



Newsletter

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Principals Blog

The community took bated breaths as the weather cleared and the fete went off with a BANG!

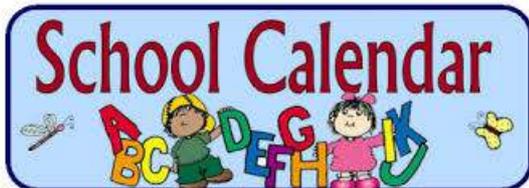
What an amazing fete! The fete serves two very distinct purposes,

1. To raise money for the school. This is the single biggest fundraising event held and the funds benefit all children and families.
2. To build community

I gauge the success of the fete not only by the funds raised, but by how the community comes together on that day to work together for a common cause. The money is fantastic and all those in the know realise how much we appreciate all raised funds. But coming together trumps money. We are a faith filled community and this is one way we show unity and fellowship.

It was heartening to see that despite all the concerns the fete went ahead and volunteers were found. The fete can't go a head without the generous outpour of volunteers. I saw current parents, past parents, parishioners, teachers and staff and past students manning the stores. Your efforts are truly appreciated and on behalf of all of the students I say, "THANK YOU!"

[Read more...](#)



October

30th Stage 3 Personal Development Night
31st Halo-een

November

1st Transition - Week 2 of 2
Environment Group to Cafe Lewers
3rd Assembly: Stage 1 at 2.10pm
5th Youth Group
10th Principal Coffee & Chat 9am Staff Room
Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome
12th Stage 1 Family Mass - 10am

[See more ...](#)

REC Blog

SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE – HALO-EEN DAY

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Just a reminder next Tuesday the 31st of October will be Halo-een Day. This is a religious alternative to Halloween, where we can all share a special day by showing respect and love with each other, and most of all, remember and commemorate the legacy of Saints and religious figures left before us.

All students are encouraged to come dressed as a religious figure or an angel in exchange of a gold coin donation. All proceeds will support the Social Justice initiative; St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. A prize for 'BEST DRESSED' for each stage will also be given!

Can't wait to see everyone in their holy attire!

Have a blessed week everyone.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Coordinator)

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KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Our Kindergarten Transition Program

