



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 22 November 2019 — Term 4 Week 6 No. 37

Dear Parents,

The Catholic Church in Australia has dedicated the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. Please find a copy of this National prayer below for you to join in:

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers

and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain

and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people;  
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians –

Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –  
Pray for us.

We also keep in our prayers, all those who are affected by the bush fires across NSW. The extreme smoky weather conditions have seen our children moving straight into classes before school in the morning and then staying indoors for the remainder of the day.

## R.E. NEWS



Our St Bernadette's Mini Vinnies Group has organized to support the Parish St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Each class will be collecting donations of small toys and non-perishable foods to contribute to Christmas Hampers. (Please do not send in any gift cards. All toys and food will need to be in buy Wednesday 4th December so they be packed and ready for delivery by the St. Bernadette's Parish, St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families.

The Mini Vinnies are still collecting plastic bottle tops but only from Milk containers, water bottles and soft drink bottles. It is only these plastic lids that can be recycled and used by the 3D printers to make the prosthetic limbs. Please wash bottle tops and remove the white foam inside from the milk lid before sending them in.

Thank you to all the St. Bernadette's families who have already sent in the plastic lids and donations to the hampers.



### Week 7 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

**Mon 25 November**  
8.30am Assembly

**Tue 26 November**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
Mrs Cooke coming to meet the students and staff (Principal 2020)

**Wed 27 November**  
Student Banking Day  
7:30pm P&F AGM

**Thurs 28 November**  
Swimming Carnival

**Fri 29 November**  
1.40pm Whole School  
Assembly (Church)

**Thur 5 December**  
6pm Christmas Concert  
(Church)

**Thur 10 December**  
9am Thanksgiving  
Mass—All invited

**Mon 16 December**  
9am Primary Awards  
Ceremony (Church)  
11am Infants Awards  
Ceremony (Church)

**Tues 17 December**  
6pm Yr6 Graduation

**Wed 18 December**  
Last day for students

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN & Yrs 1 to 6 2020**  
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Email: [Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

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

## Announcement of Assistant Principal for 2020

Mrs Charmain Floody has been appointed as the Assistant Principal for St Bernadette's Primary from 2020.

Charmain is coming to St Bernadette's from St Patrick's Primary Blacktown where she has been a Coordinator, Diversity Leader and Acting Assistant Principal. Charmain has previously taught at Mary McKillop Primary South Penrith where she was a Religious Education Coordinator. I know that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Floody when you have the opportunity in 2020.

## Week 10 Awards Ceremony Monday 16th December 2019

Primary—9:00am Church

Infants—11:00am Church

As we draw to the end of another school year the children look back on how they have progressed in their learning and participation at school. For some children there will be huge growth and significant changes – our Kindergarten parents will attest to this. For others the growth or change may not be so obvious however it will none the less be substantial and significant. As a Catholic School in the 21st Century when we are assisting our children to reflect on their achievements, it is important that we recognise the full breadth of what those achievements may be – academic, spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, musical, athletic, creative, higher order and lateral thinking and the list can go on. If we want our children to have a passion for life long learning we need to create a community in which children are encouraged and recognised for the unique learning styles that they possess. In an endeavour to give feedback to all our students at St Bernadette's about their learning at each of the Award Ceremonies, the teachers will be recognising every student for their achievement/effort/learning/ progress across the year. This will be a powerful source of recognition and feedback for all of our students.

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

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Thursday  
5th December  
6pm in the Church

## Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

### 2019 ICAS English Results

Our English ICAS test results have arrived and our St Bernadette's students have received outstanding results.



The English competition assesses the students on their ability to locate, interpret and reason from their reading and their knowledge of vocabulary through a variety of challenging texts.

The following children will be presented with their certificates at our next Friday assembly in week 8.

English		
Merit	Credit	Distinction
Natalie Alam-3W	Savannah Jaucian-3W	Zara Hawkes-3B
Ian Liu-3G	Mia Lee-3W	Sebastian Haywood-3G
Renee Sakkal-4W	Joseph-Anthony Raad-4B	Matilda Maggs-3G
Hannah Cherian-5W	Rachel Sahabu-4B	Ella Macey-5B (High Distinction)
Anthony Gomez-5B	Xavier Xiberras-4W	Joshua Foo-6G
Dean Guy-6W	Samantha Badenhorst-5W	Charlotte Lee-6G
	Kaiden Taggart-5G	
	Zander Cheng-6G	
	Gabriel de Ponte-6B	
	Enya Hui-6B	

*Melissa Beggs—Assistant Principal*

### Every Learner Every Day

**Attendance rate to date is 85.0%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child however our attendance rate has dropped in the last few weeks.

