



# St Bernadette's School



Friday 5 July 2019 — Term 2 Week 10

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Dear Parents,

We say it at the end of every term - hasn't the time flown by? Having said this though, at the end of term 2 we are always well and truly ready for the holiday break - students, parents and staff alike. Thank you to everyone for your support of the programmes and learning at school this term. There have been excursions, incursions, gala days, open classrooms, meetings, reports, interviews, NAPLAN showcases and Holy Communion. All of these have been well attended and / or supported by you our parents. It is time now for relaxation and time with the family.

As you know, I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first six weeks of term to travel overseas. Mrs Robinson is also accessing leave for the first five weeks of term. The school will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Beggs during this time. So that you are aware of the staffing arrangement for the first 6 weeks of Term 3, I have included it below:

Acting Principal—Mrs Melissa Beggs  
Acting Assistant Principal—Mrs Kathy Watt  
Acting REC—Mrs Sallyanne Coppini  
Acting Coordinator—Mrs Corena Laso

Welcome to the following staff who will be working at St Bernadette's in Term 3.

- Mrs Cathy Hennessey and Mrs Lesa Beames will join the teaching staff at St Bernadette's as they teach KW for the remainder of the year.
- Mrs Beames has increased her days for the first 6 weeks of term to cover Mrs Laso and Mrs Watt as they perform their extra responsibilities.
- Mrs Bridgette Gerecs will be teaching 3B for the first 3 weeks of term while Mrs Bullen is on leave
- Mrs Alexandra Buscall will be teaching 4B while Mrs Robinson is on leave.

**WELCOME TO FATHER FULLGENTIOUS** visiting priest to the Parish. Father is from Uganda.

## R.E. NEWS



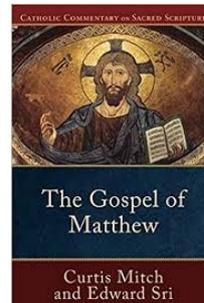
On Thursday 27th, St Bernadette's Staff's Spirituality Day, was spent with the Biblical Scholar Dr Edward Sri.

Dr Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker. Each year he speaks regularly to tens of thousands of people from around the world, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity.



On Thursday Edward Sri led us through the Gospel of Matthew which will be the Gospel focus for Cycle C of the Liturgical Year in 2020. He presented a faithful exploration of Jesus' "kingdom-building" mission. Edward Sri explored the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament and made connections to the Jewish roots in the Old Testament.

He delved into Matthew's gospel to reveal Why is the kingdom at the heart of Jesus' teaching? What were Jesus' contemporaries expecting? What did Jesus actually say about His kingdom? What is the relationship between the 'kingdom' and the Catholic Church we see today?



Dr Sri's wealth of knowledge gave us great insight into Matthew's Gospel and stimulated ideas of breaking open the Gospel for our students.

**Mrs Shane Robinson**  
*Religious Education Coordinator*

**Term 3**  
**Week 1 Dates**  
**Waste Free Recess & Lunch**

**Mon 22 July**  
8.30am Assembly

**Tue 23 July**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
Athletics Carnival

**Wed 24 July**  
Student Banking Day  
Yr 4 Fizzics Inc.

**Thurs 25 July**  
Soccer Gala Trials boys

**Fri 26 July**  
Yr 1 Inc. Travel Bugs  
Soccer Gala Trials girls  
**9-12 noon 100 Days of Kindergarten**



**Coming Dates:**

**Tues 30 July**  
Yrs 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day

**Wed 31 July**  
Netball Gala Day

**Thurs 1 August**  
Grandparent's Day

**Fri 2 August**  
Census Day

**Tues 13 August**  
Infants Athletics Carnival

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020**  
**Next School Tour: Thurs 1st Aug 11:15 am Please Register: 9407 6600**

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

## Introducing Mrs Kelly Debrincat our new Office Assistant

At the commencement of Term 3 Mrs Kelly Debrincat will take up the role of School Administration Assistant. Kelly comes to St Bernadette's from her role as Administration Assistant at the Catholic Early Learning Centre, Emerton. I know that you will warmly welcome Kelly when you see her in the office in Term 3 on Tuesday to Friday each week.



## Are you a Telstra Employee? Do you know about the Telstra Kids grants? Would you like to register our school in the chance for a grant?

The next Telstra Kids grant round will open in October 2019. As per previous rounds, all eligible Telstra employees will be able to register their interest for a \$1,200 Telstra Kids grant on behalf of a local school, kinder, library or youth-focussed community group. Then, through a "lottery-style" allocation process, a random selection of employees that lodged their registration by our deadline will be invited to complete the grants process. If you feel that you would like to propose our school we would be very grateful. The more entries we have, the better are our chances. Thanks for your support.

