



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 15 November 2019 — Term 4 Week 5 No. 36

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many families, past students and families, friends and neighbours who attended our awesome Fun Fair last Friday. It was an amazing community event that truly represented the hard work and collaboration of the Parents and Friends, teachers, students and wider community. The children can't stop talking about the wonderful evening and as we look at our girls still wearing their colourful braids, we are reminded of the fun filled evening that we all enjoyed. Special treats this year were the Drumming Group and the Laser Tag and Game Zone. Not to mention the dunking of our volunteer staff with buckets of water!

It is of course the mixture of the favourites - the food stalls, cake stall, basket stall, lolly stall, rides, school display, chocolate wheel, coffee van, gelato, donuts, popcorn, fairy floss, slushies, corn, school band, face painting, Motiv8 sports, auctions and the new additions that make the event such a great one. Congratulations to everyone for your contribution most especially the stall holders and P & F organisers. Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. The Fun Fair was a true example of what can be achieved when we work together.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the kind words and well wishes that I have received since the announcement of my appointment to St Angela's Castle Hill in 2020. It has been a wonderful eight years at St Bernadette's working with a truly amazing staff, beautiful children and supportive, passionate and encouraging parent community. I will miss this wonderful community but I will take with me many fond memories. I look forward to having the opportunity to express my personal well wishes and deep appreciation to you over the remainder of the term.

**Leanne Nettleton—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



Mini Vinnie Social Justice and Outreach Initiative

As we approach the end of the year and begin to think of the Christmas season with all the excitement and pleasure that it brings. It is also a time for us to also think about families who have difficulty providing the basic necessities and certainly cannot indulge in Christmas decorations, treats or gifts.

Therefore, our St Bernadette's Mini Vinnie's group has organised to support the Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal as our mission and outreach initiative for Term 4. Each grade will be allocated a family next week to collect for the hampers. Donations of non-perishable foods such as pasta, rice and canned goods, Christmas treats such as tinned ham, custard, mince pies or plum puddings can also be included in the Christmas Hampers. You could also send in a small inexpensive gift suitable for the age



of the children the grade is collecting which could be part of the hamper. Please do not send in nuts, chocolate coated nuts or food containing nuts or Gift Vouchers.

*All toy and food donations need to be in by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** as they will be packaged on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and delivered by the Castle Hill St Vincent de Paul Society and parishioners to needy families during the following week.*



### Week 6 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday**

#### Mon 18 November

8.30am Morning Assembly  
3pm Motiv8 starts

#### Tues 19 November

8-10am Uniform Shop  
9am Yr 5 Learning Space Parent Tour

#### Wed 20 November

**Student Banking**  
2pm Year 5 Learning Space Parent Tour

#### Thurs 21 November

8.45-10.15am K2020 Orientation & Parent Workshop

#### Fri 22 November

12 noon Year 5 Learning Space Parent Tour  
1.40pm Whole School Assembly

#### Wed 27 November

7.30pm P&F AGM

#### Thurs 28 November

Swimming Carnival

#### Thurs 5 December

6pm Christmas Concert (Church)

#### Tues 10 December

9am Thanksgiving Mass—All invited

#### Mon 16 December

9am Primary Awards Ceremony (Church)  
11am Infants Awards Ceremony (Church)

#### Tues 17 December

6pm Yr 6 Graduation

#### Wed 18 December

Last day for students

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN & Yrs 1 to 6 2020**  
**Please call: 02 9407 6600**

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

## Attendance

Our Community believe that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Kindergarten who continue to lead the way in attaining our target of 90% each week.

Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	92.7%
1	83.9%
2	82.0%
3	87.4%
4	82.8%
5	89.4%
6	89.8%

We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school.

every learner every day 

### ABSENCES ADD UP!



## Child Protection

A reminder for parents who are required to **'UPDATE'** their child protection and for **'NEW'** parents to the school.



It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE. This training is available online at: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and **MUST** be completed every two years. This is the new link as of July 2014.

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

### Term Dates

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec (for students)

### Term 1 2020

Tues 28 Jan—Staff Development /Pupil Free Day & MAIs

Wed 29 Jan—MAIs

Thurs 30 Jan—Yrs 1 to 6 commence

Fri 31 Jan—Kindergarten 2020 commence

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

Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child in 2020.



## Social Skills

### Weeks 5 & 6 Choosing our Words and Actions Wisely- ('Respectful')



Learning to make good decisions enables children to develop independence and responsibility. A good decision is one that is most likely to lead to a positive outcome for everyone concerned. What we say and what we do relates to the decisions that our students make on a daily basis. Choosing the right words and actions to use in appropriate situations is a necessary skill for all people because it allows a community to function positively.

