



St Bernadette's School



Friday 16 August 2019 — Term 3 Week 4

No. 25

Dear Parents,

This week Sofia Aiossa, Isla Guy, Ella Lagana, and Renee Sakal represented our Mini Vinnies group and travelled with Mrs Coppini and I to the Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. At this Mass we were reminded of our mission to go and live the words of the Gospel and reach out to others. We were commended to be the face of Christ to those we meet and to those we know who need our support and care. This is the work that our Mini Vinnies leads in the school. This is how we support social justice issues at St Bernadette's.

Social Justice Sunday will be on 29th September this year and the Australian Catholic Bishops have written a Social Justice statement, titled Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World. This statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to "boldly become citizens of the digital world". It points out that:

- we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it.
- we have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter ~ love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth, trustworthiness, hope and joy.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Have a wonderful week
Melissa Beggs
Acting Principal

"Indigenous peoples, with their variety of languages, cultures, traditions, and ancestral knowledge, remind us that we are all responsible for the care of Creation, which God has entrusted to us."

Pope Francis@Pontifex

R.E. NEWS



This week I took 4 students to represent St Bernadette's at the Education Mass and Mission Expo. After celebrating Mass with Bishop Vincent, they manned our Mission Expo display. They showed great maturity as they explained to the many onlookers the works of charity that St Bernadette's had undertaken. They spoke eloquently about raising awareness and money for those who are less fortunate than us. There were many schools presenting at the expo and it was with great pride as I watched many students show the face of Jesus as they spoke so passionately about how they help others. These students are the future of our world and it gives me great hope when I see Jesus in action in their lives. He is definitely alive and well in the students at St Bernadette's.

The Gospel this weekend speaks of 'division'. Jesus' teachings about inclusion of the marginalised and those not accepted into society create division among his people. Jesus lived life radically, he accepted those that were rejected and it created division in his own times to the point the authorities killed him. We live in times that continually challenge our belief that all should be included. Jesus tells us that our acceptance will cause others to strongly disagree but Jesus wants us to be 'radically inclusive', how else will his Kingdom come?

Have a wonderful week.

Sally Coppini
Acting REC



Week 5 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 19 August
8.30am Assembly

Tue 20 August
8-10am Uniform Shop
Yrs 5/6 Wanderers Cup
Soccer Gala Day

Wed 21 August
Student Banking Day
10.15am K2020 Speech
Therapy parent workshop

Thurs 22 August
Student Book Character
Dress Up (See inside for
details—page 7)

Fri 23 August
Diocesan Athletics
Carnival
K to Yr 6 Brainstorm
Incursion

Coming Dates:

Tues 27 August
Fathers Day Stall

Wed 28 August
Hills Basketball Gala
Day

Thurs 29 August
Milo Cricket Yrs 3 to 6

Fri 30 August
6.45am Fathers Day
Mass followed by
breakfast & Open
Classrooms

Fri 6 September
Kindy Farm Inc.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN to Yr 6 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 29 August 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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Email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

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

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

The Protectors @ St Bernadette's
9am Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2
11am Years 3,4,5 & 6—Friday 23rd August

Educational theatre that addresses bullying in schools, and empowers vulnerable students to be assertive and safe in the playground and online.



'The Protectors' is an emotional wellbeing resource that has been researched and developed in consultation with teachers and students. It offers concrete solutions children can use to protect themselves from hurtful comments and negative behaviours they may encounter online or in the playground.

Cyber safety messages are delivered in a fun, memorable way. Children will be able to understand the consequences of cyberbullying. 'The Protectors' unlocks the secrets of assertiveness and gives students 'Protector Tools' to curb aggressive behaviour.

The performance follows the stories of Serena and Leo, who are both struggling to get along with their peers. Serena is aggressive and doesn't listen. Leo is thoughtful and sensitive, but he doesn't have the skills to stand up for himself and remain resilient in the face of bullying.

When they enter Protector School, Serena and Leo learn how to 'freeze and breathe', say sorry and be themselves. They discover that empathy, assertiveness and impulse control are the only superpowers they need to build confidence and positive relationships.

Mrs Kathy Watt



**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.

Yr 6 Debating vs St Paul's, Winston Hills Hills Cluster Debating Competition

This week our debaters competed in the 4th round of our Interschool Debating Competition debating St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills. The teams presented arguments on the topic 'Peer pressure is more useful than harmful'. Congratulations to both our teams who put in the hard work at lunch times and came prepared on the day. Unfortunately our teams were not successful this round, however they presented a challenging debate to their opponent.

