



St Bernadette's School

Friday 13th December 2019 — Term 4 Week 9 No. 40

Dear Parents,

As I write my final Principal's Message for the school newsletter I think back over my time in this wonderful school and parish community and am thankful for the many blessings that I have received. St Bernadette's is a vibrant school with energetic children, generous parents and families and amazing teachers and staff, including the parish staff.

It has truly been an honour to be the Principal of St Bernadette's for the past 8 years- to have been able to walk beside families as they have presented their children firstly for enrolment, then supported them throughout the seven years of primary education and see these same young children graduate and move on to high school. I have had the privilege of seeing two Kindergarten cohorts complete their primary years at St Bernadette's.

I would particularly like to thank Father Fernando and Father Shinto for their guidance and support and Monsignor John and Father Eugene who I worked closely with for a number of years at the school.

Like so many who have gone before me, I am so proud of the St Bernadettes community. One which really does exemplify Strength Through Gentleness. I will always be truly grateful for everything this community has given me.

*May joy and peace surround you
Contentment latch your door
And happiness be with you now
And bless you ever more*

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



At our Thanksgiving mass the children sang the recessional hymn, 'Go make a difference, go make a difference in the world.' At St Bernadette's the students have certainly made a difference this year with our social justice and outreach programmes.

In 2019 students devoted much time and energy to supporting others in need through various charities and organisations including our local St Vincent de Paul Society, Caritas and Catholic Mission. Our Mini Vinnies group involving Years 3 to 5 students continued to assist and promote outreach programs in the school. Their first initiative was to promote the Oral Hygiene program for the Philippines, in association with Glenhaven Rotary Club where we were inundated with donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste. During Mission Week and Lent, staff made a concerted effort to deepen children's sense of compassion, empathy and generosity while concentrating on a particular humanitarian project, such as the Caritas 'Giving Lent 100%' program. Classes raised money for children Thandolwayo, to raise money to put a pump in her village to have clean water so they would not get ill and miss school.



In Term 2, staff and students came dressed in their pyjamas to school to raise funds to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal.

Week 10 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 16 December
8.30am Morning Assembly
9am Primary Awards Ceremony (Church)
11am Infants Awards Ceremony (Church)

Tues 17 December
8-10am Uniform Shop (Last one for 2019)
7pm Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 18 December
Yr 6 Fun Day
Last day for students

Term 1 2020:

Tues 28 Jan
Staff Development & Pupil Free Day (am) MAIs (pm)

Wed 29 Jan
Staff Development Day & MAIs (All Day)

Thurs 30 Jan
Yrs 1 to 6 commence

Fri 31 Jan
Kindergarten 2020 commences

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN & Yrs 1 to 6 2020
Please call: 02 9407 6600



Teachers for 2020

Kindergarten	Miss Kristina Jurcevic Mrs Corena Laso Mrs Julie Brunt
Year 1	Mrs Kathy Watt Mrs Karyn Lee Mrs Any Macey
Year 2	Miss Madeline Koeberger Mrs Sally Coppini Mrs Melinda Bullen
Year 3	Ms Danielle Hutchinson Mrs Stephanie Hottes Mrs Amanda Thorpe
Year 4	Mrs Therese Younis Mrs Alexandra Buscall Mrs Debbie Sills
Year 5	Mrs Shane Robinson Miss Rachelle El-Hage Ms Debjani Ghosh
Year 6	Mrs Karen Orsini Mrs Maryanne Lean-Fore Mrs Rhiarna Thomas Mrs Nicole Metwally Mr Stephen Bamford

RE News continued ...

During Mission Week in 2019 the students participated in a Sausage Sizzle Mission Day, raising and donating funds to Caritas. During Term 3, the Year 6 'Risky Business' project designed and made a product to sell and raise money for our farmers. Also in Term 3 we collected plastic milk and water bottle lids for 'The Helping Hands Foundation' to recycle for filament for 3D printers to make prosthetic limbs for children overseas. In Term 4 each grade generously donated to the Hamper appeal. It took hours for the students from Mini Vinnies to collect and pack all the food, treats and gifts that were sent in for each classes' hamper family. On behalf of Mrs Nettleton and the staff I would like to thank our St Bernadette's parents and students for your generosity in supporting our social justice and outreach programmes and making a difference in the world.



Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

St Bernadette's Summer Reading Challenge

It's on again this year—the St Bernadette's School Reading Challenge. So remember to keep reading over the holidays! See attached sheet to this email for further details. Please then return sheet to your child's class teacher next year. There will be prizes to win—so let's get reading!



