



# Newsletter

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### September

- 16th First Holy Communion 6pm
- 17th First Holy Communion 10am
- 19th Parent Group Meeting 7pm
- 21st Superhero Day for Julian
- 22nd Reconciliation Stage 2 White  
Reconciliation Stage 2 Gold

### Term 3 Ends



### October

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

[See more ...](#)

### Principals Blog

#### Superheroes for Julian

I'm sure you are all going to be spending the weekend preparing costumes for this significant community event. Thank you for all your support and assistance. I know that the Cadman family are touched by the community's response to this tragic event. Next Thursday is an opportunity to celebrate life just like Julian would have, full of fun! We hope to see as many of our parents as possible join us for lunch and the raffle fundraiser. I'm personally overwhelmed by the willingness of the community and various organizations help and offerings to enable this event and our future auction.

Thanks to all!

#### End of Term

As Term 3 quickly draws to a close our teachers are working at finalising assessments that will inform our Term 4 teaching. We are discussing individual student progress in Term 3 and ensuring we have a plan to ensure our most vulnerable students achieve required benchmarks in literacy and numeracy.

[Read more...](#)

## Literacy Holiday Tips

As we approach our well-earned holiday break, it is a good time to think about some holiday activities that are not only fun but keep our children's literate minds active. Many parents and friends ask me, what homework can I do over the holidays? Well no child ever, said they wanted to do homework over the holidays! However, there are so many 'Literacy' activities you can be engaging in with your children. Visit your local library, there are many holiday activities available for children of all ages or borrow some really interesting books and games!

Cook with your child, follow a new recipe together, or write one of your old favourites together. Perhaps your child could illustrate the recipe or take photos and create a slide show.

Help your child write a letter to grandparents or a friend telling them about recent events or an invitation. Take it to the local post office or letterbox to post. Send emails to friends and loved ones.

[Read more...](#)



*Little People's  
Literacy Learning:  
A guide for engaging  
parents & carers*


These modules are full of rich and engaging experiences designed to develop young children's literacy.

Download these free resources from the ALEA website [www.alea.edu.au](http://www.alea.edu.au) through the **Public Resources** link.

AUSTRALIAN LITERACY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION  
Written by Anita Ayre & Trevor Cairney for the Australian Literacy Educators' Association



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## ON TIME, EVERY DAY

Partial absences = missed learning. Let students know that every day counts by recognising punctuality, good and improved attendance.

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**every learner every day**

How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?  
Visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday) to find out more.

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## Assistant Principals Blog

### Developing Our Student Writing - Challenging Our Thinking

To develop and grow in any area sometimes it is essential to stop and question your beliefs. Do we always approach the same concept and skill with the same values and views?

This term our teachers have been challenging our beliefs in writing and reflecting on these in our learning spaces.

Each teacher has nominated one specific aspect of writing to consider, develop and then feedback on.

In challenging your own assumptions and views on writing, here are a few questions that you may ask yourself about how you believe writing should be taught, and what is the best environment for rich writing.

[Read more...](#)



### In Our Garden

#### 'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'

Still no rain, so the garden receives a good drenching, and the arch of water spurting from the hose, is ideal for Limbo! ES1 have taken the garden concept indoors and are *growing their minds*, through reading! The new **Worm Farm** is providing much needed worm juice and castings; meanwhile the much appreciated floral arrangements sent to the school during recent times, are being stacked in a corner for composting!



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

### Birthdays this week!



#### Happy Birthday to these students

Cody Graham  
James Efstathiou  
Sascha Francisco

### 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

**READ  
EVERY  
DAY!**

# Student Awards!

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Mia	Pimentel	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Jessica	Selvaraj	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Kaelen	Brandwoon	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Acuoth	Acuoth	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Lawson	Huppatz	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Koko	Idris	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Jacharaih	Francis	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Bennett	Aplitt	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Lexie	Ashworth	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Adut	Acuoth	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Asher	Boustani	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Janaya	Buhagiar	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Janaya	Buhagiar	4	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Mason	Graham	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze Award
Mason	Graham	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Reno	Rajkumar	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Naga	Sudhagar	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze Award
Naga	Sudhagar	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Hayley	Donovan	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Adrian	Fermanov	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Danniela	Rodriguez	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Hayley	Shepherd	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Deborah	Tluang	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
James	Efstathiou	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze Award
James	Efstathiou	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Serena	Angallo	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Cate	Astillo	5	STAGE 3G	Bronze Award
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James	Kom	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Claire	Debrincat	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Ella	McCarthy	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Maximilliano	Sweeney	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence 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.

