



2017 Term 4 Week 5

Newsletter

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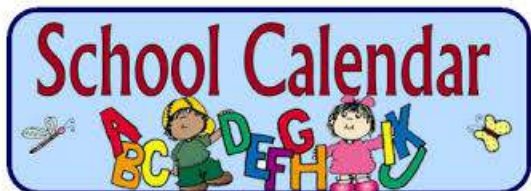
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Principals Blog

Next week I will begin my four weeks of Long Service Leave. In my absence Frances Garzaniti has been appointed as Acting Principal. Frances has spent some time at the school familiarising herself with the site and requirements. Frances will work with the school Leadership Team and staff to ensure smooth and consistent running in my absence. I will return in week 10 to finalise the year and be part of the concluding activities for 2017.

Staffing for 2018 has been finalised. Specifics regarding teacher placements will be shared with the community later in the term. This is standard practise as teachers are still free to move schools. Any teacher movement would affect teacher placements and therefore it is not fair to advise the community of exact teacher placement details.

At this stage I want to confirm that the following staff will be leaving St Bernadette's at the conclusion of Term 4, John Cowan, Jacqueline Mortimer and Mariam Iskander.



November

12th Stage 1 Family Mass - 10am

17th Reconciliation: S2B & S2G Yr 3 - 10am

Reconciliation: S2W & S2G Yr 4 - 12pm

Assembly: Stage 2 - 2pm

27th Swim program - 2 weeks

December

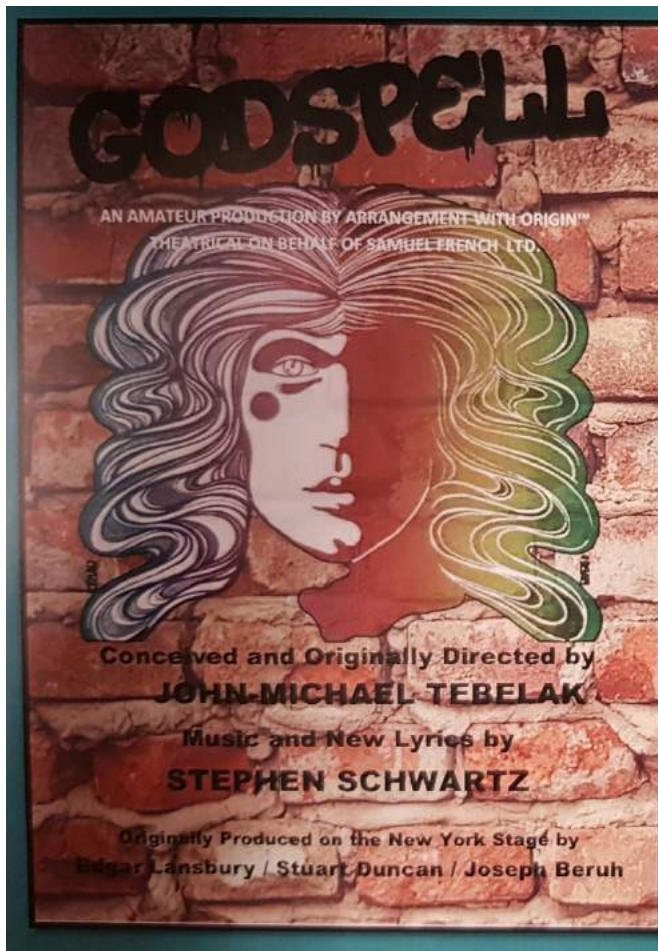
1st Parent Christmas Party:
6:30pm

6th Christmas Concert:
6:30pm-8pm

8th Infants Liturgy: 10am - 11am

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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'

Angels and a *Monk* in the Garden for *Halo-ween Day*, the *Environment Team* decked out in their 'Sunday Best' for an *end-of-year* celebration, at *Lewers Café* and *Regional Art Gallery*, the alleged sighting of a *Blue Bee* and another fruit tree added to the burgeoning *Orchard* ... so much excitement in one week!



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



Student Awards



First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Gaif	Kome	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Gaif	Kome	4	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Aiesha	Marasli	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Hayden	Rodewald	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Deborah	Tluang	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award

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

Stage 1 Family Mass
Sunday 12th November
10am

at St Bernadette's Church
Stage 1 will be hosting a
cuppa after mass.

Hope to
see you
there.



Swimming Program
Monday 27th November (Wk 8)
until
Friday 8th December (Wk9)

All children will need to come to school in full sports uniform. A separate bag containing swimming costume, towel, spare shirt, goggles, thongs or slip on footwear and underwear will be required each day. Children will have time to change into their costume prior to catching the bus.

