



St Bernadette's School



Friday 14th June 2019 — Term 2 Week 7

No. 18

Dear Parents,

*“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. ...Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”
Galations 5:22-23, 25*

Each Monday, at our assembly, the children and staff publicly pray our school prayer which proclaims our school values and which inspires us to live these values out in our school day in the same way that St Paul calls us to live by the Spirit, immersed in our faith and responsive to God's promptings in our lives.

When we are able to live by the Spirit, the 'fruits of the Holy Spirit' assist us in living as Christians.

At St Bernadette's, throughout this term we have been reacquainting the children with our school values so that they have a clear understanding of what each value looks like, sounds like and feels like. To quote an often used saying we want our students to “walk the talk” of our stated values.

With Miss Jurcevic and Mrs Coppini, the Year 2 children brainstormed and described each value:

respect, honesty, tolerance forgiveness care and compassion

They then shared these across the school and inspired other grades to do the same with their teachers.

At our Friday Awards Assemblies, our School Leaders introduce and encourage the students to develop that value in their behaviours over the next 2 weeks. The following assembly students are recognised for their capacity to demonstrate that value in their actions.

Of course what we aim for is students integrating these values into their daily life without the need for reward or rather that the reward for demonstrating these values is the development of a community that truly does demonstrate strength through gentleness in our words and actions.

This is as much applicable to the students as it is to the interactions between the adults in our school community. Respectful conversations between adults reflect our commitment to our Catholic values and our school values. Our staff enthusiastically support your child's learning and are always happy to meet with parents. Thank you to all parents who acknowledge this by the respect that they demonstrate in their approaches to their child's teacher.

Parents and teachers have a common goal: to facilitate the best educational experience possible for students. Therefore when parents and teachers communicate with one another, they are able to work together towards this common goal. In Week 9 our next formal communication opportunity will be available to all parents. Please ensure that you have made your appointment.

Term 3—Long Service Leave

I will be accessing LSL for the first 6 weeks of Term 3 as I travel to France and the UK. Mrs Beggs will be Acting Principal, Mrs Watt Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Laso will be Acting Coordinator for this period of time.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

Week 8 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 17 June
8.30am Morning Assembly
Concert Band at Eisteddfod
2.45pm Motiv8sport

Tues 18 June
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 19 June
Student Banking

Thurs 20 June
9am School Tour for prospective parents K to Yr 6 2020

Fri 21 June
7.30am ChiFUNese Mandarin Class
Yr 3 Incursion—Skyworks Planetarium
1.40pm Whole School Assembly
History Workbooks Coming Home

Coming Dates:

Weeks 9 & 10
Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conversations
Late night—Wed 26 June

Thurs 27 June
Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day -

Fri 28 June
Pyjama Day / Gold Coin Day
Yr 6 Debating

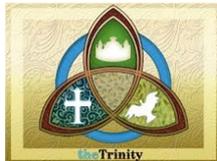
ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 20th June 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

R.E. NEWS



This Sunday is solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. Pope Gregory IX instituted Trinity Sunday in 828 CE. This day is known for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a church doctrine rather than an event in its sacred history. It is dedicated to the Christian belief in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and falls on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. The belief of one God in three elements is a distinctive of the Christian faith but the early church was plagued by contrary views. Trinity Sunday spread throughout the western church around the 14th century CE.

In some churches, the liturgical colour is white on Trinity Sunday. Images of the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit depict that there are three elements of one God. The



Trinity is sometimes symbolized by a triangular shape formed by three overlapping oval rings or loops, each featuring one of the following images: the crown (father) within the top loop; the lamb (son) within the second loop (clockwise); and the dove (spirit) within the third loop (clockwise).

This Sunday is an opportunity for the congregation to learn and revisit the concept of the trinity, which refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit being one God.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

2019 Hills Cluster Debating Competition

This week our debaters competed in the 2nd round of our Interscholar Debating Competition debating with St Madeleine's, Kenthurst. The teams presented arguments on the topic 'Actions speak louder than words'.



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. A special thank you to Mrs Ellis for providing transportation. Thank you to Sr Patty Andrew who is our adjudicator for the 2019 debating season.

Affirmative

Paavni Kumar
Tess Ellis
Brayden Leuzzi
Lachlan McLaren

Negative

Enya Hui
Ashleigh Scrooby
Charlotte Lee
Tyler Smith

At St Bernadette's we are:

**Respectful
Resilient
Safe
Learners**

At our recent Parents and Friends Meeting Mrs Nettleton spoke about the school's implementation of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) - an approach which supports the overall well-being of students by improving student learning outcomes. Research indicates that when students feel safe and cared for and have a sense of belonging, they are able to achieve their potential in all aspects of their learning.

PBS4L is a school-wide initiative that encompasses our school values and school motto and helps the students to learn and understand the school's shared values and goals.

Throughout the year the teachers will have access to evidence-based professional learning that promotes effective classroom practices targeted at increasing positive behaviour within the school environment and also focuses on increasing authentic student engagement when it comes to learning tasks.



Build A-Thon

The St Bernadette's students enjoyed a fabulous day at the Build A-thon! The children were seen using their curiosity, creativity and cooperative learning skills to build various structures. There were creative marble mazes, bridges, cup towers and even some pasta structures!

Now that the Build A-thon challenges have been completed, the time has come to start collecting the money pledged from all of your generous sponsors. Thank you to parents (and sponsors) who have already sent in their money — **\$3000+** received already. Well done and thank you!

To be in the running for some great prizes, please ensure that all of the Build A-thon sponsorship money is returned to school by **Thursday 27th June**. Our major prize this year for the family who raises the most money is a **Family Ride Pass** for our **Fun Fair** in November.