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

**CLOSING SOON - Send in your stickers asap**

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**



every learner  
every day

## When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

### Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

### Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



Catholic Education

## 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.



**SEE** *You* **THERE**  
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# 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

**SATURDAY  
OCT 21ST:  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



## **Continental Food Stall:**

**Looking for LOTS of cultural food to be sold at our school fete.**

**Our Continental food stall is one of our most popular stalls at the fete and we need YOU to help make it a delicious success!**

**A note will be sent out early next week asking for LOTS of families to help cook or provide a cultural dish to sell at our school fete.**

**So if you would like to make a dish that represents your traditions, culture and most importantly your family PLEASE fill out the note.**

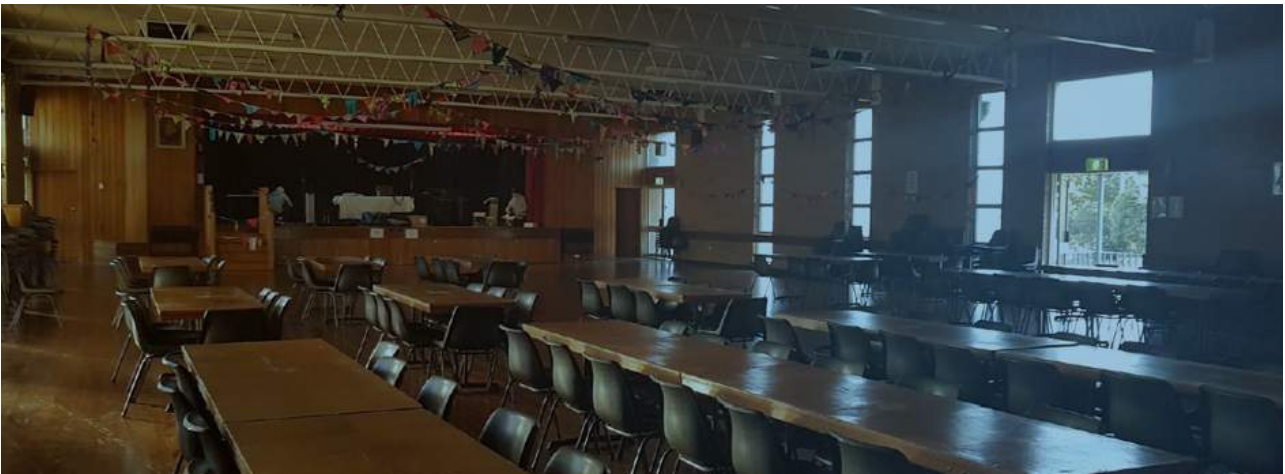
**Looking forward to a tasty day of food!**

**Continental Food Stall co-ordinator: Ms Marie-Louise Jolicoeur**



## SCHOOL DISCO REVIEW 2017

On the 1st of September 2017 at 6 pm in the St Bernadette's Parish Hall, the school parent's group held the annual whole school disco for a night of memories and laughter. The night was an accomplishment as the children were dancing and showing their parents how it's done on the dance floor. Throughout the entire hall, there were laughter and smiles from the students, volunteers, parents, and teachers to last an entire lifetime. I would like to take a moment to congratulate and thank all the parents and teachers who volunteered that night as it wouldn't have been a success without your help. No matter what role you played throughout the evening, it all had a significant role and I would like to say appreciated thank you to you all! A special thank you to all the children who were able to attend the extraordinary night because, without you, the event wouldn't have happened. It was great to see all familiar faces during the evening and to meet newcomers and welcome them with a grand St. Bernadette's greeting. I can't wait until next year's school disco for another magical night.



## St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Robinson Secretary: Mrs Bev Baxter  
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Email: admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au Fax: 9671 5377  
Web Page: [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

### 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**

PARISH SCHOOL - On Friday, 15 September there will be an Infants Liturgy celebrated in the Church at 10.00am. ALL WELCOME.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION - Parents of the children preparing to receive F i r s t H o l y C o m m u n i o n o n 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, Madge Miranda, SRE Co-Ordinator.

ST BERNADETTE'S YOUTH GROUP LALOR PARK

(Glory and Praise—God Answers Prayers)

Program for Youth Groups (Years 5-7, Year 8—Uni)

Learn about yourself and your faith with other fun young people

St Bernadette was a teenager who discovered how to be herself through knowing how much God loved her. You can do the same

FILL THE G. A. P. IN YOUR HEART

Our next Youth Meeting is this Sunday 10 September from 6pm - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Bring yourself, your friends and some food or drink to share

Lawrence Del Prado, Youth Co-Ordinator and Youth Leaders and Helpers

For further enquiries please contact Lawrence on 0401697371 or email: l\_dp28@hotmail.com

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

When: 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.