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9th August 2017

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4

From the REC

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

On the 8th of August, we commemorate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross- Mackillop. St Mary Mackillop lived a life that magnified true aspects of discipleship. In her actions and words she was able to live a fruitful Christian life that encouraged many. St Mary Mackillop was deeply inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Woods. In doing so, she commenced her work and founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, St Mary MacKillop began to establish many schools. Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, St Mary had established over 30 schools in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

In honour of her work, we offer our prayers and thoughts to her.

Dear Lord,

Just as Mary trusted deeply in Your presence even in the darkest times, may we too deepen our relationship through reflection, prayer and contemplation.

Just as St Mary Mackillop's whole life resonated with her vision for the poor, may we too reveal God's hospitable heart wherever we are.

Just as St Mary Mackillop stood against injustice and inequality in the care and education of poor people and provided hope-giving alternatives, may we too continue to minister joyfully among the poorest and those at the edges of church and society.

Amen.

Have a blessed week everyone.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Co-Ordinator).

New from the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to **Hayden A** (Stage 1) and **Marcus M** (Stage 2) **Angela M** (Stage 2) **Elena X** (Stage 3) 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 25th August 2017. There's still plenty of time to complete the challenge!

Book Week News

- **Colouring-in Competition**- Just a reminder that the Book Week Colouring Competition entries are due by **Thursday Week 5 (17th August)**. Please send finished entries to the office or Library.
- **Book Parade**- A reminder that the theme for Book Week this year is **Escape to Everywhere**. For our Book Parade (Tuesday 29th August) students are invited to dress as a character from a Book. This could be a book that helps them escape into another magical world, to tie in with the Book Week theme. The Book Parade will be followed by a School Band performance and a picnic morning tea. All Welcome!
- **Book Week Book Fair**- The Scholastic Book fair will be here in Week 7 from Monday to Thursday. There will be some fantastic books and gift packs to purchase at great prices. The Book Fair will be held in the Library. Please come along!!

Thank you,

Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently.

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Alexander	Zaroutski	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Mordini	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
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Jennifer	Selvaraj	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Acuoth	Acuoth	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Aneika	Buhagiar	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Pearl	Miggins	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Ava-Jordan	Gabriel	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Jai	Jenkins	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Abbey	Longmire	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Oliver	Vierboom	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Nahla	Wan Lum-Diener	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
John Paul	Evangelista	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Tasmyn	Ross	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Crystal	Wilson	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Manas	Idumalla	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Brodie	Fermanov	3	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Brodie	Fermanov	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Aluel	Magoin	3	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Aluel	Magoin	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Atong	Acuoth	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Emily	Mordini	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
James	Kom	5	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
James	Kom	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
India	Longhurst	5	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
India	Longhurst	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Tracey	Kide	6	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Tracey	Kide	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
James	Wilson	6	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
James	Wilson	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award

Year 6 Fun Day Fundraising

Dear parents and guardians

The library team are doing a skittles guessing competition, to raise money for the year 6 fun day.

It is \$1.50 for 3 guesses, \$2 for five and 50c for 1.

This will be held in week 6 on Wednesday and Friday during recess at play time. Hope you can encourage your children/child to enter into the competition to win a jar of skittles and help the year 6 raise money for their fun day.



Thank-you!

Diary Dates

TERM 3

AUGUST

- 9th Voice Of youth – Year 6
- 11th Early Stage 1 Farm Excursion
- 13th Youth Group
- 15th Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival
- 17th No Student Banking
- 18th Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 21st School Fees Due
- Life Ed visits school for students
- 22nd Netball Gala Day
- 23rd Skittles Guessing Competition
- 25th Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- Skittles Guessing Competition
- 28th Book Week
- 31st Father's Day BBQ breakfast 7.45am
- Father's Day Craft Stall

SEPTEMBER

- 1st 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.

SCHOOL DISCO



FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

**Send in your payment
to the school office. Thank you**

**OPEN
DAY**



Join us at
St Bernadette's
Primary Lalor Park
for an Open Day
Thursday 31st August
9.00am – 10.00am
and
3.30pm – 4.30pm
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Everyone Welcome

important

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

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following student
who celebrated his birthday recently.



Jayden Jenkins



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

Monday 28th August - Friday 1st September

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**Book Fair Open Monday to Thursday
8.30am - 9.00am and
3.15pm - 4.00pm**

See timetable coming home tomorrow

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.



