



St Bernadette's School



Friday 12 April 2019 — Term 1 Week 11

No. 11

Dear Parents,

While our first term of 2019 has come to end, even this week the students have continued to be busy learning and celebrating their achievements. It has been wonderful to have so many parents join us in the school throughout the week to share in the children's learning and at the same time acknowledge the children's efforts. This has included Holy Week Presentations in the church, Year 4 PBL Showcase, Infants Dance Fever Demonstration, Principals Morning Tea, Infants Cross Country, St Bernadette's Day Mass. This was all in just one week! It has been a long term - 11 weeks and it is now time for everyone to have a well deserved break.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten children who have done an awesome job transitioning to school and experiencing their 'first' of everything. Congratulations to the Kinder parents as well as you have been getting used to your new school and have been supporting your little ones to manage big school.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support of the children and staff. Thank you to all the St Bernadette's staff for their professionalism, energy and hard work throughout the term. I am sure that you will all agree that the St Bernadette's staff go above and beyond to ensure that all our students receive an excellent education. Every staff member at St Bernadette's participates in extracurricular school related activities outside the normal school hours. I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank them on your behalf and wish them a restful holiday. Thank you to Father Fernando and the parish staff for their support throughout this busy term.

Warm wishes for a Happy Easter and a safe holiday period.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Today we reflected on the life of St Bernadette of Lourdes who our parish and school are named after. St Bernadette was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France and died April 16, 1879 in Nevers. She was a young girl whose visions of the Blessed Lady led to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes. Bernadette was the eldest of 9 children from a poor family. She often suffered from ill health. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, at the age of 14, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the nearby Massabielle grotto, from which the Parish newsletter takes its name. Mary revealed her identity with the words "I am the Immaculate Conception" and, among other messages and affirmations, told Bernadette that a chapel should be built there. Bernadette steadfastly defended the genuineness of these visions despite strong opposition from her parents, the local clergy, and civil authorities, and she faithfully transmitted Mary's messages. However, her humility, truthfulness and modesty encouraged many others to believe in her visions. A few years after her visions she became a nun and took the name Sister Marie Bernadette. She was later canonised by Pope Pius XI who authenticated her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.



In Term 2 on Monday 29th April we will commence the day with a special prayer service at our Monday morning assembly to remember those who have died in wars and to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Shane Robinson—REC



Term 2 Week 1 Dates Waste Free & Recess Lunch Everyday

Mon 29 April
8.30 am ANZAC Day
Prayer Service

Tues 30 April
8-10 am Uniform Shop

Wed 1 May
Student Banking
Yr 5 Excursion
4 pm Parra Softball
Trials

Thurs 2 May
Yr 1 Excursion
9 am Easter Liturgy—
Church All invited

Fri 3 May
New Day & Time for
7.30 am ChiFUNese
Mandarin Class
12 pm Parramatta
Diocesan Rugby Trials

Mon 6 May
2.45 pm Motiv8sports
commences

Tues 7 May
Diocesan Cross Country

Wed 8 May
Mothers' Day Stall

Thurs 9 May
9 am School Tour—
Kindergarten 2020
1.40 pm Whole School
Assembly—Church All
invited

Fri 10 May
9 am Mothers' Day
Liturgy (Church)
7.30 pm P&F Mothers'
Day Drinks—Castle Hill
RSL

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 2 May 11.30 am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Did you know that our school band members accompanied the singing at our 2019 St Bernadette's Day Mass?

Congratulations and thank you to Mr John Ciccarella who prepared members of the St Bernadette's school band to accompany the singing at our Feast Day Mass on Thursday. Well done to Ailish Lincoln, Joshua Foo, Xavier Hennessy, Hilary and Xavier Bounassif. You were awesome. Thank you to Mrs Dominique Laban who accompanied the children on the organ and to Mr Steve Lavis who came along to support the band and also helped out with the singing. We look forward to many more masses with the band students playing at mass.

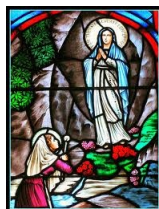


Staffing News

Best wishes to Mrs Crammond who will be accessing Long Service Leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 2.

St Bernadette's Feast Day

As a school we celebrated St Bernadette's Feast day on Thursday 11th April by participating in various activities the following students received the St Bernadette's Day Award for their class:



KB	Cameron Lennon	4B	Michael Lalli
KG	Ava Zeaiter	4G	Piper Johnson
KW	Sofia Raic	4W	Renee Sakkal
1B	Amelia Saliba	5B	Paula Reina-Pinzon
1G	Ewan Osborn	5G	Antonio Zeaiter
2B	Patrick Kelly	5W	Ella Lagana
2G	Aleksander Puleo	6B	Tyler Beames
3B	Zara Hawkes	6G	Claudia Homs
3G	Juliana Zaiter	6W	Olivia Boxshall
3W	Sophie Pratt		

In the morning students attended a liturgy in the church and then viewed a video on St Bernadette's life in the classroom. Students then reflected on this by writing a prayer to St Bernadette and created a piece of art. To end off the day students attended a disco organised by the wonderful Dance Fever company and were treated to an ice block which was very kindly donated by the P & F. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making St Bernadette's Feast Day a fabulous celebration. Below are the winners of the art competition:

Kindergarten	Kerryn Allan
Year 1	Zachary Drogaris
Year 2	Evelyn Salter
Year 3	Mia Parame
Year 4	Brayden Ream
Year 5	Leah Symin
Year 6	Lucas Karam

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 93%

Congratulations to our school community!

