



St Bernadette's School

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Is there really more than one way to show love?

In his book the *5 Love Languages*, Dr Gary Chapman, writes about the importance of meeting each other's deep emotional need to feel loved. He writes about each of us having a 'love tank' that when filled helps us to feel secure and see the world as a bright and wonderful place. He describes five love languages:- *Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Acts of Service and Physical Touch*. I include a brief description of his five love languages for you at this time when we are so busy and can often overlook the little things that our many relationships are built upon:-



Words of Affirmation

"The tongue has the power of life and death" (Proverbs 18:21) Actions don't always speak louder than words. Hearing the words 'I love you' are important words – hearing the reasons behind that love sends your spirits skyward.

Acts of Service

Can vacuuming the floors really be an expression of love? Absolutely! Anything you do to ease the burden of responsibilities will speak volumes to those we love. The words that we all want to hear are 'Let me do that for you'.

Receiving Gifts

When we receive gifts it makes us feel recognised, cared for and loved – especially when that gift represents thoughtfulness and insight into knowing just who we are.

Quality Time

Nothing says 'I love you' better than full, undivided attention. Really being there for others - with the TV off, knife and fork down and all chores and tasks on standby, makes others feel significant and special.

Physical Touch

Hugs, pats on the back, holding hands, and thoughtful touches on the arm, shoulder or face can all be ways to show excitement, concern, care and love.

Let's all make the commitment today, when we are so busy to be attentive to showing those acts of love.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Mini Vinnie Social Justice Initiative

This is a reminder for children to please bring in non-perishable food and/or a small gift for the St Vincent de Paul and school parish Christmas Hampers Appeal. Please ensure that all non-perishable food donations such as biscuits, pasta and tinned vegetables are in date. Each class has a particular family they are collecting goods for. Please send all donations to your child's class by Wednesday 4th of December. Thank you to those families who have already generously donated.



KB Christmas Hamper 742 Adults 1 M Boys Girls 7, 6, 5	KG Christmas Hamper 890 Adults 1 M/1F Boys 9,6,2 Girls	KW Christmas Hamper 719 Adults 1 M Boys 9 Girls
YR 1B Christmas Hamper 718 Adults 1M Boys Girls 8,4	YR 1G Christmas Hamper 824 Adults 1M/1F Boys 12, 7, 2 Girls 15, 13, 9	YR 1W Christmas Hamper 822 Adults 1F/1M Boys 13,12, 9,2 Girls
YR 2B Christmas Hamper 183 1F Boys Girls 9		Year 2G Christmas Hamper 670 Adults 1F Boys 9,8,5,5,2 Girls 10, 9,8,8,2
Yr 3B Christmas Hamper 715 Adults 1M Boys 9 Girls 6	Yr 3G Christmas Hamper 824 Adults 1M,1F Boys 15, 6, 2 Girls 14	Yr 3W Christmas Hamper 815 Adults 1M Boys Girls 15
Yr 4B Christmas Hamper 800 Adults 2F / 1M Boys Girls 11, 7	Yr 4G Christmas Hamper 860 Adults 1F / 3M Boys 17 Girls 15, 11	Yr 4W Christmas Hamper 813 Adults 2F / 1M Boys Girls 11, 7
Yr 5 Christmas Hamper 721 Adults 1M/1F Boys 15 Girls 13, 10, 5, 2	Yr 5 Christmas Hamper 721 Adults 1M/1F Boys 15 Girls 13, 10, 5, 2	Yr 5 Christmas Hamper 721 Adults 1M/1F Boys 15 Girls 13, 10, 5, 2
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Week 8 Dates

- Sun 1 December**
1st Day of Advent
- Mon 2 December**
8.30am Morning Assembly
K-Yr 2 Swimming Program (All Week)
3pm Motiv8starts (to 9/12)
- Tues 3 December**
8-10am Uniform Shop
- Wed 4 December**
Student Banking
Gilroy Year 7 Transition Day
- Thurs 5 December**
6pm **Christmas Concert**
- Fri 6 December**
Yr 3 Incurion
RE Books Coming Home
1.40pm Whole School Assembly—All invited
Yr 6 Dinner Dance
- Tues 10 December**
9am Thanksgiving Mass & Farewell to Mrs Nettleton & Mrs Beggs
- Wed 11 December**
Yrs 3 to 6 Oztag
- Thurs 12 December**
Band Tour
- Mon 16 December**
9am Primary Awards
11am Infants Awards (Church)
- Tues 17 December**
6pm Yr 6 Graduation
- Wed 18 December**
Last day for Students
Christmas Mufti Clothes



Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 86.1%

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

Well done to Kindergarten who continue to maintain and improve upon their outstanding attendance achievements.