St Bernadette's Parent Group School and Parish Fete 21st October 2017

COLLECTION DAYS

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

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

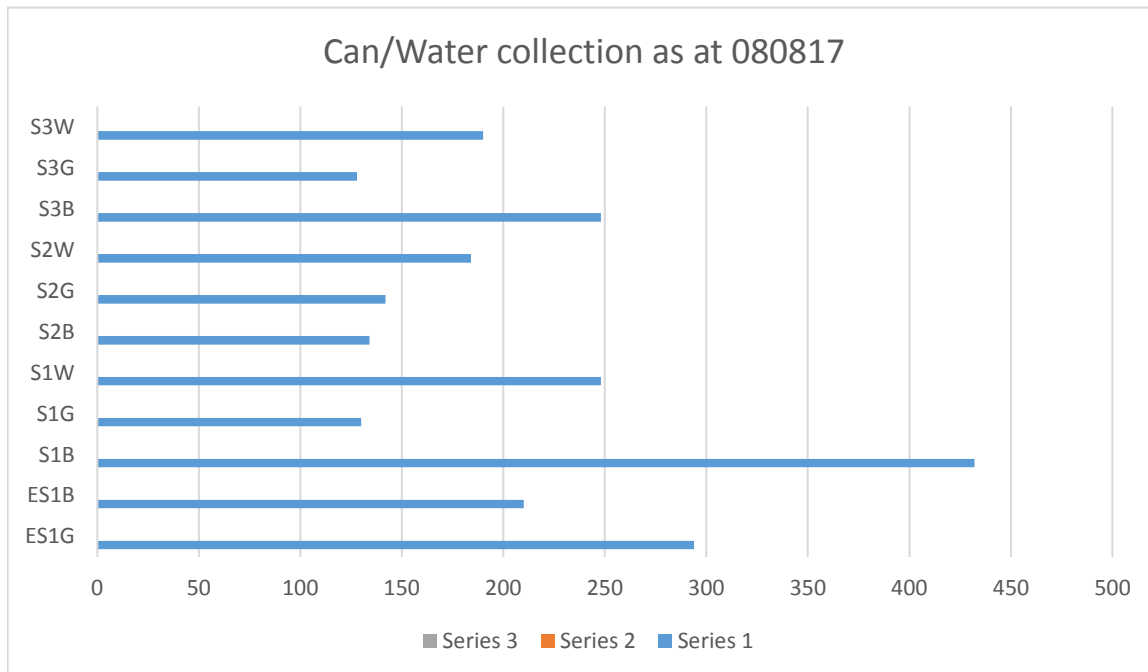
Boxes will be placed in each classroom for your child place their donated items. A note will be sent out for each collection.

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

FETE UPDATE

Drink collection is coming along really well. Thank you to all the families who have donated so far. We still need more so please keep them coming.

Competition is heating up but it looks like S1B is way ahead, I wonder if any of the other classes can catch up!!!!



Donations:

We are in need of major prize donations, if anybody can help in this area please do not hesitate to contact me.

Volunteers:

We still need volunteers, 20 volunteers is not enough to run a successful fete. If you can help anywhere for 1 hour it will be much appreciated.

Rides:

Ride bands will be on sale soon. Pre purchase cost of bands will be \$25, and \$30 on fete day. Notes to come out soon.

Some of the rides that will be at the fete are:



Should you wish to discuss anything in relation to the fete, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Zeina Yaacoub
Fete Co-Ordinator



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 on 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 **26th July and closes on 19th 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**



School Banking will not be processed until Friday of this week.
Please be aware there will be NO school banking in Week 5 due to our Staff Development Day on Friday 18th August.
Thank you

You are invited to our
Father's Day Breakfast and Prayer
Thursday 31st August 7:45am-9:00am
(Grandfather's also welcome)
Strictly RSVP by
Monday 28th August



Invites will be sent home tomorrow

ST BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL & PARISH FETE



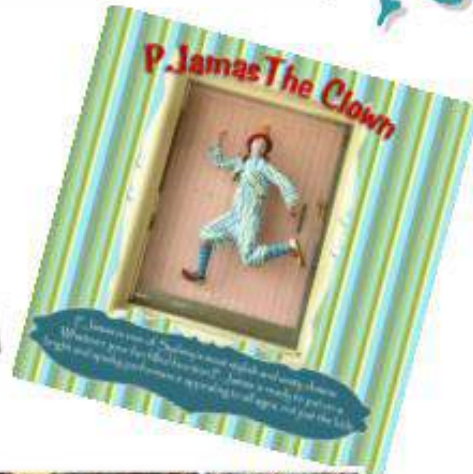
- Chocolate wheel
- Continental Food
- Devonshire Tea
- White Elephant
- Face Painting
- Spooky Room
- Pass the Ball
- Pick a Stick
- Plaster Fun
- Show Bags
- Fairy Floss
- Book Stall
- Lucky Dips
- Cake Stall
- Sweets
- Raffles
- Hoopla
- Games
- Drinks
- Plants
- Food
- Craft
- Rides
- Toys