commences on the following dates

Wednesday 25th October

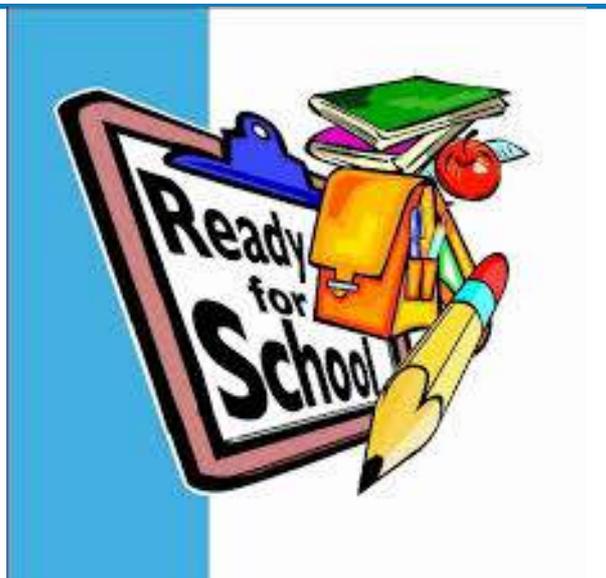
and

Wednesday 1st November

from 9.15am until 12noon each day

Please RSVP to the school office this week

if you are attending. Thank you



SAVE THE DATE

End of Year Whole School Mass

and Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 12th December

10:00am in our Parish Church

with morning tea to follow

in our Learning Centre

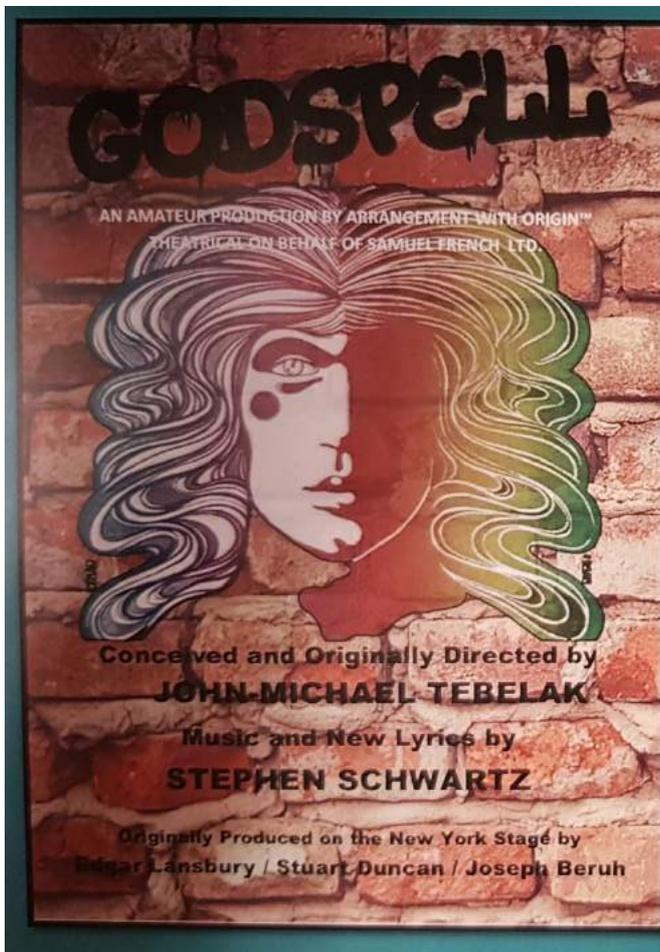
CLASS
of
2017



Student Awards



First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Willow	Onorato	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Willow	Onorato	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Alexander	Zaroutski	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Zaroutski	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Kaelen	Brandwood	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Kaelen	Brandwood	K	EARLY ST1G	Silver Award
Ashton	Gardiner	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Pearl	Miggins	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Wilhelm	Flores	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Zafira	Hanna	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Samara	Pineda-Otalvaro	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze Award
Aluel	Magoin	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Davison	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Flaviano	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Flaviano	4	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Joshua	Gatehouse	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Gatehouse	5	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Deborah	Tluang	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Deborah	Tluang	5	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Elena	Xiberras	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Elena	Xiberras	5	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Talena	Hourani	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Kenneth	Lee	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Lena	Efstathiou	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Jayden	Jenkins	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



PERFORMANCE DATES:

Fri 3rd Nov 2017—8:00pm
 Sat 4th Nov 2017—2:00pm & 8:00pm
 Fri 10th Nov 2017—8:00pm
 Sat 11th Nov 2017— 2:00pm & 8:00pm

TICKETS:

ADULTS: \$35.00*
 CONCESSION: \$30.00*
 CHILDREN (U12): \$25.00*
 *Plus booking fee.

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‘Learning and Fun in Our Garden’

This week the garden was as “pretty as a picture” adorned by petunias, which were donations for the Fete! The Parsley seeds were saved for replanting, a juicy cherry Tomato picked and quickly devoured and for Early Stage One, it was time to check on the progress of their Radish seeds!



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

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!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these students

Jake Hodgson, Pearl Miggins, Lexie Ashworth,
Erin Debrincat, Kenneth Lee, Michael Jabbour,



ICE CREAM FOR SALE

Stage 3 will be selling ice-creams on Tuesday and Thursdays for Term 4. \$1 per ice cream with your choice of topping.

Funds raised go towards the Year 6 fun day out at the end of the year.

Thank you



Curriculum Overviews for each Stage are now available on our website for viewing.



TELEPHONE



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



Kiss and Drop
Guidelines



School
Uniform
(under construction)



2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 October 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645**. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese





KISS AND DROP

Kiss and Drop is a service provided to the parents of St Bernadette's and is run by the community group. Kiss and Drop is available mornings 8.30am-9.00am and afternoons from 3.15pm-3.30pm. Parent volunteers give up their time to assist your children safely in and out of the car. If you are not the sole person responsible for picking up your child could you please pass this information onto others that may drop off or pick up your child. Below are few helpful hints to ensure Kiss and Drop remains a service free of accidents.

You may notice there are some new points in our guidelines. We have been in discussion with the police department due to their increasing presence in our area and they have advised us of some legalities with our service.

GARDENIA GROVE HELPFUL HINTS

- * Please remember to be kind and courteous to the volunteers. They are giving up their time to help you.
- * Always remember to NEVER cross the road through the morning or afternoon cars that are in the queue waiting to drop off or pick up their children. Please either walk your children all the way around the cul-de-sac or up to the top of Gardenia Grove.
- * Always remember to NEVER call your children to cross the road if you have parked on the opposite side of the Kiss and Drop zone.
- * Please allow enough time for delays in Kiss and Drop. If you are running late please be patient while waiting in the queue.
- * Resident's driveways along Gardenia Grove should not be used for parking.
- * Do not park in NO PARKING zones along Gardenia Grove.
- * Drive SLOWLY along Gardenia Grove, children can be unpredictable.
- * For safety reason, please DO NOT complete a three point turn in our neighbour's driveways as this is very unsafe with many child and cars in the area. Please drive to the end of the cul-de-sac and turn around safely.

AM HELPFUL HINTS

- * Ensure your child is ready to leave the car when you have approached the drop off zone. If your child is not ready please drive past slowly and rejoin the queue as this delays others in the queue.
- * Remember that your child should only get out of the car when you have reached the **FRONT** of the queue and not while you are waiting in line.

