



2018 Term 2 Week 1

Newsletter

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School Calendar



MAY

- 1st - Term 2 Commences (Winter Uniform)
ANZAC Service 9.10am
Zone Cross Country
- 6th - Youth Group
- 10th - Mothers Day Craft Stall
- 11th - Mothers Day BBQ Breakfast 7.45am
- 15th - NAPLAN
- 16th - NAPLAN
- 17th - NAPLAN
Aboriginal Incursion - Early Stage 1
- 18th - Family Day Liturgy - Picnic Recess
Cinema Night - All Families
- 25th - Reconciliation - 10am S2B
Reconciliation - 12 noon S2G
- 31st - Stage 1 Excursion - Rouse Hill Farm

JUNE

- 1st - Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm All Welcome

Principal's Message

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to Term 2! We hope you have had an enjoyable break with your children. For some this time goes to quickly and for others the time can't end quickly enough. It's an enjoyable part of the job walking around and listening to the children as they share their holiday adventures. They appreciate the time away from the routine of school and the family time this provides.

There is much to happen in Term 2. Our Teacher Educators for Literacy and Numeracy have already spent time in the learning spaces and with teachers to refine their teaching. Our Staff Development Day was presented by STARRTS and focused on understanding students who experience trauma. This day was well received by the staff and will help to shape how we respond to students needs. A presenter from Firefly Education also spent time with the staff to help build knowledge around the Sound Waves Spelling program we have throughout the school.

In the holidays our library was fitted with new doors that open out to the deck area. We are currently planning how our new library space will look. We are all excited by the possibilities of creating a space that will be appealing to the students and suitable for contemporary learning.

- 5th - Parent Group Meeting - 7pm
- 6th - Dental Visits for students
- 8th - Infants Liturgy 10am - All Welcome
- 18th - Science Viva Incursion
- 15th - Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome
- 22nd - Reconciliation - 10 S2W
Reconciliation - 12 noon S3B
- 27th - Athletics Carnival - Gooden Reserve
Baulkham Hills
- 29th - Reconciliation - 10am S3G
Reconciliation - 12 noon S3W

JULY

- 2nd - Parent / Teacher interviews
- 3rd - Parent / Teacher Interviews
- 4th - Backup Athletics Carnival Date
- 6th - Term 2 Finishes

[See more ...](#)

Stage 3 also have an office space converted into a break out room. This space is still being finished by the building team, but should be ready for use shortly.

This term students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessment. NAPLAN will be conducted in Week 3 from Tuesday to Thursday. It is important that parents realise that this is one test on one day. Resist the temptation to place high significance on the test and thus pressure on your child. We know your children very well, this assessment is another set of data we use to inform our teaching. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please contact the school.

Next week I will be sending out a survey to all parents regarding our current Award structures. As a part of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning we will review awards seeking student, parent and staff feedback. I encourage all parents to return the survey.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

Parramatta Diocese Cross Country

On Tuesday 2 May, St Bernadette's sent a large team of athletes to compete in the Parramatta Diocese Annual Cross Country event at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. We had 29 students attend this day competing against representatives from both the Eastern and Western regions of our immense Diocese. The athletes represented St Bernadette's with tremendous effort and showcased incredible behaviours and positive attitudes throughout the day. We should all be proud of our representatives and congratulate them for their amazing achievements. We would also like to congratulate Hayden Rodewald for finishing 7th in her region and making it through to the next level. A special mention is also given to India Longhurst for finishing 9th and only just missing out on a position in the Parramatta squad.

Thanks to the teachers, parents, carers and friends who supported our school on the day and provided transport and supervision for our competitors. Without their support we would not have enjoyed the success we had throughout the day.

With thanks

Mr Simon Crothers, Assistant Principal



You are invited to our
Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast
Friday 11th May

7.45am Breakfast will be served

8.30am Mother's Day Liturgy

Please RSVP for catering purposes no
later than Tuesday 8th May

Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast RSVP
(Please return by Tuesday 8th May)

Family Name:

Class:

Number of Adults and Children attending:

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Number of Vegetarian Options Required

School Uniform For Term 2

Term 2 has commenced. We are now wearing winter uniform. The school uniform policy is flexible for the first two weeks in case it is still unseasonably warm. Which ever uniform is worn it must be full winter or full summer and not half of each. By week 3 all students must be in full winter uniform.

Uniform Shop - School Locker

The uniform shop currently has stock of all winter uniforms. Open Wednesdays 8.30am - 10.30am.



