Swap!



Why are we doing this?

Last year, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation raised over \$270,000 from the Great Book Swap. In 2019, their goal is to raise \$350,000 to gift 35,000 new books to remote communities who want and need them. Did you know that less than 36% of people in a remote community have access to a library or books and that only 1 in 5 Indigenous children in remote communities of the Northern Territory can read at an acceptable level?

So, help us help a great cause! After all, how can you learn to read without books?
St Bernadette's SRC



Afternoon Dismissal

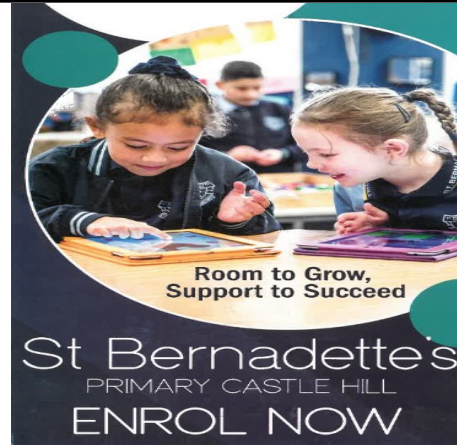
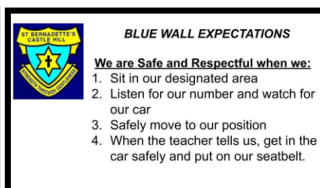
Blue Wall Expectations

We have had some wonderful feedback from parents, staff and students about our Blue Wall after school dismissal. Children have adjusted well to the routine and our dismissal is a much smoother process each afternoon. In fact, the process is now much faster, children are able to get to their cars quickly without delay, parent wait times in the turning circle have lessened, making this process a great success. Well done to our students for being respectful and safe on Blue Wall.

INSIDE BLUE WALL -



OUTSIDE BLUE WALL -



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.

Attendance

We remain below our target set at 90% again this week. We understand that when students are unwell that they remain at home, however, try to ensure that outside appointments occur after school hours, where at all possible.

Our attendance rate is **84.8%** and as a school we are still seeking to reach the 90% target or above on a weekly basis.

K	89.2%	Year 4	85.2%
Yr 1	82.6%	Year 5	86.9%
Yr 2	77.2%	Year 6	84.3%
Yr 3	86.1%		

Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from primary school and high school, setting them up for a strong future.

Mrs Kathy Watt
Acting Assistant Principal

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

An Important Message About Brisbane Rd Pick Up Arrangements

A reminder for those parents who collect their children from Brisbane Road, to assist us by waiting at the bottom of the driveway to collect your children. The small gate is not opened at the end of the day and parents are requested not to wait in the staff carpark for their children. This procedure is in place for the safety of all the children who are collected or catch buses from this area. Thank you for your support with helping to keep all of the students at St Bernadette 'safe'.

Toothpaste/Toothbrush Drive

Our St Bernadette's Mini Vinnies group are currently involved in an initiative for this term. We are asking for your help in donating toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Glenhaven Rotary Oral Hygiene program for the children in the Philippines. In the Philippines, they do not have access to basic dental care or the funds for the basic items for dental care. Please begin to bring in toothbrushes and toothpaste to help these children. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Premier's Reading Challenge

FANTASTIC—1 Blue have all completed the PRC. No.1 Infants class!

The following children are congratulated for completing the challenge:

Asia Ah Siu, Benjamin Maggs, James Sahabu, Charlize Alatli, Isaiah Mathews, Michael Mitchell, Thomas Rendulic, Mariella Zaiter, Cameron Lennon, Arianni Sebastian, Caleb Tan, Tayla Vn Ryswyk, Emma Ballesty, Chelsea Fayle, Meleni Ariyanayagam, Daniel Black, Charlize De Souza, Sarah Lievano, Peter Georges, Holly Procter, Ella Tegg, Leo Ah Siu, Isabella Forder, Isaac Frketic, Imogen Vines, Lanna Heneghan, Evie Hogan, Carla Kamel, Jesse Oliver, Isabella Perete, Ava Rendulic, Jai Salter, Samantha Simmons, Joshua Tan, Sara Uricoechea, Douglas Windress.

Lost Property

We still have 1 large cup cake holder left over from Grandparents Day. If you have not collected yours yet, please contact the office. Thank you.

A nice pair of cufflinks were found on the church floor after father's day mass. Please contact the office if they are yours.

