



Newsletter

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School Calendar



March

Catholic School Week

- 9th Whole School Welcome Mass 10:00am
Full School Uniform to be worn
Morning Tea 11.00am
Open Classrooms 11.30am-12 noon
- 13th Parent Group Meeting 7pm - held in our Stage 3 Classrooms
- 20th Harmony Day - **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE to 20th**

[See more ...](#)

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the Harmony Day date had to be changed due to school professional development commitments. The note you received this week has the correct date of Tuesday 20th March.



From The Principal

This week all Catholic schools unite to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. During Catholic Schools Week, schools open the gates to showcase the outstanding Catholic education that occurs within. It's an opportunity to celebrate the great work that is done in our school by the students, parents and staff.

Last week both Robyn and myself visited all of the local preschools and daycare centres to promote St Bernadette's and the upcoming events. Most of the centres have a strong connection with our school with several accepting an offer to visit St Bernadette's in order to develop a greater understanding of our approach to learning and more importantly to see what a great school we are.

This week we welcomed our current families to our Welcoming Barbeque. Catering was graciously organised by the Parent Group. A special thank you to the parents who gave up their time to socialise in order to serve others in the community. Your help and service to the community is much appreciated by all. The barbeque was well attended despite the inclement weather. It was good to see so many students playing together in the school grounds and parents and school staff socialising together.

The Welcome Barbeque was followed by an enrolment evening. This was well attended by parents and friends investigating options for school in 2019. Throughout the day we took many new parents on tours of our fantastic school. Overwhelmingly the discussions were very positive. This evening allowed us to present what the benefits of attending St Bernadette's and the opportunity to address any concerns. I would encourage all of our parents to

From The Principal

promote our school as a positive place for students to attend.

Over the last few weeks I have witnessed the positive impact of our changes to play times. It is refreshing to see our students utilising so many of the new options available to them at lunch time and recess. The basketball rings are hit as is the various groups including Makerspace, Games Club, Structured Play and the Garden.

The Professional Learning of school staff is paramount to ensure students receive the targeted learning that they deserve. To achieve this teachers will begin to complete courses that are both at school and at offsite locations. All efforts are made to ensure that learning continues in the absence of class teachers. In such instances the regular class teacher plans all learning activities for casual staff. A lot of consideration goes into assessing what learning teachers undertake. We ensure that all learning is beneficial to the students needs.

This week the PBS4L committee meet to begin planning our future focus for whole school behaviour management. An external group of mentors conducted a survey which indicated overwhelmingly that the staff understand the schools whole school expectations and management structures. As you know we have worked hard this year to implement consistent school expectations and in class management structures. The survey did show that we have some way to ensuring that the student body fully understand our new approaches with 70% of students being able to clearly articulate them. Our goal is 100% of the student body being able to clearly talk about our expectations and structures. We will continue to work on this as a community.

Behaviour Management Structures

The Leadership Team recently discussed some issues with our current management structures and as such have agreed to the following hierarchy of management for student behaviour issues.

1. The class teacher is empowered to manage behaviour issues and we encourage all parents to talk to class teacher first if issues occur. This is an important step that is vital to ensuring relationships between students, staff and parents are maintained.
2. If external assistance is required Module Leaders are to be included in the response. For infants this would involve Mrs Buenaventura and for Primary Mrs Maher.
3. If further escalation is required the Assistant Principal, Mr Crothers would respond.
4. The Principal, Mr Kapitanow would attend to serious or ongoing issues.

At times staff may not be available and as such students may go directly to the Assistant Principal or Principal. In serious instances involving safety the incident would be managed by an available member of the Leadership Team.

A detailed and consistent response to instances of student unsafe behaviour to peers and staff is also required. Although such instances are rare and by no means the norm we feel it is important that parents, students and staff are fully informed of our approach.

