

Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

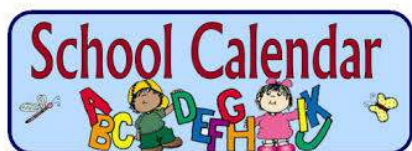
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JUNE

- 1st - Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm All Welcome
- 5th - Parent Group Meeting - 7pm
- 6th - Dental Visits for students
School Fees Due
- 8th - Infants Liturgy 10am - All Welcome
- 17th - Stage 2 Family Mass 10am
Youth Group 6-7.30pm
- 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

JULY

- 2nd - Parent / Teacher interviews
- 3rd - Parent / Teacher Interviews
- 4th - Backup Athletics Carnival Date
- 6th - Term 2 Finishes
- 29th - Youth Group 6-7.30pm

See more ...

Principal's Message

Tell Them
From Me
Survey is
currently
being



Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey

completed by all staff, students in years 4 to 6 and parents. I would encourage all parents to complete the survey and ensure your input helps to shape the future direction of the school. Survey completion is anonymous and only takes 25 minutes. Your time and thoughts are deeply appreciated.

Parent communication regarding any issues is always welcomed. At St Bernadette's this year we are implementing a process that ensures issues are heard and investigated by the most appropriate person. All issues should first be directed to the class teacher. It is preferred if the class teacher can work with parents to discuss and resolve any issues. If a parent feels that an issue needs to be escalated the following process is implemented;

1. Class teacher
2. Module Coordinator - Infants Mrs Buenaventura and Primary Mrs Maher
3. Assistant Principal - Mr Crothers
4. Principal - Mr Kapitanow

Principal's Message Continued

Office staff will ask questions to direct your enquiry. Whilst some parents may feel that escalating themselves directly to the Principal is appropriate this may not result in the best outcome. Ultimately I will refer issues that need to be investigated or dealt with to the most relevant member of the School Leadership Team. This ensures the best result for all.

Attendance for all students.

For many students this goal is met with little or no change to their school attendance habits. For others there is work in understanding attendance challenges and establishing a shared understanding of attendance expectations.

As a school we are currently achieving 91% student attendance. This sounds very promising, but it is an average. This means that whilst some students are achieving very positive attendance rates others are having challenges.

Our process places students into one of the following categories;

1. Above 90% attendance - no action required
2. Below 90% attendance - emerging attendance issue identified and a letter is sent home.
3. Below 85% attendance - emerging attendance issue identified and regular meeting established with parents to discuss challenges.
4. Below 70% attendance - complex attendance issue identified and system personal become involved.

Our goal is to work with parents to understand the significance of low student attendance. Missing just 5 days a term will mean that a student will miss 48 weeks of school by year 12. This is one year of lost learning.

If you require any assistance or guidance with improving your child's attendance please make contact with the school.

Phill Kapitanow
Principal





CatholicCare

'HOPE IN A BOX' DONATIONS FOR TERM 2

Don't forget this Term we are collecting various Brand New baby items that will help first time mother's in our community!

Ideas for the 'Hope in a Box' Collection are:

- ☐ Moisturiser or baby oil
- ☐ Nightlight
- ☐ Nappies
- ☐ Washable crib mattress pads
- ☐ Cloth diapers
- ☐ Disposable newborn-size diapers
- ☐ Baby soap
- ☐ Baby shampoo
- ☐ Soft towels or hooded baby towels
- ☐ Baby hairbrush
- ☐ Bottles
- ☐ Nursing pads
- ☐ Bibs
- ☐ Dummies
- ☐ Baby thermometer



We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Coordinator)

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



No Stopping

Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.



No Parking

2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



Help keep our children safe

PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
3. Download the free SkoolBag app
4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au



SKOOLBAG INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS

There have been software updates at Skoolbag. If you are not receiving alerts please delete your app and download again using the above instructions.

**Keep up to date with what's happening at school
with Skoolbag.**



Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 29th May, 25 girls from year 5 and 6 represented St Bernadette's at the Parramatta CEO Soccer Gala day at Jamison Park. All members of both teams showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship as they battled it out against a range of different schools throughout the day. The girls showed enthusiasm and school spirit as they cheered each other on and should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. A special thanks to Mrs T for helping us out with all of the organisation of the day to ensure that the day ran smoothly and everyone had a great time and to our wonderful parents who helped transport our teams.

