



Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

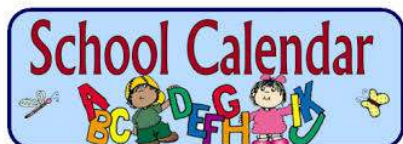
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NOVEMBER

- 7th - Kindergarten Transition
Environment Team to Cafe at Lewers
- 8th - Reconciliation - Stage 3
- 9th - Primary Mass 10am
Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm
- 11th - Youth Group 6-7.30pm
- 12th-23rd - Swimming Program
- 28th - Shrek The Musical
- 29th - Reconciliation - Stage 2

DECEMBER

- 2nd - Youth Group 6-7.30pm
- 7th - Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.10pm
- 13th - School Christmas Concert 6pm
- 14th - Swimming Carnival / Infants Water Day
- 17th - Year 6 Fun Day
- 18th - Whole School Mass & Graduation Ceremony
- 19th - Students Last Day

[See more ...](#)

Days until Christmas

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From The Principal

Band

Russell and Francoise from Captivate have been working with the school in preparation for 2019.

All instruments have been assessed and recorded as school owned assets. New inventory to support our new look 2019 program has been ordered.

The current program is being assessed. This will assist the team to determine how the 2019 program will operate. Captivate will be advertising for Music Teachers to organise and run the 2019 program.

In 2019 Band will have three tiers;

Tier One - Current band member to maintain opportunity to play together and Year 3 and Year 6 students to have access to ongoing tutorials.

Tier Two - All Year 4 and 5 students will participate in a weekly music lesson.

Tier Three - Year 6 students will be encouraged to continue tutorials in preparation for high school.

Uniform Expectations

A reminder that full summer uniform is a school expectation. It is becoming noticeable that a number of students are not wearing black shoes or school hats. We ask that all parents work to support the school in maintaining these expectations.

Parent Handbook



This term the school staff have been working to update the Parent Handbook so that it aligns with school procedures, processes and expectations. I encourage all parents to access the Handbook which is available on the school Website. This is the first significant update in a number of years.

Additional changes may occur and these will be communicated and we continue to receive feedback and make alterations.

Technology

At the end of this year we will be retiring around 100 ipads as Apple no longer provides sufficient system updates. This leaves our entire network vulnerable to system attack.

We have budgeted to purchase a range of new devices that will be implemented across the school. We are still investigating the feasibility of implementing a, 'Bring Your Own Device' style program as a long term component of our device offering at St Bernadette's.

Attendance

The school's current attendance rate is 87%. Our target is to achieve 90%. Term 4 is usually a good term for positive school attendance as with the warmer weather student sickness declines.

Again we thank parents and students who have maintained positive attendance throughout 2018. We also thank those parents and students who are working to improve attendance rates.

Stage One Family Mass

Stage One Family Mass was held on Sunday. Father Andrew and the staff report a good turn out of students and their families. This is a fantastic way to meet as a community and share our faith.

A special thanks to the Parent Group for providing morning tea and all the school staff who were in attendance.

Staff Announcements

Acting Religious Education Coordinator, 2018, Term 4, Wk 4-10

I am pleased to announce that Ms Stapley has been appointed as the Acting Religious Education Coordinator for the remainder of Term 4, 2019. As you are aware Mrs Buenaventura began Maternity Leave last Friday. We congratulate Ms Stapley on this appointment!

Acting Religious Education Coordinator, 2019

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Judy Murphy as the Acting REC for 2019. Judy has extensive school Leadership experience in various settings. Judy has a wealth of experience teaching K-6 and running specialist interventions across a school. We welcome Judy to the St Bernadette's community and look forward to working with her!

Teacher Appointments

Congratulations to Ashlee Collis who will be joining St Bernadette's in 2019. Ms Collis has many years of Infants teaching experience. She currently teaches at John XXIII Catholic Primary. We welcome Ashlee to our community knowing she will bring a wealth of teaching experience and new insights to enhance the teaching and learning at St Bernadette's.

