



St Bernadette's School



Friday 31st May 2019 — Term 2 Week 5

No. 16

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to be back at St Bernadette's after my 3 weeks supporting the community of St Monica's North Parramatta.

Thank you to Mrs Beggs and Mrs Watt who looked after St Bernadette's during this time.

On Thursday and Friday last week I had the great pleasure of accompanying the Year 6 students and their teachers to Canberra. This is always a fabulous excursion and our students were wonderful ambassadors of St Bernadette's and their families. As we visited Questacon, Parliament House, the High Court, the Australian Institute of Sport and the War Memorial the students demonstrated not only a keenness to learn and apply the knowledge they had but they also demonstrated a respectful attitude towards and recognition of the importance of the significant places they were visiting and the people they were meeting. The students exemplary behaviour and excellent prior knowledge were particularly noticed and commented on in each of the venues by the staff delivering the various programmes. Congratulations girls and boys I am very proud of you as are your teachers. It was very clear that you are enjoying your learning.

Our Year 3 students enjoyed an excursion to Rouse Hill House this week and again the preparation of the students for their learning and their behaviour while at the venue was commented on by the staff. Whenever St Bernadette's students move out into the community or host guests into our school there is a strong theme for the feedback that we receive about our students - that they are curious, respectful and keen to apply their new learning. These are wonderful dispositions to be developing for the world that our students are living in. A world in which they need to be able to create, evaluate and utilize information.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

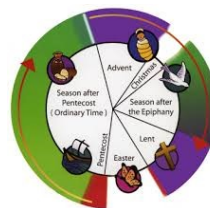
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Liturgical Seasons

Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the birth, life, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The Church's liturgical cycle recalls the Paschal Mystery over a yearly cycle. At mass we also remember the Paschal Mystery and are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time, which will begin in after Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.



This Sunday we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord which is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar, and commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The feast is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e. universally celebrated), ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 6 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 3 June

8.30am Morning Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sport

Tues 4 June

8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 5 June

Student Banking

Thurs 6 June

9am School Tour
3-4pm Sydney FC Soccer Skills

Fri 7 June

7.30am ChiFUNese Mandarin Class
1.40pm Whole School Assembly—All welcome
Maths Books coming home

Mon 10 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Coming Dates:

Thurs 13 June

Yr 4 Excursion
2.45 pm Stage 2 Soccer Trials Boys/Girls

Fri 14 June

Build A-Thon Day

Weeks 9 & 10

Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations
Late night: Wed 26 June

Thurs 27 June
Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day

Fri 28 June

Pyjama Day / Gold Coin Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 6 June 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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

A note of Appreciation

A huge thank you to Carlile Swimming Cherrybrook for their pastoral support to one of our families. The St Bernadette's community is very grateful.



New kids on the block

Mrs Bojanowski, Mrs Lean-Fore, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Mulligan called in for morning tea with the staff during the week and brought in their little bundles of joy - baby Rory, baby Charlie, baby Oream and baby Carter. Enrolments are looking great for 2024!!!!



Thank you!

Thank you to the Year One parents who joined the Year One teachers and Mrs Beggs to hear about how teachers assess their children's learning and to learn about the Semester One reports that the children will be receiving later this term. This was another opportunity for parents and teachers to come together to support the children's learning.

Preventing the Flu and the spread of Flu

Flu vaccination each year before winter arrives is the best way to prevent flu.

Healthy respiratory hygiene also helps to prevent the spread of flu.

- Cover your mouth with your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Stay at home if you're sick
- Wash your hands frequently



Yr 3 Excursion

On Tuesday 28th March, Year 3 went to Rouse Hill Cultural Centre. When we arrived we had a smoking ceremony. We painted our faces in different patterns. We then split up and did wonderful activities. Some activities we did were boomerang throwing and making a story using Aboriginal symbols. We had lots of Aboriginal fun! After lunch we played a game about whether the Aboriginal tool they were holding was a girl or boy tool. The last activity was learning about the digeridoo also names 'Yetakey'. This excursion was a blast! Thank you Year 3 teachers! The next Year 3s are sure to love this.

