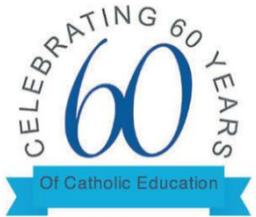




St Bernadette's School



Friday 26th July 2019 — Term 3 Week 1

No. 21

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new and exciting term! I hope you and your families were able to have a restful, relaxing break together and got to enjoy some of that glorious Winter sunshine.

I would like to welcome to St Bernadette's Cassandra Jackson to KG and Avantika Bitra to 2G and their families. I know that you will find the St Bernadette's community a friendly and inviting one.

I would also like to thank our hard-working teachers who have spent a great deal of time in the holidays planning and preparing for learning and ensuring that the classrooms are ready for the term. This has meant we've had a very smooth transition back to school for all our students.

A very large thank you as well to our fantastic parents and Mrs Elizabeth Evans who gave up their time in the holidays to work in our school gardens. These gardens allow the children to experience the process of planting their own seeds, watching them grow into plants, preparing the grown food, and eventually eating. It gives students a new and sustainable perspective on healthy eating habits. Our Generous Growers Garden Club continues to thrive and grow in large due to the passion and support of the adults involved. Please take the time to view the garden photos and article in our newsletter.

We have begun the term with a very successful athletics carnival and today we celebrated the important milestone for Kindergarten who celebrated being 100 days smarter! These events are enhanced by your participation and support and we are very grateful to the parents who are able to assist to help make these days run effectively. We look forward as a staff connecting with families, immediate and extended at special events such as these. Next week we look forward to celebrating the gifts that our Grandparents are to our families and community. Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Melissa Beggs – Acting Principal

R.E. NEWS



God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?" God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

This coming Sunday the Gospel of Luke recounts the time Jesus gave us the special prayer which we call 'The Lord's Prayer' or the 'Our Father'. This prayer was very different from anything that the Jews had heard before, because it taught the disciples to approach God as a loving and protective parent rather than someone all-powerful and far away from us. Jesus tells us to be persistent in asking God for what we need. God always answers our prayers, though not necessarily in the way we expect or want.

In the Psalm we see again that God is truly with us at every point in our lives.

I am surrounded by trouble, but you protect me.

With your own powerful arm, you keep me safe.

You, Lord, will always treat me with kindness.

Your love never fails.

And our response is: Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Have a wonderful week.

**Mrs Sally Coppini
Acting REC**

Week 2 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

Mon 29 July
8.30am Morning Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sport

Tues 30 July
8-10am Uniform Shop
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Wed 31 July
Student Banking
Netball Gala

Thurs 1 August
Grandparents Day
9am School Tour for prospective parents K to Year 6 2020

Fri 2 August
CENSUS DAY
7.30am ChiFUNese Mandarin Class
1.40pm Whole School Assembly

Coming Dates:

Wed 7th Aug
Stage 3 Wanderers Cup

Tues 13th Aug
Infants Athletics

Thurs 15th Aug
Hills Zone Athletics

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 1st August 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9407 6699
Email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>
School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

Garden Club Update

During the holidays a band of enthusiastic gardeners, young and old(er) came together and volunteered to enhance further our garden.

On the day they:

- assembled the hen house, soon to host our three new chickens
- started construction on the pen for the chickens to roam the garden during the day
- started building the new trellis for climbing plants on the rear wall of the veggie garden
- filled and planted out the new recycled pallet planter boxes
- organised a general clean up and tidy ready for term 3

Thank you to Bunnings Dural, the P&F and some generous families and staff from our school community for donating vouchers, plants and materials for the day.

A huge thankyou to the following people who attended on the day:

Brendan, Renee, Emily and Michael Mitchell
Marianna, Vito, Fabian and Emilia Crecca
Nick Gooley

Belisa, Sofia and Ava Papandrea
Sue, Lauren, Amy and Emma Ballesty
Steven, Amelia and Elliott Lavis
Thomas and Ella Macey
Elizabeth Evans and Rhianna Thomas (staff)

And a special thanks to Laurence Rappo who is neither a staff member or relative at the school but who has been so generous with his time and skills to help with this project.

Steve Lavis
P & F President



GRANDPARENTS DAY

OUR SCHOOL BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON!!

Hundreds of books will be available for grandparents to choose from to give their grandchildren the experience of engaging reading material.

Come to the Library on **August 1st** and buy your grandchild a great book.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge:

Alexander Sholkie
Madison Spears
Lucy Saad
Annabelle Farag
Chloe Malandrino
Sophia Black
Juliana Farag

Keep up the great reading!



ICAS

Have you remembered to enter
for 2019?

St Bernadette's students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the areas of Writing, English and Mathematics.

Payment for the ICAS assessments is being done online in 2019 through the UNSW Global Parent Payment System and has been **extended to the 31st July**.

You can access this service by typing unsw.global/parentpay into your browser.

