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26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2

### From the Assistant Principal

#### Literacy at St Bernadette's

##### Developing Literacy Through I.T.

There is always debate over what is better - the tangible pages of a book or the interactive accessibility of an eBook. In one instance, nothing is better than flicking through the pages of a well-pawed novel or carefully opening the weathered cover of an ancient text. But yet what could be better than carrying a library of books accessible with one click? Or having the option to listen to a story retold as you walk?

I think the answer is that there are times when each is exactly what is needed and it doesn't need to be a fight for first place.

What is good though is the opportunity to utilise and come to know and love both. There are so many Apps, and they are so regularly updated and developed, that there is no exhaustive list of what is worthwhile to try out, for ways to inspire writing, reading and creativity. Even simply utilising the camera of an iPad or phone can capture all sorts of stimulus for writing and talking. Children are often looking for creating little masterpieces to later share: iMovies of scary stories, slide shows of holidays away or even favourite things, little videos of how-to's, digital drawings of scenes with captions. It does not take much to encourage children to explore creative uses of I.T. to create wonderful projects.

Just like the healthy food pyramid, it is also important to build in a healthy balance between screen time, active time and real face time, as well as online literacy and tangible texts. Developing an awareness of the importance of this balance is essential from a young age.

Like I have said, it is impossible to list all that there is in the online or interactive world of Literacy. But here are a few ideas that could be worth exploring.



Explain Everything™...



Drawing Pad



Strip Designer



Scribble Press - Creative Book...



Audio Books by Audible - An...



Animoto Video Slideshow Maker



Book Creator for iPad

**Explain Everything** is an App that is used across many learning spaces and has many tools to publish ideas.

**Drawing Pad** includes decorative papers, a full range of drawing and painting tools, stamps and the option to save and share your work with others. **Strip Designer** and **Comic Life** are both very creative publishing tools for creating comic strips, flyers and booklets. **Scribble Press** and **Book Creator** lets you create your own books, using text, drawing and photos. **Animoto** allows the user to create simple animated slide shows online to share.

**Audible** is one of several Apps for audio books. As an adult, this App is wonderful for accessing a world of text again in a busy world. Listening to a story, biography or any sort of text, while walking, cleaning the house or working in the garden. As the primary role models in our children's' life, one of the greatest things we can model and teach them is a love of books!

Mr Simon Stennett, Acting Assistant Principal

## From our REC

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

This week our Justice and Faith leaders commenced the sharing of our Sunday Gospel to the school community during Monday morning prayer to help share God's Word. In doing so, we hope to live out the Gospel's message both in and outside our school environment in order to be true exemplars of Jesus' disciples.

To further support this initiative, the school staff will also focus on the Sunday Gospel during our staff prayer. This is a great opportunity for all members of our faith community to listen, reflect and act on God's Word to enable us to re-connect and strengthen our relationship with Christ.

The Sunday Gospel shared was on Matthew - 13:24-43 *Let Them Grow Together Until the Harvest*, and we are called to hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness apparent in our daily lives. For me, the Gospel requests us to reach out and reflect on ourselves to discover ways which we are able to give and serve the Lord despite challenges or doubt we may face. It is through the spiritual presence of the Holy Spirit that will enable us to be true to our inner spirit and as a result strengthen both our relationship with God and journey towards the Kingdom of Heaven.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura  
(Religious Education Co-ordinator).



## IMPORTANT Information

The following bus will have a slight change in time effective as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Please be aware of the change.



### School Travel Advice

For trip planning visit [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) or call 131 500.

For current Hillsbus school and route services visit [www.cdcbus.com.au](http://www.cdcbus.com.au) or call 02 8889 7000.

Conditions of Carriage: Students must have a valid Opal card, term pass or pay a cash fare. Students must tap on and off every trip. Further details about the SSTS are available at: [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

Key: L> Bus turns left; R> Bus turns right

## ST BERNADETTE'S PS LALOR PARK

Bell Times

Morning: 08:55

Afternoon: 15:15

Effective 31/07/2017

### MORNING BUSES

Route	Time	Bus Route
8032	08:31	EX JOSEPH BANKS DR AFTER READING AVE via Joseph Banks, L>Whitby, R>James Cook Dr, L>Ravenhill, L>Issac Smith, R>Keppel, L>Sutherland, R>Parkinson, L>Capricorn, R>Whitby, R>Vardys, L>Heffron, R>Northcott, L>Wheeler to school



## Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

This year we will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. This program is based on the wide range of education resources available when points are redeemed. When you shop at a Woolworths store you will receive stickers at the checkout and place them on the sticker card you will receive from Woolworths. There will be one sticker for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets). Once the sticker cards are full they can be sent into school. The program begins on **26<sup>th</sup> July and closes on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**. With your participation the school benefits from a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much more. 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 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently.