By Zara Hawkes in 3 Blue



Social Skills—Weeks 5 & 6—Being a Creative Students at St Bernadette's

Being creative is not just about being artistic. Being creative doesn't mean you know how to draw or play an instrument. Being creative is a way of thinking, a way of viewing the world. Creative people sometimes make NEW things but they can also think about new things in different ways. The right side of the brain is used for creative things. Creative people use the right side of their brains more than the left. Some people appear to be born creative, however everyone does have the creative right brain side that they can develop. It takes a concerted effort and at St Bernadette's we encourage our students and provide activities to allow them to bring out their creative side, for some it just takes time.

Family Discussion Starters:

Who are the most creative people in your family?
What would each member of your family like to be better at?

What has been the best invention ever? Do you think it related to the right side or left side of the brain thinking?

Think of something you can do creatively during the next two weeks.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stbernadettesch>

Sports News - Gala Day trials

Stage 2 Soccer Trials—Boys & Girls

Thursday 13th June, 2:45 - 4:00pm Grass Area

Bring sports clothes and a drink bottle. (No boots or shinpads needed for trials).



Attendance

As you are aware it is a legal requirement that when a child is absent, the school requires a note on their return stating the reason for their absence. From time to time we know these maybe overlooked and for this reason reminder notices are sent out by the school. At the present time we have 76 outstanding notes from the beginning of the year to now. These appear as unexplained absences on your child's report if we are not able to record an explanation. Your attention to any outstanding notes is appreciated.



Send me to school if ...

- ◆ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ◆ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc—school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ◆ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

Keep me home if ...

- ◆ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ◆ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ◆ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ◆ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ◆ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health—A - Z of Infections diseases for more information



**ENROLLING NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2020 & Years 1 to 6**

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

Next School Tour: Thursday 6th June 9am

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews



The School Interview booking site will be open on **Monday 3rd June at 9am** for parents to make appointments with class teachers as part of the half yearly reporting cycle. Reports will be sent home with children on Monday 24th June 2019.

Interviews will take place from Tuesday 25th June 2019 with the late interview evening being Wednesday 26th June 2019.

The teachers look forward to this opportunity to meet with you and your child to discuss their learning and their goals. To assist with the smooth running of the interviews and to continue to respect the amount of time that parents are able to meet with teachers the following information is provided: -

- Interviews will be spaced at 15mins intervals, though it is not expected that most interviews will take up the whole 15mins
- Parents are requested to contact the teacher to schedule an appointment at another time if they need an extended interview that will take longer than 15 mins
- Parents who have more than one teacher to see are asked not to book consecutive timeslots so as to avoid running late for the next appointment. The location of classrooms makes it impossible to move in time from one interview to the next if the appointment is booked back to back with another appointment
- If you are running late for your interview time, your interview can only take place for the booked time so as not to impact on the schedule of other interviews
- Teachers will have a commitment to the published Interview Timetable that appears outside each classroom/ learning space and they will appreciate parents also adhering to the time allocation

To book a parent teacher interview please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **ggkeq** Bookings open Monday 3rd June 9am.



School Fees

Parents are reminded 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.

Child Protection

Parents are required to **'UPDATE'** their child protection and for **'NEW'** parents to the school.



It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE. This training is available online at: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and **MUST** be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

Term Dates

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)

**Student Council War on Waste initiative –
WASTE FREE EVERYDAY**

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Just place your stickers onto the sheet that was provided and emailed to you and then once full please send to the office.



Children don't forget you can earn colour house spirit points for collecting and bringing in stickers.

Thank you!

P&F News:

Thank-you to our many St Bernadette's parents and families who have donated to our November 8th, 2019 Fun Fair. We so appreciate your involvement and generosity. Fun Fair 2019 will be bigger and better than ever before!

We are looking for prizes/donations particularly for the Chocolate Wheel. If parents are in Woolworths, Coles, Aldi etc. and see a bargain then please buy it and donate it to 2019 Fun Fair. In the past, great prizes have been bikes, scooters, gift cards, food hampers, tools, pool toys, gym equipment, movie vouchers, **THE LIST GOES ON AND ON.**

If parents work for a business that might be able to supply a silent auction item, that would be awesome. We are happy to accept everything from our generous donors and supporters.

If you, your business or employer can contribute to this great event in any way, please contact Nick on 0488 177 618 or nickjgooley@bigpond.com.

Thank you -

St Bernadette's Parents & Friends Association



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only.

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.