



St Bernadette's School

Friday 18 October 2019 — Term 4 Week 1 No. 32

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4 - I know it is hard to believe that we have arrived at the final term of the 2019 school year. We extend a very special welcome to (Xander in 1W, Alexander in 4W, Isaac in KW, Calan in 2B Mark in 3G and Jasmine in 1B) who join the St Bernadette's community this term and wish them a very happy term ahead as they develop new friendships and become an important part of our school.

Over the school holidays you will notice that our vegetable gardens have flourished thanks to the attention of Mrs Evans. Our other gardens on the top grass area and throughout the school have been pruned and dead bushes and shrubs removed by contractors as part of our tree and vegetation management programme. The school grounds look fresh and inviting. A special thanks to Mrs Blazevic who during the holidays modified the sports equipment storage room near KG. As a result the room is far more functional and organised. Thank you also to Mrs Julie Hawkes our Uniform Shop Coordinator who has worked tirelessly over the year to ensure that our families are able to purchase school uniform items. Julie has always made herself available out of her regular working hours to ensure that our new families can start their children at school as soon as possible in their new uniform.

You will notice that on returning for Term 4, we are now using the top playground and handball courts as our early morning before school play area. From 8:15am, when the second teacher comes out on duty, the K-2 children are taken down to the bottom court. This new arrangement is working very well. Parents are reminded that the small passive grass area is not an area where the children play in the morning. If you bring your child into school in the morning, please direct them to put their bag in its designated area and then go to the playground where they will stay until the bell goes.

Thank you to all parents for using the Brisbane Road driveway access to the school car park. As we are all aware, cars entering the school grounds from the Old Northern Road parish driveway, pose a serious and significant danger to students and families walking across the church front and the car park pedestrian crossing. For this reason we DO NOT USE the Old Northern Road parish driveway entry. As a school community we do not want to face the circumstance where we have a serious accident because a driver has chosen to disregard the safety of others in the community. Thank you for always putting SAFETY FIRST.

The teachers look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the term. Being Term 4 there will be many opportunities for us all to come together to celebrate our children's learning and to celebrate as a faith community.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



We continue to pray the Rosary all this month and discover and learn the different parts of it. The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but can also be a vocal prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the life and death of Jesus Christ, his passion and his glory and we also think of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We hope that you have been able to find some time at home to pray this special prayer with your families.

The Joyful Mysteries: (Said on Mondays and Saturdays, the Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent) 1. The Annunciation 2. The Visitation 3. The Nativity 4. The Presentation 5. Finding in the Temple.

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Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 21 October

8.30am Morning Assembly
Yr 2 Excursion
3pm Motiv8starts (to 9 Dec)

Tues 22 October

8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 23 October Student Banking

Dio Basketball
7pm Fun Fair
Stallholders Meeting

Thurs 24 October

9am School Tour
Kindy to Yr 6 2020
Sausage Sizzle Day for Missions

Fri 25 October

1.40pm Whole School Assembly

Coming Dates:

Sat 26 October

Choir Rehearsal for Celebration Sing Out

Sun 27 October

Choir at Celebration Sing Out, Town Hall

Tues 29 October

Kindy Incursion

Wed 30 October

Musica Viva
7pm Kindy 2020 Parent Info Evening

Sat 2 November

Working Bee—Fun Fair preparation

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN & Yrs 1 to 6 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 24 Oct 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light): (Said on Thursdays) 1. The Baptism of the Lord 2. The Wedding of Cana 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom 4. The Transfiguration 5. The Institution of the Eucharist
After each Mystery, we recite the Fatima prayer:
"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy."

Reminder Dates:

Confirmation Spirit Day Saturday 19th, 1 – 5pm
Confirmation Mass Saturday 26th 11am

New Sports Shirt

You may have noticed that the children are moving into a new Sports Shirt. After discussion and planning by the Parents & Friends Association it was decided that a more up to date design and fabric was needed for our sports shirt. Congratulations to Julie Hawkes on the design and sourcing of this new uniform item which has ended up being more cost effective for parents as well. It will probably take about 2 years for the new shirt to be phased in across the school. Parents please note that students can continue to wear the current sports shirt and only need to purchase the new one if they have outgrown their current shirt. 2020 Kindergarten children and new students will all commence 2020 in the new sports shirt and by 2022 the entire student body should have transitioned over to the new sports shirt.

Sausage Sizzle for Missions

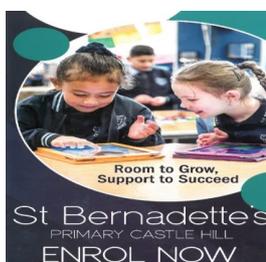
All students will receive a sausage sizzle lunch on Thursday next week. A note is being sent home today please return to school on **Monday**. Any extra food or drinks on that day can be purchased from the canteen.



