



2018 Term 3 Week 1

Newsletter

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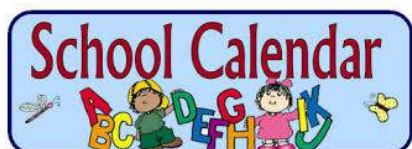
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JULY

- 27th - Reconciliation:
Stage 3 Blue - 10am
Stage 3 Gold - 12 noon
- 29th - Youth Group 6-7.30pm

AUGUST

- 9th - Voice of Youth
- 10th - **Staff Development Day**
No School On This Day
- 14th - Blacktown Zone Athletics - Rooty Hill
- 17th - Reconciliation:
Stage 3 White - 10am
Stage 2 Blue - 12 noon
- 22nd - Environment Team Excursion
- 24th - Stage 3 Assembly - 2.10pm All Welcome
Early Stage 1 Farm Excursion
- 27th - Book Week
- 29th - School Fees Due
- 30th - Stage 3 Canberra
- 31st - Stage 3 Canberra
Reconciliation:
Stage 2 White - 10am
Stage 2 Gold - 12 noon

SEPTEMBER

- 14th - Infants Liturgy 10am - All Welcome
- 21st - Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome
Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm All Welcome
- 28th - Last day of school for Term 3

[See more ...](#)

Principal's Message

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3 and the second semester of learning in 2018. It's hard to believe that half the year has passed by. For adults we look back and many of us can't quite fathom where the time has gone and wonder, what have we done? For students Term 3 is where students really start to show their learning abilities.

Last semester our Teacher Educators (TE's) for literacy and numeracy worked with school leadership to build the teaching capacity of our class teachers. Our Kindergarten and Stage 1 teachers were supported by our literacy TE, while our Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers were supported by our numeracy TE. All stages were supported by school leadership to support both literacy and numeracy teaching and learning. Additionally, a Project Based Learning (PBL) TE assisted Stage 2, Stage 3 and our Science Team to develop effective projects. All teachers received one on one professional learning to build Religious Education teaching. Our staff were well supported to improve their teaching and thus the learning of all students.

Moving into Semester Two we have adjusted our learning focus to meet new needs. Our literacy TE will begin to work with our Stage 2 and 3 teachers whilst our numeracy TE will focus on Stage 1 and Stage 3. Focus stages were identified by school leadership, CEDP leadership and our class teaching teams. Additionally our project design support for PBL has been maintained and all staff will receive personalized professional learning opportunities for Religious Education.

As you can see the staff are in the midst of a large learning agenda to improve and refine teaching for all students.

The School Locker

At the end of Term 2 we met with, The School Locker to discuss some uniform concerns. We are aware of some ongoing issues with purchasing uniforms and are working with staff from The School Locker to improve supply. We have signed off on new suppliers to ensure the current issues do not occur again. We are also working to ensure consistent fabric colours are utilised for all uniform items and that approved school logos are used appropriately on garments. This will see consistency of uniforms improved.

Library Update

Our new library is slowly coming together. We have taken delivery of approximately 80% of the ordered furniture, but are missing vital elements due to damage in shipping. This is obviously disappointing for all as our vision was to open our new library at the beginning of this term. We are working with our suppliers to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

School Maintenance

Late last term all trees were inspected by an arborist. This is a regular element of our school maintenance cycle. The Education Act states that schools must act on advice provided by a qualified arborist. Therefore, during the holidays a tree as well as the stumps in the adventure playground were removed and all trees were dead wooded. This has left some damage to the softfall in the adventure playground that will be repaired soon. This maintenance ensures the safety of all students.

We have recently received a grant from CEDP to replace all of the broken concrete in the top playground with new concrete. This is an expense that would be challenging for us to complete without system support. We are currently in the process of working out scheduling to have this work done, but some inconvenience may be caused to school and parish operations whilst this work is completed.