ENTERTAINMENT



Major Raffle
 1st Prize \$1200 gift voucher
 2nd Prize \$700 gift voucher
 3rd Prize \$200 gift voucher
 To a store of your choice

Food



ENTERTAINMENT

PRIZES



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017 9AM - 4PM
18 WHEELER STREET LALOR PARK

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

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 Fete approaching, we have lots of exciting items to discuss.

Our meeting for Term 3 2017, will take place at 7pm, Tuesday 22nd August,

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 colouring in activities and a movie will be 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. If you have any matters that you would like to have put forward and placed on the Agenda for the evening, would you kindly put them in writing and,
1) send them through to the school office in an envelope clearly marked 'Parent Group Meeting Agenda' or alternatively

2) email your item/s to sbparentgroup@gmail.com

These items will need to reach the Parent Group by Tuesday 15th August, and then the Agenda for the week 6 meeting will be placed into the week 5 newsletter.

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

Sincerely,

The St Bernadette's Parent Group Team.

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

IT IS WONDERFUL FOR US TO BE HERE!

Gospel in Life

Shortly after his appointment as Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume was questioned by journalists. 'What', they wanted to know, 'is going to be your number one task?' His answer must have taken them by surprise. It wasn't to work harder for the reunion of all Christians. It wasn't to build more Catholic schools, or to fight against materialism, or to provide more aid for people of the developing world. 'I want', he said 'to do everything in my power to convince people that God loves them'.

An unexpected answer but a magnificent one. There is no more exciting truth than this - that God loves us, that God loves me. I don't have to persuade or cajole God: God loves me already, just as I am; and nothing can change that.

In this week's Gospel three apostles see the Lord transfigured in glory. They are delighted; and who wouldn't be? They've caught a glimpse of who and what their Master really is. 'It's wonderful', they murmur, 'just wonderful to be here'.

But the next time they see their Master transfigured, how different it will be! He will be lying prostrate in the garden of Gethsemane, his body bathed in sweat. How hard then for them to believe that this is indeed the only Son of God, the well-beloved one. But a little patience, just a few more days, and that same Jesus, now ablaze with risen glory, will stand before them; and on that Easter Sunday morning they will realise that their doubts were unfounded. God will prove God's love for Jesus in a way they could never have imagined - not by saving him from suffering and death, but rather by enabling him to conquer them and finally by raising him up from death itself. When we're given assurances of God's love for us, as we are today, that's like being with the apostles on the mountain of transfiguration. When we meet with tragedy, when we feel driven almost to the point of despair, finding it hard to believe that God does still care for us - that's like being with the apostles in the garden of Gethsemane.

And yet if we keep on trusting in God, keep on having patience even though God appears to have forgotten us, as for the apostles, there will be an Easter Sunday. On that day we shall be convinced, we shall know, that God does indeed love us and always has, not least in those dark moments when God seemed so far away. Then, like Peter, we shall murmur, 'Lord, it's good to be here'. Only this time the joy, the thrill, the ecstasy will never grow dull: we shall have reached the destiny for which we were made.

Weekly Parable from E-News

DATE CLAIMER - PARISH RETREAT DAY

See posters around the Church and at the front entrance of the Church.

DATE: Saturday 2nd September 2017

WHERE: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills

START: 9.30am **FINISH:** 3.30pm

DIRECTED BY: Sr Mary Baker RSJ

THEME OF RETREAT: Who are you Lord? A Journey in Prayer

COST: \$35 per person. \$15 deposit on registration

IN AN ENVELOPE PLEASE PLACE REGISTRATION SLIP AND DEPOSIT IN THE BOX OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

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

• **PLACE** PARISH CENTRE 14 WHEELER ST LALOR PARK

• **TIME** 7.30PM - 9PM • **PARISH PHONE** 9672 4037 • **EMAIL**

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