Affirmative

Claudia Homs
 Olivia Boxshall
 Lachlan McLaren
 Amy Ballesty

Negative

Georgia Pratt
 Paavni Kumar
 Enya Hui
 Sarah Jacinto

Yr 6 Voice of Youth

Congratulations to **Charlotte Lee who placed 1st** and **Xavier Hennessey who placed 2nd** at the Voice of Youth Cluster Finals.

On Tuesday morning Year 6 travelled to Holy Cross, Glenwood to listen to the Voice of Youth Cluster Finals. Four local schools were at this event and the children listened to eight speakers. Both Charlotte and Xavier had very captivating speeches and they thoroughly engaged the audience with their speeches on Racism and Dementia. We are very proud that both our speakers at this event placed first and second.

Charlotte progresses through to the Voice of Youth Semi Final later in the term. We wish her the very best of luck as she continues to perfect her speech on Racism.



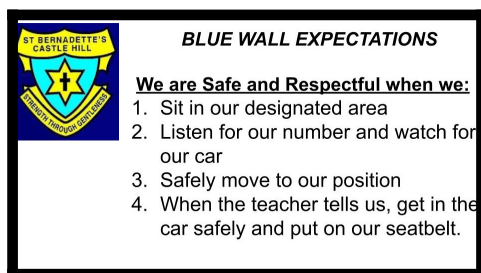
Afternoon dismissal **BLUE WALL EXPECTATIONS**

At St Bernadette's we are working towards being Respectful, Resilient, Safe Learners in all settings throughout everyday school life. Students are walking the talk and teachers are noticing big improvements in our after school dismissal, especially at blue wall. Students follow the instructions signposted to make a smooth and calm afternoon for everyone. By doing this they show that they are safe and respectful. See the signposted instructions below:

INSIDE BLUE WALL:



OUTSIDE BLUE WALL:



Mrs Karen Orsini

SRC Update

Over the last Semester the SRC have been organising, surveying, designing and overseeing the completion of our St Bernadette's Street library. Today at assembly we unveiled the finished product which was built and painted by the very talented Mrs Nicole Metwally. We are looking forward to its installation on Tuckshop Terrace and many happy hours of reading.



Semester 1 SRC Team

IT update:

eSafetyparents

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.

1. *Be involved*
2. *Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use*
3. *Be clear about the consequences of not switching off*
4. *Set device free zones and times at home*
5. *Ask your child to explain their screen use*
6. *Use tech tools to help manage access*
7. *Lead by example*

This is an excerpt from the eSafety Commissioner website. For more detailed information go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Mrs Karen Orsini

Fathers' Day Celebrations

Hopefully all our dads will be able to join us on Friday 30th August:

- 6.45am Mass followed by breakfast
- 8.00am Open Classrooms

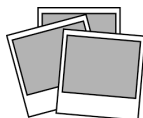


A reminder for dads to wear their footy jersey in support of the Gremmo family. Students are also permitted to wear their footy jersey over their normal school uniform.

Also remember to return the reply slip (with your \$3 family breakfast donation). Mums if you are able to help on the day please let us know.

Fathers' Day PowerPoint

Families can send in 'ONE' photo of dad with children to be included in our PowerPoint presentation in the church. Please send your photo to: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au by Mon 26th August. Unfortunately, photos received after this date cannot be included so it's important to send by 3pm on Monday 26th!



Fathers' Day Stall

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 sons first hero...
A daughter's first love..."

Designed by Leah Symin

Reminder:

We still have some platters/containers left over from food brought in for Grandparents Day if you have not had yours returned to you, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Attendance—Every Day Counts!

We remain below our target set at 90% again this week. We know many children have been unwell with colds and we look forward to their return to school ready to learn at the start of each day.

Our attendance rate is **84.8%** and as a school we are still seeking to reach the 90% target on a weekly basis.

K	89.2%	Year 4	82.7%
Yr 1	82.6%	Year 5	88.4%
Yr 2	78.9%	Year 6	87.2%
Yr 3	83.3%		

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

School Matters!



