



St Bernadette's School

Friday 6 March 2020 — Term 1 Week 6

No. 6

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are over the half way mark for the term! The weeks are flying by and Kinder have truly settled into the routines of school.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend last Wednesday evening's P&F meeting. It was very well attended and it was great to see such a dynamic team working together for the benefit of all. If you were unable to make it this time, please join us for our meeting in Term 2.

Thank you also for the many families who were able to attend our Catholic Schools Week celebrations. We were delighted to have had so many visitors to our classrooms and we hope you caught a glimpse of what learning looks like at St Bernadette's. Hopefully you had the opportunity to visit rooms other than the ones your children are in. There will be other opportunities throughout the year for further visits.

As you know, the issue of the Coronavirus outbreak is affecting most countries around the world and for most people that contract the virus the symptoms are not life threatening. Health organisations around the world have put recommendations into place for disease control. It is now believed that the best way to avoid contamination is simple, good hygiene. Washing hands regularly with soap, coughing or sneezing into your elbow, not your hand and putting used tissues directly into the bin and then washing your hands are the most effective ways to prevent the spread of this disease, as well as others like the common cold. It has also been said that reducing the amount of direct physical contact with others could assist, so actions such as hand shakes and kisses of greeting should possibly be left to your nearest and dearest. Here at St Bernadette's we regularly remind children to demonstrate good hygiene each and every day. Also rest assured that we follow all directives given by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta, who are obliged to follow directives issued by the Department of Health.

More information is on the Department of Health website- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres>

May God bless you and your families.

Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal

R.E. NEWS



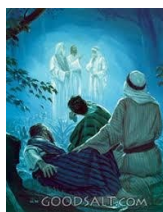
Through prayer we are being called into a dialogue with God. Lent is a time to focus on prayer, so we can build that relationship with God. A first step is that we need to make a commitment for a time and place to pray. But how to pray? How to find God's voice inside our noisy minds and busy schedules? How to quiet down and listen? 'Lectio Divina' is an ancient form of prayer that's accessible to all. The church provides daily Scripture readings that can be the gateway to prayer.

Choose a daily reading and go through it slowly. Pause and recall a word or phrase that particularly speaks to you. Spend time reflecting on what moves you. Then slowly read the entire text again to put the phrase into context and explore deeper meaning. You could read Matthew 17 :10 – 3, which is Sunday's Gospel. Jesus continues the mission of John to reconstruct life in community. Because God is Father, we are all brothers and sisters. Jesus joins together two loves: love toward God and love toward neighbour, making both visible in the way people live together.

After reading the Scripture, here are some reflection questions for you to reflect on:

- Placing myself in the position of the disciples: does consumerism have power over me?
- Placing myself in the position of Jesus: Do I have the desire and determination to create a new human way of living together?

Mrs Shane Robinson—Religion Coordinator



Week 7 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 9 March

8.30am Assembly
3pm Motiv8sports

Tue 10 March

8-10am Uniform Shop
Dance Fever & Rehearsals

Wed 11 March

Student Banking Day
7.45am Choir

Fri 13 March

7.45am Band
Maths & RE Books coming home

Coming Dates:

Thurs 19 March
9am School Tour for Kindy 2021

Fri 20 March
5.30pm P&F Movie Night

Tues 31 March
1.45pm School Tour for Kindy 2021

Thurs 2 April
Dance Fever Interschool Challenge (pm)

Tues 7 April
Infants Dance Fever Showcase
9-10am All Welcome

Thurs 9 April
Last day for Term 1

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

Student Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

These will take place in Week 8 (16-20th March) with a late evening interview day being held on Wednesday 18th March.

Interviews will be booked through the School Interview Website and are now open

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Event code: **y3ajb**

These learning conversations between parents, teachers and students is an opportunity to discuss student goals. Only 10 minutes is allocated per family for these conversations and staying to your allocated time is essential. If you should require a longer time to discuss particular student needs, please request an additional time with the teacher in an alternate week. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration. Thank you also to our dedicated staff members who will be giving up their precious family time to discuss your child's learning goals with you. Children are encouraged to attend these meetings and be part of the conversation.

NAPLAN dates for 2020 - Year 3 & 5

In 2020, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) will take place during the test period of Tuesday the 22nd of May until Friday the 22nd of May. As was the case last year, all assessments for Year 3 and 5 will take place online with the exception of the Year 3 Writing paper (remains a pen and paper written test).

The NAPLAN assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. It is just a snapshot of all their learning taken in just under 4 hours. It is one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student achievement.



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SCHOOL TOURS KINDERGARTEN 2021

**Thurs 19 March 9am
&
Tues 31 March 1.45pm**

All Welcome!

**Please register your
interest on 9407 6600**

**Come in and have a look
around our wonderful
school and classrooms.**

**Enrolment packs
available on the day.**

Attendance- Every Learner Every Day

St Bernadette's currently has an attendance rate of 91.5%. This means our community believes that every day counts for every child and our we are achieving our target that each week our attendance rate will be above 90%.



every learner
every day

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) began on Monday 2 March. Children are able to enter the books they have read to the Student Reading Records.

Username and Passwords will be available within the next week. If you remember last year's, they are still valid. Kindergarten children and new students will have their usernames and passwords in the next couple of weeks.

