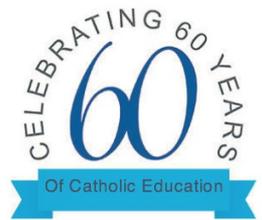




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 6 September 2019 — Term 3 Week 7 No. 28

Dear Parents,

This week, I returned from my long service leave holiday in the UK and France. It was an amazing experience and I have been sharing so many stories with the children, parents and staff. I wish to thank Melissa Beggs, Kathy Watt and the leadership team and staff for supporting the St Bernadette's parents and students for the last 6 weeks.

While it is fabulous to have enjoyed an extended period of leave it is wonderful to be back at school. This week I have been spending time visiting the classrooms to catch up with the children and their learning and they have been very excited to tell me all that has happened while I was away – athletics carnival, gala days, Book Week, 100 Days of Kindergarten, Grandparents Day and Fathers Day celebrations to name just some of these.

I have also had the pleasure of introducing two new families to our school. Both of these families have been very impressed by the St Bernadette's students – their social skills and the quality and level of the work that the students have been completing in our classrooms while the families were in the rooms. Well done to our teachers and students. On occasions like this I am extremely proud of the great learning that happens each and everyday at St Bernadette's.

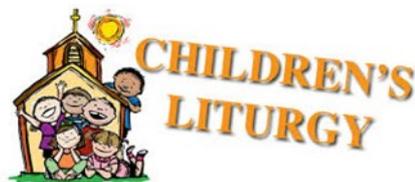
**Leanne Nettleton**  
*Principal*

## R.E. NEWS



In St Bernadette's Parish a feature of the 9am Sunday mass is the withdrawal of the children from the ages of 5 to 11 years old to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.

This is set out in the Directory of Masses for Children, which is an important document for the guidelines and principals so that the liturgy can be adapted for the children's level of understanding. The Directory states: Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word (DMC #17).



In Castle Hill we have a wonderful group of catechists who lead the children in the scripture and breaking open the readings to help them understand the meaning, apply it to their lives and give the children a chance to respond.

At 9am mass, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to experience the Word of God at their level of understanding.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

### Week 8 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

**Mon 9 September**  
8.30am Morning Assembly

**Tues 10 September**  
7.30am ICAS Writing (Yr 4 classrooms)  
8-10am Uniform Shop

**Wed 11 September**  
Student Banking

**Thurs 12 September**  
Basket Filler Day  
9am School Tour Kindy to Year 6 2020

**Fri 13 September**  
Basket Filler Day  
9-10am Preschoolers Concert (Hall)  
Yrs 3-4 Touch Gala Day  
1.40pm Whole School Assembly—Church—All invited  
5-6pm Band Showcase (Hall)

#### Coming Dates:

**Mon 16 Sept**  
Motiv8 BBQ lunch for GREEN house K-Yr 2

**Tues 17 Sept**  
7.30am ICAS English

**Thurs 19 Sept**  
7.30am ICAS Maths  
1.40pm Yr 6 Risky Business Parent Showcase

**Fri 20 Sept**  
Risky Business Market Day  
Debating Team Celebration

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN & Yrs 1 to 6 2020**  
Next School Tour: Thurs 12 Sept 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

## Attendance

*"Mum and dad, why do I have to go to school?"*

To get the most out of education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.



Parents can encourage their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education. Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of **ten days of school** a term adds up to **missing two full years** of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Each and every day our teachers plan the learning for our children considering the skills and knowledge they have and what they need to know or be able to do next. Each day we focus on developing the children's ability to collaborate, communicate their thinking and ideas, be critical thinkers who can solve a range of problems, respond to social issues that they see around them in a creative way, be global citizens and have the character to be able to live and work in a rapidly changing world.

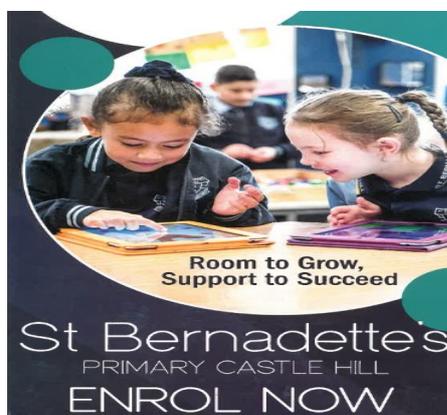
Many of your children may already be coming home talking about their growth mindset, resilience and what it means to collaborate.

For all our children to have the best learning experience at school they need to come every day. This allows their brain 'muscle' to work and become stronger and better.

Of course, we understand that at times your child maybe unwell and must stay at home and be cared for until they are well.

*Everyday missed is a missed opportunity to learn and grow in knowledge!*

*We love learning at St Bernadette's Primary School!*



**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.

## Debating

### Affirmative

Georgia Pratt  
Ella-Rose Semaan  
Meleni Ariyanayagam  
Charlotte Lee

### Negative

Olivia Drogaris  
Claudia Homs  
Ailish Lincoln  
Charlie Barone

## Social Skills—Weeks 7 & 8- Being a Problem Solver at St Bernadette's

Problem solving is a tool, a skill and a process. It is a tool because it can help you solve an immediate problem or to achieve a goal. It is a skill because once you have learnt it, you can use it repeatedly, like the ability to ride a bicycle, add numbers or speak a language.

At St. Bernadette's we encourage the students to use a range of thinking skills, plan and carry out investigations, consider different strategies, find things out before making decisions and solve a variety of problems at school and at home.

Teaching children to become effective thinkers is recognised as an important goal of education. For students to function successfully in a highly technical society, they must be equipped with lifelong learning and thinking skills necessary to process information in an ever-changing world.