## Debating

This week our debaters competed in the 3rd round of our Interschool Debating Competition debating with St Michael's, Baulkham Hills. The teams presented robust arguments on the topic 'We should be vegetarians'. Congratulations to both our teams and thank you parents for supporting your children in the lead-up to the debate and for your presence on the day.

### Affirmative

Ailish Lincoln  
Ella-Rose Semaan  
Charlotte Lee  
Brayden Leuzzi

### Negative

Anna Weppner  
Olivia Drogaris  
Zander Cheng  
Meleni Ariyanayagam

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have all completed the PRC!

**Year 1:** Maya Abaza, Benjamin McLaren, Lachlan O'Connor, Harry Overend

**Year 2:** Julia Foong, Lila Oliver, Isaac Sung

**Year 3:** Natalie Alam

**Year 4:** Sienna De Juan, Charlotte McLaren, Sebastian Vilorio,

**Year 5:** Rhys Zerafa

**Year 6:** Lachlan McLaren, Ella-Rose Semaan

## Build A-Thon

Our recent Build A-Thon was a fabulous success and we would like to thank all the children for bringing in their pledged money over the last two weeks. We have raised over **\$14,550!!!** Simply amazing.

A very big congratulations to **Zander Cheng of 6G** who individually raised \$1020 and was the winner of the family Fun Fair ride pass prize. 6G were also rewarded with the movie and popcorn prize for the class who raised the most money. Congratulations also to the ten lucky raffle prize draw winners.

An awesome effort from the children listed below who raised the most money in their class and received a movie ticket.

KB	Isaac Pellicano
KG	Not for Publication
KW	Michael Chaccal/Lily Smith
1B	Christian Rizk
1G	Ava Papandrea
1W	Rachel Tan
2B	Riley Bandiera
2G	Arianni Sebastian
3B	Sofia Papandrea
3G	Harry Wigham
3W	Charlotte Ward
4B	Sienna Leuzzi
4G	Melanie Wong
4W	Sofia Aiossa
5B	Layaan Arraf
5G	Eva Bailey
5W	Matthew Barone
6B	Ailish Lincoln
6G	Zander Cheng
6W	Brayden Leuzzi



## Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Social Skill:  
Being a Good Communicator at St Bernadette's*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Social Skill Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Poppy Thornton	Abigail Barone	Florence Michael
<b>KG</b>	Eli Solanky	Daniel Dvorjak	Leah Pavlidis
<b>KW</b>	Nayonika Sharma	Joshua Hough	Kerryn Allan
<b>1B</b>	Eve Lincoln	Georgia Elias	Mariella Zaiter
<b>1G</b>	Cruz Lamata	Eva Chambers	Sophia-Therese Raad
<b>1W</b>	Alexa Kouknas	Parker Roberts	Roxanne Succar
<b>2B</b>	Thomas Macey	Hailey Xue	Matilda Cowper
<b>2G</b>	Seline Chen	Anthony Khoudair	Arianna Sebastian
<b>3B</b>	Kevin Philips	Jude Saliba	Aditi Gowda
<b>3G</b>	Peter Georges	Annabelle Wong	Michael Sad
<b>3W</b>	Marissa Zeaiter	William McManus	Savannah Jaucian
<b>4B</b>	Rhys Timbrell	Charlotte McLaren	Charlie Thom
<b>4G</b>	Christopher Zaiter	Isabella Mathews	Piper Johnson
<b>4W</b>	Brayden Ream	Camellia Fernando	Sofia Aiossa
<b>5B</b>	Patrick Windress	Deangelo Chedid	Paula Reina Pinzon
<b>5G</b>	Sophia Black	Jacob Elias	Xavier Bounassif
<b>5W</b>	Ella Lagana	Nicholas Beames	William Abouhamad
<b>6B</b>	Brodie Thompson	Jorja Mizzi	Xavier Hennessey
<b>6G</b>	Hilary Zhang	Gabrielle Youssef	Tess Ellis
<b>6W</b>	Charlie Barone	Jasmine Azzi	Michael Khoudair

### School Values Awards—Term 2 2019

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: **James Zeaiter 2G & Georgia Pratt 6B**

**STONE**

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



### Principal's Awards:

Jai Stuart 3G  
Sienna de Juan 4B  
Lewis Zalloua 2B  
Jaden Zaiater 2B



## Attendance

### Every Learner Every Day

Congratulations St Bernadette's!

This term we have had an amazing number of children with 100% attendance.

This a fantastic achievement despite all the colds and flu that have been surrounding us as we have entered the winter months.

These awards will be presented to students in class in the first week back at school.

We know as a school community that strong school attendance at school is vital for student learning.

We wish you all a great break with your children and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3 refreshed and ready to learn!



## Grandparents / Special Friends Day

Please be advised that our Grandparents Day will be held on **Thursday 1st August 2019 (Term 3 Week 2)**.