National Road Safety Week

30 April - 6 May 2018

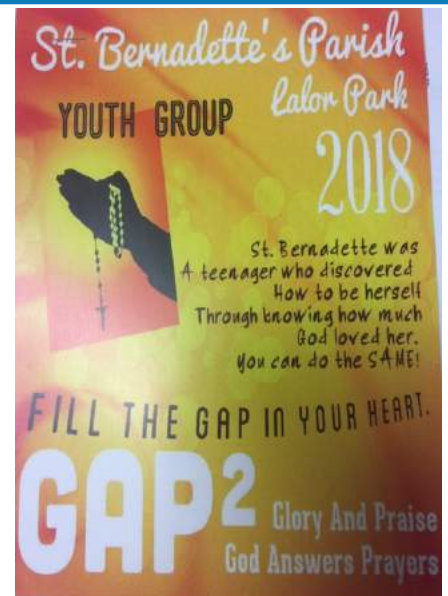
Drive so others survive

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Where We Learn and Grow Together

Youth Group

- Who:** Younger Group years 5-7
Older Group years 8-12
- What:** Bring yourself, your friends and a snack to share!
- When:** 6th May 2018 6pm - 7:30pm
- Where:** St. Bernadette's Parish Hall
- Why:** To make new friends, share your faith, play fun games and bond with each other



SAVE THE DATE

Parent Group - Big Screen Cinema Night Friday 18th May

Our Parent Group are currently organising a 'Big Screen Movie Night' for Friday 18th May.



Please keep this date free. There will be more information sent home early next week.

They will be doing a bbq sausage sizzle for dinner and drinks will be available to purchase.

They will also be selling popcorn and movie snacks on the night.

Limited number of bean bags for hire on the night for \$5 each. They will be upfront.

Movie tickets are \$20 per family

BBQ will commence at 5pm and the movie will commence at 6.30pm.

The movie to be screened is still being decided. They have put a poll out on FB page for the following 3 movies:

Jumanji, Sing and The secret life of pets. They will go with the majority and let you know ASAP .

COMMONWEALTH GAMES-A-THON



Welcome back to Term 2. All pledged money is to be collected and sent in to school this week.

Showbags will be handed out for the following:

- The class who pledged the most money and has returned their pledges to school.
- The student in each class who raised the most money will also receive a showbag.
- The three students in the school who raised the most money to receive a prize.

Thank you for all of your efforts. We will keep you updated of the amount raised.

Thank you

SPORTS DAYS FOR TERM 2

Early Stage 1 - Monday & Friday

Stage 1 - Thursday & Friday

Stage 2 - Tuesday & Thursday

Stage 3 - Wednesday & Friday



Now Enrolling!



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

GREAT FUN



Go for Gold in OSHC in Term 2

Welcome back to school – we hope you enjoyed your school holidays!

At Camp Australia we have been super busy over the Autumn break, between having a blast at our Aussie All-Stars Holiday Clubs and finding ways that we can add more value for parents with our new Flexible Booking Options. One of our greatest improvements has been updating our premium offering of the Gold Membership. This option has no late booking fees and no cancellation fees up to 2 hours before the service. The minimum amount of bookings per year to pay the permanent fee has been halved to 20 per year pro rata – so no need to lock in to one booking per week.

As we're still in the Aussie All-Star spirit, we're offering FREE upgrades to the Gold Membership for the next month.

To upgrade from Silver to Gold, log on to your Parent Portal and follow the prompts before May 14.

[See how we make kids smile](#)

You're more than welcome to visit us in the program at any time. Meet the team and see how we make kids smile every day.

[Program Details](#)

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au and search for your school.

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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	Homeroom	Award Description
Willenn	Flores	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Willenn	Flores	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Rosey	Fuda	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Flora	Madeni	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Flora	Madeni	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Benjamin	Sakr	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Benjamin	Sakr	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Samuel	Auzner	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Samuel	Auzner	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Olivia	Eckardt	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Olivia	Eckardt	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Melanie	Gama	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Melanie	Gama	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alice	Vierboom	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Kayla	Efstathiou	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Tasmyn	Ross	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Koko	Idris	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Cillian	Sunners	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Julian	Alsamman	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Kaelen	Brandwood	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Darko	Grubisic	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Amin	Nameh	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Paul	Stowers	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Paul	Stowers	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Vikramjit	Walia	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Zara	Atie	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Aluel	Magoin	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Aluel	Magoin	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Angela	Mordini	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Matthew	Yaacoub	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Matthew	Yaacoub	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Zikryat	Basha	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Lukas	Brandwood	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Olivia	Efstathiou	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Jayden	Bellette	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	Donovan	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Darius	Jaffar	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Naga	Sudhagar	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Deborah	Tuang	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Phillippa	Valentine	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Emma	Elias	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Jesse	Onorato	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award

