



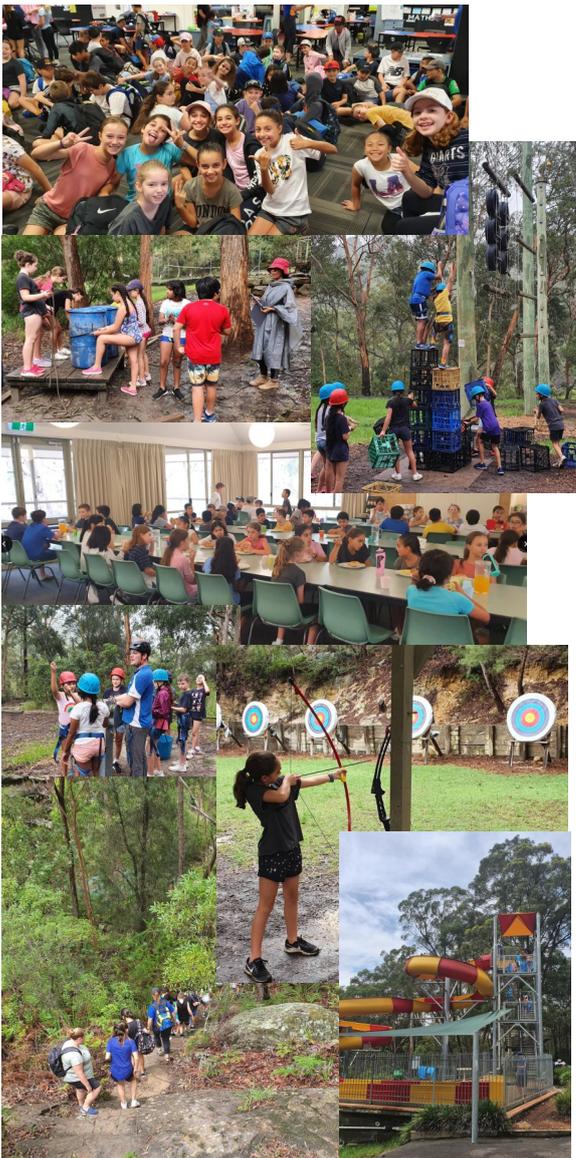
# St Bernadette's School

Friday 14h February 2020 — Term 1 Week 3 No. 3

Dear Parents,

A big thank you to Mrs Karen Orsini, Miss Rachelle El-Hage, Ms Debjani Ghosh, Mr Stephen Bamford, Miss Danielle Smith, Mrs Julie Allen and Mrs Charmain Floody for taking our year 5 students to camp this week. The children had a fantastic time due to the care and dedication of these wonderful staff members. Our children displayed our school values of Respect and Resilience and have done the St Bernadette's community proud. I'm sure they are very tired after their two big days of fun and probably have many wet and smelly clothes ready for laundering.

**Mrs Bianca Cooke—Principal**



## R.E. NEWS



Children from our parish and school community who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation have begun their first week of the Parish Sacramental program.

Sacramental initiation is parish-oriented. Introduction to the Church's sacramental life is the means through which one enters more fully into the life of the faith community. It is therefore proper that the faith community, expressed in the parish, be responsible for and intimately involved in, the sacramental preparation and presentation of children. The progressive introduction of children to the sacraments includes discernment of their readiness, which is not simply a matter of age. Priest and parents both have a role in ascertaining that the child has achieved appropriate faith development, and that adequate faith support is assured. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for their Reconciliation.

**Reminders – Thursday 20th Mini Vinnies Gold or Fold Donation Day** to raise money for the bush fire victims of the south coast. Students can dress as an emergency service worker or come in the colours of their uniform.



**Welcome Mass - Sunday 9th February:** It was lovely to see many of our children and their families at the 9am Parish mass last Sunday celebrating the beginning of the 2020 school year, despite the horrendous weather. Thank you, Fr Bob, for your inspiring thoughts in the homily.



**Week 4 Dates**  
Waste Free Recess & Lunch Everyday

**Mon 17 February**  
3pm Motiv8sports

**Tue 18 February**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
Dance Fever

**Wed 19 February**  
Student Banking

**Thu 20 February**  
Bushfire Appeal Day  
Gold or Fold

**Fri 21 February**  
9am School Leadership  
Mass  
2pm School Assembly

**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

## **PBS4L**

### **Positive Behaviour Support for Learning**

Last year at St Bernadette's we began implementing Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) which promotes the overall well-being of students and the academic outcomes of students to improve in all aspects of their school life. When students feel safe, cared for and have a sense of belonging with shared values and goals, they are able to achieve their potential in all aspects of their learning.



Our overarching expectations at St Bernadette's are - We are Respectful, We are Resilient, We are Safe and We are Learners. as part of PBS4L which is a school-wide initiative that encompasses our school values and school motto.