School Band Update

This term the school officially took control of the School Band. I would like to thank the current committee members, Ms Brandwood and Mrs Nash for their ongoing support and commitment to ensure the band continues to operate. We are still working through many elements of running a school band and ask for your patience as we learn in weeks what the Band Committee has done for over 25 years. Some of the issues include;

1. We are in the process of working with CEDP to determine how to invoice individual families. The ongoing financing of the band is new to our school and will require some back office support and setup.
2. We have begun conducting a full audit of instruments held by the band to determine which student has individual instruments and where any outstanding instruments are. All outstanding instruments should be returned if students are no longer active participants of the band. All instruments will be asserted as property of St Bernadette's
3. Meeting with the current tutors to understand what they do and any challenges they are experiencing.
4. Establish a school team to administer the school band.
5. Determine what processes are required to administer the band efficiently.

Have a good week.

From Our Special Projects Coordinator:

Term 3 Garden News

Mrs Park, Mrs Fairhurst and Miss Clare will continue to lead exciting activities in our school garden during lunch times in Term 3 between weeks 2-9.

The stage timetable will continue and will be as follows:

Monday Lunchtime- Early Stage 1

Tuesday Lunchtime - Stage 1

Wednesday Lunchtime- Stage 2 and 3

Ongoing tasks for the students include:

- Watering, weeding and raking the garden.
- Planting, fertilising and harvesting vegetables.
- Measuring rainfall.
- General upkeep and maintenance of school garden.
- Garden art: including Minion Making and Bottle Top Garden Screen



*All activities are subject to weather conditions.

Thank you to our dedicated staff who continue to facilitate this wonderful opportunity for our students!

Special Projects Coordinator

Suzie Stapley

News from our REC

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Welcome to Term 3! I trust that everyone had a restful time with family and friends to recharge and slow down.

This term we will have an Infants and Primary Liturgy for everyone to attend to celebrate our faith and love in Christ at the Parish Church with Father Andrew leading us. Stage One will also have their Stage Family Sunday Mass. All celebrations and times will be published in the school letter and website.

Have a blessed week everyone.

With blessings,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



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.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to **Hayden A** and **Zara A** (S2) and **Alexander Z** (S1) 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.

Good luck to all students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. **The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 31st August.**



Overdue Library Books

There are still a number of library books that are overdue from last term. Please send these books back to school as soon as possible. I will send individual overdue reminder notices out next week.

Library Borrowing

Due to the redesign of the library, we have been unable to have students in the library for borrowing towards the end of last term. Once all the new furniture has been delivered and assembled and books have been placed on new shelves, we will commence library borrowing again as soon as possible. Thank you all for your patience.



Save the Date!!!

Book Week for 2018 will be celebrated in Week 6 of this term at St Bernadette's. The Scholastic Book Fair will be here again from Monday 27th August to Thursday 30th August with some wonderful books to purchase. During Book Week there will be a Book Parade, cartooning workshops and lots of fun competitions!!! More information about Book Week will be provided in the coming newsletters.

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien

GIRLS CRICKET 2018 - PARRAMATTA Primary Sport TEAM

Registration Form (PDCPSSC)

Any girls from St Bernadette's who play club or representative cricket and are aged 10 - 12 years old in 2018 are invited to register ?

Players **MUST** have their own equipment and have playing experience in the sport.

Registrations are now invited on the website if anyone is interested.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1_PTRGfNj3IER8UFZiOlnT93koVfk9FaNbl_laKsfgMsUtQ/viewform



IMPORTANT

A reminder to all parents / guardians not to park across driveways in Wheeler Street. We have had neighbors calling to let us know that this has been happening again. Thank you for keeping this in mind.

ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

Youth Group

Who: Younger Group Yrs 5-7
Older Group Yrs 8 - 12

What: Bring yourself, your friends and a snack to share.

When: 29th July 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.