Well done St Bernies!!!!

Mrs McDonald



Parents Representative Council
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PRC
Diocese of Parramatta
Partners in learning

Early Career Planning & Transition to Work




The WHY to, the HOW to and the WHAT to do when transitioning out of school and into your future. How to choose the correct electives and all the other questions you have in between.

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 8-12!

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dianne Mills
Partnership Manager/Career Coach.
Building Industry, Community, Education partnerships to assist in career transitions

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th June 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

Term 2 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC), Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

www.prc.catholic.edu.au @prcparra @prcparra



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 Blacktown City Libraries



BRICKBUILT BY SYDLUG

Come and see this amazing exhibition
and meet the experts who build with toy bricks.
Displays are created by adult fans of LEGO®.

Monday	9 July - Friday 13 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	14 July	10 am - 2 pm
Monday	16 July - Friday 20 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	21 July	10 am - 2 pm

Max Webber Library Function Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Rd & Alpha St, Blacktown.
Check out our website for more school holiday activities.





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 Blacktown City Libraries



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Where We Learn and Grow Together

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Dylan	Cook	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Dylan	Cook	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lucie	McDonald	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Lucie	McDonald	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Grace	Alsamman	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Grace	Alsamman	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Rhyen	Tago	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Rhyen	Tago	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Eva	Dela Fuente	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Eva	Dela Fuente	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Mansour	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Lucas	Mansour	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Arielle	McDonald	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Oskar	Pace	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Mekhi	Buhagiar	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Genevieve	Key	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Noah	Bonello	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Mordini	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Alexander	Mordini	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Zaroutski	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Acuoth	Acuoth	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Acuoth	Acuoth	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Lexie	Ashworth	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Erin	Cagney	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Abbey	Longmire	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Abbey	Longmire	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Cruz	Fuda	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Willow	Onorato	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Marcus	Razon	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Juaj	Nyok	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Juaj	Nyok	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Cielo	Ysimura	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Cielo	Ysimura	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Jeanerikah	Anyanwu	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Tyra	Smith	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Paul	Stowers	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Cohen	Longhurst	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Zara	Atie	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Oliver	Longmire	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Oscar	Sweeney	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Oscar	Sweeney	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award

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Charles	Valentine	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Charles	Valentine	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Kaitlin	Cragg	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Manas	Idumalla	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Jayden	Philipsz	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Maxine	Gesilva	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Justina	Hana	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Sarah	Justin Wani	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Chok	Nyok	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Janaya	Buhagiar	5	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Janaya	Buhagiar	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Jake	Hodgson	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Leilani	Laupama	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Jwodho	Mugo	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
India	Longhurst	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Nywere	Majak	6	STAGE 3W	Bronze award
Nywere	Majak	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



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

GREAT FUN



To book, visit
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1800 105 348

Keeping imagination alive in Primary School kids

Kids spend most of the day in classrooms learning concepts and practising skills. But if you wander past the school at lunchtime, you'll see them gallivanting through the playground kicking a ball or setting up a "shop" in the sandpit.

Kids inherently want to roam and explore using their imagination, and we are keen to strengthen this practice at OSHC.

We make it a priority to "lighten up" as much possible, giving the kids a chance to tell us what activities they'd like to see in OSHC for the next week or month, rather than our team always setting the schedule. We think this approach not only enables kids to think freely and imaginatively but it also sparks their curiosity to learn more.

If you would like to see some of the activities that kids participate in at OSHC, please call into the OSHC space after school and speak to your Program Coordinator.

Program details

We're here to make Outside School Hours Care the best experience possible for your child.

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

From the Team at Camp Australia

visit www.campaustralia.com.au

we make kids smile



SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading
Solicitor

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

DATE

Tuesday, 05th June 2018

TIME

7pm—9pm

VENUE

13 Buller St,
North Parramatta

FEE

\$7.00



Further Details and Bookings Essential
Solo Parent Services
Contact Rita
PH: 8843 2575
Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Dental Checks for

Kindergarten, Year 2, 4 and 6

Dental staff from Blacktown / Mt Druitt dental Hospital Clinics will be attending St Bernadette's on 6th June to assess the children in the above grades.

If your child / children are in the above grades they would have recently received a Consent Form to complete. please send these consent forms back as soon as possible if you wish your child / children to have a free dental assessment performed on the day.