PBS4L also means that teachers have access to evidence-based professional learning that promotes effective classroom practices that are not only targeted at increasing positive behaviour within the school environment but also focused on increasing authentic student engagement when it comes to learning tasks. As part of this well-being initiative our school awards system will be changing, exactly how this will look is currently a work in progress. In the interim, we will be presenting 2x Social Skill Awards relating to our overarching expectations - there will be no Student of the Week awards. The social skill focus for Term One will be aligned with our overarching expectations:

Week 4- **Respect**  
Week 6- **Resilient**  
Week 8- **Safe**  
Week 10- **Learner**



Class teachers will also be awarding 4 class merits each fortnight (on our assembly day) in class. These merits will be presented for students who are displaying excellent achievement, or personal quality that is deserving of recognition.

**Congratulations...** to the following students who have been selected in the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball teams to compete at the MacKillop Trials in Wollongong on 28th February.



Charlie Akle  
Ava Rendulic  
Eva Bailey  
Rachel Saad

## **Choir:**

All students in years 2-6 are invited to join the St Bernadette's school choir.

This year we will be conducting choir practice before school on a Wednesday morning from 7:45am – 8:30am. It will be run by Mrs Blazevic in the music room. The kiss and drop gate will be open for children to make their way directly to the music room with their bag ready to commence promptly at 7:45am.

Throughout the year there are a number of performances that the St Bernadette's choir participates in, including but not limited to, the Captivate Showcase, which brings together all choirs throughout the Parramatta Diocese, The Celebration Sing Out, held at the Sydney Town Hall and our annual Christmas Concert.

If your child would like to join the school choir, please ask your child to collect an expression of interest form from Mrs Blazevic when they attend their sport lesson.

**Ilana Blazevic**

**Physical Education Teacher and Sports Coordinator**

## **Morning Tea and Lunch**

A friendly reminder: parents please ensure to supply enough for your child for morning tea and lunch as the office is unable to hand out food to our students.

## **2020 School Fees**

**Term 1 School Fee** accounts will be sent home from the Catholic Education Office shortly and will be due on **Wednesday, 18th March, 2020**. Flexible Payment Plans (FPP) will again be offered in all schools in the Parramatta Diocese 2020. The FPP is an alternative to our current payment terms of **30 days** and offers families the choice to pay their annual fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly over either a six month period from **March to August (Standard Plan)** or nine month period **March to November (Extended Plan)**.

**Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY.** If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Please allow 2 days for all BPay and POSTBILLPAY payments to reach our account. Should you wish to make arrangement for the payment of your 2020 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Doyle/Gooley family (Tess in 4G and ex-students Quinlan and O'Shea), following the recent passing of their grandmother. May she rest in peace.



## P&F News:

### P&F Meeting

**Wednesday March 4, 7:30pm**

The St Bernadette's P&F is a group of parents, ex-parents, staff and other volunteers who come from diverse backgrounds to support the learning and growth of the students in our school. Parents can contribute in many ways depending on what talents, time and resources you have available. One of the most generous contributions you can make is to offer your time and point of view at one of our P&F meetings. We meet once each term in the school library and welcome you all to join us. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday March 4 at 7:30pm in the School Library.**

### Grade Parent Contact List

#### Deadline Extended

Don't forget to provide your contact details for our P&F grade contact list if you like. This list is distributed to other parents in your child's grade and is used to plan social events (birthday parties, play dates, etc) but is also crucial to help the P&F keep you informed of our events and other news. This is not compulsory.

Please visit <https://forms.gle/vayjTucx2i9D6zkB8> and answer the short survey to provide your details. The closing date to complete these details has been extended to Sunday February 16.

### Uniform Shop

It's been a busy start to the year once again. The uniform shop staff thank the school community for their patience during this time especially when items have had to be placed on backorder. Our polo shirt delivery has finally arrived and these orders have now been filled. All other backorders will be processed on Tuesday when the shop reopens. Winter sales will commence towards the end of the term and will be communicated via the newsletter. For any enquiries please contact Julie at [uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com) or visit us in the shop Tuesdays between 8-10am.

## 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

## St Bernadette's Football Club

Book by Sunday to take advantage of our Early Bird Discount.

Don't forget to use your Active Kids Rebate to take \$100 off your fees.

Training starts Thursday 26th March at Eric Mobbs

Reserve. Round 1 Game is on Saturday 28th March 2020.

Register at [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)



## Term 1 2020

Mon 24 Feb—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Thurs 9 April—Last Day Term 1

## Term 2:

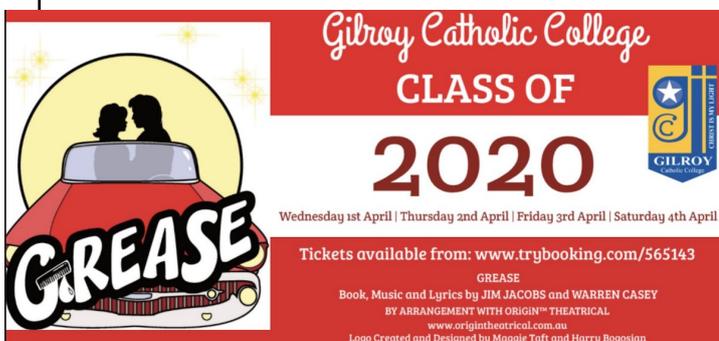
Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

## Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

## Term 4:

Mon 12 October to Fri 18 December



## Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook

(9980 7822). Swimming lessons for all ages.

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