As such we will implement the following response;

1. All instances will be fully investigated to ensure a correct and fair response.
2. Affected parents will be contacted with finding and consequences clearly communicated. At times this may be via a phone or in person conversation.
3. Students will complete a one day in school suspension followed by a two session in school suspension and a one session in school suspension. This means that students will demonstrate that they are ready to return to normal school attendance over a three day period. Students will begin to integrate back into classrooms on the second day if we are satisfied that this will be a safe transition. Over the three days

- students will have limited access to the playground. Drop off and pick up will be via the school office
4. Students who have demonstrated unsafe behaviour will remain in a supervised office area.
 5. Students will be provided work by their class teacher to ensure learning continues.
 6. Students will participate in reflection activities to learn from their choices and provide skills to better approach future instances.

Our goal is to ensure students remain at school and don't miss learning. In instances where safety is compromised parents may be asked to pick up their child to create much needed time and space for all affected students and staff to return to an acceptable emotional state.

All efforts will be made to adhere to this plan, but it may be altered in some cases or if behaviour is repeated. As such the period of in school suspension may be extended. In extreme cases, with consultation of CEDP staff a student may be suspended from school attendance for a period of time. This is a last resort in response to major safety concerns.

Our intent is to ensure all students are safe and that a positive learning environment can be maintained. When such instances occur we understand that a parents response can be one of disappointment. Working together we can help students to see a better response. A vital element of this is that students must own their behaviour and take responsibility for it.

Phill Kapitanow

Principal

St Bernadette's Lalor Park - Parent Group General Meeting

Term 1 2018, Tuesday 13th of March.

AGENDA

Meeting Open at 7pm with opening Prayer.

Apologies: Bree Buhagiar and Leanne Mordini

Review and Acceptance of previous meetings minutes

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

Principals report: Mr P Kapitanow.

Vice Principal's report: Mr S Crothers

Treasurers Report : Richell Nash

Fundraising Report : Maria Xiberras

Community Report: Chantal Weir

Canteen Report : Carmen Bonello

Social Report : Cindy Efstathiou

Education : Carmen Bonello

Band : Irene Brandwood

Secretary : Carolyn Cagney

Leader : Carmen Bonello

Updates of first 6 weeks, and information of what we are planning for the year, as discussed in executive meeting.

General Business:

Meeting Closed :

HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day Tuesday 20th March

St Bernadette's will celebrate Harmony Day. Students are invited to wear orange or an item or traditional clothing of their culture and bring in a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to Caritas.

Information notes have been sent home with all students. The note is also on our website.

Please click on the link below to go 'School Notes' and look for the "Whole School" category.



Harmony Day Information

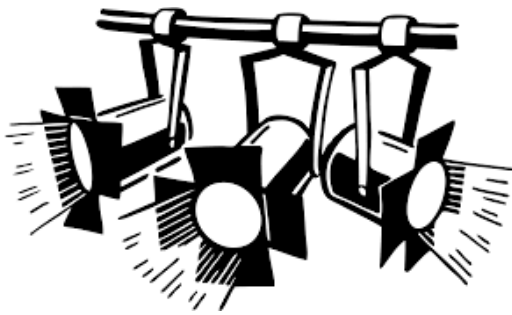
Newsletter



Each fortnight we upload our school newsletter to our website. After this is done an announcement is sent to all subscribers. In week 4 there was an issue with the announcement, however, the newsletter was up on our website. Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta IT Department was working on resolving this issue and we hope this does not occur again. If for any reason you do not get an announcement please feel free to go straight to the website to view the newsletter.

Please let your friends know to subscribe to the newsletter so they can be kept up to date with information and events.

Holroyd Musical Theatre Company presents "Annie"!



Ex-St Bernadette's student Emily Mordini (sister of Angela and Alex) is part of the orphan ensemble for Holroyd's production of "Annie". The show will be running during the April school holidays. For further information and to book tickets please visit

www.hmds.org.au/annie

or speak to Leanne Mordini.

Reminder for our younger students

Can we ask that Parents/Guardians of our younger students in Kindergarten to please send them to school with a change of underwear and a spare pair of shorts in their school bag in case of little accidents. The office do have a limited stock but we can sometimes run low. We would ask that you wash and return shorts and cullottes and provide a brand new pair of underwear as soon as you can. Thank you

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Follow this link to our contact page on our website and follow us on the St Bernadette's Facebook page.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Friday 9th March

- 10.00am – Whole School Welcome Mass (Full School Uniform)
- 11.00am – BYO Picnic Morning Tea (Tea and Coffee Supplied) Have a picnic in our playground with your children.
- 11.30-12.00pm – Open Classrooms

Come to our classrooms to be a part of the learning of the students.

