



Newsletter

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September

- 15th Infants Liturgy (all welcome)
- 16th First Holy Communion 6pm
- 17th First Holy Communion 10a
- 22nd Reconciliation Stage 2 White
Reconciliation Stage 2 Gold
Term 3 Ends



October

- 21st School and Parish Fete
- 25th Kindergarten Transition
- 5th Youth Group

[See more ...](#)



Fruit and Veg Afternoon

On Wednesday 6th September, St Bernadette's celebrated Fruit and Veg month. It was an opportunity for the students to 'GET LOUD' for Fruit and Veg.

Our students participated in outcome based lessons in class that promoted healthy eating habits and exciting sport activities in the afternoon. They also enjoyed a selection of fresh fruit and veg, donated by Coles Stanhope Gardens and Woolworths Winston Hills. The school's Stage Three Environmental Team were busy throughout the day preparing salads which the students thoroughly enjoyed!

This week the students brought home a family competition entry form. Don't forget to submit completed forms to the Healthy Kids Association by Friday 13th of October!

[Link to Photos](#)



Birthdays this week!

Happy Birthday to these students

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Tasmyn Ross | Mason Graham |
| Ngathjwok Mugo | Kurtis Jackson |
| Eva Dela Fuente | |

NAPLAN Online

This week students in Year 3 and 5 participated in mandatory NAPLAN online trials. These assessments were conducted under test conditions with the main purpose of assessing the technology capabilities of the school and NAPLAN testing site.



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PRINCIPAL'S POSITION

This week the Principal position at St Bernadette's was advertised by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta, It is important that this process proceed as St Bernadette's needs to have a permanent Principal appointed for 2018, all going well our community will know the outcome by the end of this term.



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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

This week has seen some changes to the school Leadership Team. This was the result of, Ms Janssen going on maternity leave. Ms Janssen led Special Projects at the school.



Mr Cowan has decided to step down as a member of the Leadership Team to concentrate on class teaching. Mr Cowan has led Numeracy as Lead Teacher with distinction in the school for the last two years. He is thanked for his service to the community and will continue to share his skills and knowledge with staff.

[Read more](#)

Superheroes for Julian

The community have all been touched by the tragic loss of Julian Cadman in Spain. I have had many conversations with parents, children, teachers and strangers all detailing how this event has personally affected them. I have struggled to come to terms with the loss of Julian and the difficult task of understanding how the family must feel and how I can support them. This week I had the privilege of talking directly to Julian's mum and dad. I know you all want news of their progress. Jom, Julian's mum is progressing well. She is on the mend, a very strong lady of which we can all take strength. Julian lives within her, this I am sure. Obviously they are struggling to understand how this has happened to their precious little boy Julian.

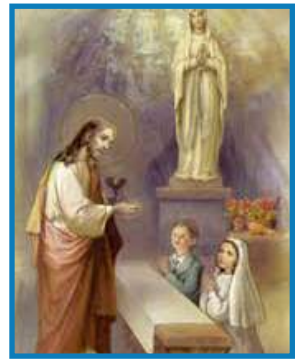


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From our REC

Our Stage 2 students have been preparing themselves for the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion with the St Bernadette's Parish Sacramental team.

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Sacraments of Initiation

Parents of the children preparing to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday September 16 or Sunday September 17 are reminded of the upcoming practice on Thursday September 14 at 7:00pm in the church. Thank you



In Our Garden

'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'

The garden needs water so that the parsley can grow and be harvested for the Herb Bread ... meanwhile; the Birdbath, Apple Tree, Lettuce, Strawberries, Mint and Sweet Peas also need water!