First Name	Last Name	Homeroom	Award Description
Lily	Dowd	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sierra	Hanna	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Stella	Cragg	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
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Arielle	McDonald	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
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Lucas	Turner	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
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Erin	Cagney	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lawson	Huppatz	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Hecker	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Ngathjwok	Mugo	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Olivia	Efstathiou	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Paul	Stowers	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Adrian	Fermanov	STAGE 2W	Bronze award
Adrian	Fermanov	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Oliver	Longmire	STAGE 2W	Bronze award
Oliver	Longmire	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Aiesha	Marasli	STAGE 2W	Bronze award
Aiesha	Marasli	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Matthew	Yaacoub	STAGE 2W	Bronze award
Matthew	Yaacoub	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Constantinou	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Lucas	Constantinou	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Eva	Wagenknecht	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Eva	Wagenknecht	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Daniel	Raad	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Epenesa	Taulia	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Sanika	Kulkarni	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Annalise	Matar	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Bowen	Minett	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Chok	Nyok	STAGE 3W	Age Champion - Athletics
Reiley	Tripiciano	STAGE 3W	Age Champion - Athletics
Ashley	Wickens	STAGE 3W	Bronze award

## News From The Library for Week 2

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Georgia N (stage 1) and Tyra S (Stage 2) for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017. Well done!

All students who complete the Premiers Reading Challenge will go in the draw to win some great prizes during Book Week in Week 7.

Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. There's still plenty of time to complete the challenge!

### Book Week Colouring-in Competition 2017

This week all the students will receive a colouring-in competition for Book Week. All entries will be displayed in the Library during Book Week in Week 7. There will be a winner chosen from each class. Winners will receive a certificate and a voucher to spend at the Book Fair during Book Week. Entries are due by **Thursday Week 5 (17<sup>th</sup> August)**. Please send finished entries to the office or Library.

Good Luck!!!

Thank you,  
Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

# Diary Dates

## TERM 3

### JULY

- 21<sup>st</sup> Stage 2 Excursion – The Rocks  
25<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Youth Group 6pm-7.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day – All Welcome

### AUGUST

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day  
**18<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL**  
21<sup>st</sup> School Fees Due  
Life Ed visits school for students  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Netball Gala Day**  
28<sup>th</sup> Book Week – Details to be confirmed

### SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> School Disco

Please note any new dates in BOLD. Thank you

## St Bernadette's Enrolments

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

We are currently conducting enrolment interviews. If you know of 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 31 July 2018.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER  
DETAILS TO BE SENT HOME SOON**



**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY  
TERM 3  
FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017  
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THIS  
DAY. THANK YOU**



Please be reminded that the Skoolbag App is no longer used for absent notes. All parents of students who are absent from school will receive a text message from the school office. Please respond to this message as soon as you can.  
Thank you

### Birthdays

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday during July so far.



Adrian Fermanov      Philippa Valentine  
Olivia Efstathiou      Talena Hourani  
Maximilliano Sweeney

### School Fees

Term 3 School Fees statements have been posted by the Catholic Education Office.

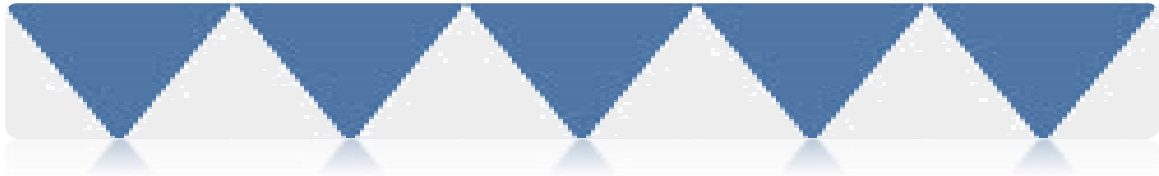
Term 3 School Fees are due on the 21st August 2017.

Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the school office.



