



St Bernadette's School



Friday 10th May 2019 — Term 2 Week 2

No. 13

Dear parents,

This week as I moved around the school the students were busy preparing for Mother's Day this Sunday. There was excitement in the air as they visited the Mother's Day stall generously organised by our hard working mums. They happily chatted about their gifts and why their mother, nana, grandmother would enjoy their chosen presents. However it has not been all about the shopping! This week the children have been reflecting on their beautiful mothers; identifying what makes them so special and we celebrated their presence in our lives at our beautiful liturgy this morning.

Mother's Day allows us to stop and reflect on the important job of mothering and to give thanks to those who have mothered us. There are many ways to answer the question, "What is Motherhood?" and one of those ways might be that Motherhood means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying and giving birth to a human being, is as close as any person can get to the act of creation. This is the beginning of Motherhood but it is far from the end. Motherhood is also about nurturing, sacrificing, loving and ultimately, letting go.



We wish all the mums, grandmothers, aunties and special women at St Bernadette's a very happy and love filled Mother's Day this Sunday.

Melissa Beggs—Acting Principal

*A prayer in Gratitude for our Mothers
Good and Gentle God,*

*we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for
all the women of theory who have joined with
you in the wonder of bringing forth new life.*

*You who became human through a woman,
grant to all mothers the courage they need to
face the uncertain future that life with children
always brings.*

*Give them the strength to live and to be loved
in return, not perfectly, but humanly.*

*Give them the faithful support of husband,
family and friends as they care for the physical
and spiritual growth of their children.*

*Give them joy and delight in their children to
sustain them through the trials of motherhood.*

*Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to
you for help when they need it most.*

Amen

Happy Mother's Day



Week 3 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 13 May

8.30am Assembly

2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 14 May

8-10am Uniform Shop

Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online

Wed 15 May

Student Banking Day

Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online

Thurs 16 May

Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online

Fri 17 May

New Day & Time

7.30am ChiFUNese

Mandarin Class

Yrs 3 & 5 NAPLAN Online

Coming Dates:

Thurs 23 May

Yr 6 Canberra

Excursion

9 am School Tour for

Kindergarten 2020

Fri 24 May

7.30 am ChiFUNese

Mandarin Class

Yr 6 Canberra

Excursion

1.40 pm Whole School

Assembly

Change of Date:

Tues 23 July

Athletics Carnival

Thurs 1 August

Grandparents' Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 23 May 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

R.E. NEWS



Each grade not only focuses on the Gospel of Luke in the classroom but each grade studies a particular piece of scripture that relates to their unit topic. For example, Year 4 in their Lent unit studies the scripture 'The Forgiving Father' from Luke's Gospel.

There are 3 Senses the students use to interpret and respond to the scripture. The responses use the senses in classroom instruction to aid in instruction, and help measure student growth.



The Literal Sense is students responding to the Who, What, When and Why in the passage. They respond to the facts of the passage in a 1st Century context. In the Spiritual Sense they are interpreting; ☐ Who God is in the passage ☐ What are the relevant Church teachings ☐ What guidance is there to live a good Christian life ☐ What is the connection to Heaven ☐ Is there a connection to the Sacraments?

In the Application Sense the students will apply what they have learnt from the Literal and Spiritual sense and demonstrate their understanding in their everyday lives. Students also demonstrate how the school and Gospel values are modelled at school, home and in the community.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Mothers Day Photos:



Athletics Carnival—Change of Date

Parents please be advised that our new date for the Athletics Carnival is:

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 @ AH Whaling Reserve
Please update your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 91.3%

Did you know??

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

We believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below.

Congratulations to Kindergarten who are leading the way and our primary classes who continue to be above our target of 90%.

A gentle reminder that if your child is absent a note is required on their return explaining the reason. We have a large number of outstanding notes at the present time and your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Kindy	96.1%	Yr 4	90.1%
Yr 1	85.5%	Yr 5	94.2%
Yr 2	87.9%	Yr 6	94.2%
Yr 3	90.4%		

School Fees

If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 1 we ask if you could please make a payment now, thank you to all 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 9407-6600 or email 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 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 Council War on Waste initiative –
Waste Free EVERY DAY**