Each class will showcase Catholic Schools Week activities

We look forward to seeing you at our celebrations for Catholic Schools Week



Parent Group Meeting

Next Tuesday night 13th March we will have our Term 1 Parent Group Meeting. It would be great to see a representative from every family attend this meeting. Come along and have your say.



School Expectation

It is a school expectation that by the end of Term 1 all students will be wearing **predominantly white** shoes for sport. Please see the example pictured.



Enrolments for 2019

Enrolment packages for 2019 are ready to be collected. Please call in to the school office to collect a pack.

Enrolment Interviews will commence in Term 2.



OLMC OPEN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

10am – 2pm

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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PARENT GROUP EASTER RAFFLE

Don't forget to send in your Easter Eggs and any unwanted baskets you may have at home.

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Tickets are \$1 each and are due back by Monday 26th of March, SOLD OR UNSOLD.

Extra books will be available from the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Maria Xiberras,

Fundraising Coordinator



School Cross Country 6th March 2018

This past Tuesday, St Bernadette's held their annual school cross country. The weather looked to be against us, but it was fortunately kept at bay by our intense enthusiasm for the running of our carnival. In fact, not long after the commencement of the first race, the sun poked through the dark sky and remained with us for the duration of the event.

The races were run without a hitch, which was due to the incredible support of our parent volunteers and teachers. Without their support we would not have had the success we were able to experience. So a tremendous thanks needs to be extended to all those who supported us on the day. Of course this is also an opportunity for us to celebrate the successes of those students who have now made it through to the next level of competition at the Diocesan Cross Country to be held at Eastern Creek. These students placed 6th or higher and met the appropriate qualifying times for their age groups. Congratulations and we wish you all the best.

Click on the link to go to the Assistant Principals Blog to see full list of students who qualified.



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Student Awards



Congratulations to these students who have received merit awards since our last newsletter. Keep up the great work.

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Jyena	Deka	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Abuk	Deng	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lucie	McDonald	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Isabelle	Smith	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Grace	Alsamman	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Maddison	Francis	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Kiley	Idris	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Rocco	Scicluna	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Jeremiah-Xyndel	Tatupu	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Bennett	Aplitt	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Kristina	Davison	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Monique	Tadros	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Mordini	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Ngathjwok	Mugo	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Antonio	Touma	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Stella	Cragg	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Ella	Quinlan	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Nathaniel	Smart	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Juaj	Nyok	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Jeanerikah	Anyanwu	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Diing	Deng	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Georgia	Nash	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Kurtis	Jackson	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Vivian	Lee	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Lincoln	Aplitt	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Asher	Boustani	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Samara	Pineda-Otalvaro	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Abigail	Xiberras	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Ella	O'Shea	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Matthew	Yaacoub	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Adut	Acuoth	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Kaitlin	Cragg	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Sophie	Angallo	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Dier	Majak	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Duom	Acuoth	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joudi	Nameh	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Kenneth	Lee	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Moses	Madeni	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
James	Kom	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Athieu	Majok	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award

Rhyen Tago
Tanya Gama
Pwoj Majok
Jacharaih Francis
Sarah Justin Wani
Athieu ajok
Jeanerikah Anyanwu
Sophie Angallo
Cillian Sunners
Adut Acuoth
Cohen Winley
Jeremiah-Xyndel Tatupu
Lucas Mansour
Oliver Vierboom
Jwodho Mugo
Abigail Valentine



FEBRUARY



Vincent Tonkin
Kaelen Brandwood
Ritvik Cholia
Rishaan Cholia
Vanessa Menon
Elena Xiberras
James Kom
Serena Angallo
Maria Pilayre
Ava-Jordan Gabriel
Maxine Gesilva
Julian Alsamman
Adhot Deng
Samuel Angallo
Domenic Gallagher
Vikrmjit Walia
Hayley Shepherd
Cate Astillo
Chok Nyok