To purchase assessments for the English, Mathematics or Writing assessments you will need to use the school code which is: **741614525f**

An information sheet and permission slip were sent to all parents via email last term. We ask that you read this and return the slip to the school office by 31st July.

CENSUS – FRIDAY, 2ND AUGUST

If you know that your child will be absent on **Friday, 2nd August**, please email the school explaining the reasons for absence prior to the day. Likewise, if your child is unexpectedly absent on the day, please email the school by 10:00 am on **Friday, 2nd August** to advise your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and expected date of return.

Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is mandatory. This requirement applies to every school day; however, Census data is directly related to government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

Today Kindy celebrated 100 Days of Kindergarten. The children had a wonderful morning with their parents participating in a range of activities all based around 100.

We then enjoyed a delicious morning tea on the grass area. We are so proud of our Kindies and look forward to the next 100 days.



School Fees

Just a reminder to all families that a term's notice (10 weeks) **MUST** be given in writing to the Principal before a student leaves the school.

Otherwise, unfortunately a full term's fees will be payable as directed by the Catholic Education Office.

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 88.4%

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

Due to the flu season, we finished last term short of our target of 90%. We have enjoyed seeing everyone back at school this week and congratulate all grades on their improvement in their attendance.

Well done to Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 6 on achieving above 90%

Of concern to teachers lately is the increasing number of students who are arriving late to school. Whilst we appreciate that some appointments cannot be made outside of school hours it is important that children are here at school before the morning bell. Thank you for being mindful of school hours when making appointments or allowing time for traffic in the morning peak period.

Our attendance levels are recorded below.

Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level	Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	90.6%	4	88.9%
1	86.9%	5	91.3%
2	82.5%	6	90.2%
3	87.5%		



Sports News

Primary Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Carnival was an enormous success this week as the Primary students took to the track at Roxborough Park. The sun was shining, it was a beautiful day to be outdoors enjoying being active and participating in a range of track, field and novelty events throughout the day.

Across the track you could see all of our House Colours being represented with pride and determination as the students strived to achieve personal bests in their events of 800m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Relays and Novelties. Our House Captains lead their teams in chants, organisation, motivation and team spirit.

We were once again blessed to be supported by 20 Gilroy students who came to officiate our carnival through timing, place judging, motivating, and cheering along our younger students. I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all the parents and friends who came out to support the carnival, taking on one of the many jobs across the track. Our days' success is largely due to your support.

A highlight for the day was our 4 x 100m Relay, where the 4 fastest runners from Blue, Gold, Green and Red took on a Gilroy team, a teacher team and 2 parent teams. It was a fast 400m which saw the track filled with cheering spectators as the athletes rounded each corner. The Gilroy team was very strong, and took out the win for their team.

Results were as follows:

Gilroy, Gold, Green, Blue, Red, Parents, Teachers, Parents.

Throughout the day we also had 3 new Records broken:

Harry Wigham - Under 9 Boys

100m - 13.84

200m - 30.70

Lila Oliver - Under 8 Girls

100m - 17.19

A special mention goes to Rhys Timbrell (Under 9 Boys AWD) for his awesome performance in the 100m - we were all very proud to cheer you across the finish line.

Congratulations to all our athletes who placed 1st or 2nd overall on the day - you will form our St Bernadette's Athletics Team for 2019 and will compete at the Hills Zone carnival on 15th August at Blacktown Olympic Park. Final House results for the carnival are:

GOLD	2265
BLUE	2161
GREEN	2098
RED	1461



	Boys Champion	Boys Runner-Up	Girls Champion	Girls Runner-Up
Under 8	Nicholas Masina	Lewis Zalloua	Lila Oliver	Litia Baker
Under 9	Harry Wigham	Jackson Lieb	Emily Mitchell	Haley Gonzales
Under 10	Douglas Windress	Cooper Dowling	Paloma Lopez	Ava Rendulic
Under 11	Liam Worne	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter	Eva Bailey	Zelda Mormul
Under 12	Xavier Hennessey	Nicholas Power	Holly Williams	Sarah Lievano

Infants Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 13th August

All children in Years Kindy to Year 2 will be involved - 9:00am - 12:00pm – at St Bernadette’s



Dates for Term 3:

- 30th July - Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
- 31st July - Netball Gala Day
- 7th Aug - Stage 3 Wanderers Cup
- 8th Aug - Infants Athletics
- 15th Aug - Hills Zone Athletics
- 23rd Aug - Parra Diocesan Athletics
- 28th Aug - Stage 2/3 Basketball Gala Day
- 29th August - Stage 2/3 Cricket Gala Day
- 13th Sept - Stage 2 Touch Gala Day
- 16th Sept - NSWCPA Athletics
- 27th Sept - Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

Congratulations to Sarah Lievano who was selected into the Girls Metro West Football team to compete in the State Titles. State Titles will be held the first week of the next school holidays. Wishing her the very best of luck.

Congratulations to Liam Worne who was selected into the MacKillop Softball Team this week and will compete at NSWPSA Championships later in the term.