We have achieved over 90% attendance each week for the entire term. Thank you for helping us reach this milestone and the support of your child's education by placing importance on being at school every day.

Enjoy your holidays and time spent with family.

May the blessings of this Easter be with you all and we look forward to seeing you all Monday 29th April at our morning assembly! Our grade attendance rates are listed below.

Kindy	93.5%	Yr 4	92.6%
Yr 1	90.0%	Yr 5	97.2%
Yr 2	87.9%	Yr 6	97.1%
Yr 3	91.8%		

Mothers' Day Celebrations

An invitation will be sent to all of our mums to attend our Mothers Day liturgy and celebration on Friday 10th May at 9am. The children sit with their mothers during the liturgy.



PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au to be included in our PowerPoint in the Church. Photos are to be received no later than Monday 6th May. Unfortunately, photos received after this date cannot be included. Thank you.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Mothers Day Stall



Sport Uniform Day—Term 2 onwards

Kindy	Thursday & Friday
Yr 1	Wednesday & Friday
Yr 2	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Yr 4	Monday & Thursday
Yr 5	Tuesday & Friday
Yr 6	Tuesday & Friday





Premier's Reading Challenge

Fantastic reading by all the following children completing the challenge:

Joseph Aiossa, Rachel Tan, Emma Sakkal, Sophia Khamis, Eva Bailey, Deangelo Chedid, Anthony Gomez, Ella Lagana, Mia Panandrea.

Keep up the great reading during the holidays and so that we will have a lot more names to publish next term.

Celebrating Talents

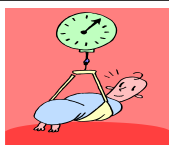
Congratulations to **Addisyn Ream 3B** who recently competed in the Show Horse Council Grand Nationals (between Australia and New Zealand). She also recently competed at Toowoomba Royal Show and won both lead rein and child's mini hunter pony. Addisyn also placed 2nd in her rider U 9 class. Well done!



ChiFUNese Mandarin Classes

Parents are advised that ChiFUNese classes will now take place on Friday mornings between 7.30 am and 8.30 am in the school library. If you would like to enrol your child into these classes please contact chifunese.com.au for further details.

Our congratulations to the Geeganage family on the birth of a baby girl, Liana Marie, sister to Alana in KW. Our best wishes to the family.



Term Dates

(Fri 12 April Staff Development & Pupil Free Day)

Term 2: Mon 29 April—Fri 5 July

Staff Spirituality Day—Thurs 27 June (Pupil Free Day)

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

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

P&F News:

Uniform Shop

The Winter Uniform Order form was emailed to all parents recently. It is also available for download from our website. Our uniform shop will be open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only.

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

St Bernadette's Mother's Day Drinks



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

Motiv8Sports Ballers 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Friday 26 April 2019 9—5 pm @ Oakhill College, Castle Hill. This is a tournament for kids of all abilities who love basketball. Cost \$70 per player (Includes NBA jersey, 8 hours entertainment, dunk demo and much more). Further information at motiv8sports.com.au

St Bernadette's Playgroup

Happy Easter from St Bernadette's Playgroup! We would love for you to join us in Term 2. Playgroup is held on a Monday and Thursday from 10-12. Term 2 starts Monday 29th April. Please contact Carolyn Lincoln 0411 547 285 for further information.



SPORT NEWS:

Sports News - [Sporting Schools](#) & Gala Days



As we move into the holidays, we are hearing lots of children talking about their Winter Sports starting up - netball, soccer, basketball, NRL and union just to name a few. At St Bernadette's we love to get as many children as possible involved in team sports because we know the benefits of being active to their growth and development. At school, we provide opportunities for the children to get active in PE and Sport lessons as well as extra-curricular sport through gala days and after-school sessions.

In Term 1, we received a grant from Sporting Schools that allowed us to purchase new equipment to enhance our PE and Sport lessons in the areas of Basketball, Fitness and Athletics.

In Term 2, we will be running FREE after-school Football (Soccer) sessions for 40 students at school, which will run by A-league professional coaches. Keep an eye out early next term for more information.

Students in Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to trial for one of our gala day teams. This involves attending a trial before, during or after school (as advertised in advance before the day). Those children selected into a team, will then represent our school at the gala day and compete against other schools in the Catholic, Public and Independent systems.

Upcoming Gala Day dates for your calendar:

Sport	Date	Age Groups
NRL	Wed 12 June	Yrs 3—6 Boys
Football (soccer)	Wed 26 June Date TBA	Yrs 3—4 Boys & Girls Yrs 5—6 Boys & Girls
Netball	Wed 31 July	Yrs 3—6 Girls Yr 6 Boys
Cricket	Tues 6 August	Yrs 3—6 Boys & Girls
Basketball	Wed 28 August Wed 23 October	Yrs 3—6 Boys & Girls Yrs 3—6 Boys & Girls
Touch Football	Fri 13 September Fri 27 September	Yrs 3—4 Boys & Girls Yrs 5—6 Boys & Girls

Infants Cross Country Carnival

This week our infants children had their first carnival for 2019 with their modified Cross Country carnival held at school on Wednesday.

They had activities throughout their morning session, participating in stations led by their House Captains, teachers and parent helpers.

These activities included parachute games, obstacle course, relays and of course their mini cross country race.

Congratulations to all the children for their efforts to get active and have fun at the carnival. Also a huge thanks to Miss Kristina Jurcevic and Mrs Sally Coppini for your organisation of the event.

Mrs Karen Orsini—Sports Coordinator