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INSTRUCTOR IS A KARATE CHAMPION AND ISKA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Location: Kings Langley Public School,
Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 9 May, 2018

New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 16 May, 23 May

**New and Returning
Students**
Ages 5 - 8
Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

New Students
Ages 9-16
and Returning Students
Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,
JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

Birthdays of the Month

MAY

Cohen Longhurst

Aluel Magoin

Wilhelm Flores

Chanelle Fares

Hayley Donovan

Noah Ciocca

Oskar Pace

Ella Quinlan

Zarah Taylor-Hart

Helena Grubisic

Antonio Touma

Erin Cagney

Christopher Yaacoub

Oliver Longmire

Joshua Gatehouse

Diing Deng

Sarah Koko

Willow Onorato

India Longhurst

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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.



More
Photos

Learning and Fun in Our Garden

At times the **Gardening** activities are brought inside! Stage 2 students were solving a **Tomato** problem: i.e. "Why won't



tomato plants form fruit, whilst growing on a kitchen window ledge? They have flowers but they just wither and die...what needs to

*happen?" Meanwhile, the **Environment Team** were busy drying flowers and plants in **Flower Presses**, to use for a "Thank You" card!*



Term Two Garden News

Mrs Park, Mrs Fairhurst and Miss Clare will be facilitating some exciting changes to the school garden this term. Each stage will have a designated lunch playtime in the garden to complete fun and important activities. These works include planting winter vegetables and creating a brand new scarecrow!

Monday Lunchtime - Early Stage 1

Tuesday Lunchtime - Stage 1

Wednesday Lunchtime- Stage 2 and 3

Below is a brief term overview of activities to be completed in our school garden.

- Week 2 - Cleaning and preparing the school garden.
- Week 3 - Weeding garden beds in preparation of planting
- Week 4 - Fertilising garden beds and making a worm farm.
- Week 5 - Planting of winter vegetables
- Week 6 - Weeding and watering our crops
- Week 7 - Making a new scarecrow
- Week 8 - Making a new scarecrow
- Week 9 - Maintain the fishpond and birdbath

*Subject to weather conditions.

Thank you to Mrs Park, Mrs Fairhurst, Miss Clare and Mr Fuller for their ongoing interest and support of our amazing resource- our school garden!

Suzie Stapley - Special Projects Coordinator



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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

REMAIN IN ME Gospel in Life

"He must increase; I must decrease". John the Baptist once used these words to describe his relationship with Jesus. John, we understand, was a pretty impressive character. He was such a charismatic speaker that multitudes sought his baptism, listened to his levelling criticisms of popular culture and values, and vowed radical changes as a result of encountering him. John was a prophet and guru with his own circle of disciples. When Jesus appeared on the scene, John might have viewed him as a rival.

Instead John responds with extraordinary humility. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. And not only greater: John admits that Jesus replaces him altogether. John's mission is complete the hour Jesus arrives. As Jesus ascends, John will fade away. John doesn't lament this. He states this fact as obvious and right.

This is the relationship of the vine to the branches. The vine survives the trimming of its branches, but the branches do not survive without the vine. The vine is more enduring, the very source of life. The branches play their part in relationship to the vine. It's folly for a branch to forget what it is. But in-service to the vine, it bears much fruit.

Define yourself as a branch attached to Jesus the vine.

Name the fruit you bear in this relationship.

We Respond ...

Consider your attachment to Jesus the vine:

Is it weak, strong, in need of support? Resolve to strengthen the bond in prayer and imitation.

Where do you feel most connected to God?

What does it mean to remain in God?

(Weekly Parable from e-News) St Bernadette's Parish Lalor Park Annual Pentecost Celebration

(Birthday of the Church) Festival of Nations 19th and 20th May 2018

Pentecost is held on the seventh weekend after Easter and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension. You are cordially invited to attend the St Bernadette's Parish Annual Pentecost Celebration (Festival of Nations) on the weekend of the 19th and 20th May 2018. We will be holding supper after the 6 pm Mass and a morning tea after the 10 am Mass on Sunday. We invite you to bring a plate of finger food to share and enjoy with our multicultural Parish community.

MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Due to sickness, those who have moved on to glory in Heaven, or who have other new commitments, our numbers for the Men's Faith Group are now few in number. If we are to continue the Men's Faith Group, which has been a part of our Parish life for the past 16 years, we need some new men to come together, to experience modern and exciting presentations designed for contemporary exploration of faith - life issues. The group meets on a Sunday afternoon from 4-5.30pm (every second month) at the Parish centre meeting room) 14 Wheeler Street Lalor Park. If you are interested please place your name and contact number on the clipboard outside the Church

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17)