PM HELPFUL HINTS

- * Always remember to not line up prior to 3.15pm, police are out and about and will fine anyone found to be parking early in Gardenia Grove.
- * **NO child 7 years or under** will be placed in the front seat by our parent volunteers. The law states that children 7 years or younger must be in the rear seats (if there is room) and in a child restraint or booster seat.
- * NO child will be walked around to the drivers' side of the car by volunteers as this is very unsafe for both children and volunteers.
- * When queuing in the line please do not block traffic in Wheeler Street, particularly near the pedestrian crossing as this is a very unsafe practice and illegal. Waiting in the bus zone is also illegal so if the line is at the top of Gardenia Grove you just drive past and try to rejoin the queue when there is room for your car in Gardenia Grove.
- * Please ensure your "name sign" is displayed on the dashboard of your car to assist the volunteers and teachers who are organising the children. Your car will be waved on if there is no sign. Signs are available from the school office.
- * Remain in the queue until you have reached the pick up zone. Gardenia Grove is a very busy street and does not handle the Kiss and Drop queue and traffic coming both ways beside the queue.
- * Please ensure your child is safely in the car before taking off.

Please remember to have any family member that may also use this service read these guidelines.

Mathematics and Kinder Orientation



On Wednesday of this week, new families and Kindergarten students for 2018 visited the school. While our new students for next year spent some time in the Kindergarten Learning Space, the mums, dads and a few of our grandparents met in the parish hall and had a chance to listen to some useful tips around Literacy and Numeracy.

It may have been a while since you sat in the same chair with your own child about to begin at school, but the messages that we shared are still very relevant and it is a good thing to go back and relook at some of those essential understandings.

[Read more...](#)

Student works of art for sale

If you were not able to get to the fete on Saturday to purchase your child's photo work they are available now at the school office.

All students decorated the photo of themselves in their superhero outfit.

They are available for \$5 from the school office.

Come check them out!



Breast Cancer Fundraising

A former parent, Jacqueline Pittman is fundraising on behalf of, Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) through the 'Brave for BCNA Challenge'.

Funds raised are used to support women diagnosed with breast cancer.

We are collecting money on behalf of Jacqueline in the school foyer. A receipt book is available.

Any support for this cause would be appreciated.



St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

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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 question as to whether or not it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar was a serious one, and it really put Jesus in a spot. If he said it was lawful, he would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said it was unlawful, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus implied that there need not be conflict between the demands of the State and those of God. The State has its role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God. From this principle Christians deduced that they could accommodate loyalty to the State. Today you can find people who enjoy dual citizenship – they are citizens of two countries. Every Christian has dual citizenship.

Christians are citizens of the country in which they happen to be living or in which they were born. To it they owe many benefits. To its forces of law and order they owe the fact that they are able to live in peace and security. To its public services they owe transport, water, light, etc. They also owe their education, medical and health care, unemployment benefits, and so on, to it.

These benefits mean they are under obligation to the State. The legitimate State has rights, and Christians will respect those rights. They must respect its laws and rulers. They must be responsible citizens, and, as far as they are able, must play their part in making the country a good place for all its citizens. Failure to be a good citizen is a failure in Christian duty. To cheat the State is to cheat one's fellow citizens, and to cheat one's fellow citizens is to cheat God. But Christians are also citizens of the Kingdom of God. To it they owe certain other privileges, and to it they also have obligations. In many cases the two responsibilities do not clash. But at times they may. And when they do, Christians will spontaneously know which one comes first.

However, it may not always be that simple. What Jesus gave us was only a principle. He didn't give us a detailed theory of political obligations or a blueprint for Church-State relations. Christians would have to work out the implications of it. In practice it is not always easy to say this is for Caesar and that for God. Life is a unity. It can't be split into two clearly defined parts – the secular part and the religious part. However, history shows unequivocally that separation of Church and State is absolutely essential. But when Jesus said, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar' his assumption was that Caesar's claim would be just. He wasn't giving Caesar a blank cheque.

Christians can sometimes be faced with a real dilemma – how to be a Christian in a secular world where the laws may often be unchristian. However, true Christians will strive to be good citizens of their country, and at the same time good citizens of the Kingdom of God. They will fail neither in their duty to God nor to their fellow sisters and brothers. But as Christians our first and deepest loyalty is to God. To God alone we render worship, but in other things we gladly acknowledge and serve the secular powers, praying that they will rule wisely and justly.

Weekly Parable from E-News

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. 'From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beautiful vision of God.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032)

November Mass Envelopes are available in the basket at the back of the Church for your use. **All Masses during November** will be offered in union with the living and the dead. November gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the communion between the living and the dead. All Mass Intention Envelopes will be placed in a Special Remembrance Box and placed in front of the Altar for ALL November Masses.

On All Souls Day Thursday 2nd November we commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. We are very aware of those we miss, and we pray for them. We are aware of the love of God permeating all existence and connecting us even in death. We are reminded of the source of our hope, the risen Christ. As we reflect on the gift of eternal life, the significance of our earthly choices comes into clear view.