Mercy International Association
SUPPORTS THE

SEASON OF CREATION

1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

1. Reflect on your current efforts to care for creation
2. Touch Earth with gladness
3. Pray for those places relocating people because of climate change: Kiribati, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, and the Pacific Islands
4. Spend time in silence
5. Walk outside, conscious of the weather
6. Create a green space in your home place
7. Know that to live is holy
8. Walk in a park
9. Make every day Earth Day
10. Look down, look around, look up
11. Look alive today!
12. Enjoy being in this moment
13. Pray for people who lack access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation
14. Smile at the landscape
15. Know that all of life is holy
16. Be conscious of the water you use
17. Watch the sun rise and set
18. Learn a poem or song on the theme of creation
19. Take flowers in a shut-in person
20. Step outside and look at the stars
21. Enjoy the unexpected events of this day
22. Write a thank you card
23. Pray for people who are victims and survivors of extreme weather events
24. Be a blessing for someone today
25. Count the blessings in your life
26. Rejoice in the gift of your life
27. Purchase less of what you need
28. Join a green revolution
29. Read an article addressing environmental concerns
30. Sign a petition or write a letter or share with another person your concerns for creation
31. Give thanks for all creation
32. Choose to walk today rather than drive
33. Have a digital device free day
34. Review the actions you have taken during this Season & commit to living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with Earth and the Earth Community

Each human being is an image of God... each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God... The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God. Laudato Si' #84, #86

MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
www.mercypwstl.org

"We need to take up an ancient lesson... the conviction that 'less is more'... a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the usual things to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us; to be spiritually detached from what we possess and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack..." Laudato Si' #222

Text: Anne Walsh, Design: Claire Locke



*To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: claresgarden118@gmail.com and visit <http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com>

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Please see our website www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au for more photos from the garden



Student Awards!

First Name	Last name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Isabella	Baker	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Cruz	Fuda	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Eva	Dela Fuente	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marcus	Razon	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Jacharaih	Francis	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Koko	Idris	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Amber	Francis	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Gatehouse	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Laura	Hickey	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Sarah	Justin Wani	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Aiden	McCarthy	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Hayden	Rodewald	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Elena	Xiberras	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Kon	Magoin	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Kayla	Marafioti	6	STAGE 3G	Bronze Award
Kayla	Marafioti	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

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.

Now
Enrolling!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Telephone Number for St Bernadette's

(02) 8869 6400

This number is active **NOW**. You will see a new number when you receive calls from us. Please let everyone know.

Thank you



Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is on again. The program **closes on 19th September, 2017**. We ask you to get behind this great initiative and ask your family, friends, neighbours anyone you know to support our school.

St Bernadette's has a box in the school office and at Woolworths Kings Langley where you can place your stickers. Thank you



STUDENT BANKING

Please note there will be no Student Banking in
Week 10 of this term.

Next week will be the last week for banking.

Thank you



CommonwealthBank

2nd Kings Langley Scout Group



Adventure and Fun for
Boys and Girls 8 – 15 years old

Scout Hall: 20 Venn Avenue, Lalor Park

 2ndKingsLangleyScouts

Enquire now for 4 weeks free trial!!
Email: 2ndkingslangley@gmail.com



St Bernadette's Primary School Parent Group

Dear St Bernadette's families

Once each term, the Parent Group and School Community gather to discuss important matters. We come together, all striving for positivity and the best outcomes for our children and the environment they learn in, and to be updated on current school matters. With our Fete approaching, we have lots of exciting items to discuss.



Our re-scheduled meeting for Term 3 2017, will take place at 7pm Tuesday 19th September,

In the Stage 3 classrooms. A light supper will be provided.

If it makes it easier for you to attend, you are more than welcome to bring your children along. We will have some activities available in the area where we will be holding our meeting.

I urge a member from each family to attend, as this will lead to the most successful outcomes. It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend. Please mark this date in your diary.



Reminders will also go out on skoolbag (app) leading up to this date.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Group and Community Meeting.

Sincerely,

The St Bernadette's Parent Group Team.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Parent Group General Meeting

Agenda, Term 3. 2017, Tuesday 19th September 2017.

Meeting Opened with opening Prayer.

Apologies:

Prior Minutes Acceptance

Matters Arising –

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence -

Principals report: Mr P Kapitanow.

