



Newsletter

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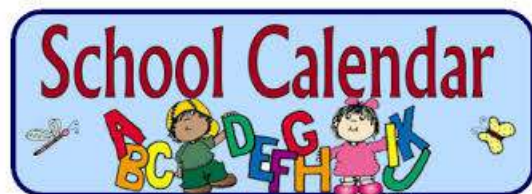
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September

22nd **Term 3 Ends**



October

- 9th Term 4 commences
- 21st School and Parish Fete
- 25th Kindergarten Transition Program
- 5th Youth Group

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Principals Blog

Principal's End of Term Message

Another term has ended and with a sigh of relief we begin the holiday break. Term 3 has challenged our community. The loss of Julian has had a profound impact on all of us. We have questioned why and tried to make sense of this loss. As we move forward I urge everyone to remember Julian for his gift of love not as the boy lost to terror.

Yesterday's SuperHeroes for Julian day encapsulated what it means to be a part of the St Bernadette's community. We showed our love for Julian and unity for the family. We are a Catholic community who stand and support one another. Our challenge will be to continue this support in the time ahead.

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Superheroes for Julian!

Yesterday the school celebrated the life and love of Julian: joining together in community in a wonderful day of fun, excitement and smiles. As Julian loved super heroes, everyone donned their capes and suits and threw themselves into an action packed day: a day that Julian would have loved.

Over the past weeks since the tragic news of Julian's loss, the community has been inundated with messages of support and shared grief. Yesterday can only be described as the accumulation of this, with businesses from across Sydney contributing to a day of happiness for our children after a difficult term and in celebration of Julian's life. Even now, the school is working to ensure that all contributions are properly acknowledged - there are too many to name just yet.

Beginning with a prayer lead by Mr Kapitanow and specially written for Julian, the school gathered in a myriad of super hero colours and padded muscle. It wasn't long before we looked to the sky as Polair circled and, sirens blaring, landed on the adjoining oval. And from that point on, the fun never stopped.

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Mrs Buenaventura In Spain

This week Mrs Buenaventura visited Barcelona, Spain as a part of holiday in Europe. She made a special trip to Las Ramblas to lay a card and rosary beads on behalf of the students and staff of St Bernadette's.

In the days before Mrs Buenaventura left for her holiday students and staff were invited to sign the card. This is a touching tribute to our friend Julian.



On behalf of the school community I thank Mrs Buenaventura for doing this on behalf of the community. I know it was very emotional for Mrs Buenaventura.

Julian's Funeral

Julian's funeral will be held on Wednesday, 4th of October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The service will begin at 10am. All members of the community are invited to attend. This will be a significant part of the grieving process and obviously a very emotional day. I know many of the staff will be attending to represent the school.

Parents are encouraged to make their own decision about attending the funeral. If bringing your children it is important that you consider their emotional wellbeing. A vital part for any child would be to ensure there is ample discussion before and after the funeral to ensure the child's questions and concerns are met.

You know your children best and are charged with the responsibility of making a decision that is in the best interest of your child.



Message from the School Counselor

Deciding whether to include children in rituals related to death is difficult. As parents our instinct is to protect our children from the sadness that events such as funerals can entail. However, excluding them from such events can mean that children feel 'shut out' and isolated in their own grief. Whilst a child should never be forced, there is no universal answer to the question of 'should I allow my child to attend a funeral?' It is a personal decision in which the child's stage of development and maturity should be weighed up. As a guide, it is suggested that children be given a choice about attending such events and that this is done through an honest and frank discussion with them, providing clear information about what to expect. By doing so, possible fears and apprehensions can be addressed and may allow the child to make the decision that is right for them.

**BLACKTOWN RSL
YOUTH SWIMMING CLUB INC.**

2017/2018 Swim Season

October — March

Thursday nights weekly, during school terms

Starts 12 October 2017

7.15 — 8.30pm

Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Boyd St, Blacktown



Fees:

1st swimmer: \$60

2nd swimmer: \$50

Additional swimmers: \$40 each

Enquiries:

Darren: 0416 629 727

Melissa: 0404 002 662

blacktownrsl youthswimclub@gmail.com

4-17 year olds

All ability levels

Swimmers race against their own times,

to achieve their personal best!

Fun, casual, friendly, supportive culture.

Social events, include:

Xmas Pool Party!, Championships nights,

Barbecues, Presentation

Learning and fun in Our Garden

The hot, windy weather continued to play havoc in the garden, with **13 September 2017** declared the hottest September day on record, so the hose was working overtime! Meanwhile, the **Environment Team** were doing their bit to promote the school garden by taking in a photo session conducted by the Marketing Team from the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta...

A few **stars** in the making there!



To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: claresgarden118@gmail.com and visit <http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com> or the school office on 8869 6400 or stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au



Assistant Principals Blog

Last week I put out some questions around student writing that hopefully challenged and probed your thinking around what is good practice for setting up successfully student writing.

This week I promised to respond to this by offering some thoughts around each.

- Should students be allowed to sit or go anywhere to write?
- Should students be allowed to borrow ideas from other writers?
- Should students be allowed to pass when it comes to sharing their work ?

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TELEPHONE



Our New telephone number is
(02) 8869 6400
This number is active NOW.

Kiss and Drop
Guidelines



School
Uniform
(under construction)



Student Awards!