IT Update - eSafety Warning for Tech Gifts

As the year draws to a close, many children are looking forward to a Christmas break that includes some well-deserved downtime. This is also a time of year when children may have more access to technology in their play both online and offline. It is important at this time to continue to consider the age-appropriateness of the devices, apps and sites your children are using. Below is an excerpt from the [e-safety website](#): "Many toys, games and devices on children's wish lists can be connected to the internet, so we want parents and carers to be aware of the risks and the precautions they can take," says Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner.



The eSafety Gift Guide covers popular tech gifts for children and young people this year, including drones, smart toys, smartphones, tablets and even wearables for pets.

"Internet-connected toys and devices can have great educational benefits, but they can also reveal your child's personal details and location to outsiders and allow other people to contact your child online without you knowing," says Inman Grant. The Guide helps to inform parents and carers about what to look out for with tech gifts and provides practical advice on how to stay safe, including setting strong passwords, turning off location settings and limiting the amount of personal information shared. The eSafety Gift Guide is part of a wider government initiative to help Australian shoppers this holiday season. For more information follow the link <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/gift-guide>



School Values Awards—Term 4

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:

**Georgina Kassis 5G &
Charlie Barone 6W**



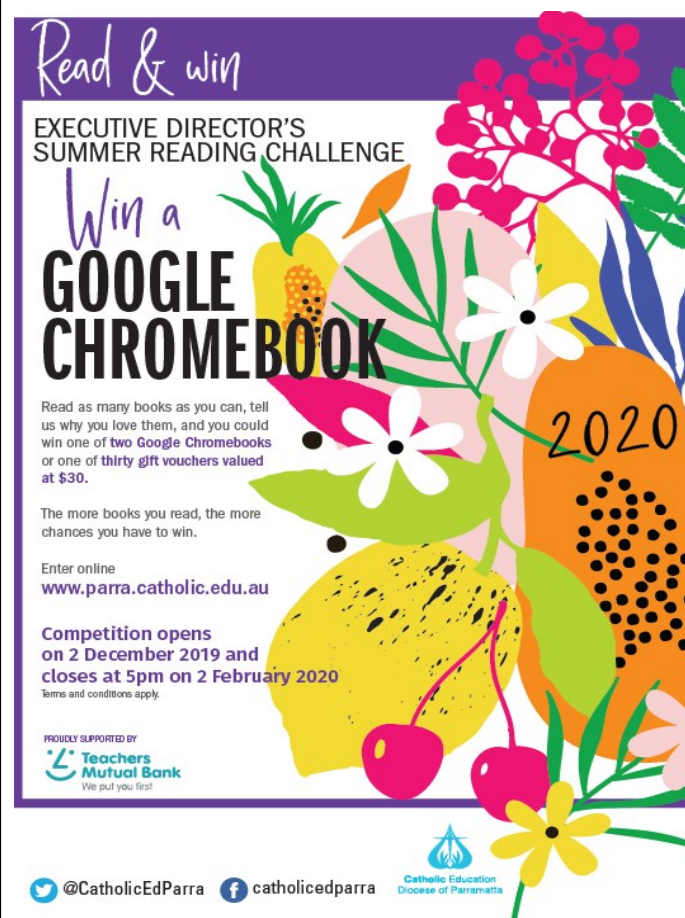
Thanks to Stone Hills District for their continued support of this award.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge—A Message from Mr Greg Whitby

“These summer holidays, I am again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge is easy! **Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30.** Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 2 December 2019 and close at 5pm on 2 February 2020. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#). This year we are introducing Student Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher). Nominate your Student Ambassador via this form <https://forms.gle/yXAq3Svz93HPKES99> by 2 February 2020. Let's all make this year's Summer Reading Challenge one to remember!”



Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE


Win a **GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK**




Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two Google Chromebooks or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

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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 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 Banking

Please be advised that there is NO student banking until 2020.

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P&F News:

Uniform Shop—Summer Uniform

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only. Last day for uniform this year is Tuesday 17th December.

Girls summer dresses are in stock but limited quantities are available in size 4 and 5.

Great quality second hand items are available. Uniform shop reopens for 2020 on Tuesday 4th February. Fill in order forms and submit them by email to avoid the queues!

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.

COSHC—Summer Vacation Care Bookings

COSHC have released the new booking forms for the 2020 Summer Vacation Care. Days like Motiv8 sports, Laser Tag and Sky Peaks Go Bananas are just a few examples of our new and exciting program. Bookings close Friday 13th December. Contact Casey at coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au for any questions.