An invitation will be coming home first day next term so please advise grandparents as we know how much they enjoy this special morning.

The morning will start at 8 am with Open Classrooms then a special liturgy at 9 am in the Church followed by a delicious morning tea in the Hall. A BOOK FAIR will be held in our school library throughout the morning.

## Student Leave

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.

## Notification Policy if Moving from St Bernadette's

Please note: If you are leaving St Bernadette's please ensure you are aware that the Diocese requests a full terms notice, (10 school weeks) in writing, to be given to the Principal before a parent/guardian terminates a student's enrolment. According to Diocesan policy, if the required notice is not given, the parent/guardian is to pay one term's school fees including diocesan fees. Upon withdrawal of a student, fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis according to the notification period given. One exception is that notice in writing, will be accepted at anytime during Term 4. This is outlined on the last page of your Term 1 school fee account statement and also on the enrolment form instructions. Please contact the school office if further clarification is required. Thank you.

## P & F News:

### Holiday Helpers Required

If anyone has a few hours to spare across the holidays there are a couple of projects the P&F would encourage parents (and kids) to help out with.

\*Veggie Garden Working Bee (Thursday July 11) - worm farm, chicken coop, garden beds, new trellis for climbing plants are all on the 'to-do' list but we need plenty of help to get it all done! RSVP appreciated (email/phone below)

\*Painting prayer garden - we have the paint, brushes and rollers to paint the paved area in our prayer garden amphitheatre. All we need is some hardworking helpers!

\*Stump/tree wood chipping & removal - a couple of parents who are comfortable using a woodchipper (small electric, provided) to finish off the last couple of trees left over from our working bee and put through the woodchipper.

\*Store room clean out - the P&F store room is long overdue for a 'spring clean' and we would like a small team of helpers to make the job as quick (and social) as possible. Doughnuts and coffee provided!!

For further information on any of these please contact Steve Lavis - [president.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:president.stbpnf@gmail.com) or 0407 280 290.



**SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards**

**All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on [Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com](mailto:Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com) or 0408 344 250.**

## Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

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

## SPORT NEWS:

### Infants Athletics Carnival

We are super excited to announce that Motiv8sports will be here to run our Infants Athletics Carnival. Lock in this date for your diaries - All children in Years Kin- dy to Year 2 will be involved

Term 3 Week 4  
Tuesday 13th August  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
At St Bernadette's



### Primary Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Carnival will take place on day 2 next term - Tuesday 23rd July. All students aged Under 8 to Under 13 will participate in the events on the day including 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Novelties and 800m (optional). NB. Students will compete in Shot Put and Discus during PE time with Mrs Blazevic.

**Attn all Little Athletics competitors:** If your child would like to compete in **HIGH JUMP** at the Diocesan level, please send through evidence of your PB from the 2018/2019 season and I can put them forward for consideration at the Diocesan Carnival.

*Junior Girls/Boys Qualifying height – 1.00m*

*11 yrs Girls/Boys Qualifying height – 1.05m*

*Senior Girls/Boys Qualifying height – 1.10m*

**Mrs Karen Orsini**

### Stage 3 Soccer

#### Gala Day Team Trials:

Years 5/6 Boys  
Thursday 25th July  
2:45pm - 3:45pm  
Grass Area

Years 5/6 Girls  
Friday 26th July  
During Sport Time  
Grass Area



## Parish News:

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019:

Parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend an information evening on Tuesday 23rd July at 7.00pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are currently in Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The evening will last approx. one hour and children do not need to attend. For information please phone the Parish Office.

### Try T-Ball

Come down to Castle Hill Baseball Club and TRY T-BALL! The Castle Hill "Knights" will be holding 'TRY T-BALL Days' on Sunday 28th July & Sunday 4th August from 10am-12pm at Castle Glen Reserve, Ridgescrop Drive, Castle Hill.

T-Ball is a modified version of baseball and is an awesome sport for boys & girls between the ages of 5-9 focusing on fun and fitness as well as developing gross motor skills like throwing, catching, hitting and running. During our TRY T-BALL days all kids will learn the fundamental skills of the game from the clubs most passionate coaches and junior representative players

- \* Free sausage sizzle for all kids
- \* Play in a team with your friends
- \* Season runs from October - March

For more information please contact Dave Martyn on 0417 344 430/[teeball@castlehillbaseball.com.au](mailto:teeball@castlehillbaseball.com.au) or simply hit the link <https://castlehillbaseball.typeform.com/to/YQDRiD> to register your child!!

### School Fees Reminder

Term 2 school fees were due today 5th June, if you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2 we ask if payment could be made now, thank you to all our families that have finalised their account already. Should you wish to make an arrangement for your 2019 school fee account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6606 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au) Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY, or POSTBILL

Just 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 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 school fees **will be** charged for your child/children.