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children on completing the PRC:

Arianna Cascio, Joshua Foo, Thomas Masina, Nicholas Masina, Arabella Egan, Alyssa Le, Ella Wassif, Samuel Wakim, Harper Moynahan, Evelyn Salter, Ryder Egan, Jayden Lim, Thomas Looker, Jenice Luong, Thomas Nouridine, Charlie Akle, Rosemary Carroll, Ella Hammersley, Eleanor Read, Paula Reina Pinzon, Antonio Wadih, Liam Worne, Amy Ballesty, Zoe Baroni, Claudia Chambers, Gabriel de Ponte, Alivia Dowling, Enya Hui, Justin Lim, Ailish Lincoln, Sienna Symin, Gabriella Youssef, Marc Anthony Zeaiter, Michael Saad, William Looker.

There are two weeks left to log on and complete the challenge—August 30th is the completion date!

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill: Respecting Others 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	Jerico Lewis Celestino	Arianna Cascio	George Fayle
KG	Katie Coghlan	Wilma Mormul	Junyi Wang
KW	Xavier Shalala	Zara Sakkal	Arabella Egan
1B	Zachary Drogaris	Harry Overend	Josephine Burraston
1G	Georgia Gillogly	Jacob Baker	Not for publication
1W	Phoebe Goss	Rachel Tan	Grade Abdo
2B	Peter Abdo	Johnny Symin	Xavier Ranieri
2G	Lucia Aiossa	Martin Gao	Valda Mormul
3B	Thomas Looker	Grace Semaan	Xavier Schellack
3G	Michael Saad	Peter Georges	Tiana Symin
3W	Sophie Pratt	Mia Lee	Natalie Alam
4B	Mitchell Lee	Maya Keremelevski	Haley Gonzales
4G	Isabella Perete	Chloe Malandrino	Laclan Waters-Marsh
4W	Renee Sakkal	Kenan Ozcan	Leo Ah Siu
5B	Nathaniel Barone	Ysabella Jaucian	Ella Macey
5G	Frederick Anderson	Bridget Clemente	Grace Zwaine
5W	Ella Lagana	Isla Guy	Matthew Barone
6B	Ella-Rose Semaan	Enya Hui	Sarah Jacinto
6G	Meleni Ariyanayagam	Tess Ellis	Charlotte Lee
6W	Jack Overend	Genevieve Sing	Imogen Vines

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Cassandra Perez in 5G** who placed 1st in all 6 of her sections (Musical Theatre, Ballad, Pop, Country, Own Choice and Hit Parade) and also placed 1st in the Vocal Junior Championship at a recent Vocal Eisteddfod. Well done Cassandra.

Congratulations to **Nicholas Ward (1W), Marcus Yacoub and Jackson Leib (3W)** who qualified out of many competitors to compete at the 2019 State Club Championships in Men's Artistic Gymnastics. This competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday 7-8th September at SGAC, Rooty Hill. A tremendous effort from these boys who dedicate many hours (14+ hours) training each week including school holidays. Good luck Nicholas, Marcus and Jackson!

Principal's Awards:

Hailey Xue	2B
Sienna Smith	2B
Piper Johnson	4G
Hilda Mormul	4W



Sports News



Infants Athletics Carnival

Our Infants Athletics Carnival was a huge success with thanks to Xander and the team from Motiv8sports. The school was a hive of energy, as the children, teachers and parents participated in fun and engaging challenges that got them thinking and their blood pumping. It was fabulous to hear the cheers, laughter, and team spirit shown by all our students throughout the day. Congratulations to the teachers for winning the 2019 Parent/Teacher Relay!

Our overall House winners were the Green house who will celebrate with a Motiv8 BBQ on Tuesday 16th September at 12:30pm.

BLUE	GOLD	GREEN	RED
63	60	82	73

Lastly, well

House Captains for your hard work all day in helping the kids to push themselves to do their best and have loads of fun!

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Hills Zone Athletics Carnival

On Thursday our St Bernadette's Athletics Team competed at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park, Rooty Hill. 40 students competed in track, field and relay events throughout the day. These students were our top 2 athletes in 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus. We had some outstanding results through the day including top PBs and finals placings. Congratulations to all of our team members listed below:

Litia Baker	Nicholas Masina	Alastair Mattin	Lila Oliver
Lewis Zalloua	Samuel Lean-For	Emily Mitchell	Harry Wigham
Cooper Dowling	Dylan Gibb	Grace Kalina	Paloma Lopez
Isabella Mathews	Felicity Miller	Ava Rendulic	Charlie Thom
Douglas Windress	Valentina Anderson	Eva Bailey	Deangelo Chedid
Sebastian van Jour	Patrick Windress	Liam Worne	Anthony Gomez
Ella Lagana	Amy Ballesty	Olivia Boxshall	Charlize De Souza
Alivia Dowling	Xavier Hennessey	Sarah Lievano	Jorja Mizzi
Zelda Mormul	Jack Overend	Nicholas Power	Genevieve Sing
Holly Williams	Charbel Zeaiter	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter	Angelina Zaiter

Athletes who placed in the top 4 in each event will progress to the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival next Friday.