The challenge helps students to discover a love of reading as a leisure time activity. It also helps to develop essential learning habits: being organised, meeting deadlines, being accountable, taking responsibility for their reading and valuing regular reading.

Closing date for PRC is **Friday 28 August**.

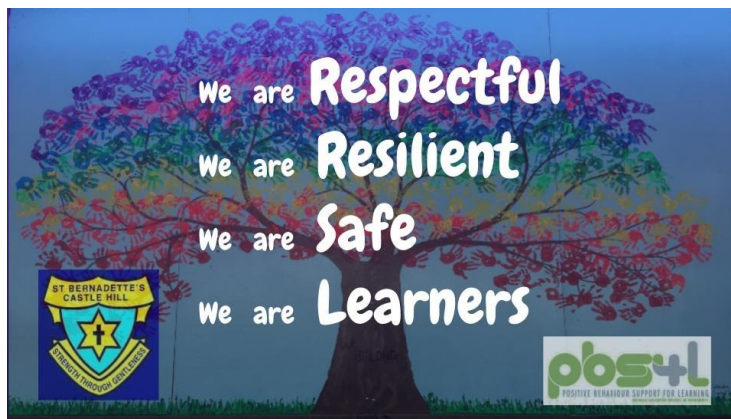
Thank you for encouraging your children in their enjoyment of reading.

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



Congratulations to the following students receiving Social Skills Awards

1B	Nikolas Puleo	Florence Michael
1G	Cassandra Jackson	Joseph Aiossa
1W	Not for Publication	Alexander Sholkie
2B	Yuna Haely Parcon	Sophie Vilorio
2G	Ava Papandrea	Ewan Osborn
2W	Aidan Jaucian	Rachel Tan
3B	Lucia Aiossa	Alexis Mortel
3G	Xavier Lavulo	Hayleigh Shek
4B	Emma Ballesty	Jackson Randall
4G	Gianni Castellan	Olivia Damiano
4W	Rafael Clemente	Zara Osborn
5B	Lora Hamwi Khoury	Matthew Hanna
5G	Leo Ah Siu	Charlotte McLaren
5W	Piper Johnson	Michael Lalli
6B	Rosemary Carroll	Charlie Akle
6G	Ashton Pulvirenti	Rachel Saad
6W	Natalie Samperi	Samantha Badenhorst



Review of School Awards

St Bernadette's is currently reviewing the school awards systems and we would like your input. We are doing this as part of our work in PBS4L- Positive Behaviour Support For Learning.

PBS4L allows all involved in the school to 'speak the same language' and have the same behaviour and learning expectations from Kinder to Year 6. We intend to 'launch' PBS4L next term with the children. More details to come! In the meantime, your input in this very brief survey is invaluable!

Please type the following link into your web browser to complete the google form and *have your say*. bit.ly/awardsreview-parent. All responses are confidential and identifying details will not be recorded.

Thank you for your time and constant support.

Mrs Cooke and the PBS4L Team

School Fees

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.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Hawkes family (Zara in 4B, Alyssa in 3G and Callum in 1B), following the recent passing of their great grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Thurs 9 April—Last Day Term 1

Term 2:

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

Term 4:

Mon 12 October to Wed 16 Dec (last day for students)
Staff attendend Thur 17 Dec & Fri 18 Dec

P & F News:

Outdoor Movie & BBQ

Friday, 20 March—See page 5 for details

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacrament of holy communion are invited to attend our information evening being held on **Tuesday 17th March 2020**. The evening will commence at 7.00pm in the Church and will last approximately one hour. Children do not need to attend. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 4 or above, who have received the sacraments of baptism and reconciliation. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Alice Bradshaw (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at the parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au (Mondays & Tuesdays).

Parish Dates

Parent Info Night for First Communion

Tuesday 17 March - 7pm inside church

Parish Food Fiesta

Sunday, 31 May

50th Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop followed by morning tea

Sunday, 14 June - 10:30am mass

50th Anniversary Celebrations formal venue

Saturday, 25 July Dinner Dance / Parish Dinner

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday, 3 November

Every last Sunday of the month parishioners are invited to join the priests and parish council for morning tea after 10:30am mass.

Gilroy Catholic College Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Applications close Friday 27 March 2020

First Round Offers will be sent out Monday 6 April 2020

Families who wish to enrol for Year 7 2021 and currently have a student attending Gilroy will need to complete an application form.

Application Packages are available from the College office or you can download the forms from the College website: gilroy.catholic.edu.au - click on How to Enrol For all enquiries contact the College office on 8853 8200 or the Registrar Mary McBain mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au

Try Hockey—Sat 7th March 2020

6-7pm Pennant Hills Hockey Fields

Welcoming all under 7s and older. Register online:

baulkhamhillshockey.org.au Enquiries:

bhhc@gmail.com



OUTDOOR MOVIE

BBQ

Friday **MARCH 20**

BBQ 5:30pm **\$15 PER FAMILY** **MOVIE** 7pm

Venue: St Bernadette's School, Castle Hill

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TRYBOOKING

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BIQVT](https://www.trybooking.com/biqvt)

- BBQ, coffee van and movie snacks available on the night
- BYO rug/chair
- Family friendly movie

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