Our attendance levels are recorded below.



Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level	Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	94.0%	4	82.8%
1	81.0%	5	89.4%
2	80.2%	6	88.4%
3	86.0%		

Staffing News

Congratulations and thank you to Miss Stephanie Morelli who has accepted a permanent teaching position at OLOR Kellyville in 2020 and Miss Lauren Bleakley who will be returning to Newcastle and has accepted a permanent teaching position at St Paul's, Gateshead.

St Bernadette's Swimming Carnival

The St Bernadette's 2019 Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. The day was a huge success due to the help of so many students, teachers, parents, Gilroy students and supporters. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 competed throughout the day in 100m, 50m, 25m, kickboard and Water Safety Activities. It was wonderful to hear the support coming from the stands on both sides - the parents cheering along with pride and from the students. We heard House Chants led by their amazing House Captains.

The day came right down to the wire - with students competing for their House to win vital House points. A highlight once again was our 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. The race was a very close finish between the parents and the Gilroy teams - final placings:

1. Parents
2. Gilroy 2
3. Gilroy 1
4. Gold
5. Green
6. Blue
7. Red

Well done everyone.

Final carnival results with Winning House and Age Champions will be shared at Monday morning assembly. A final a wrap up will be in next Friday's Newsletter.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Trials yesterday:
Tennis - Harry Palmer and David Lievano-Monje
Basketball - Matthew Barone, Campbell Sing, Charlie Akle and Cohen Orsini

Charlie Akle was selected into the Parramatta Basketball team and will compete in the MacKillop trials in early 2020. Congratulations Charlie!



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



Thursday
5th December
6pm in the Church

Swimming Program Kindy—Yr 2 All WEEK

A reminder that our little ones will need their swimmers, a towel, goggles, thongs in a plastic/excursion bag EVERY DAY. Due to the swimming time slots they will need to bring a lunch from home everyday.



Social Skills—Weeks 7 & 8

Displaying Care and Compassion

We recite our school prayer by showing strength through gentleness in our words and actions. This allows us all to recognise our responsibility of providing a safe environment for all at our school and at home.

Our school community also works together to live our values. We exemplify care and compassion towards each other by being welcoming to all we meet, including others and displaying a genuine concern for each member of St. Bernadette's.

Our overarching expectations of being: Respectful, Resilient, Safe and a Learner provides an environment that is all inclusive and where we work for the good of each other.

"Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering and the lonely right here where you are in your own school, homes, families and workplaces. You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see. Everywhere, wherever you go you find people who are unwanted, unloved, uncared for, completely forgotten, completely left alone." (Mother Teresa)

At St Bernadette's we work together to include others in our play, care and remember our friends and always support them.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Christmas Wishes

As there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter. PS : Children are welcome to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks.



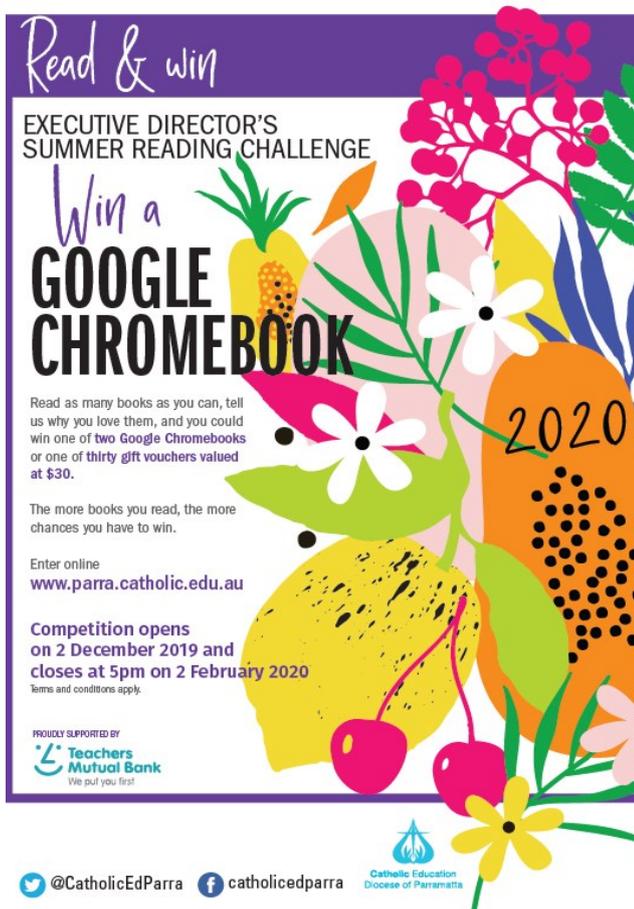
Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge—A Message from Mr Greg Whitby