Photo from today's fun filled event can also be found on the school Facebook page!



Social Skill Focus (Responsible Decision Making: Respecting Others) - Being a Fair and Considerate Student at St. Bernadette's

Being fair is about the way we treat other people. The old saying of 'Treat other people, the way you would like to be treated,' is certainly true- especially at our school St. Bernadette's.

People who are fair, believe in justice and a fair go for all. Fair people don't judge others on their race, religion, gender, disability, appearance, the clothes they wear or how much money they have.

Fair people realise that rules are made to keep everyone safe. They know that together we can accomplish great things, if everyone is given a fair go in our school community.

Family Discussion Starters

What are your responsibilities in the family?
Have you ever felt discriminated against?
Is the world we live in a fair place?

Never look down on anyone else unless you are helping them up.

Mrs Kathy Watt

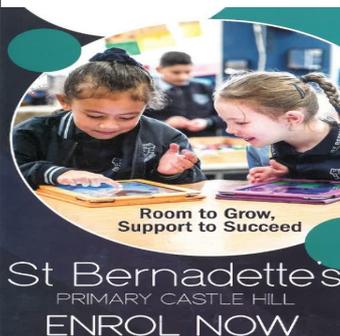
Every Learner Every Day Attendance rate to date is 89.2%

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend school each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities.

We remain just below our target set at 90% again this week. we know many children have been unwell with colds and we look forward to their healthy return to school.

K	92.1%	Year 4	86.4%
Yr 1	88.4%	Year 5	93.3%
Yr 2	84.5%	Year 6	91.7%
Yr 3	87.7%		

School Matters!



ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020 & Years 1 to 6

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

Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations

Please see last week's newsletter for full details of our upcoming Learning Conversations. A reminder to book a parent/student/teacher interview please go to:



www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **ggkeq** The booking site is now open. Reports will be sent home with children on Monday 24th June and interviews will take place from Tuesday 25th June with the late interview evening being Wednesday 26th June.

Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Kindergarten: Kerry Allan, Alana Geeganage, Elliott Lavis, Georgie Smith, Spencer Tang, Charles Watson.

Year 1: Lily Alam, Oscar Barone, Josephine Burraston, Samara Colaco, Zachary Drogaris, Aidan Jaucian, Tessa Kaufmann, Samuel Khamis, Ashlee Nguyen, Ewan Osborn, Madison Pena, Gabriel Saad, Sophie Vilorina, Harry Watson, Isaac Saad.

Year 2: Ava Berrell, Emily Boxshall, Zoran Djuriscic, Abby Guy, Patrick Kelly, Martin Lousin, Sophie Zucconi.

Year 3: Gianni Castellan, Nathan Elias, Savannah Jaucian, Kristina Jelwan, Amelia Lavis, Zara Osborn, Gabriella Papandrea, Nicholas Reyna, Adam Wassif.

Year 4: Alexander Barone, Chloe Karam, Kevin Le, Felicity Miller, Hilda Mormul.

Year 5: Valentina Anderson, Hannah Cherian, Jacob Elias, Ysabella Jaucian, Georgina Kassis, Ashton Pulvirenti, Rachel Saad, Morgan Smith, Kaiden Taggart.

Year 6: Charlie Barone, Zander Cheng, Olivia Drogaris, Daniela Jelwan, Lucas Karam, Zachary Miller, Hilary Zhang.

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 in the next week or so but 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 Council War on Waste initiative – WASTE FREE EVERYDAY

Sport News

NRL Gala Day - A word from the players:

We started the day ready to play footy with our mates, some who had never played club footy before. All we thought about the whole day was to have fun and enjoy ourselves. We shook each player's hand on the opposing team at the start and end of each game wishing them good luck.

We played with aggression even though we lost our first game, it made us hungry for wins and we all played hard as one team. We held our heads high even if there was an error or two.

We won our second match which gave us the confidence to win our third and final match to make it in the playoff. The players from the opposing team (Our Lady Of Lourdes) were some of our teammates from club Rugby League but that didn't stop us from winning.

The final was our most challenging game playing against Kings Langley Public School. We had a few decisions not go our way but we still showed our school values and showed good sportsmanship and made our school proud. In the end, we lost the playoff but congratulated the other team on their win. Although we lost that game, we had fun throughout the whole day with our mates and placed second overall. Each player did their best and had fun.



We would like to thank all the parents who helped out throughout the day especially Mr Wadih, Mr Akle and Mr Barone. We would also like to thank our Year Five teacher, Mr Bamford, and also all the parents for their support taking us to the gala day and supporting us when playing.

Marc Anthony Zeaiter and Antonio Wadih

From the House Captains - Zac and Tyler

To all St Bernadette's students, thank you for bringing in the Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths! Good job! And keep on going to support your house.

So far we have collected lots of sheets - remember **1 sheet = 1 house point**

Red	Gold	Blue	Green
69	89	63	60

School Fees

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 Leave—Reminder

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.

Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook (9980 7822).

Swimming lessons for all ages.

Visit: <https://www.carlile.com.au/cherrybrook/>



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Castellan & Nourdine families (Gianni 3W, Thomas 4B and Alana), following the recent passing of their great uncle. May he rest in peace.



Our congratulations to the Wakim family (Samuel in 1B) on the birth of a baby girl, Grace. Our best wishes to the family.



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)

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! Promotion ends: 25 June 2019



P&F News:

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.



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

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

Net Set Go—expression of interest

We hope to run another Net Set Go program this year for boys and girls aged 6-8 after school. At this stage, we are asking for an expression of interest to see if we have enough players now or maybe later in the season. If you are interested please send an email to St Bernadette's Netball club: sbncsecretary@gmail.com