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
David	Atie	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Mansour	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Oskar	Pace	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Perkins	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Rishaan	Cholia	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Palafox	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Joseph	Flaviano	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Joseph	Flaviano	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Kurtis	Jackson	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Kurtis	Jackson	3	STAGE 2G	Bronze Award
Cody	Graham	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Emily	Mordini	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Emily	Mordini	6	STAGE 3B	Silver Award

St Bernadette's Enrolments

We are currently conducting enrolment interviews. If you know any current parents who may have children due to commence school next year, please ask them to see the school office for an enrolment package. Enrolment applications are now available at the school office. Your child **may be** eligible to enrol in kindergarten if he/she turns 5 by 31st July 2018.



Birthdays this week

Happy Birthday to these students

Tracey Kide

Stella Efstathiou

Naga Sudhagar

Darko Grubisic

Zafira Hanna

Annabel Zaroutski



St Bernadette's

Primary Lalor Park



Enrol Now

OPEN DAY

24 October 9:30am-10:30am
& 4:30pm-5:30pm

P: 8869 6400

www.stbernadetteslalorpark.catholic.edu.au

Where we learn and grow together



St Bernadette's School & Parish Fete

Saturday 21st October 2017

Fete Update

September Collection:

September collection are bags of chocolates and lollies. If you can send them in and place them in the fete boxes in the classroom that would be great.

Raffle Tickets:

Most families would have received raffle tickets. Please do your best to sell them. Raffle tickets need to be returned sold/unsold by 11/10/2017.

Ride Bands:

Ride band notes went out last week. Cost is \$25 prepaid and on the day \$30.

Showbags:

Notes went out on Monday for showbags. If your child would like to purchase a showbag please send your order in by 22/09/2017. If you miss out on the cutoff date, showbags can be purchased on fete day for \$6.50 but only a limited number will be sold.

Prizes:

We are in need of prizes for the chocolate wheel and lucky envelopes. If you can help in anyway please contact me.

Volunteers:

We still require volunteers to help on fete day. The fete can not be run on just a handful of volunteers. An hour on the day is all we are requesting. Please contact me if you can help.

Craft Stall:

There is still a lot of work to be done for the craft stall. If you can knit, sew, cut and paste please contact Mel Rodewald or Jamie Lee Fuller who will be able to let you know what still needs to be done.

Face Painting:

If you can help on this stall please contact me.

If you have any questions/ideas for the fete or want to help in any way you can contact me on 0411185121.

Regards

Zeina Yaacoub

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Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

Children's Liturgy - Sat 6pm; Sun 10am except school holidays and at First Communion times.

Blessings at all Masses for children.

Youth Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass on 4th Saturday of the month.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8.45am

Wednesday 7pm Exposition, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette. Mass at 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:15am-8:45am

Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm. First Saturday of the Month 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 10.30am & 4.30pm – 5.30pm

NB: No reconciliation in the morning on the First Saturday of the month

LORD, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE!

Gospel in Life

In his book *The Railway Man*, Eric Lomax tells the true account of his imprisonment during the Second World War. He was one of thousands of soldiers forced to work on the infamous Burma-Siam railway. Labouring virtually as slaves, the half-starved men suffered in the burning heat, while living under conditions of exhaustion and malnutrition. Even worse than this, some, like Lomax, were tortured: he was choked with water, endlessly beaten and mercifully interrogated. He came close to death on many occasions. When the war ended, Eric Lomax returned to England, but his life was never the same. Tormenting pictures that came as nightmares, together with the physical and mental scars his experience left behind, meant his quality of life was severely diminished. However, the story doesn't stop here. A strange sequence of events eventually led Lomax to return to Japan some 50 years later to meet face to face with one of his tormentors, someone whose life had equally been devastated by the war. The description of their encounter is heart-rending in its honesty. It reaches a climax when the two men finally decide to put the past to rest: Lomax tells his former interrogator that while the memory of what happened in that prison back in 1943 would always remain with him, he can be sure of his total forgiveness. Given all that had happened, what an incredible statement: he offered total forgiveness, an act pardoning more wrongs than it was possible to remember. The book finishes in Thailand, with the author and his wife gazing over a war cemetery: "For a moment," he writes, "we both knew we should be there". Then I said: "Sometime, the hating has to stop". Hate is a strong word, but to a greater and lesser degree we all know it in our hearts. We face conflict with those around us: family, friends and even strangers. We carry our prejudices and judgements, we cling to the hurts and offences caused by others. Whatever its form, however trivial, however serious, there is a time for hating to stop in every life, in all our relationships, and throughout the world. This may not always be easy; it might not come quickly, but we are called to recapture the fact that we live for the Lord, not merely for ourselves. Hating will only stop when forgiveness begins. How often must we forgive? Always. Why? Because God has forgiven us in Christ.

Weekly Parable from E-News

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

When: NEXT Saturday, 23 September **Time:** 6pm Vigil Mass **Where:** St Bernadette's Church **Who:** Young people of the Parish

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

• Music by Youth Ministry

• Young people to welcome, read Word of God, distribute Holy Communion, be Altar Servers, take part in the Offertory Procession.

WHAT TO BRING:

Yourselves, your friends. Your love for Jesus and St Bernadette's Parish.

We hope to see you there. FOR GOD WE LIVE.