

Newsletter



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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

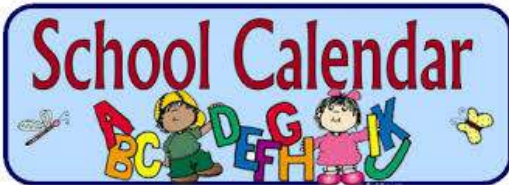
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MAY

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

5th - Parent Group Meeting - 7pm

6th - Dental Visits for students

8th - Infants Liturgy 10am - All Welcome

17th - Stage 2 Family Mass 10am

18th - Science Viva Incursion

15th - Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome

22nd - Reconciliation - 10 S2W
Reconciliation - 12 noon S3B

23rd - National Simultaneous Storytime 11am

27th - Athletics Carnival - Gooden Reserve
Baulkham Hills

29th - Reconciliation - 10am S3G
Reconciliation - 12 noon S3W

Principal's Message

This week students in Year 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN Assessments. Students completed four assessments;

1. Language Conventions Assessment
2. Writing Assessment
3. Reading Assessment
4. Numeracy Assessment

NAPLAN is a standardised assessment that is completed by students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Standardised assessments allow schools to get an accurate picture of how a student's learning is progressing and identify any areas of need.

At St Bernadette's we use the data to;

1. Analyse individual student learning progress
2. Identify individual student needs
3. Identify learning trends across the school.

The data informs our school improvement plan. Our current Literacy and Numeracy goals reflect some areas of need that the 2017 NAPLAN and other assessment measures identified as requiring a school wide focus.

Community opinion about NAPLAN are wide and varied. I always try to keep things in perspective

Principal's Message Continued...

for our community and have consistently stated that NAPLAN is a series of assessments conduct at one point of time in a students learning year. The results are used to inform learning but should not be viewed from a deficit model. This means the data identifies learning and teaching opportunities.

Term 2 also marks a fast approach to the midpoint in the year. This means that reports and Parent Interviews are vast approaching. Reports provide an opportunity for all stakeholders, students, parents and teachers to reflect on the year's progress and determine what needs to be done to ensure individual students achieve their full potential. If you have questions about your child's learning or progress these should not be left until Parent Interview time as half the year will already be gone. Questions should be directed to staff as required so you have an informed picture of your child's learning progress.

I would like to thank all the parents who have returned their pledged money for the Commonwealth Games Athon. This was a significant fundraiser organised by the Parent Group. We are fortunate at St Bernadette's to have an active Parent Group that organises such events. The funds raised are always used to support the learning of all students. Any outstanding pledge money can still be returned the school. On behalf of the school community I thank the members of the community who assisted to plan and run the Commonwealth GamesAthon. It was a fun filled day for all of the students!

The cold weather has arrived! A reminder to all families that full winter uniform is now an expectation. Students should be wearing school jumpers and jackets, other jackets are not permitted without prior discussion with a staff member. Thank you to all parents who ensure their children wear white shoes for sport. This is now a school wide expectation. I appreciate that this may cause some challenges for some families but ask that you work with the school to meet this expectation in a timely manner.

In the coming week I will begin to contact parents whose child / children have developed attendance concerns. At St Bernadette's we expect school attendance to be maximised. Our goal is 90% attendance. This means students should not have more than 5 days off school a term. This may not sound like a lot of days off, but it converts to one week of learning lost a term and 4 weeks learning lost over a year. If a child has 4 weeks off a year over their schooling life they would have missed 52 weeks of school! That's more than one year of missed learning. Consider the impact this could have on a child's education and future!

A Parent Survey will be sent home to collect your thoughts and ideas about what is currently working in our school award structure and what can be changed and how. I invite all parents to respond so that opinions are captured. Whilst I can't guarantee all ideas will be implemented, I will guarantee that all returned surveys will be read and considered.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

Calendar continued

JULY

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

[See more ...](#)

Term Overviews

Term overviews have been uploaded to our website. Please click on the link and go to your child's stage to see what they will be learning this term.



Health Concern

A student in our school has recently had treatment which has lowered their immune system. This student is prone to getting ill from infections. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox, whooping cough or influenza, he/she could become seriously ill.

We seek your co-operation in preventing this situation.

If your child has any of the above illnesses we would ask you to:

1. Not send them to school.
2. Notify the Principal as soon as possible.
3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis.

Thank you all for your co-operation.

From our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

Thank you to all our mother's, grandparents and friends who joined us last Friday to celebrate Mother's Day. It was a lovely morning of yummy food, great music and celebration through prayer. Special thanks to our lovely mother Mrs Sakr for donating our lovely red roses that were given out during the event.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Finally, community events would not be possible without the help and kind spirit of the wonderful staff at St Bernadette's - Thank you!

