



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 7th February 2020 — Term 1 Week 2 No. 2

Dear Parents,

It has been a very successful week with Kindergarten being at school for a full 5 days! I know they are very tired at the end of the day, as are their teachers! Congratulations parents on the way you have supported your child at this very important time to enable them to develop increasing independence. I know it is hard to say a quick goodbye, though it is the easiest for your child. Kindergarten will now join the rest of the school community and finish the day at 2:45pm. Please wait at the Tuckshop Terrace for your child to walk up to you as this lessens the amount of 'traffic' in very narrow areas. Also take extra caution in the carpark and exercise extra patience! Why not take advantage of the 'Blue Wall' pick up line?

It was with great sadness that I heard about the terrible tragedy of the Abdullah family last weekend. I know the children were not students of St Bernadette's though they are connected, in one way or another, to many of our families. My sincerest condolences to family members and friends. This is the prayer that I was going to share at Monday's assembly, though the rain prevented it:

*Father, we ask for your comfort and peace for those who are grieving the loss of Antony, Angelina, Sienna and Veronique. Lord you know the pain and grief that their families and friends are going through. You understand the sadness and confusion they are facing. Draw them close to you and minister to them with all that they need.*

*We know these four children are with you in heaven and may this knowledge bring them some comfort. Please bless the paramedics, doctors, nurses, police and fire rescue who attended and assisted. Grant them continued strength and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ or Lord, Amen.*

May God bless and keep you.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke**  
**Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



The Catholic Bishop's Conference has asked Parish churches and schools to support the immediate and ongoing work of St Vincent de Paul in the bushfire affected areas.

Our school, with the support of our Mini Vinnies Group, have planned a fundraiser for Thursday 20th February. The students can come dressed as either an Emergency Service Personal or dressed in the colour of the uniform of an Emergency Service Personal.

We are asking for a gold or fold donation and all money raised will be sent to the south coast St Vincent de Paul. The money will help St Vincent de Paul provide for people who have lost their belongings due to the fires and help with expenses for those recovering from the fires or who have lost their homes.

As there are so many facing this exceptional crisis we are asking the St. Bernadette's community for a generous response to our fund raiser on Thursday 20th of February.

**Reconciliation 2020:** A reminder to all parish families enrolled to commence preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation, that sessions will begin on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing all the St Bernadette's community at our Opening Mass on Sunday 9th at the 9am Parish Mass. Students will wear their summer uniform.

**Mrs Shane Robinson**  
**Religion Coordinator**

### Week 3 Dates

**Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday**

**Sun 9 February**  
9-10am Opening School Mass

**Mon 10 February**  
8.30am Morning Assembly  
3pm Motiv8sports

**Tue 11 February**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
Dance Fever

**Wed 12 February**  
Student Banking

**Thu 13 February**  
Year 5 School Camp

**Fri 14 February**  
**Census Day**  
Year 5 School Camp  
Zone Swimming  
Carnival

### Term 1 Assembly Dates

Week 4 - Fri 21 Feb  
Week 6 - Fri 6 Mar  
Week 8 - Fri 20 Mar  
Week 10 - Fri 3 Apr  
Time: 2pm

## Dance Fever

Dance Fever began this week and the children just love it. For those who do not know what Dance fever is, it is a one term dance program that teaches the children contemporary and ballroom dances. We have two amazing dance tutors from 'Dance Fever' who teach the children their moves under the supervision of the child's class teacher. The Primary children will have the opportunity to perform in the evening dance event at Homebush on Thursday 2nd April and the Infants will showcase their dancing at school on Tuesday 7th April. More details about both of these events will come home soon.



## Motiv8sports

We would love to invite your son/daughter to experience



Motiv8sports at St Bernadette's this term. For 18 years we have motiv8ted thousands of children across Sydney with our innov8tive approach to sport. Regardless of your child's athletic ability Motiv8sports caters to everyone. Most importantly we are not looking to turn your child into the next sporting superstar. Motiv8sports is about developing your child's confidence, self-esteem and motiv8tion to achieve anything they put their mind to. My team of amazing coaches would love the opportunity to Motiv8 your child every Monday on school grounds at St Bernadette's Castle Hill. Parents can relax knowing that Motiv8sports coaches meet your child on school grounds, complete a roll call and provide complete supervision in a safe environment rain, hail or shine every Monday afternoon until 4.30 pm. For more information please email [hills@motiv8sports.com.au](mailto:hills@motiv8sports.com.au) I look forward to the opportunity to motiv8 the children of St Bernadette's once again in Term 1 2020.