Ms Keighran and Ms Fajloun have also been appointed as Permanent members of the St Bernadette's teaching staff. Both teachers have had worked very hard to develop their teaching skills since joining us. They are both congratulated for their continued work and obtaining permanent full time teaching roles. This is a significant step in every teacher's career. On behalf of the staff, teachers and parents we congratulate them!

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News from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

On behalf of my husband Earl, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who have prayed and showered us with beautiful gifts for our little man. When asked about how I'm feeling about the entire journey, I can honestly say that I will miss the school community while I am away – but feel blessed and excited for the unknown journey ahead! St Bernadette's has been my family and, in many ways, my first baby!

To our families, thank you for your love, friendship, support and trust in your children's education and spiritual journey. To our students, thank you for bringing endless love and laughter everyday – you have all been my drive and inspiration as an educator. To our staff and Parish, thank you for entrusting me to be part of this wonderful community as an educator and leader – it has been a journey that I am forever grateful to have experienced.



I am extremely blessed to belong to St Bernadette's and I can't wait to visit next year with our little man!

Please keep us in your prayers, with Blessings always,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Coordinator).

Mount St Benedict Centre

449d Pennant Road, Pennant Hills (Entrance via Hull Road)



Children's Meditation & Relaxation Workshop

Saturday 10 November 2018

1:30pm - 4:30pm

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions. The presenters are experienced practitioners in the field.

Facilitations: Fiona Borland and Vicki O'Leary
Cost: \$30 per child & \$25 per sibling
Bookings by: Monday 5 November 2018
8752 5390 or
mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Student Awards



The following students have received awards since our last newsletter. Congratulations to everyone.

| First Name | Last Name | Homeroom | Award Description |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Lucie | McDonald | EARLY ST1B | Learning Excellence Award |
| James | Touma | EARLY ST1B | Learning Excellence Award |
| Macy | Kapua | EARLY ST1G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Rocco | Scicluna | EARLY ST1G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Lincoln | Aplitt | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Zara | Atie | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Zara | Atie | STAGE 2G | Silver Award |
| Samuel | Gashaw | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Samuel | Gashaw | STAGE 2G | Silver Award |
| Xavier | Laupama | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Xavier | Laupama | STAGE 2G | Silver Award |
| Cohen | Longhurst | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Maria | Pilayre | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Charles | Valentine | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Matthew | Yaacoub | STAGE 2G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Matthew | Yaacoub | STAGE 2G | Silver Award |
| Lukas | Brandwood | STAGE 2W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Olivia | Efstathiou | STAGE 2W | Bronze award |
| Olivia | Efstathiou | STAGE 2W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Wilhelm | Flores | STAGE 2W | Bronze award |
| Wilhelm | Flores | STAGE 2W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Dier | Majak | STAGE 2W | Bronze award |
| Dier | Majak | STAGE 2W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Jayden | Philipsz | STAGE 2W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Katherine | Kay | STAGE 3B | Learning Excellence Award |
| Harrison | Kedde | STAGE 3B | Learning Excellence Award |
| Cate | Astillo | STAGE 3G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Darius | Jaffar | STAGE 3G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Kenneth | Lee | STAGE 3G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Naga | Sudhagar | STAGE 3G | Learning Excellence Award |
| Nicholas | Andreacchio | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Levi | Aouchan | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Levi | Aouchan | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Janaya | Buhagiar | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Nevaeh | Campbell | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Nevaeh | Campbell | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Erin | Debrincat | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| James | Kom | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| James | Kom | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Leilani | Laupama | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Leilani | Laupama | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Athieu | Majok | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Jesse | Onorato | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |
| Jesse | Onorato | STAGE 3W | Learning Excellence Award |
| Joel | Reyes | STAGE 3W | Bronze award |

Note that have been sent home recently:

- Year 6 Dinner Dance Meeting
- Stage 1 Family Mass
- National Apology Letter
- Shrek Ticket Pre order
- 2018 Swimming Program



Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden
- Grandparents Day
- Halo-Een



Every Tuesday and Thursday Stage 3 students will be selling ice cream, pop corn or zooper doopers to raise money for their Year 6 Fun Day.