Just a reminder that this Friday, we will launch our Term 2 Social Justice initiative that will support Catholic Care by holding a family fun day.

Details for the Day:

- Students wear green in exchange of a gold coin donation
- Whole School Liturgy at 10.30am - parents and friends all welcome!
- Recess BYO Picnic from 11.00-11.30am.

There will be Catholic Care Representatives during the day and a fun information stall during Recess! Come join us in green for some fun in sun!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

With Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura (Religious Education Coordinator)



THIS IS TOMORROW

STUDENTS TO WEAR GREEN FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION



CatholicCare

SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY FUN DAY

St Bernadette's Term 2 Social Justice initiative is supporting Catholic Care Australia. Bishop Vincent Long has requested for all CEDP schools to help raise awareness to inform school communities of the vast services Catholic Care offers to members in our local community. Catholic Care's core mission is to work as an instrument of Christ's liberating presence in the world, to enable the social and emotional wellbeing of communities, families and individuals.

We will be launching our Catholic Care initiative on: **Friday the 18th May.**

Details for the Day:

- Students wear green in exchange of a gold coin donation
- Whole School Liturgy at 10.30am - parents and friends welcome
- Recess BYO Picnic from 11.00-11.30am

We hope to see everyone there to spend some time together as a faith and school community - united in faith and hope.

Warmest Blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura
(Religious Education Coordinator)



Have Your Say

At St Bernadette's we value our student voice. This is why we will be launching our Have Your Say Box.

Students will be able to express opinions and share ideas about what is happening in our school during a designated lunch time, in order to inform decisions being made.

The first topic we will be asking students about is what they would like to see in our refurbished library.

Special Projects
Coordinator
Suzie Stapley



Any students wishing to enrol at Patrician Bros for 2019 must do so as soon as possible.

Telephone: 02 9671 3000

www.patsblacktown.nsw.edu.au

School Fees

Term 2 School Fees statements have been posted by Catholic Education Office. School Fees are due on 6th June 2018. Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the Finance Secretary, Mrs Rita Mizzi

Parent Group -

Big Screen Cinema Night

TOMORROW NIGHT

Starting at 5pm with a 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

Movie will be shown at 6.30pm.



Movie will be COCO

COMMONWEALTH GAMES-A-THON UPDATE

Well we have finally wrapped up our Commonwealth Games A Thon. We would like to announce the following students who raised the most money and had their money in on time.

Major prize winners

- 1st - Reno Rajkumar S3G
- 2nd - Kristina Davison S1B
- 3rd - Joshua Davison S3W

Class that had all promised money by the due date is **Stage 3 Blue**

Individual children from each class to raise the most and return it by the due date.

- ES1B - Benjamin Sakr
- ES1G - Macy Kapua
- S1B - Aneika Buhagiar
- S1G - Erin Cagney
- S1W - Sebastian Sakr
- S2B - Georgia Nash
- S2G - Bronte Fitzroy
- S2W - Michael Jabbour
- S3B - Khushee Parmar
- S3G - Justina Hanna
- S3W - Janaya Buhagiar



Thank you to our wonderful parent group for their organisation of this fundraiser.

St Bernadette's is now enrolling for 2019.

If your child is turning 5 before 31st July 2019 call in to our school office to collect an enrolment package. School tours can be provided on request.

Now
Enrolling!



Diocesan Cross
Country Photos



ANZAC Day
Ceremony Photos



Harmony Day
Photos



Catholic Schools
Week Photos

Library News

National Simultaneous Storytime

At St Bernadette's we will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23th of May at 11am (Recess time). National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year's chosen book is 'Hickory Dickory Dash' by Tony Wilson.

All students are invited to visit the library for National Simultaneous Storytime. Parents, Grandparents and carers are also invited.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Lucas T (S1), Georgia N (S2) and Emma E (S3) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2018. What a great effort! These students will go in the draw to win one of many prizes at the completion of the challenge in September.

Just a reminder that we have many of the books on the PRC booklist in our school library, ready to borrow. Good luck to all students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is an important part of your child's wider reading experience. Students are able to borrow a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books. Also, each month there are new books on display for the students to borrow. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school each Friday to borrow from our wonderful library.

