



St Bernadette's School

Friday 13th September 2019 — Term 3 Week 8 No. 29

Dear Parents,

I am continually overwhelmed by the generosity of the children, families and staff at St Bernadette's.

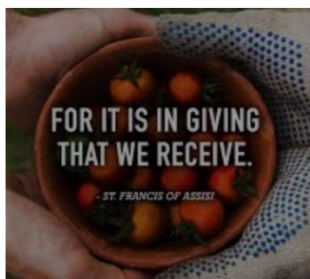
Most recently the children have donated gold coins for our Indigenous Literacy Fund Raiser and have collected toothbrushes for the needy in the Philippines.

At the moment, and for the past six months there have been a band of parents eagerly preparing for our Fun Fair to be held on Friday November 8. This is no easy task, yet these parents are just going about things, making sure that all is prepared and ready.

Over the course of the 2019 school year a number of teachers have been offering lunchtime and extra curricular activities for the students - this is all happening during the teachers own time ie lunchtimes, and before and after school. We have all watched the garden beds take shape over the year as students, parents and Mrs Evans have worked together to make something really special and much loved by the children.

The St Bernadette's community is living proof that it is "in giving that we receive". Having a project or a goal to work towards really does bring people together and in itself creates energy and enthusiasm.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



R.E. NEWS



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home.

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years."

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

During this season of Creation, we as Christians are called to honour God by caring for Creation and each other. This year's theme is the Web of Life. We are asked to respect and care for the web of life in all its varieties, because each species reveals the glory of the God.

After viewing the following links, you might reflect on how you can be a 'Steward of Creation' and care for our environment?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKByOf9jskhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19v0A19DDXs>

Week 9 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 16 September

8.30am Assembly
MacKillop Athletics
Motiv8 BBQ K-2 Green House

Tue 17 September

7.30am ICAS English (Yr 4 Classrooms)
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 18 September

Student Banking Day

Thurs 19 September

7.30am ICAS Maths (Yr 4 Classrooms)
1.40pm Yr 6 Risky Business Parent Showcase

Fri 20 September

Risky Business Market Day
Yr 6 Debating Celebration

Coming Dates:

Fri 27 September

Last day of Term 3

Fri 8 November

Fun Fair
3pm onwards

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN to Yr 6 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 26 Sept 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9407 6699

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

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

Hills Cluster Debating

Last week our Year 6 debaters competed in their final debate for the 2019 Debating Season. St Bernadette's debated with students from St Angela's and enjoyed presenting arguments on the topic "Chooks are better pets than cats".

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

1. Georgia Pratt
2. Ella-Rose Semaan
3. Meleni Ariyanayagam
4. Charlotte Lee

NEGATIVE TEAM

1. Olivia Drogaris
2. Claudia Hornsi
3. Alish Lincoln
4. Charlie Barone

Congratulations to all our speakers and well done to all the Year 6 students who have debated throughout the 2019 Debating Competition. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the debaters by transporting them to and from the debates and for being part of the audience listening to each of the debates.

Thank you also to Sr Patty who adjudicated the debates at St Bernadette's and to Anne Younis for mentoring our debaters. We have had a great debating experience this year. Well done boys and girls.

Miss Bleakley and Mrs Nettleton

Children's English Workbooks are Coming Home Today

The children will be bringing home their English books today and the teachers encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. What new skills have they learnt and applied in their writing?

What new ideas/information have they been able to write/ speak/read about?

The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so to read a comment. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do value that you have been able to walk through your child's book with them. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly next week so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book. Thank you for the positive feedback regarding workbooks being sent home each term. The comments you write in support of your child's learning is truly appreciated and valued by your child regardless of age.



**ENROLLING NOW FOR
KINDERGARTEN & Years 1 to 6 2020**

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

Preschooler's Concert

Congratulations to our Mr C and our Band Students on the entertaining concert they performed to over 90 preschoolers today. It was an enjoyable and fun filled concert as you can see from our photos.



What are my responsibilities regarding attendance!

Schooling in Australia is compulsory, and the NSW government has produced an information sheet to assist parents understand their responsibilities and support if help is needed to ensure that your children are accessing their right to an education every day.



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

For further information please click on the following link.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf

Voice of Youth Semi Final

Congratulations to Charlotte Lee who on Wednesday represented St Bernadette's at the Parramatta Diocese Eastern Division Voice of Youth Semi Final and spoke about "Racism". Charlotte delivered her speech with confidence and poise and was a wonderful ambassador for our school and for catholic education. We are all very proud of your achievement in reaching this level Charlotte.

Congratulations Genevieve

HILLS HORNETS U14G1 ARE STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Year 6 student Genevieve Sing and the Under 14 Girls on winning the 2019 State Championships.

The Under 14 Girls went into the grand final as the underdogs, but were able to come together and defeat Newcastle 48 – 37.

In the next few weeks, Genevieve and the team will be competing at Nationals. We wish her all the best and can't wait to hear the news on her return.



GOOD LUCK BRIONY & NSW SWIFTS IN THE GRAND FINAL TOMORROW

Let's go Swifts, Let's Go



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Jerico Celestino, Daniel Truong, Iris Jiang, Melanie Wong.

Congratulations to all the children and teachers for the great reading this year. We had 355 children complete the challenge—great effort!

School Leavers

We are planning for the 2019 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2020. A reminder to 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 the 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 term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Volunteers Required

Can you assist our Learning Centre by covering some lovely new books?