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Interested: Please ring the Parish Office on 9672 4037 or
Email: admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

Alice Vierboom,	Juaj Nyok	Georgia Nash	Liam McNulty
Sanika Kulkarni	Lena Efstathiou	Matthew Yaacoub	Talena Hourani
Emmanuel Koko	Phillippa Valentine	Paul Stowers	Joseph Flaviano
Sebastian Sakr	Joudi Nameh	Grace Alsamman	Arya Saha
Cruz Fuda	James Touma	Arielle McDonald	Samuel Gashaw
Abuk Deng	Olivia Efstathiou	Mariska Alemao	Ronan Longhurst
Chrisoula Kehagias	Hayden Auzner		


*Birthdays
of the
Month*

July



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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., 1 August, 2018
 New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 8 Aug., 15 Aug.

New and Returning Students
 Ages 5-8
 Class Time 4:30 to 4:40 PM

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

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.



Staff Development Day
Friday 10th August
Week 3
No school on this day

Sport Days for Term 3

Early Stage 1 - Monday & Friday
 Stage 1 - Thursday & Friday
 Stage 2 - Tuesday & Thursday
 Stage 3 - Wednesday & Friday



School Census - Friday 3rd August



The Census of Catholic Schools is on Friday 3rd August. We ask that all children come to school on this day if possible. If your child is sick, we understand that they would need to stay at home, but please send respond to our attendance text message or send in a note on the following Monday explaining the absence.

If your child is too sick to return to school on Monday, you may also email an explanation on Monday to stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au to enable us to include your child in the Census. It is important that you quote the date of absence on your letter.

Thank you.

Note that have been sent home recently:

- Environment Team Excursion Note
- Blacktown Zone Athletics Note
- Canberra Permission


Canteen Open on Friday.



THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL BANKING IN WEEK 2 DUE TO CENSUS. THANK YOU

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Where We Learn and Grow Together



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
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for more photos from the garden.



The students find different ways to enjoy the garden ... some like the physical and tactical tasks of weeding, raking, breaking sticks and watering, while others come to the area to play, draw and chat with their friends and Teachers ... whatever the reason, it is a special place to *"hang out"!*

Health Concern

A student in the school has a low immune system. We seek your co-operation in preventing this student becoming ill. If your child has any serious 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.

**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

St Bernadette's Parish Playgroup

All Welcome

Playgroup is available for children 0 - 5 yrs.
Every Tuesday and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am
\$20 per term

Bring along morning tea to share.

All Enquiries Welcome

Jonalyn 0478 665 475 (For Monday Playgroup)
or Maria 0414 427 749 (For Friday Playgroup)



Come & TRY!

First day **FREE!**

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!

It's also free to register. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like.



What's OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care, and it covers both Before and After School Care.

What happens in OSHC?

Every program includes elements from each of the following areas:

- Outdoor Play Time
- Construction and Manipulative Play
- Creative Time
- Life Skills
- Homework and Quiet Time
- New Experiences



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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

AND JESUS SAID, "CHILL OUT!" Gospel in Life!

Over pizza after prayer, the young people would often tell me how much the meditation helped relieve the stress caused by school, sports, friends and family. I was happy they escaped for an hour with us.

And that's what Jesus wants for his disciples in this week's Gospel. They've just come back from doing his work. They could keep working; there were plenty of people who needed help. But Jesus says, "Come away and rest". In other words, take time to chill out. Authentic discipleship requires downtime for prayer, laughs, naps and talk about life.

Our society seems to get busier and busier. We seem to have more responsibilities and less time to relax. But life gets more complicated, more painful, less rewarding and less Christian when it gets too busy.

Overworked people pray less, which means they lose God's guidance. Overworked people lose their patience more quickly, which makes it easy to snap at friends or family and difficult to forgive. Overworked people think less thoroughly and listen less often, which makes it easy to make bad decisions.

So, make sure you get away. Life is about building relationships, not completing tasks. Given the pressure in our society to stay busy, you might even have to schedule downtime. Then take it. God wants it for you.

Take time with friends. Laugh. Hang out. Take naps. Build in ten-minutes "rest stops" with God, when you just close your eyes and imagine Jesus wrapping his arms around you. You'll find life more rewarding and Christian living more doable. In other word, just chill out.

Is your life too hectic? Identify one thing you could do to build in more downtime?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

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