Volunteers Required—Book Covering

Can you assist our Learning Centre by covering some lovely new books? I have 2 bags remaining—everything will be provided we just need an hour or so of your time. Please contact the school office on 9407 6600 or via email. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**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.**

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

Social Skills

St Bernadette's Social Skills for this semester will be aligned with our school's implementation of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) - an approach which supports both the overall well-being of students. Research indicates that when students feel safe and cared for and have a sense of belonging, they are able to achieve their potential in all aspects of their learning. PBS4L is a school-wide initiative that encompasses our school values and school motto and helps the students to learn and understand the school's shared values and goals. Our overarching expectations are: **RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT, SAFE and LEARNER.**

Weeks 1 & 2— Personal Goal Setting ('Learner')

During this term our classes are learning about how being organised and setting goals helps them to be successful. They will also be thinking about factors that help or hinder achievement of their goals:

- Outside distractions can prevent me from achieving my goals.
- It is important to overcome outside distractions to reach my goals.
- I may not always achieve my goal the first time. Outside distractions may get in the way.
- I can have another go, come at it from a different direction, try again and overcome any outside distractions
- To be successful I decide that no matter what happens, I can work out how to reach my goal.

Some classes have been using the *Mountain Climber* analogy. To be a mountain climber you need to climb over mountains (overcome many outside distractions) to reach your goals. This analogy shows what students should do when outside distractions get in the way of their goals. Climbers have to climb over mountains to get to the finish line. The mountains are outside distractions, and to get over the obstacles, climbers have to do something. If the climbers allow the mountains to stop them, they will not reach the finish line. If students let outside distractions stop them from taking action, they will never reach their goals!

Something to try at home:

1. Talk with your children about what distractions get in their way when trying to achieve a goal.
2. Younger children might draw a picture of some mountains and write down things that prevent them from reaching their goals.
3. Older children can begin to think about different types of distractions – external as well as internal (thoughts and feelings that cause us not to make the necessary effort). I can have another go, come at it from a different direction, try again and overcome any outside distractions.

To be successful I decide that no matter what happens, I can work out how to reach my goal.

Even as adults, we encounter many mountains and need to overcome obstacles to achieve our goals. Allow your children to see you as a 'Mountain Climber' and how you overcome the distractions to meet your goals in life.

Mrs Kathy Watt

School Leavers

We are planning for the 2020 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2020. A reminder to 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 the 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 term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Students Taking Leave During Term

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods are 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.

Parish News:

ST BERNADETTE'S MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON & FASHION PARADE

Tuesday 5th November from 12.00 - 4.00pm
Where: Springfield House, 245 Newline Road, Dural
Price: \$75pp - canapes, two course lunch, champagne, wine, soft drink, Fashion Parade, Prizes for Best Hat, Cup Sweeps and more! Tickets on sale now on St Bernadette's website: www.stbernadette.org.au or from the Parish Office.

Buy tickets individually or organise a table of 10! Please email your required seating arrangements to Malisa Barsic by 27th October or contact the Parish Office. Enquiries: Amira - 0418 837 885 or Malisa - mbarsic@its.jnj.com <<mailto:mbarsic@its.jnj.com>>
TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance Rate to date is 86.1%

Welcome back to Term 4.

It has been wonderful hearing the stories of how the children spent their time in the holidays. As the weather warms up and we move into the term there has been a buzz in the classrooms as the learning continues. Please be mindful that our school day begins at 8:30am and concludes at 2:45pm. We appreciate if possible that appointments etc are made outside of these times as late arrivals or early dismissals can be disruptive.

**Carlile Swimming,
Cherrybrook** (9980 7822).

Swimming lessons for all ages.

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



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.**

Two emails were sent to parents this week giving them details of how to support our Fun Fair by offering your time as a volunteer and also details of how to purchase wristbands for the rides. Links are below:

Fun Fair wristbands:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDUHS>

Fun Fair Volunteers:

<https://signup.com/go/kMzNAjR>

Uniform Shop—Summer Uniform

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only.

To order uniform: download order form from website (community/school notes/uniform) and email uniform shop directly before Tuesday on: uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com or school email: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au. Orders will then be processed and sent home via your child on Tuesday.

Veggie Garden - Helpers Please

The garden club would love some help finishing off a few projects before the end of spring if possible. We need some strong helpers though to help with:

- *digging 8 post holes (300mm deep)
- *concreting in posts
- *fixing rails to posts
- *fixing wire mesh to rails
- *bolting timber frames to brick retaining walls
- *painting

All materials and tools can be supplied. Work can be done weekdays or weekends at a suitable time.

Contact Steve Lavis (P&F) if you can help out with any of these tasks - president.stbpnf@gmail.com or 0407 280 290.

Mount St Benedict College

College Tour—Wed 24 October 11am

Please note: families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7 2021. Registration for waiting list forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

Further enquiries: 02 9980 0444