### Family Discussion Starters

What has been the hardest problem you have ever solved?

How did you solve it?

What do you do when a problem is frustrating and you can't seem to solve it?

*Mrs Kathy Watt*

## Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Thank you for your generous donations from this week's 'Crazy Sock & Book Swap Day'. Students had a wonderful time wearing their different sock designs and bringing and swapping books. Total money raised was: **\$590.25!** Thank you for your support.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Lucky Last! Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge:

*Sebastian Aloschi, Jeslyn Ariyanayagam, Cooper Keremelevski, Lucas Keremelevski, Rosalie McGinty, Maya Keremelevski, Michael Lalli, Paloma Lopez, Michael Khoudair, Holly Williams, Angelina Zaiter and Charbel Zeiter.*

Student Council War on Waste initiative –

**WASTE FREE EVERYDAY**

## Book Club

A gentle reminder that our Book Club orders for Term 3 are due by the 12th September 2019. Please keep in mind this will be the last Book Club order for 2019 (as we have Fun Fair in Term 4). If you would like to order any Christmas presents through the Book Club then this term's issue is the one to look at! You don't want to miss out on the amazing deals. (If any books are Christmas presents please let the office know).

## 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.

## COSHC—Vacation Care

Vacation Care dates for the Upcoming Spring School Holidays have now been released and we hope you can join in our fun! We are open from 6:45am to 6:15pm with excursions, incursions and in centre days already planned. Applications close and will not be accepted after 4:00pm on Friday 13th September 2019. Please email Casey at

[coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au) for forms and any further questions.

30th September- Spring Has Sprung

1st October- I'm a COSHC student get me out of here

2nd October- Australian Reptile Park (excursion)

3rd October- A day in Bollywood

4th October- Harry Potter Day (incursion)

7th October- CENTRE CLOSED/ PUBLIC HOLIDAY

8th October- Muttley Crew (Incursion)

9th October- Scenic World Blue Mountains (excursion)

10th October- Masterbuilders

11th October- Castle Hill Movies (excursion)

## St Bernadette's Soccer Club

1. Club President & Committee volunteer roles available  
After 3 fantastic years as Club President, Stephen Emmas is stepping down. The club is looking to fill the President and 1 or 2 Committee roles to help continue the success under Steve's leadership

If you're interested in one of these roles, please contact Brett Allan on 0406 007 384.

2. Presentation day - Sunday 15th September, 11am to approx 2pm. A reminder to all players and their extended families that we'll be holding our end of season presentation day on at our Club ground, Eric Mobbs reserve. Lots of activities, BBQ, coffee and a donut truck and is always a fun, action packed day. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec (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 UPDATE**— is attached to the email sent to you—so please have a read and keep yourself informed of what's happening as our Fun Fair draws closer. Also attached are details of our upcoming Basket Filler Days—**Thurs 12 & Fri 13 September.**

## THANKS...

The P&F would like to acknowledge the generous support of **George's Pizza** (1 Circa Boulevard, Bella Vista—9836 2711) towards last week's Father's Day breakfast. Thank you so much.

## Uniform Shop—Summer Uniform

Summer uniforms are available for purchase from the uniform shop from Week 9—Tuesday 17th September. In Term 4, children will commence the term wearing full summer winter uniform.

Over the next three weeks if your child would like to change into their summer uniform, they can do so.

To order uniform: download order form from website (community/school notes/uniform) and email uniform shop directly before Tuesday on: [uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com) or school email: [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au). Orders will then be processed and sent home via your child on Tuesday.

## Swap Cards, Collectables, Pokemon Toys and Cards

Parents are reminded that we ask the children not to bring these toys to school to play with in the playground. Next week there will be an advertisement announcing our next Collectables, Cars and Cards lunchtime activity. Children are welcome to bring these items to school on that day. Thank you for your cooperation with monitoring this.

**Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook** (9980 7822).  
Swimming lessons for all ages.

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



## Sport News Gala Days

### Northwest Basketball Challenge

Congratulations to the Year 3/4, Year 5 and Year 6 basketball teams who competed at the Northwest Junior Basketball Challenge on Wednesday this week. All the teams were a credit to St Bernadette's with their sportsmanship and general behaviour throughout the day.

All of our teams made it through to the semi-finals - a huge achievement at a competitive day. Congratulations to the Year 6 boys and Year 6 girls teams who went on to win their final, and to the Year 3/4 boys team who came runners up.

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped on the day especially, Mrs Sing, Mr Power, Mrs Lopez, Mr and Mrs Proctor, and Mrs Pulverenti for your support in coaching, managing and on the bench throughout the day. The staff and children appreciate your support as we could not participate without you.

Well done to everyone and we look forward to our next competition in Week 2, Term 4.

*Mrs Karen Orsini and Mrs Ilana Balzevic*



### Woolworths Cricket Schools Blast Cup

Last Thursday's rain could not keep our cricketers away. With cloud cover looming, we knew it would be racing against the weather, but all the children arrived at Eric Mobbs pumped for a cracker of a day of cricket.

9 teams and nearly 60 students from St Bernadette's competed at our biggest gala day of the year. The students were outstanding all day as they tackled the elements whilst playing the game that they love. We were commended by Cricket NSW for the sportsmanship shown and the talent on display throughout the day. The Senior Boys team and Senior

Girls team had great success, and will progress through the Regional Final in Term 4.

Thank you to Mrs Blazevic, Miss Morelli and all our fabulous helpers throughout the day, who encouraged and assisted throughout the day.