LINK: [https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8\\_event/term-1-st-bernadettes-castle-hill-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic-summer-slam-edition/](https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8_event/term-1-st-bernadettes-castle-hill-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic-summer-slam-edition/)

## Updated: Sport Uniform Days—Term 1

Kindy	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 1	Tuesday & Wednesday
Yr 2	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 4	Monday & Tuesday
Yr 5	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 6	Tuesday & Wednesday



## A Message from the Assistant Principal:

Thank you to all for your support for our Kindy transition period. As of next week the arrival and dismissal procedures will revert to normal practices.

### Mornings

At 8am all children are supervised on the top court by the teacher on duty. At 8:15, a second duty teacher will arrive to escort and supervise all K, 1 and 2 students on the bottom court.

### Afternoons

Gates will be open just before 2:45. All parents are to wait in the Tuckshop Terrace for children to be dismissed to them. There are to be no parents waiting on the passive grass area. This area is very congested when the whole school is on the move and your support and assistance is appreciated.

### Wet Weather

We understand the difficulty at drop off and pick up times in the heavy wet we experienced this morning. Please be aware that at 8:30 when the bell rings, teachers will be beginning their teaching and learning and cannot answer queries at the door. In the afternoons, teachers are unavailable to speak with parents until after the bell rings at 2:45 or until after their dismissal duty.



**Mrs Charmain Floody**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Going Home Arrangements

Thank you to all of the parents who have handed in their 'Going Home Arrangements' form. If you have not yet handed in your form, please do so by Wednesday the 12th of February.

## Census—Friday 14th February

If your child is absent on Friday (14th), please email the school by 10:00am simply advising your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and when they will return. Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is mandatory. This is a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you.

## **Gilroy Catholic College Castle Hill—Open Evening**

Enrolling now for Year 7, 2021

Open Evening: Wednesday 19 February 2020

Tours from 4pm, talk by the Principal 5.15pm in the College Hall, Tours will continue after the talk until 6.50pm

For Tour Bookings <https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Days> or phone the College on 8853 8200

## **Catherine McAuley Westmead—Open Evening**

Enrolling for Year 7 2021

Open Evening: Wednesday 4 March 2020 4pm—7pm

Applications close 27th March 2020

## **Mount St Benedict College—Open Day**

Sunday 1 March, 10am –2pm

Bookings online [www.msb.nsw.edu.au](http://www.msb.nsw.edu.au)

449C Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills



## **Join SBFC for 2020**

**PLAY FOOTBALL WITH YOUR MATES**

**TRAINING IS ON  
THURSDAY NIGHTS AT  
ERIC MOBBS RESERVE**

*GAMES ARE PLAYED ON  
SATURDAY MORNINGS MIXED COMP  
SUNDAY MORNING GIRLS COMP  
WITH HILLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.*

## **Registrations open January 2020**

Go to [www.safc.org.au](http://www.safc.org.au) for more information.



### **Term 1 2020**

Mon 24 Feb—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Thurs 9 April—Last Day Term 1

### **Term 2:**

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

### **Term 3:**

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

### **Term 4:**

Mon 12 October to Fri 18 December

## **St Bernadette's Netball Club Registrations**

are open until 14th February. Go to <http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/> to find out how to register. The season starts in May, and we are registering boys 12 and under, and girls/women of all ages. Games are at Kellyville Netball Complex on Friday nights (7 to 9 year olds) and Saturdays (older teams), and training is at the school courts on Wednesdays. An eight-week NetSetGo program runs after school in Term 3, available for 5 and 6 year olds to learn the skills of Netball before the 2021 season.

## **P&F News:**

### **Welcome Barbecue—Postponed**

Due to the wet weather today, unfortunately we have had to postpone our Welcome BBQ. An alternate date will be announced.

## **Scholastic—Book Club**

Book Club orders are due by Saturday 15th February.

We accept credit card online orders only.

Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Do not fill in the order form or return anything to the school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school's order.

## **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](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.

## **St Bernadette's Playgroup**

extends a warm welcome to families with children up to 5 years to attend playgroup this year. Playgroup runs on



a Thursday morning 10-12 during school terms. For further information please contact Carolyn Lincoln 0411547285.



**Congratulations...** Cassandra Perez of 6G for being selected from hundreds of children to play the role of a street urchin in this year's production of La Behome at the Sydney Opera House. Well Done!

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

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