All items need to have the child's name clearly marked on them. Shirts must be worn to and from the pool.

All Children are required to wear swimming costumes, not items of clothing such as singlets, shirts, or underwear etc. Boys must wear swimmers not Boardshorts. More info about the swimming program will be sent home next week.



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.

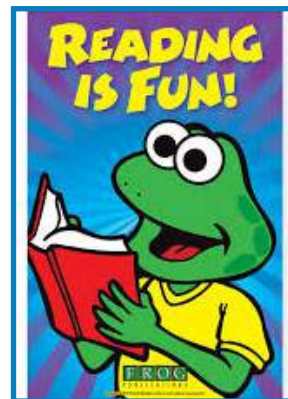
Now
Enrolling!



Happy Birthday to these students

Jai Jenkins, Nahla Wan Lum-Diener,

Darius Jaffar



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

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.



TELEPHONE



Our New telephone number is

(02) 8869 6400

This number is active NOW.



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Guidelines



School
Uniform
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St Bernadette's Parent Group

Dear St Bernadette's families.

AGM, Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7pm

Once each term, the Parent Group and School Community gather to discuss important matters. We come together as one body, all striving for positivity and the best outcomes for our children and the environment they learn in.

The meeting for Term 4, 2017 will take place at 7pm, Tuesday 14th November in the Stage 3 Learning Space.

It is essential that we attempt to have a member from each family attend, as this will lead to the most successful outcomes. If it makes it easier for you to attend, you are welcome to bring your children with you. We require many attendees in order to have enough people to be able to vote in the new positions. Please mark this date in your diary. Reminders will also go out on skoolbag (app) leading up to this date.

All positions in the parent group executive team become vacant at the conclusion of the General meeting, and all positions will be required to be filled. We welcome you to either nominate yourself, or nominate a fellow parent / carer for any of the below positions (we encourage you to inform the nominee if you would like to nominate someone other than yourself) Written nominations will be accepted until 3.15 pm Tuesday 14th November 2017.

Please note: that you need to be in attendance to accept a nomination and to vote. If not possible to attend, you are required to accept your nomination in writing so that the nomination can be recognised.

Positions for you to consider:

1. Parent Group Leader
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Fundraising Co-Ordinator
5. Community Co-Ordinator
6. Education Representative
7. Social Co-Ordinator
8. Canteen Co-Ordinator

I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Group and Community, Annual General Meeting. Feel free to come from 6.45 pm for supper before the meeting. Meeting will commence at 7pm sharp.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, the 2017 Parent Group Executive Team.

Parent Group 2018, Executive Team Nomination Form.

Name:.....Child/rens name and class.....

I would like to nominate myself (name)..... phone number..... or

I would like to nominate (name)..... phone number.....(I have informed this nominee)

For the position of (Please indicate position) in the Parent Group Executive Team for 2018.

Parent Group Leader

Secretary

Treasurer

Community Co-Ordinator.....

Education Representative.....

Fundraising Co-Ordinator.....

Social Co-Ordinator

Canteen Co-Ordinator.....

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Parent Group General Meeting

Agenda, Term 4. 2017,

Tuesday 14th November 2017.

Meeting Opened with opening Prayer.

Apologies:

Prior Minutes Acceptance:

Matters Arising -

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence -

Assistant Principals report: Mr S Stennett.

Social Report : Jo Kay

Fundraising Report : Zeina Yaacoub

Community Report: Cindy Efstathiou

Canteen Report : Bree Buhagiar

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 -.

All 2017 executive positions step down, nominations for 2018 positions invited,
Voting commences for 2018 executive committee positions commence.

Meeting Closed

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Dear parents, guardians and friends, Later in the term we will hold our Christmas Pageant on the 6th of December, 6.30pm at the Parish Hall.



Your children will perform an item in their year group. Provided below is the costume attire for each year group. If you have any questions please feel free to chat to your child's teacher.

Early Stage 1

Shepherds or Towns people - robes or cloth with sandals and a checked tea towel for a headpiece for or headband.

Stage 1

Year 1 – can choose any of the two options

Shepherds - Brown shirts and pants, over sized shirt, head piece (tea towel with cord or head band)

Angels - white dress or white t-shirt with black pants, wings, halo

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Attention Stage 1 families.



Sunday 12th November following the 10am Mass,
Stage 1 will be hosting the 'Cuppa after Mass'.