Fundraising Report : Zeina Yaacoub

Community Report: Cindy Efstathiou

Canteen Report : Bree Buhagiar

Social Report : Jo Kay

Band Report : Leanne Ardill

Treasurers Report : Melissa Rodewald

Secretary Report: Kelly Debrincat

Education Representative Report: Leanne Mordini

Leaders Report: Lisa Wickens.

General Business:

Items added to agenda - Uniform policy, sporting events. Fete assistance.

Meeting Closed.



St Bernadette's School & Parish Fete

Saturday 21st October 2017

Fete Update

Can/Water Collection

Thank you to all the families who donated cans and water for the fete. We reached our target which was great.

A big congratulations to **SW1** who brought in 530 cans/water bottles. They have won a pizza lunch. More to come.

September Collection

Bags of chocolate and lollies are required for this month. Please send in a bag to be placed in the fete box.

White Elephant

White elephant stuff can be dropped off on Monday and Friday mornings 9-9.30am. Please ensure that items are boxed and labelled.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were sent out last week to all families. Please do your best to sell them.

All tickets must be returned sold or unsold back by 11/10/2017.

Ride Bands

Notes for ride bands went out this week.

Showbags

Notes for showbags will be out shortly.

Helpers/volunteers

Helpers are required on the day especially for our face painting. If you know how to face paint please contact me so that I can slot you in at a time that we need.

Helpers throughout the fete are still required. If you can help please contact me on 0411185121.

Thank you , 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

THE WAY YOU THINK IS NOT GOD'S WAY! Gospel in Life

A teacher is talking to a class of children. 'Look around you,' she says. 'See how many things you can see in the room that are coloured red'. For a minute or two, the children look around intently, trying to find as many red objects as they can. 'OK,' says the teacher, 'now tell me what you noticed'. Straight away the answers come flooding out: books on the shelves; the red marker pen on the teacher's desk; the fire alarm bell; Jo's jumper. Each of the children is keen to find something new.

After a few minutes, the list seems to be exhausted. 'Now,' says the teacher, 'I want you to close your eyes'. The children do so, waiting for their memories to be tested. There is a pause. 'Now,' says the teacher, 'keep your eyes closed and tell me the things that are coloured green'. This time there is silence. The children have been concentrating so much on things that are red that it's hard to think of anything different.

As we live in the world today, our minds are filled with many things. As we grow and develop in faith, some of our attitudes and perceptions can change. But it's still true that many of our views are swayed by the prevailing beliefs of the society in which we live. And so we tend to see happiness and fulfillment in terms of material success, wealth and worldly status or influence. It's hard to accept that there is another way.

This is a truth that Paul recognises. He calls us to use our minds, our intellects, to live as thinking beings'. But he teaches us not to be conformed to the world around us, not to be bound and restricted by the world's thinking. We are to allow the Gospel to free our minds to 'discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do'.

Jesus had to show his disciples that the way of God is different from the way of the world. The Christ, the chosen one of God, would face suffering and death as he followed God's ways. It may be hard at times for us to see that the way of the cross is the better way. But if we want to follow Christ, we have to be willing to walk that way.

Weekly Parable from E-News

HEALING MASS - Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated NEXT Saturday 9th September at 9.00am. Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am. You are invited to stay and enjoy a cuppa afterwards. Please bring a small plate of food cut into slices to share. Next Saturday we gather to receive further healing from the Lord for body, mind, Spirit. We would be grateful if you could let Fr. Andrew or the Parish Office know of any sick parishioners.

WE ARE A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE — INVITATION. Parishioners who are available to come to one or more daily Masses for the Daily Eucharistic Community. Let us continue to gather as often as we can, to celebrate this special

gift that Jesus gave to us. Our united prayer with Jesus, will be a blessing for everyone in our Parish Family. Fr Andrew.

Daily Mass: Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8.45am

(Rosary celebrated before Mass) at 8.15am

Wed - Devotions to Mary and St Bernadette - 7pm

Mass - 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.15am - 8.45am, Wed 7 -7.30pm

Saturday, 9.30am—10.30am (except on 1st Saturday of the month)

Saturday, 4.30pm—5.30pm