To make good decisions our children at St. Bernadette's learn to:

- Recognise when there is a choice for them to make
- Understand they are responsible for making the decision of what they do and say
- Take other's needs into consideration with what they say and the actions they engage in
- Think of possible choices or solutions and decide what is best

### Steps for decision-making.

1. What do you have to decide about?
2. What choices do you have?
3. Weigh up the pros and cons of each option and choose the best option.
4. Put your choice into action and then check how it works out.

### Helping children to take responsibility

Children will often focus on immediate wants without considering the long-term consequences of their decisions and actions. To learn to take responsibility and make good decisions, children need to be shown how to use the decision-making steps and be given the opportunity to practice making decisions. Children do not learn to make good decisions overnight.

Parents and carers can help children develop their decision-making skills by:

- Keeping decision-making manageable by providing a choice between two options that are realistic for the age and ability of the child.
- Listen enthusiastically to children's explanations and encourage children to explain their choices as this teaches them to develop their thinking processes and think through their choices.
- Use questions to encourage children to make judgements (eg 'Do you think this will work?', 'Is that a good idea?')
- Involve children in family decision-making (eg. Planning holiday activities). This encourages children to take others into consideration when making decisions.

**Mrs Kathy Watt**

### PARKING IN THE CARPARK

Please do not park in the carpark outside of the school office. Thank you.

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



## ICAS Mathematics and Writing

### 2019 Results

Our ICAS test results have arrived and once again St Bernadette's students have received outstanding results.

The maths competition assesses all aspects of the maths curriculum and in particular the student's ability to apply their knowledge to solve real life problems while writing test assesses students' ability to complete an extended response to a given task. Two forms of writing, narrative and persuasive, are assessed in alternating years.

The marking is based on their use of the genre, their ability to achieve the writer's purpose, the engagement of the reader, the level of skill used in correct punctuation and grammar and the complexity of their vocabulary.

**The following children will be presented with their certificates at next week's assembly :**

### Maths

**Distinction:** Savannah Jaucian, Sofia Aiossa, Kaiden Taggart and Zander Cheng.

**Credit:** Natalie Alam, Sebastian Haywood, Matilda Maggs, Ian Liu, Joseph Anthony-Raad, Lucas Ranieri, Renee Sakkal, Samantha Badenhorst, Hannah Cherian, Joshua Foo, Lucas Karam.

### Writing

**Distinction:** Zander Cheng, Natalie Alam, Zara Hawkes, Ian Liu, Matilda Maggs, Mikayla Alam, Joseph Anthony-Raad, Hannah Cherian, Lana Formosa, Ysabella Jaucian.

**Credit:** Sebastian Haywood, Sophia Khamis, Sofia Papandrea, Harry Palmer, Rachel Sahabu, Renee Sakkal, Samantha Badenhorst, Charlotte Cowper, Ella Macey, Kaiden Taggart.

**Melissa Beggs-Assistant Principal**

*Come and join us as we  
celebrate the Festive Season  
with our*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



*Thursday  
6th December  
6pm in the Church*

## Sports Update

### Cricket Finals Day

Two weeks ago, two teams of St Bernadette's after being successful in the first round of the cricket gala day progressed through to the next round of the regional final. On Wednesday the 6th of November, these two teams played at Kareela Reserve, working tirelessly to compete against all the other tough schools from across the region. The girls ended the day coming 5th overall and the boys coming 4th overall.



We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Moreli, Mr Heyes and Mrs McGinty for coaching our teams on the day. Thank you for giving up your time to play our best in we love

Written by Ailish and Xavier, year 6 cricketers.



### Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition

Yesterday, three Year 3 students competed against 150 gymnasts at the Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition. Charlotte, Jackson and Marcus showed great sportsmanship and support to each other and students from other schools throughout the day. They competed in Static, Floor, Mini-tramp, and Vault events. Congratulations to all 3 students who won medals in their events - final results listed below:

#### Charlotte

1st static  
1st floor  
1st mini-tramp  
3rd vault  
1st OVERALL

#### Jackson

2nd floor  
2nd vault  
2nd mini-tramp  
1st static  
2nd OVERALL

#### Marcus

3rd mini-tramp  
3rd vault  
4th OVERALL



## A Message From the House Captains: Funfair Raffle Books Sold

Red	Gold	Green	Blue
106	44	47	61

The House Captains would like to thank everyone who sold a raffle book or two for the funfair. We sold a total of 258 raffle books and raised a lot of money that can now go towards great improvements in our school. You can see above the number of points you've earned for your house.

A big Well done from the House Captains.

## School Swimming Carnival 2019

The St Bernadette's swimming carnival will be held in Week 7, on Thursday 28th November at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, 4 Boyd St Blacktown. Blacktown



is an indoor pool with plenty of seating for our students on one side of the pool and space for parents on the other side.