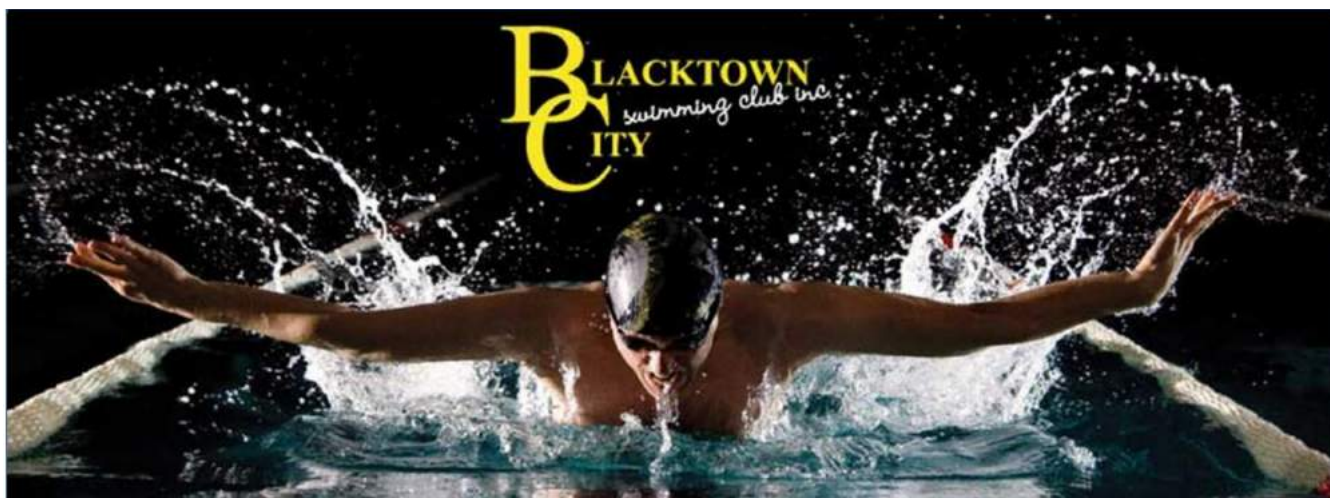
It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a plate of sweet or savoury treats to share with our Parish Community. You can kindly leave your plate or container on the tables just outside Church before 10am, and collect the empty plate or container on completion of our 'cuppa' after Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and chat with fellow Parishioners.

Your support is truly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you
on Sunday 12th November for a Cuppa after Mass.

Sincerely

St Bernadette's Parent Group.



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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

LOOKING INTO THE MIRROR!

Gospel in Life

There is a story about a Jewish man who survived the concentration camps. The night after his liberation, he went to stay in a nearby house. There he found about thirty other survivors gathered in one room. Seeing a mirror on the wall, he went over to it. He was anxious to see what he looked like. But in the same room he saw the reflections of some of the other people as well. There were many faces in the mirror. And he couldn't tell which face belonged to him. He had to make faces and gestures, in order to be able to distinguish himself from the group.

And when he did distinguish his own face, he got a terrible shock. Because the person he saw in the mirror was one he had never seen before. He was so changed that the person in the mirror was one he had never seen before. He was so changed that the person in the mirror didn't bear any resemblance to the person he had seen before the war. A strange story, but a true one.

Jesus' harshest words were directed, not at sinners, but at religious people such as the Scribes and Pharisees. Right from the beginning of his ministry the latter had dogged him. He had been very patient with them. He had reasoned with them but to no avail. Eventually he was forced to expose them.

How did he do this? In a manner of speaking, he did it by holding up a mirror in front of them so that for the first time in their lives they might be able to see their true image. It was an image that few of them would have recognised as their own. If they did, they would have got a terrible shock.

The picture Jesus painted of them was not a pretty one. In fact, we are filled with loathing when we contemplate their religious pomp and show, together with the horrible inconsistencies of their lives.

What were the main faults Jesus found in them? They didn't practise what they preached. They made things impossible for ordinary people by multiplying rules, and demanding exact observance of these rules, without offering the slightest help to those who found them burdensome. They sought their own glory, rather than the glory of God. They were full of themselves, and were interested only in themselves. And the most damning thing of all—they lacked charity and compassion in their dealings with others.

Yet the Scribes and Pharisees were not a uniquely evil group of people. They were just human. They could be any group of people any time and anywhere. The picture Jesus painted of them is a mirror into which we too are invited to look. If we do look into it, we will see our own face there, for we have some, if not all of their faults.

Do we sometimes consider ourselves better than others? Do we not lay down the law for others? Do we not demand sacrifices of others, which we don't demand of ourselves? Do we not like to be noticed, to be admired, and to take the best seat—if we can get it? A uniform or special dress can be a great help in this regard. Are we too not lacking in charity, compassion and a sense of justice and a spirit of service?

We don't have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not. All we have to do is try to be true to what we are—God's daughters and sons.

Weekly Parable from E-News