Thank you



Link to Photos
Catholic Care
Morning Tea

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!



Stage 2 Assembly

Friday 1st June at 2.10pm in our
Parish Hall.

Come along and see what Stage 2
have been learning this term.

All Welcome.

Parent Group News

MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you so much to all of the families who attended our first ever St Bernadette's Movie Night. It turned out to be a great night, with fun had by both the children and parents alike. Special thank you to the staff who attended with their families, it was a great opportunity for the students to see the school staff - including our principal Mr K- out of the school environment, letting their hair down!

Special thanks to Social coordinator Cindy Efstathiou for organising and running the night, and Maria Xiberras for organising the prizes that went along with the raffle, and congratulations to all the winners. And to those who helped with the cleanup at the end of the night, we were able to make quick work of packing up, which was greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to doing it all again soon!

PARENT GROUP MEETING NEXT TUESDAY THE 5th OF JUNE

Next Tuesday we will have our Parent Group meeting, at 7pm in the stage 3 classrooms. This will be a great opportunity for parents to come and see what is going on in our school community over the next term, hear from our executive committee, be given the opportunity to ask questions and put forward ideas, and hear from our Principal and AP.

It would be great if we could get a representative from each family in attendance, though we know this isn't always possible with our busy work and family lives, you're also welcome to send us an email at sbparentgroup@gmail.com if you cannot attend, and there is something that you would like addressed.

For parents who would like to come, but can only do so with kids, we will also have babysitting available.

Thank you and hope to see many of you there!

Carmen Bonello

St Bernadette's Parent Group

Deahna Maycock

Mia Pimentel

Noah Aouchan

Rafael Carcallas

Dominic Fares

Joel Reyes

Reiley Tripiciano

Tyra Smith

Oscar Sweeney

Gaif Kome

Alexander Zaroutski

Kayla Efstathiou

Ashton Gardiner

Flora Madeni

Harry Nash

Jade Marafioti

Amin Nameh

Stephen Tem

Dylan Cook



JUNE



More
Photos

Even Dwarf Peas and Beans need support, so bamboo stakes were strategically placed amongst the seeds, so that when they sprout, the tentacles will attach themselves to the wooden sticks! Basil seeds were also planted in the garden beds with the emerging bulbs and all beds were topped up with potting mix and cow manure ... prompting the question: **"What's that dreadful smell?"**

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.



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.



Tell Them From Me - Survey

Dear Parents,
In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stbernies2018>



ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
Office Hours:	Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am to 4pm	Telephone:	9672 4037
Email:	admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au	Fax:	9671 5377
Web Page:	www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au		

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

GOD'S SPIRIT BECKONS! Gospel in Life!

What could be greater than being a disciple of Jesus as he toured around Galilee two thousand years ago, teaching and healing? Perhaps the answer is being a disciple today, post-resurrection and ascension, with the gift of the Spirit dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit makes the difference between the uncomprehending band that followed Jesus from place to place, seeing but not believing, and the vital life of faith that bloomed in the early church directly after Pentecost. Happy are they who have not seen, and have believed! Remember, that's us.

And we remember as well that Jesus isn't going anywhere. Until the end of time, the wisdom and power and true presence of Jesus is with us. Just as the magnificence of God is revealed in creation, the presence of Jesus remains in Word and sacrament. The indwelling Spirit puts that power to work in our lives, so that all this faith business doesn't remain spiritual mumbo-jumbo. Mother Teresa and two Popes can't possibly be the only saints of this generation. God, Jesus, and the Spirit invite us, today and every day, to a discipleship every bit as exciting as theirs.

How do you experience Jesus as "with you always" as he promised?

WE RESPOND

Encounter the Trinity in creation, salvation and sanctification. Make time for the beauty of the natural world. Participate in the saving work of justice and love. Acknowledge the presence of the holy in every human being.

How do you experience God through your relationships with others?

How do you feel God will be with you, even "until the end of the age"?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF YOUTH Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland

Inspire our entire faith community as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth

Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ;

enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth; guide us together, as we strive to offer God's mercy to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith

Empower our community to be courageous;

Unite your people as witnesses of love.

Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship;

Accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation

Stir within young people an awareness of God's call; reveal to us the graces of young people; guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices to build a civilization of love.

Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.

For more information on the Year of Youth visit:

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www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth