



# St Bernadette's School



Friday 9 August 2019 — Term 3 Week 3

No. 24

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we celebrated the feast day of Mary MacKillop. A woman who inspired many young people around her and understood that making a difference for people meant getting in and doing. Her most famous quote reflects this idea 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

I see this belief reflected in the life of the school as we witness the many good deeds done for others such as our new SRC team enthusiastically meeting this week and planning to carry on being the student voice of our community and looking to better our school.

I see it in the time given up by our P & F to wrap Father's Day gifts so that the children have an opportunity to celebrate their dads and choose a special gift to say thank you.

I see it in the teachers who give up their time to trial and train teams, coach and mentor students to give them an opportunity to participate in gala days, debating, gardening and choir to name a few.

I see it in the tireless work of our Fun Fair committee as they prepare for this fantastic event. I encourage as many as possible to attend our upcoming P & F meeting on Wednesday 14th August at 7:30pm to meet other parents and contribute to the life of the school.

Next Monday St Bernadette's school will be represented in the Annual Voice of Youth competition at the Hills Cluster Final by Year 6 students Xavier and Charlotte. We wish them well as they prepare for this challenge.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Melissa Beggs  
(Acting Principal)

*"Through your attention to the little ones  
and to the poor, you can kindle stars in  
the night for those who suffer."*

*Pope Francis@Pontifex*

## R.E. NEWS



On Thursday 8th August we celebrated the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, our first Australian saint. It is a perfect time to reflect on her achievements as well as the obstacles she encountered.

She was the co-founder the Sisters of St Joseph and a tireless advocate of education and schools. At just 24, she established a school for children of the poor and underprivileged and under her guidance, her Order went on to found schools not only across SA but also in Victoria, NSW and eventually New Zealand.

St Mary and her Sisters were also responsible for setting up orphanages and homes for the destitute as well as establishing refuges for ex-inmates of Australia's grim nineteenth century prisons. She also set up shelters for former prostitutes earning criticism and outrage from many people.

In a conservative time as well as a male-dominated Church, St Mary's unwavering commitment to those on the margins of society constantly met with opposition. But with her strength of faith and her vision of a better world for all, St Mary refused to be daunted. With patience, a forgiving heart and trust in God, she managed to overcome whatever obstacles were put her way. We strive to be like her in our daily lives.

Next week Thursday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus.

Have a wonderful week.  
Sally Coppini  
Acting REC

### Week 4 Dates

**Waste Free Recess &  
Lunch Everyday**

#### Mon 12 August

8.30am Morning  
Assembly  
Yr 6 Voice of Youth  
9.15am K2020  
Wellbeing Parent  
Session

#### Tues 13 August

8-10am Uniform Shop  
Infants Athletics  
Carnival

#### Wed 14 August

**Student Banking**  
Hills Hornets Basketball  
7.30pm P&F Meeting  
followed by FUN FAIR  
Meeting

#### Thurs 15 August

9am School Tour for K-  
Yr 6 2020  
Hills Hornets Basketball  
Hills Zone Athletics

#### Fri 16 August

Yr 6 Debating  
1.40pm Whole School  
Assembly

### Coming Dates:

#### Tues 20 August

Wanderers Cup Soccer  
Gala Day—Yrs 5 & 6

#### Tues 27 August

Fathers Day Stall

#### Wed 28 August

Hills Basketball Gala  
Day

#### Thurs 29 August

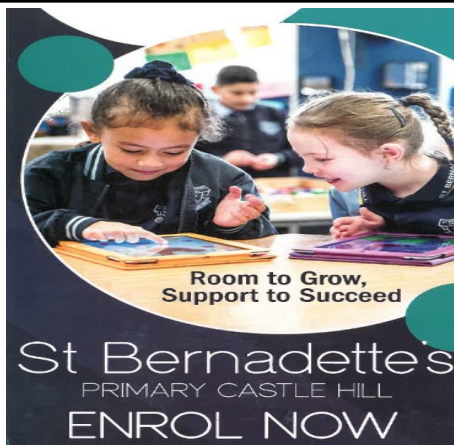
Milo Cricket Yrs 3-6

#### Fri 30th August

6.45am Fathers Day  
Celebrations

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020**

**Next School Tour: Thurs 15 August 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600**



### 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.

### NO RIGHT TURN!

A reminder that during the school peak times in the morning and afternoon there is **no right hand turn** available from the driveway into Brisbane Road.

Thank you for your observance of this rule as it assists the smooth flow of traffic in and out of the car park.



### Social Skills Weeks 3 & 4

#### Respecting Others at St Bernadette's 'RESPECTFUL'

Respecting ourselves, others and their property, and accepting responsibility for what you say or do. This includes being honest and truthful with everyone within our school community. We respect others and ourselves when we believe that others deserve to be treated with kindness and feel motivated to contribute to the common good for all.

The following quotes both from Year 6 students and others outlines for us the meaning of respect and its importance in building friendships and a caring school environment where we look after our own belongings and each other.

"If you respect others, they will respect you." (Yr 6 student)

"Don't expect respect if you don't respect others." (Yr 4 student)

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." (Bryant H. McGill)

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners." (Laurence Sterne)

"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is even greater." (Bono)

**Mrs Kathy Watt**

### Attendance

Our attendance rate is **86.0%** and still remains below our schools 90% target.

Congratulations to Kindy with their attendance rates meeting the 90% target for the past two weeks this term.

#### Figures Friday morning:

<b>Kindy</b>	<b>90.6%</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>85.2%</b>
<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>84.0%</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>89.8%</b>
<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>80.7%</b>	<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>85.8%</b>
<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>84.7%</b>		

As a school community we understand when students are unwell or other important family commitments mean that they are not at school, however, being in class every day, allows children to build incrementally on their learning. They are less likely to feel overwhelmed. Consistency makes it easier for them to absorb new knowledge and move to the next level in their abilities. 'Make school count, everyday!'

**Mrs Kathy Watt—Acting Assistant Principal**

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

*Sun Jingzhi, Elle Dibble, Jackson Leib, Lucas Heyes, Maya Salloum, Sarah Jacinto, Harry Wigham, Clare Baker, Matthew Baker, Daniel Egan, Brayden Leuzzi.*

**Reminder:** PRC ends on 30th August. You have 3 more weeks to complete the challenge!

St Bernadette's Castle Hill

## Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 27th August

**New and exciting Father's Day gifts!**  
Prices ranging from \$1 to \$10...

*"Dad: A son's first hero...  
A daughter's first love..."*

Designed by Leah Symin

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

# Book Week

**CELEBRATING LITERACY AT  
ST BERNADETTE'S  
THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST**



National Literacy Week provides students, parents and schools the opportunity to explore reading, writing and speaking and get involved in a range of literacy activities. Book Week is the **celebration of books** written for young people, and hopes to inspire a love of reading. Schools, libraries, and communities across the country host numerous events and activities that connect readers with **books** and **celebrate** the joy of reading.

At St Bernadette's on Thursday 22nd August we will be inviting all students and teachers/staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and allow each of them to find 'their secret power' within a book and the joy of reading.

Parents are invited to go to their child's classroom from 8:45am- 10:15am to join in, as the students 'walk and talk' about their character. Parents you may like to bring your favourite picture book to school and share with a small group within the classroom. (Parents are invited to stay and enjoy morning tea with your children: 10:15-10:45am).

The teachers will share their favourite picture book and that will act as the stimulus for the students to engage in a writing task.

As part of Book Week celebrations, students will also attend a performance entitled 'Royal Jelly', 9:30-10:30 (Yrs 5 & 6) 11-1 (Yrs 3 & 4) on Thursday 22nd August.

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will enjoy a Book Week performance on Thursday 29th August, 'Big Dreams'.

## Sports News

### Infants Athletics Carnival



All children in Years Kindy to Year 2

**Tuesday 13th August**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

At St Bernadette's

Don't forget to come dressed in your house colour or your school sports uniform.

### GALA DAY INFO

**Cricket Team Trials:**  
WEEK 4 before school.



*Years 5/6 Boys & Girls*  
*Wednesday 14th August*  
*7:30am BEFORE SCHOOL*  
*Top Court*

*Years 3/4 Boys & Girls*  
*Friday 16th August*  
*7:30am BEFORE SCHOOL*  
*Top Court*

## *Thank You*

Karen Toh (Mother of Joshua 6G) for the donation of a piano to the school.  
Thank you also to Steve Lavis (Amelia 3W & Elliot KG) for arranging the delivery and tuning.  
We are very appreciative of your generosity.  
It sounds great!

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Thornton family (Poppy in KB), following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.





## Grandparents Day

We still have a few 'containers/platters' in the office from Grandparents Day that don't have names on—if you have not received yours back, please call in or send an email to the office. Thank you

## Envelopes to the Office

We've had a few cases of coins being lost when money has been sent into the office.

To prevent this from happening, please either:

- place money in a small plastic snap seal bag, or,
- tape up the sides of your envelope so the coins can't escape.

## School Fees—Term 3 School Fees

Families should have now received their Term 3 School Fee Statements from the Catholic Education Office. If you have not yet received your account please contact the school office as soon as possible. Unless undertaking a Flexible Payment Plan or other arrangement, payment of fees will be due **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**.

Fees can be made by cash, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY. If paying by BPAY please make sure the correct biller and reference code is used from statement, this is located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account.

Should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

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.

## Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook (9980 7822).

Swimming lessons for all ages.

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



## Mount St Benedict College

### College Tour—Wed 21 August 11am

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7 2021. Registration for Waiting List forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

Address: 449C Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills  
T: 9980 0444

## Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

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

## P&F News:



**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.**



**Fun Fair Meeting—Wed 14 August after above P&F Meeting—Hope you can join us?**

## Fun Fair Update!

Rides are booked, stalls are finalised, sponsors are confirmed and raffle tickets are on their way! Our 2019 Fun Fair is already shaping up to be another success.

Of course there are still many ways that we need your help so if you can help with any of the points below please contact the FF team – [funfair.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:funfair.stbpnf@gmail.com)

**\*Prizes** – we still need prizes for the chocolate wheel and incentives for FF promos

**\*Auction Items** – for both our live and silent auctions

**\*Volunteers** – we are still looking for:

- Facepainter
- Chocolate Wheel Decorator/Co-ordinator

**\*Ride Sponsors** – what better way to promote your business than by sponsoring a ride at Fun Fair?!

More information will be coming home soon with information about our raffle, basket stall, ride bands, transport and so much more. Watch this space!!



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