We appreciate your continued support in emphasising the need to be at school on time each and every day until the last day of term.

Our attendance levels are recorded below.

Congratulations to Kindergarten who continue to lead the way in attaining our target of 90% each week.

We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school.



Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level	Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	92.7%	4	82.8%
1	81.0%	5	87.3%
2	80.2%	6	86.9%
3	83.2%		

**Congratulations to the following  
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

<i>Social Skill:</i>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
<b>KB</b>	Not for Publication	George Fayle	Abigail Barone
<b>KG</b>	Spencer Tang	Victoria Kalina	Abigail Symin
<b>KW</b>	Michael Chaccal	Zara Sakkal	Joseph Aiossa
<b>1B</b>	Gabriel Saad	Georgia Elias	Keona D'Souza
<b>1G</b>	Not for Publication	Charlize Alatl	Ashlee Nguyen
<b>1W</b>	Tiffany Lavulo	Oscar Barone	Daniel Rowe
<b>2B</b>	Riley Bandiera	Aarshia Arun	Ethan Mi
<b>2G</b>	Arianni Sebastian	Alastair Mattin	Jeslyn Ariyanayagam
<b>3B</b>	Grace Semaan	Kevin Phillips	Mia Parame
<b>3G</b>	Harry Wigham	Zara Osborn	Salote Ah Siu
<b>3W</b>	Olivia Damiano	Chelsea Fayle	Nicolas Reyna
<b>4B</b>	David Lievano Monje	Charlotte McLaren	Joshua Tan
<b>4G</b>	Chloe Malandrino	Jet Jackson	Chloe Karam
<b>4W</b>	Brayden Ream	Daniel Giallonardo	Camellia Fernando
<b>5B</b>	Ella Macey	Leah Symin	Andrew Zalloua
<b>5G</b>	Gregory Zucconi	Georgina Kassis	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos
<b>5W</b>	Yuheng Wang	Lily Procter	Antonio Wadih
<b>6B</b>	Sabrina Puglisi	Gabriel De Ponte	Jorja Mizzi
<b>6G</b>	Charlotte Lee	Zander Cheng	Hilary Zhang
<b>6W</b>	Charlie Barone	Imogen Vines	Charlie De Souza

**Principal's Awards:**



<p>Victoria Ibrahim—1G Lily Alam—1W Rachel Tan—1W Harper Moynahan—2G Alexis Mortel—2G Valda Mormul—2G Julia Foong—2G Lucia Aiossa—2G Tayla Van Ryswyk—2G Zara Hawkes—3B Nathan Elias—3B Sebastian Haywood—3G Tess Ellis—4B Terrence Nwabuokei—6B Gabriel de Ponte—6B</p>	<p>Jack Overend—6W Michaela Scrooby—6W Angelique Daniele—6W Luke Giallonardo—6B Jorja Mizzi—6B Eva Cooper—6G Cooper McGlynn—6G Sarah Lievano Monje—6G Enjy Hui—6B Michael Khoudair—6W Brayden Leuzzi—6W Imogen Vines—6W Angelina Zaiter—6W Sarah Jacinto—6B Cassandra Losurdo—6B</p>
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## 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.



## 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.

## 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

## Mount St Benedict College

### Bennies Festival

**Tuesday 26 November from 6-9pm**

Open to all students, their families and wider community to enjoy, Bennies festival-style event will showcase performances and projects by Bennies girls. By popular demand there will be food trucks and more events.

### Bulls Baulkham Hills—Hockey

Free training sessions

Session 1—Saturday 30 Nov 2019

Session 2—Tuesday 14 Jan 2020

Session 3—Saturday 8 Feb 2020

5:30pm—7:00pm Pennant Hills Park Hockey Fields

For boys and girls aged 5 to 12

Register online no later than 28th November 2019

[baulkhamhillshockey.org.au](http://baulkhamhillshockey.org.au)

## P & F News:

**COME JOIN US**  
**P&F AGM**  
**WEDNESDAY November 27, 7:30 PM**  
**SCHOOL LIBRARY**

- Reports on P&F and school activities
- Meet other parents & contribute
- Elect 2020 office bearers and committee

## Join the School Band

Students from year's 2-5 today attended a demo concert from the school band showcasing the various instruments available to learn at St Bernadette's in 2020. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument as part of the St Bernadette's School Band in 2020 please see the flyer and expression of interest forms attached to this weeks newsletter or contact [enrolments@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:enrolments@teachingservices.com.au) for further information.