“These summer holidays, I am again launching my Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge is easy! **Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30.**

Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the CEDP website. Entries open on 2 December 2019 and close at 5pm on 2 February 2020. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#). This year we are introducing Student Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher). Nominate your Student Ambassador via this form <https://forms.gle/yXAq3Svz93HPKES99> by 2 February 2020. Let's all make this year's Summer Reading Challenge one to remember!”



Read & win

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Win a
GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two Google Chromebooks or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30.

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

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closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020
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End of Year Reports

Reports will be coming home on Tuesday 10th of December 2019. It is a mandated requirement that school reports (Years 1 to 6) award an achievement level to each child using a 5 scaled system



(A,B,C,D,E) for each KLA. It is important for parents to note that under this system the mid-year report refers to the first half of the year's teaching and learning and subsequently the end of year report refers to the second half of the year.

The second half of the year introduces different concepts, content units and skills. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement in a particular Key Learning Area may be different.

*Example One: Half Year Achievement level of C
End of Year Achievement level of C*

Your child is continuing to have a sound understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

*Example Two: Half Year Achievement level of B
End of Year Achievement level of C*

In the first half of the year your child had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In the second half of the year different concepts have been covered with different learnings gained. Both examples may well illustrate that your child is working to their potential.

Teachers on grade teams meet together to determine what constitutes an A, B, C, D or E and work samples and assessment information are moderated according to the syllabus standard for each KLA. As directed by the Diocese, Year 1 to 6 will also have comparative data included in their reports. This applies to all Diocesan schools.

Student Bus Transport

We have been advised that bus Route 2033 will be withdrawn from 9 December 2019. Also please remind students to always tap on and off the bus in the morning and afternoon.

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



Congratulations to **Sofia Papandrea in 3 Blue** who along with her dance group and instructor Samson from Justice Crew won the Breaking BBop championships.



Uniform Shop Summer Uniform

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays between 8 and 10am—Term Time only.

To order uniform: download order form from website (community/school notes/uniform) and email uniform shop directly before Tuesday on:

uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com or school email: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au. Orders will then be processed and sent home via your child on Tuesday.

P&F News:

The P&F Meeting was held on Thursday last week. Here are the names of our newly elected team members for next year:

- President - Nick Gooley
- Vice President - Amanda Baker
- Secretary - Steven Lavis
- Treasurer - Vacant
- Committee - Nancey Abouhamad, Claudia Azzi, Pauline Chaccal, Mark Haj, Belisa Papandrea, Dianna Zaiter
- Hospitality - Di Zaiter & Sonia Kassis
- Maintenance - Naffa Arraf
- Parent Representative Council - Mathew Kaufmann
- Grade Parent - Belisa Papandrea
- Book Club - Karen Aiossa & Adel Kouknas
- School Banking - Catherine Kirkham (If you would like to assist, please contact the office)
- Social Media - Sarah Jackson
- Mothers & Fathers Day Stalls - Laura Symin & Debbie Kalina

Congratulations P&F Team 2020.

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

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Robinson family (Jack in 4W), following the recent passing of his Uncle. May he rest in peace.



Our congratulations to the Catron family on the birth of a baby boy. Our best wishes to the family.



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 Banking

Please be advised that the last day for Student Banking will be **Wed 11th December 2019**. Student banking will resume in Week 2, 2020.

St Bernadette's Netball Club

For boys aged 7 to 12 and girls aged 7 and up! Registrations open in January—Find us on Facebook for updates and further information. Training is held in Castle Hill on weekday afternoons.

St Matthews Anglican Church—Carols by Candlelight, Fri 20 December @ West Pennant Hills Public School oval 5.30-7.30pm. Bring the family and join the festive activities. Jumping castle, carnival games, food and drink stalls, glow stick, coffee, live camels and more!

Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook (9980 7822).

Swimming lessons for all ages.

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