Everything will be provided—we just need an hour or so of your time. Please contact the office on 9407 6600 or via email. Thank you!



The Wizard of Oz

Congratulations to Cassandra Losurdo (Lead Munchkin), Mia Lee (Munchkin) and Charlotte Lee (Munchkin) who were recently cast in Spot On Productions' upcoming musical The Wizard of Oz, Young Performers Edition. They will be performing at The Pioneer Theatre from the 26th—29th September.

For more information about how you can watch Cassandra, Mia, Charlotte and the rest of the cast shine onstage head to www.spotonproductions.com.au



Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Social Skill: Being a fair student 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	Asia Ah Siu	Iris Jiang	Isaac Pellicano
KG	Abigail Symin	Xavier Lai	Austin Ellis
KW	Oliver Thomson	Sofia Raic	Jack Scotti
1B	Samuel Wakim	Emilia Crecca	Christian Rizk
1G	Ava Papandrea	Lachlan O'Connor	Charlize Alatli
1W	Samara Colaco	Aidan Jaucian	Thomas Rendulic
2B	Sienna Smith	Joshua Mathews	Litia Baker
2G	Avantika Bitra	Audrey Michael	Emma Sakkal
3B	Jack Kirkham	Nathan Elias	Nathan Elias
3G	Annabelle Wong	Breannah Ragno	Sebastian Haywood
3W	Gianni Castellan	Elizabeth D'Souza	Amelia Lavis
4B	Peter Yacoub		Joseph-Anthony Raad
4G	Paloma Lopez	Will Boxshall	Jet Jackson
4W	Poppy Dibble	Jack Robinson	Elle Gaya
5B	Charlie Akle	Jason-Leigh Knight	Leah Symin
5G	Antonio Zeaiter	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos	Kaiden Taggart
5W	Ella Lagana	Natalie Samperi	Samuel Akle
6B	Claudia Chambers	Tyler Beames	Justin Lim
6G	Charbel Zeaiter	Anna Weppner	Gabrielle Youssef
6W	Charlize De Souza	Holly Williams	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Genevieve Sing in 6W** as her U14 division 1 Hills Hornets basketball rep team won the NSW State Championships held in Maitland recently.

Principal's Awards:

Michael Mitchell 1B
 Lucas Keremelevski 2B
 Xavier Ranieri 2B
 Cooper Dowling 4B
 William McManus 3W
 Ava Rendulic 4W
 Sebastian Vilorio 4G
 Keira Pereira 4G
 Evie Hogan 4G
 Jesse Oliver 4G
 Deangelo Chedid 5B
 Lana Formosa 5B
 Juliana Farag 5B
 Danielle Khoudair 5B



Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods are 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

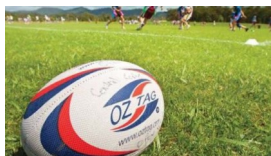
A reminder to parents that it is a diocesan requirement that you must have completed the Child Protection Module ONLINE if you would like to volunteer at school. The link for the child protection module is available below or from our website (right hand side). Please note there are **two** steps to complete 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.



Sport News

OzTag Trials in Week 9

Years 5/6 Oztag Trials
Boys and Girls
Grass Area
Tuesday 17th Sept
3:00 - 4:00pm



Years 3/4 Oztag Trials
Boys and Girls
Thursday 19th Sept
3:00 - 4:00pm

Congratulations!

This week Liam from Year 5 was in Tamworth competing at the **NSW Primary School Sports Association** Softball Championships. The team was doing very well after 2 days of play, most of their games and finishing Runner-Up at the end of the third day.

Well done today Liam!



Thank you

A huge thank you to **Anthony Symin** for providing and installing the concrete for our hen house floor—this will help keep our hen house clean and safe from pests. Thanks also to **Belinda & Oscar Nicholson, Steven and Elliott Lavis** as well as the unstoppable **Mrs Elizabeth Evans** who spent time tidying, weeding and watering the garden across the weekend. We can't wait to see the garden beds blooming now that spring is on it's way!

P & F News:

Fun Fair Update—is attached to this email. With every week that passes we are closer to the big day—so keep yourself informed of what's happening. It's going to be a great afternoon.

Basket Filler Days

The Fun Fair team would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of basket filler items. If you missed out and would still like to donate please contact funfair.stbpnf@gmail.com. We can't wait to see the beautiful hampers come together at our wrapping day on October 22. It's not too late to donate more food items. Some gourmet food options would be lovely.



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards
All sponsorship enquiries: **Belisa Papandrea** on Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.

St Michael's Softball Club

Softball for kids, women and men from 5 years of age through to seniors. Games are held at either Seven Hills or Stanhope Gardens. Games are played on Saturdays commencing late September and finish in February. We are an Active Kids member so you can use your \$100 voucher to pay for registration costs. For enquiries and registration: registrar@stmichaelssoftballclub.com or call Kathy on 0405 139 515.

St Bernadette's Soccer Club

Don't forget, our SBFC Presentation Day is this Sunday. Timing is:

10.30am Start
11.30am Presentation to Infants teams
12.30pm presentation to Primary teams
1pm Raffle drawn
2.30pm Finish

Bring a picnic rug and some \$2 coins for the BBQ and raffle tickets. A coffee van and doughnut/slurpee truck will also be there! All entertainment is FREE—bubble soccer, jumping castle, laser warriors and more.

Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September
Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for students)