Fun Fair Raffle

Hopefully everyone received an envelope on Wednesday (sent home with eldest child in each family) with 1 book of tickets and accompanying letter. Thanks to those who have already started selling. If you did not receive an envelope please contact Pauline Chaccal (0414 653 287) or Nick Gooley (0488 177 618) or email funfair.stbpnf@gmail.com. Further books of raffle tickets are available from the school office.

IT Update

Online Safety Basic—Kids 5-12

eSafetyparents

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact, accidentally coming across inappropriate content or racking up bills through in-app purchases.

Your guidance can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them. And let them know you are always there to support them.

For kids aged 5 to 12, it is important to:

1. Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. And check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
2. Stay engaged with their online activity. If they agree, consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
3. Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity. Play games with them. Do a creative project together.
4. Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13. See are they old enough?
5. Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others. See good habits start young.
6. Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material. See good habits start young.

This is an excerpt from the eSafety Commissioner website. For more detailed information go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/online-safety-basics>

Mrs Karen Orsini

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill: Making Responsible Decisions 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	Harvey Kemmis	Cameron Lennon	Rebecca Thomas
KG	Elliott Lavis	Alirah Zaidan Sciberras	Harper Clark
KW	Lily Smith	Ava Mortel	Kelvin Yohan
1B	Keona D'Souza	Isaiah Mathews	Benjamin McLaren
1G	Victoria Ibrahim	Sophia-Therese Raad	Ewan Osborn
1W	Christian Khoudair	Lily Alam	Annika Bond
2B	Patrick Kelly	Lila Oliver	Lewis Zalloua
2G	Nicholas Masina	Ava Berrell	Caleb Tan
3B	Zara Hawkes	Not for publication	Jackson Randall
3G	Elle Dibble	Ryder Egan	Chelsea Nicolaou
3W	Jackson Leib	Ashton Allan	Tes Gooley
4B	Angelique Debelak	Charlie Thom	Sienna De Juan
4G	Sara Uricoechea	Melanie Wong	Evie Hogan
4W	Not for publication	Samantha Simmons	Xavier Xiberras
5B	Andrew Zalloua	William Looker	Anthony Gomez
5G	Morgan Smith	Eva Bailey	Gregory Zucconi
5W	Samuel Akle	Christian Rahme	Samantha Badenhör
6B	Daniella Jelwan	Luke Giallonardo	Alivia Dowling
6G	Ashleigh Scrooby	Cooper McGlynn	Richard Luong
6W	Lachlan McLaren	Alyssa Khoudair	Aiden Ashkar

Celebrating Talents

Netball

Congratulations to the 21D and 13C1 St. Bernadette's Netball teams that have made it through to the Baulkham Hills Netball Semifinals this Saturday.

The 13C1 team, made up of girls from last years Year 6 class and Olivia Boxshall from this years Year 6 class, play at 9:45am and the 21D team, coached by Mrs. Hourigan, play at 12:45pm. Well done girls on making the finals!

Principal's Awards:



Eva Chambers—KG
Sienna Khoudair—1G
Rovinya Fernando—2G
Adam Gamble—2G
Mia Papandrea—3W
Cooper Dowling—4B
Campbell Sing—4G
Isabella Mathews—4G
Felicity Miller—4G
Christopher Zaiter—4G
Jet Jackson—4G

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

A special 'Fun Fair newsletter' is attached with this email. Lots going on in the run up to Fun Fair so please have a read and keep yourself up to date with what's happening.

Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for students)

Sports News

Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Last week, we had a team of 10 students represent St Bernadette's at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. Our students competed against the top Athletics across the entire Parramatta Diocese in track and field events. Congratulations to all of our athletes:

Liam Worne	Douglas Windress
Andrew Zalloua	Anthony Gomez
Xavier Hennessey	Dylan Gibb
Marc-Anthony Zeaiter	Grace Kalina
Harry Wigham	Lila Oliver



Those children/teams who place in the top 4 on the day, have progressed through to the NSWCPs MacKillop Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations to :

Junior Boys (Harry, Dylan, Douglas, Anthony) 4 x 100m Relay team - 3rd Place
Lila Oliver U8 100m - 2nd Place
Harry Wigham U9 100m - 4th Place



We wish you the very best of luck at the next level in the coming weeks.

Other Items:

Wesley Mega Book Sale—Wesley Uniting Church Grounds. 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill. 8—1pm. Saturday 7th September. Sale items will include books, magazines, records, CDs, and DVDs. We will also have a range of plants available to enhance your garden.

Hills Community Aid—50th Anniversary Family Fun Day

Mon 30th Sept 10-2pm at Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills. Further information on 9639 8620 www.hca.org.au