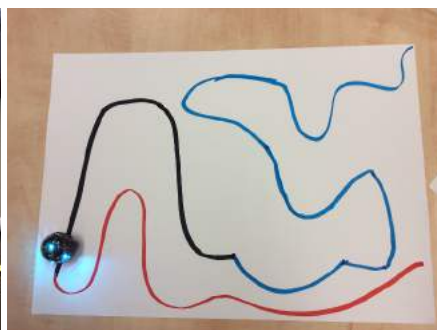
Makerspace

This term we have a wonderful new activity in Makerspace - Ozobots!! Ozobots are mini-robots that move and light up. They can be programmed on the ipads or students can create their own drawings and mazes for the Ozobots to follow.

We also welcome Kindergarten students to makerspace this term. Kindy students have been very excited about coming to Makerspace and are enjoying their makerspace activities.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Monique O'Brien



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Where We Learn and Grow Together

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
Eloise	Cleary	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Eloise	Cleary	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Andrew	Tem	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Andrew	Tem	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Leo	Chao	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Maddison	Francis	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Arielle	McDonald	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Oskar	Pace	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Mekhi	Buhagiar	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Genevieve	Key	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Zarina	Jaffar	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Willow	Onorato	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Carter	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Ronan	Longhurst	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Zafira	Hanna	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Xavier	Laupama	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Zara	Atie	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Bronte	Fitzroy	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Ritvik	Cholia	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Vanessa	Menon	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Fares	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Harrison	Kedde	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	Donovan	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Constantinou	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award

Road Safety

To continue to support safety here at St Bernadette's we're encouraging our students and parents/carers to ensure they use the pedestrian crossings where available when walking to or from school. This is an important lesson we wish to reinforce among our students to help keep them safe. It is also important we reinforce with our children the importance of checking for traffic before crossing. Although we may use the crossings we need to ensure the traffic has stopped for us before walking onto the road. We have had a number of students running across the crossings without looking first. This is huge safety concern as we acknowledge that just because we are using a crossing it doesn't mean we don't have to look out for cars. We are asking that this message is reinforced at homes.



Thanking you all

Mr Crothers



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

GREAT FUN



The new childcare subsidy, and what it means for you

On the 2nd of July, the Australian Government will transition to a new Child Care Subsidy (CCS). This will replace the existing Childcare Rebate (CCR) and Childcare Benefit (CCB).

There are a number of key changes that families who rely on childcare before and/or after school need to know, including:

- Any benefit will be paid directly to child care providers (like Camp Australia), who will then only bill the 'gap' amount to families.
- There will continue to be hardship relief.
- For families earning less than \$186,958, there will no longer be an annual cap on the amount of subsidy you can receive. For families earning between \$186,958 and \$351,248, an increased annual subsidy cap of \$10,000 per child will apply each year.

If you'd like to know what percentage of your Childcare costs you can claim back through the Childcare Subsidy, check out the simple Family Childcare Subsidy Estimator at <https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia

visit www.campastralia.com.au

we make kids smile



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 29th May 2018

Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Sport Days



ES1: Monday & Friday

Stage 1: Thursday & Friday

Stage 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Stage 3: Wednesday & Friday

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2020.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.





More
Photos

Learning and Fun in Our Garden

Time to **RENEW**, **RESTORE** and **RECLAIM** the garden, with many students willing to lend a hand!

Meanwhile, the **Environment Team** were enjoying preparing, tasting and naming the ingredients, which make up a **Greek Salad!**



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.

BLACKTOWN CITY FESTIVAL



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 18 MAY - 27 MAY 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD A PROGRAM, VISIT WWW.BLACKTOWN.NSW.GOV.AU/FESTIVAL

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT 02 9839 4800 WWW.BLACKTOWN.NSW.GOV.AU/FESTIVAL @BLACKTOWNCZ BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL WEATHER FORECAST 02 9839 8677

HELP KIDS START OFF ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Poor attendance patterns can develop as early as Kindergarten and continue throughout school. Catch poor attendance early and educate parents about the importance of attendance every day.



every learner every day

How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?

Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday to find out more.

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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 GO!

Gospel in Life!

"Time to go". We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we're entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour.

Sooner or later, though, we're going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say that last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they're gone.

For a moment, there's an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Elsie and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart.

Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who have just left. The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that.

A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he'd spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it.

And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of our loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence.

They're not here but are hardly gone for good.

You can't kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?

WE RESPOND

Consider the Jesus-shaped place in your life. Is it big enough, profound enough, life-changing enough?

Reflect on ways to expand it.

How can you proclaim the Gospel to parts of creation other than human beings?

Think about a story in the news that did not happen close by.

How can you bring God's love to the situation from so far away?

(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.

PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING RED OR NATIONAL COSTUME.