**BOOK WEEK at St Bernadette's  
Week 7**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Details sent home soon**



## St Bernadette's Parent Group School and Parish Fete 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

### COLLECTION DAYS

To assist your planning the following is our calendar for collections:

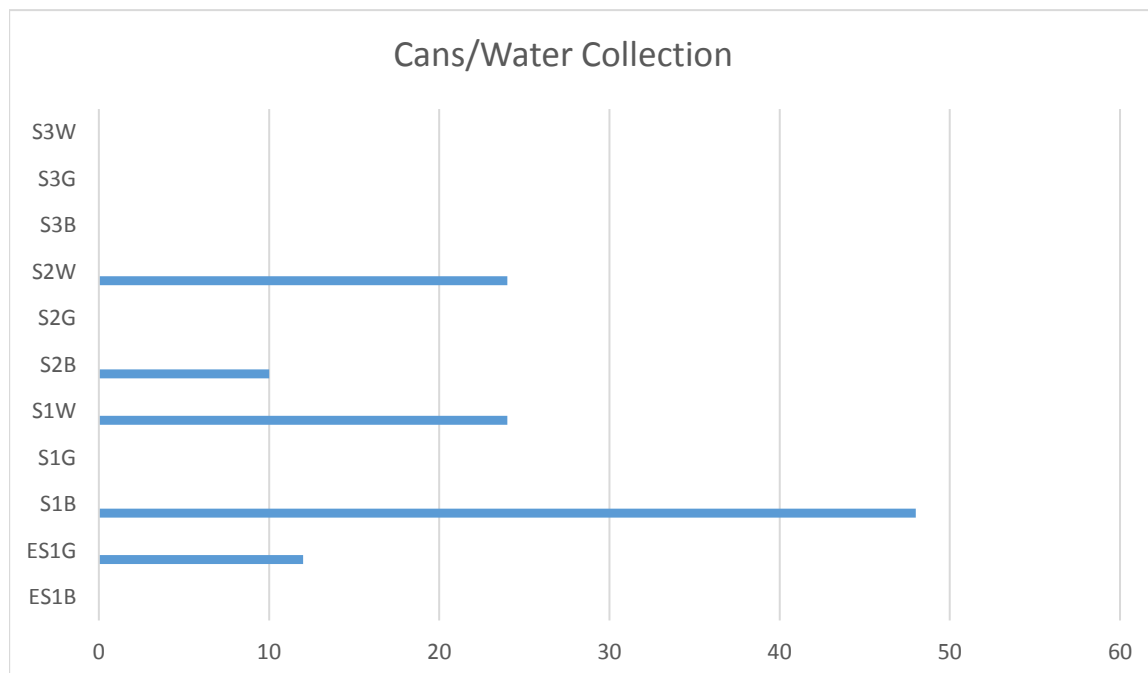
<b>July</b>	Soft drinks/water for the drink stall
<b>August</b>	Bags of lollies/chocolates, Raffle tickets sent out
<b>September</b>	Baskets sent out
<b>October</b>	Cake Plate, Final Collections for: Raffle Tickets, Baskets, Cakes etc.

Boxes will be placed in each classroom for your child place their donated items. A note will be sent out for each collection.

**To volunteer to help at our fete please  
contact Zeina Yaacoub 0411 185 121**

## Fete Update

Our July/August collection of cans/water bottle has begun. We need to collect between 2000-2500 cans/bottles for fete day so this collection is very important for the fete as we need everyone to donate. I have begun a chart to track which class will win the pizza lunch. Please see below chart, figures as at 24/07/2017:



As you can see S1B is currently in the lead.

A fete newsletter went out last week. Please read this newsletter as it is an update of what is happening with regards to the fete such as collection dates, stores that will be at the fete as well as volunteer helper required. If you can help at any time during the fete please complete the volunteer slip and send it in to the office ASAP.

If you wish to discuss anything with regards to the fete please do not hesitate to contact me on 0411185121.

**Zeina Yaacoub**  
**Fete Co-Ordinator**





Hi St Bernadette's and parent's.

In stage 3 last term the environmental team went to the Easter show and learnt lots about different animals and we learnt new things we never knew. When we got back to school we focused on sheep and what they produce. Sheep are originally from Europe and Asia there are around 50 different breeds worldwide. Sheep are farmed for meat, milk and commonly wool and the fibres stored in the wool. Wool fibres are used for clothing, blankets and much more. Wool has lanolin. Lanolin keeps the wool and the sheep moisturised.

Thank you to Ms Stapley, Mrs Gurney, Ms Clare and Mr Stennett for helping the environmental team on their excursion, Yours sincerely Hana and Tracey.



*\*Learning and Fun* will return in Week 5 ... meanwhile, enjoy reading about *'The Story of Wool'* as told by the Environment Team!

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 96223535 or [stbernadettespark@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbernadettespark@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Please see our website [www.stbernadettesialorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbernadettesialorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au) for more photos from the garden



**We offer a range of competitions for absolutely everyone!**

**We have competitions for girls, boys, women, men and also mixed teams for those who want to softball with friends and family!**

Our competition runs during summer from October to March. Teams play at the same time and at the same venue every week. Our games are played at either International Peace Park, Seven Hills or at Stanhope Gardens.