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill: Being a Balanced Student at St Bernadette's</i>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
KB	Elliana Escobar	Callum Hawkes	Asia Ah Siu
KG	Calvin Dmello	Not for Publication	Alirah Zaidan Sciberras
KW	Harrison Mortlock	Michael Chaccal	Ava Mortel
1B	Keona D'Souza	Christian Rizk	Harry Overend
1G	Clare Baker	Nicholas Botros	Layla Dmello
1W	Rozanne Succar	Annika Bond	Maya Abaza
2B	Alexia Peharda	Martin Lousin	Oscar O'Byrne
2G	Nicholas Masina	Tayla Van Ryswyk	Lucia Aiossa
3B	Isaac Beshay	Aditi Gowda	Jack Kirkham
3G	Gabriella Papandrea	Peter Georges	Elle Dibble
3W	Amelia Lavis	Elizabeth D'Souza	Riley McGlynn
4B	Joshua Tan	Hayley Gonzales	Angelique Debelak
4G	Liam McGovern	Laclan Waters-Marsh	Isabella Perete
4W	Diego Garcia-Behrens	Grace Kalina	Ava Rendulic
5B	Levi Parame	Ella Macey	Charlotte Cowper
5G	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos	Ryan Suwandy	Bridget Clemente
5W	Bennett Moynahan	Lily Procter	Thomas McGinty
6B	Zachary Miller	Sabrina Puglisi	Cassandra Losurdo
6G	Paavni Kumar	Nicholas Power	Charbel Zeaiter
6W	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter	Imogen Vines	Genevieve Sing

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Addisyn Ream in 3B** who came 1st in the Leadrain at Sydney Royal.

Principal's Awards:

Sienna Leuzzi 3W
 Chloe Karam 4G
 Sofia Papandrea 3B
 Ashton Baker 3B
 Maya Keremelevski 3W
 Jack Robinson 4W
 Annabelle Farag 4W



Sports News - Diocesan Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 7th May, the St Bernadette's Cross Country Team competed at the Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek. It was a chilly morning for the children's arrival at the venue to walk the course. Children warmed up in their teams, under the guidance of their Age Manager taking them through stretches, drills and final drink stops before the race.

Our Junior runners competed in the 2km race whilst the Seniors ran 3km. I was immensely proud of the children's results on the course, as well as the sportsmanship that was shown off the course. As always, they cheered their teammates on as they made their way to the finish line.

Congratulations to every member of our team for your results on the day - there were many PBs on the track in both timing and placing. To our parents, thank you for your support throughout the day, as Age Manager, Runner and Cheerleader - it is only with your assistance that our days run so smoothly.

A special mention goes to **Emily Mitchell** - 8th in 8/9 Years Girls 2km and **Sarah Lievano** 6th in 12/13 Years Girls 3km, who both gained a place in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Team to compete at the NSWCCPS carnival in the coming weeks.

Mrs Karen Orsini
Sports Coordinator

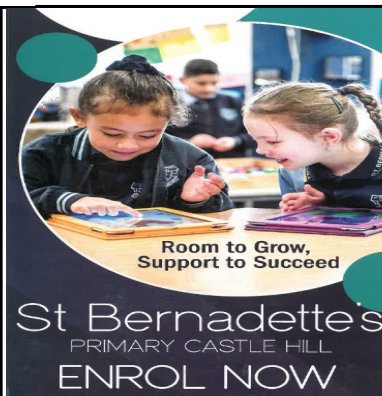


NEW DATE:
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 23rd July
Term 3 Week 1
AH Whaling Reserve

Back - Up date:
Friday 26th July
Term 3 Week 1
AH Whaling Reserve





ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Please contact the school office if you would like to register for a school tour /enrol your child in 2020.

Mother's Day Stall

A huge thank you to **Laura Symin and Debbie Kalina** who organised our Mothers' Day Stall and to all the wonderful helpers that gave their time on Wednesday. Thank you so much.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

THANK YOU, to all our Dad volunteers for helping out today. You all did a fabulous job with the Morning Tea.

A big Thank you to the following companies for donating such lovely gifts for our Mothers Day Lucky door prize.

Bella Fiore Floral Designs

Nadia Zaiter, Lyvonnies Hair and Body and

Blissfulballoons

Noble Threads co. - noblethreadsco.com.au

Fancy Bake - Cookie Cake <https://www.facebook.com/FancyBake/>

Thanks again.

Di Zaiter (P&F Hospitality)

Hair with Heart

Congratulations to **Murphy Sun in 2G** who donated her hair to a children's charity <https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/Murphy>. If anyone wishes to support the cause the website details are above.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Abouhamad family (Max in 2G and William in 5W), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.



Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July

Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day—Thurs 27 June

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

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

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.

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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. So please remember to ask Grandma, Grandad plus other family members to save them for you. Just place your stickers / sheets in the box provided or send to the office. Thank you.