Congratulations to the following athletes and teams:

Junior Boys 4 x 100m Relay Team
 Senior Boys 4 x 100m Relay Team
 Lila Oliver - U8 Girls 100m
 Harry Wigham - U9 Boys 100m, Junior Boys 200m
 Douglas Windress - U10 Boys 100m
 Grace Kalina - Junior Girls 200m
 Liam Worne - U11 Boys 100m, U11 Boys 200m, U11 Boys Long Jump
 Xavier Hennessey - Senior Boys Shot Put

Thank you to the teachers, Mrs Blazevic and Miss Morelli, as well as the parents who supported the students by assisting as helpers on the day.

Mrs Karen Orsini
 School Sports Coordinator

GALA DAY INFO

Cricket Team Training:

Years 5/6 Girls

Tuesdays 2:45 to 3:45pm

Years 5/6 Boys

Thursdays 2:45 - 3:45pm



Basketball Team Training:

Starting Week 5

Years 3/4 Boys and Girls

Mondays 7:45am

Years 5/6 Boys

Wednesdays 7:45am

Years 5/6 Girls

Thursdays 7:45am



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'.



NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY K to Yr 2

NUMBER GAMES

Hunting for numbers

Number hunts are a fun and engaging activity for your child. Ask your child to find numbers around you. Look at and say the numbers on car number plates, signs, calendars, newspapers, shopping catalogues, speed signs, and houses.

Using playing cards

Playing with cards is always a fun activity, particularly on a rainy day or on holidays. You can: » Play matching number games like 'Snap' with playing cards. » Order the numbers on the cards from smallest to largest, or largest to smallest.

Playing shop

Playing shop helps ground your child's maths learning in the real world while also developing their social skills. One way to play shop is to create a mini-shop at home. Here are a few tips and activities:

- » Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes, or prices cut out of shopping catalogues.
- » Talk about how we pay for items using coins, notes and cards.
- » Make paper money or use play money to buy and sell goods from the mini-shop.
- » Collect old receipts or price tags and use them in the minishop.
- » Notice the features of different coins, including their shapes and the animals and people shown. Discuss the differences. Create coin rubbings with pencils and paper.
- » Encourage your child to order food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).
- » Introduce kitchen scales to the mini-shop to weigh foods, such as a box of tea bags or a bag of rice, and order items by mass.



This week Hills Hornets have provided us with 2 coaches on Wednesday and Thursday to run specialised basketball skills sessions with our students in Years K, 1, 3 and 4 during their RFF PE lessons. Thanks to Hills Hornets, Maddie and Konrad for arranging this for us!



Congratulations to **Liam Worne** who competed at the NSWPSA State Athletics Trials last week in the U11 100m and Long Jump. He competed against some of the best athletes in the State at this one day event in Homebush. Well done Liam and best of luck in the School Sport Pathway in the coming weeks.



Tuckshop

To all parents and carers please note the cut off time to order online recess/lunches for your school has been changed to **8.45am**.

Please ensure you place your order before this time or order the night before to ensure that the order goes through. Thank you for your co operation

Parents are asked to look at the 2019 Tuckshop Menu which is attached to this newsletter and check for any price changes and order accordingly from now on. Also attached is a flyer regarding a competition for the students to enter when purchasing fruit or vegetable options.

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

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.



LIFELINE BOOK FAIR—Oakhill College from 11th to 13th October. Time to save all your books!

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.

Fun Fair Update!

Thanks to all the parents who attended our Fun Fair meeting on Wednesday evening, it was great to be able to share some of the exiting developments in our preparations. We still have a few important roles that we need help with if any parents or friends have time.

***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?!

Please contact us at funfair.stbpnf@gmail.com for further information

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



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Lean-Fore family (Annabeth in KG and Samuel in 3W), following the recent passing of their great uncle. May he rest in peace.



Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

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