Our summer competition has the following teams:

- 🟡 Blast Ball (3-6 year olds)
- 🟡 U11 Teeball
- 🟡 Junior Boys
- 🟡 Senior Ladies
- 🟡 Senior Mixed Competitions

- 🟡 U9 Teeball
- 🟡 U13 Modball
- 🟡 School Girls
- 🟡 Senior Mens

All new players up to the age of 12 years old, receive a glove and ball!

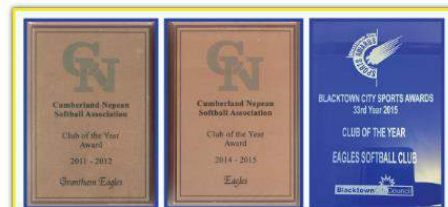
**If you're interested in joining, please get in contact!**



Eagles Eaglets  
Premiers & Runners Up

## Come and Join the Fun!

Eagles is an award winning club with a family friendly culture. We are community minded and enjoy taking part in charity days and are also proud to be a Level 3 Good Sports Club. So come down and become part of the Eagles family.



Winners of CNSA Club of the Year & Blacktown City Council Club awards



Mixed Division 2  
Premiers and Runners Up join for a photo



Colour Me Happy Day supporting the Children's Hospital, Adolescent Medicine Unit

**Join Eagles this Summer!**

### Contact details:

Lynn Eastcott: Eagles Softball Club President  
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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

## FLAWED GOODNESS!

Gospel in Life

We have a tendency to divide people into two categories: saints and sinners. However, this division is quite unreal. People are not so easily categorised. Human beings are complex and we find that things that are at odds with one another co-existing in the same human being.

Many people were inspired by the story of Oskar Schindler, the German industrialist, who saved over a thousand Polish Jews from concentration camps. One of the people he saved said of him, 'He was our father, our mother, our only hope. He never let us down'. Yet many who saw the film *Schindler's List* were surprised, if not quite put off, by his vices. Hew was an endowed man with all the human vices. Hence, he constitutes something of a moral puzzle.

Schindler certainly was no saint. In fact, he was riddled with contradictions. Unfaithful to his wife, he certainly knew how to enjoy the so-called good life - cigars, drink, women. He was a Catholic, but in name only. He also was a member of the Nazi party, and his avowed aim was to end the war with 'two trunks full of money'. He exploited the Jews as a source of cheap labour. But there was another side to him, and in spite of his lapses, he always returned to that better side. There was basic goodness about him. As the war went on he became appalled at the horrors of 'the final solution'. At considerable personal risk (he was twice arrested by the Nazis), he protected his workers from death camps, thereby showing that he was undoubtedly a courageous man. But Schindler was no angel. He was a mere human being, an essentially good human being, even though his goodness was seriously flawed. We wonder what he might have achieved had he not been so divided. And the Nazis, for all the horrific things they did, weren't totally evil either. They were not devils incarnate. They too were human beings, though bad human beings.

Some people don't seem to have any understanding of the divided nature of each human being - of the co-existence in every person of good and evil, strength and weakness, loyalty and betrayal. As soon as they discover a weakness in someone, they write the person off. Their hero must be perfect. As soon as a flaw or a crack appears, they lose faith in him or her.

But things are not that simple. Human beings are complex - and that includes each of us. We are an extraordinary mixture of good and bad. Moreover, the roots of good are so entwined with roots of evil that one can't be pulled up without pulling up the other. We must learn to be patient and lenient, towards ourselves in the first place. We must be hospitable towards all that we are. We must acknowledge the dark side of ourselves, without conceding victory to it. We must struggle on in spite of the weeds, confident that with God's help, the good will finally triumph. It is through struggle that we grow, provided we don't throw the towel in.

*Weekly Parable from E-News*

### A JOURNEY FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This program is called the **RCIA** or the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Each year we offer this program to the parishioners of St Bernadette's. It has proven over the years to be a wonderful journey to a new beginning for those who are already Catholics. More importantly, it is a program directed at people who do not share our faith, but would like to consider becoming more involved and committed to the Catholic Church.

I would like to invite all parishioners to consider inviting a family member, a neighbour or friend who lives in the area to consider whether or not they would be interested in becoming a Catholic, or at least exploring the Catholic religion.

There are people who come to Mass who have not yet taken that final step to full membership of the Catholic Church. I am inviting you to consider participating in this program when it starts in August.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM OR FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE WELCOMERS TABLE AND GIVE TO FR ANDREW.**

- **STARTS** 8th AUGUST 2017
- **ENDS** AT EASTER 2018
- **MEETINGS** FORTNIGHTLY EACH TUESDAY
- **TIME** 7.30PM - 9PM
- **PARISH PHONE** 9672 4037
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