All items will be 50c to \$1

Donations appreciated!



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CANTEEN NEWS

Parents & Guardians of St Bernadette's

The canteen is in **DESPERATE** need of more volunteers. Our canteen at St Bernadette's is run solely by the generous support & volunteering of our parents & friends. We are always hoping to welcome new faces to volunteer in the canteen. A few points about canteen

- *It is a fun and energetic way to contribute to our school
- * Volunteers are always on shift in pairs so you will never be alone
- * We are very happy to roster you on with a friend or it is a great way to get to know other parents
- *The children love seeing Mum or Dad behind the counter at recess & lunch
- *You can choose your own days
- *There is no limit to how many or how few days you do a term
- *Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles & friends are all welcome to volunteer (After completing a short online child protection course)

Our canteen is currently only open 3 days per week, unfortunately if we do not get more volunteers we may have to look at reducing our days for 2019. If you are available, even just 1 day per term, every little bit helps. Please contact us via email at sbcanteen@gmail.com or alternatively you can send your details to the school office via your child, if you are available to assist us in any way.

Thank you in advance

St Bernadette's Parent Group



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.



After a holiday break and welcome rain, the garden needed some attention!

There was weeding to be done, **strawberries** and **peas** to pick and some garden art to discover ... which Alexandria (ES1 – Gold) thought looked like a lizard languishing in the overgrown grass, while others thought the sawn-off tree root, resembled a mysterious sea creature! Meanwhile, the Environment Team showed their support for the Strawberry Industry by making a Strawberry Rice Cake crush!



More
Photos



St Bernadette's Lalor Park
Presents a Stage Three Production

Wednesday 28th November 2018

St Bernadette's Parish Hall

Show commences at 6pm

\$5 per person (children under 12 free)
available for sale through our office



Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by
William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and
Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford

"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special
arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International,
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019



**Our fantastic Parent Group will
be selling sausage sandwiches
and drinks prior to the show
commencing.**



**2nd hand uniforms
will be on sale from
4.30 pm**

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Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

Mass: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

Children's Church - 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

ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday 1st November

8.15am Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8.45am Mass

ALL SOULS DAY

Friday 2nd November (2 Masses)

8.15am Rosary and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

8.45am Mass 7.00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

7.30pm Mass

DATE CLAIMER

Parish Assembly (Gathering) to be held on Saturday 24 November, 2018 from 10am to 3pm. The gathering of the parish will focus on the Plenary Council 2020 and Parish initiatives.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 IS A GATHERING OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE FUTURE. YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT. ALL PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL AGENDA BY SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE OF FAITH AND OF THE CHURCH.

SEE PLENARYCOUNCIL.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Our views and insights will be collected and sent through the online portal - plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Private responses can also be sent to the online portal anonymously.

Richard McMahon from the Pastoral Planning Office of the Diocese will facilitate the gathering at the Parish

Assembly on Saturday, 24 November.

Please keep the day free. Fr. Andrew.

WYD RAFFLE

The Pilgrim Support Fund is a shared way of supporting young pilgrims who need some extra assistance to get to World Youth Day Panama 2019. Many thanks to all the parishioners who supported the WYD Raffle - 980 tickets were sold which raised \$1960.

This was a most generous response of solidarity for our young people in the Year for Youth.

We pray that the WYD pilgrimage to Panama 2019 will nourish and enthuse the growing and sharing of faith among our precious young people. The WYD raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018. Fr. Andrew.

HEALING MASS. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday 3rd November at 9.00am. Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am. You are invited to stay and enjoy a cuppa afterwards. Please bring a small plate of food cut into slices to share. Next Saturday we gather to receive further healing from the Lord for body, mind, Spirit. We would be grateful if you could let Fr.

Andrew or the Parish Office know of any sick parishioners.