MARCH



Nicholas Andreacchio
Jayden Bellette
Sierra Hanna
Lincoln Aplitt



- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Education
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities

GREAT FUN



We've been cooking up a storm in OSHC

In After School Care we love cooking healthy, delicious meals and snacks from our Healthy Eating Cookbook. All the recipes in our cookbook support our healthy eating program and are officially endorsed by Nutrition Australia. Hummus is a popular recipe from the cookbook, so we thought we'd share the recipe with you to try at home.

You'll need:

- 1 tin of chickpeas (drained but reserve some liquid for blending)
- 1-2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- Juice of one orange
- 2 tablespoons of cream cheese (optional)

Method:

- Blend all ingredients until smooth
- Use as a spread for sandwiches and/or wraps, toasted bread or rice cakes.
Serve as a dip with corn chips, veggie sticks or crackers



Come along and see what we're cooking up

You can visit us in the program to see what healthy meals and snacks are on the menu and enjoyed in every session.

Program details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au



More
Photos

St Bernadette's Garden

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

Please see our website www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au

for more photos from the garden.

Learning and Fun in Our Garden

The garden provides plenty of opportunities for 'hands-on' learning and observation skills to occur ...birds' nests were spotted in the *Callistemon* bush, *green apples* were seen on the tree and on the ground! The apples which the birds had tasted were placed in the *Compost Bin* and the *Bin* given a good spin! Some stakes were removed from a garden bed, to prepare for replanting; the *Crunch & Sip Buckets* were labelled and ready for fruit and vegie scraps and the boys on *Timer Duty* mastered the skill!



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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

TIME TO CHOOSE! Gospel in Life

Irene McCormack was an Australian member of the Sisters of St Joseph who taught for over 30 years as a teacher in Western Australia. Irene was a petite woman, and popular teacher and principal, but also known as feisty and demanding. She was an accomplished golfer and tennis player who enjoyed dancing.

After decades teaching in Australian schools, Irene felt called to serve Latin America's poor. She became a Peruvian missionary worker in 1987. For the next few years, Sister Irene worked in a number of communities with the poorest of the poor, often in places where missionaries were warned not to enter because of opposition.

Irene was accused of dispensing 'American food' (Caritas provisions) and spreading 'American ideas' (by providing school books). Local people insisted she was Australian, not American, but the guerrillas did not care.

At night, young villagers surrounded Irene in darkness, managing to move her back into the crowd. The guerrillas noticed her absence, returning her to the bench.

On 21 May 1991, Irene, with five other missionaries was executed by members of *Sendero Luminoso* 'Shining Light', a rebel guerrilla organisation. The prisoners were ordered to lie face down on the terrazzo-tiled plaza. Each was shot once in the back of the head. Irene was killed first—about six metres from the church door.

Lent is a time to reflect and make choices. That's why Jesus went into the desert. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time away to think and pray. In the end, like Irene McCormack, he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin, John the Baptist, arrested.

We need Lent. We need time away to realise that our lives can make a difference. We need time to face those 'demons' that draw us away from using our lives for God to heal the world. Will I be a person who forgives or one who gets even? Will I spend my life seeking power and wealth or in serving others? Will I take risks in order to do the right thing.

Join Jesus in the desert this Lent. Add time to your daily prayer. Make a weekly service commitment. Look honestly at your strengths and weaknesses. Ask Irene McCormack, now with the saints, to pray for you as you look honestly at the choices you face.

How can I add more prayer or service to my life this Lent, as part of my trip to the desert with Jesus?

(Weekly Parable from e-News) **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT**

Another opportunity to come together as a faith community for Eucharist, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

Wed 21st February Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm **Wed 28th February** Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Mass 7.30pm **Wed 7th March** Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wed 14th March Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Mass 7.30pm

Wed 21st March Devotions & Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wed 28th March Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (No Devotions/Stations/Mass) ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 8TH MARCH PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (2ND RITE) 7.30pm