Students will pre-select races to participate in prior to the day, and all 25m and 50m races will be held in the 50m pool. Please consider this carefully when selecting events for your child as this is a pre-entered carnival and students will only be allowed to compete in events they are nominated in on the returned permission slip. Parents are advised that the school swimming carnival is a *compulsory part of the school's curriculum. Your child's attendance at school on the carnival day is expected. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leanne Nettleton should you have any questions regarding your child's attendance on the day.*

This carnival encourages participation for all students and acts as a pathway for talented swimmers to progress through to Zone, Diocesan and possibly even State competitions in 2019 - based on the top two placings in each 100m/50m event for our school representative swimming team for 2019. The results of this carnival will decide our winning House for the Swimming Shield and will also be included to decide the winners for our House Cup for 2019.

### Students attending the carnival are:

- All students Years 3 to 6 swimmers and non-swimmers
- Year 2 students who can confidently swim 50m in any stroke or 25m in freestyle or backstroke
- Year 1 students turning 8 in 2020 who can confidently swim 50m in any stroke
- All less experienced swimmers and non-swimmers in Years 1/2 will remain at school on the day.

## Wanderers Cup Finals Day Stage 3 Soccer

The day was finally here, the Stage 3 Wanderers Soccer gala day. All four teams were so excited and extremely nervous. There were two teams for both boys and girls. We were the only school that were allowed to enter four teams. Soon after we all arrived the games commenced. We all played hard and did our best. The girls and boys yellow teams played their first two games and sadly they were unsuccessful in both. The girl's scores were 3-1 and 1-1. The boy's scores were 2-0 and 4-0. These two teams, therefore, didn't progress to the quarter-finals.

The girls and boys navy blue teams both progressed onto the finals rounds after a very successful set of games throughout the morning. The boys navy blue team coached by Ted Zalloua played their quarterfinal game, fought hard but went down 3-1. They played hard with amazing teamwork.

The girls navy team were coached by Mafee Monje and assisted by Diana Zaiter and Rita Saad, who were all incredibly helpful throughout the day. On our first game, we played and tied 0-0. On our second game, we tied 1-1. The goal was scored by Sarah Lievano on a penalty. Without the effort of all the team, we wouldn't have come 2nd in the ladder and progressed through to the quarter-finals. In our quarter-final we won 1-0, with the goal was scored by Rachel. Next, we were onto semi-finals, where we won again 2-0 with the goals, were scored by Eva and Rachel. We were all so excited to then compete in the Grand Final of the Wanderers Cup Gala Day.

After trying our best out on the field we came out of the game with the score of 1-1 with Sarah scoring the goal. This meant that we had to go into penalty shots. During penalties everybody that was on the field had to have a shot, it was a total of 14 shots. It came down to the last three shots though. Angelina took her shot and scored which tied us up with the other team. Then Cecil Hills took their shot and our goalie Genevieve saved that shot which meant that if we got the next shot in we would win. Claudia then took her shot and scored. We had on Stage 3 Wanderers Cup soccer gala day. We were so proud to represent our school and the gala day and can't wait to receive the cup and medals.

Written by Sarah Lievano and Claudia Homsi - Stage 3 Football Players





### School Leavers

We are planning for the 2020 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 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—Reminder

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.

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

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



### Parent Representative Council

Cyber Safety Challenging Today's Youth  
Presentation by School Liaison Office NSW Police on  
Monday 18 November at 7pm  
Flushcombe Road & Marion Street, Blacktown.  
Seats are limited to 100—so please register early on  
[www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

### School Band

Would your child like to join the school band? It is open to Years 3 to 6 in 2020. No experience is necessary. A demonstration will be held at school on Friday 22nd November.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a set of car keys that were found after our Fun Fair—if you have lost a set of keys, please contact the school office on 9407 6600.

We also have sunglasses that have been left at the office. If you visited reception this week and are missing your sunnies, please contact us.

### Cherrybrook Quilters

Quilt Exhibition & Christmas Market  
Fri 29 November & Sat 30 November  
Uniting Church Hall, 134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook  
NSW 2126. Proceeds to Bill Walsh Cancer Research  
Laboratory. [Info@cherrybrookquilters.org.au](mailto:Info@cherrybrookquilters.org.au)

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Ward family (Charlotte in 3W and Nicholas in 1W), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.



### Fun Fair Raffle Winners

Prize No 1. V Ibrahim

2. Kiki
3. Luis
4. Beames Family
5. Alexandra Saad
6. I Puddicombe

7. Vanessa Whitbread

8. S Puddicombe
9. Elias Semaan
10. J. de Ponte
11. Emma Lovell
12. Mary Harrison



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