



2019 Term 2 Week 5

Newsletter

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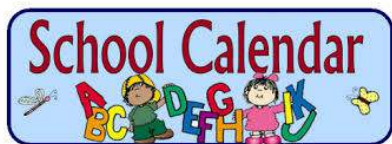
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May

31st Primary Mass 10am
Crazy Sock Day - Grocery items

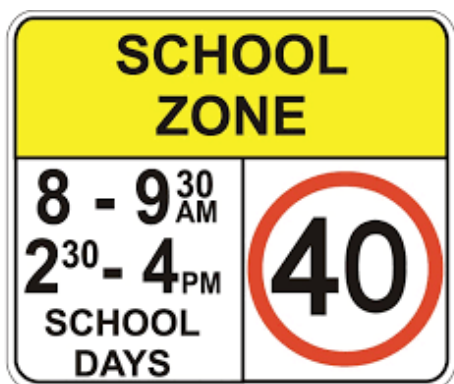
June

4th Parent Group Meeting 7pm
5th Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
10th **Public Holiday - No School**
26th Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
30th Youth Group 6-7.30pm

July

1st Parent / Teacher Meeting
2nd Parent / Teacher Meeting
3rd Athletics Carnival
5th Term 2 Ends
28th Youth Group 6-7.30pm

[See more ...](#)



From our Principal

Attendance

Student Attendance Rate = **87.2%**

School goal is for all students to be at school **90%** of the time

Scholastic Year	2+	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K		91.7%
01		90.9%
02		86.2%
03		84.2%
04		88.9%
05		91.3%
06		78.1%

Student Uniforms

This week we have been focusing on ensuring students are wearing their full winter school uniform. I would like to thank all parents who have been ensuring their children wear the full school uniform each and everyday and all of those parents who have begun to correct any identified problems.

Wearing the full school uniform is an expectation that all parents and students accept when they enrol at St Bernadette's. The school uniform identifies the students as members of St Bernadette's, a Catholic school that has expectations. I understand the frustration that many parents express when they consistently see students out of uniform. Wearing full school uniform is a parental responsibility. Testing the boundaries to see if you can get away with it is unfair to the rest of the community, parents, students and staff included.

Believe it or not school staff do not want to use their time attending to students who are not wearing the full school uniform. Teachers are time poor and I would much rather they apply their time to planning and delivering lessons to students.

The amount of students not wearing full school uniform meant that an intervention was required that was both efficient and manageable for school staff. I understand that some parents feel upset that their children were identified as not complying with uniform expectations. However the following should be noted;

- This weeks uniform blitz was clearly communicated to all parents
- Uniform expectations have been published many times
- The process was done simply and respectfully.
- Students were required to attend the Student foyer of the office area. They did not enter the Principal's Office or back office area.

If you are having any difficulty with uniform expectations please communicate these to your child's class teacher or the office. There are options for families who require assistance to ensure they meet the school's uniform expectations.

Windy Weather

During times of inclement weather such as rain, extreme heat or cold and high wind students are kept inside during recess or lunch and movement around the school is minimised. This is assessed as the day progresses and changes as the weather conditions change.

Our priority is student safety.

School Band Update

This year we collaborated with staff from Captivate to revitalise the band offering at St Bernadette's. This has included a considerable investment in way of time and funds to ensure the program is well structured and adequately resourced.

At this stage all Year 4 and 5 students attend a weekly lesson with trained music teachers from Captivate. The students play an instrument that they both picked and is suitable for their age. Additionally any student who previously attended small group lessons is still able to access this service. This week we also announced that all year 5 students would have the option to take their instrument home to improve access and the ability to practise. Given the cost of the instruments we are investing a lot of trust in our students and families.

The results of our new focus are beginning to be evident! The students are starting to look and sound like a band! By the end of the year I am assured by the Captivate staff that we will have musicians who will be able to play a range of music. You can only imagine what the future will be as the amount of students exposed to music teaching and instruments increases.

At this stage we are unable to increase the amount of students receiving small group tuition. We have invested a lot in buying new instruments to ensure all students in Year 4 and 5 have access to an instrument. We are looking to expand our catalogue of instruments when funds become available.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

From our REC

On Sunday 19th May many families from Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 joined the St Bernadette's Parish for family mass. It was great to see so many families on the day joining us for this celebration. Thank you to the parents who provided morning tea after mass. Also thank you to the teachers who attended and prepared the students for their participation. The family masses are an opportunity to together celebrate as a community. The Stage 1 Family Mass will be on Sunday 27th October at 10am. Thank you to the infant's families and friends who attended the infant's liturgy last week. It is wonderful to see many of you supporting your child's faith journey. Please keep the students who are preparing to receive sacraments this year in your prayers.

You are invited to attend the Primary Mass this Friday at 10am.

With blessings

Judy Murphy

Acting REC



Tell Them from Me Survey

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 this URL : <https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/dmw45>



Tell Them From Me

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE IN OUR PARISH HALL

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 5.30PM

MOVIE STARTS AT 6.30PM

MOVIE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TOY STORY

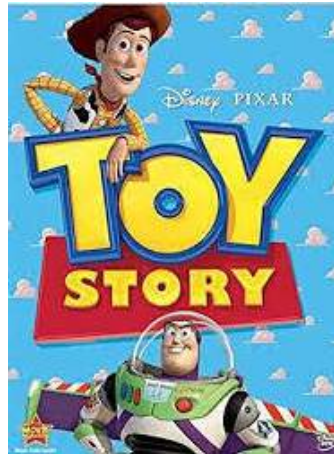
Bring along blankets, cushions, bean bags and rugs to watch the movie in comfort.

The cosier the better.

Popcorn, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

Entry is \$20 for a family ticket.

Contact the office if you need more information.



**PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BEFORE
TUESDAY 4TH JUNE**

Stage 1 Excursion

On Tuesday 21st May, Stage 1 travelled by bus to Australiana Pioneer Village in Wilberforce. We went back in time and explored how people lived in the 1800s. Stage 1 had the opportunity to do butter churning and explore the village visiting the Blacksmith, Police Station and the cottages. We were amazed by how they used to live without technology and how lucky we are to live in our modern world. We had a blast and learnt so much. Stage 1 are excited to take this new knowledge back to the classroom and use it for our PBL unit.



Stage 1 Excursion
Photos



SPORTS UPDATE with Mrs Huntington

On the 7th May St Bernadettes had a group of athletes compete in the Diocesan Cross Country. Congratulations to all the competitors who tried their best and were proud to represent our school.

Ngathjwok Mugo, Noah Ciocca, Pwoj Majok, Willow Onorato, Mariska Alemao, Cohen Longhurst,

Asher Boustani, Jayden Philipsz, Diing Deng, Nahla Wan Lum Diener, Oliver Longmire, Oscar Sweeney

Jayden Bellette, Ana Donjerkovic and Joseph Flaviano



Congratulations to Joseph Flaviano who represented Parramatta Diocese in the recent MacKillop trials held in Canberra as part of the Opens Rugby League Team. Joseph performed so well he has been selected in the 2019 Mackillop team and will be competing at the upcoming NSWPSSA Championships. We are so proud of your great achievements!

We wish our Soccer teams the best of luck in your upcoming Gala Days. We can't wait to see you shine in our brand new Soccer Jerseys! Have a great day.

Mrs Huntington



PBS4L

For the next two weeks our PBS4L focus will be: 'Wear our uniform correctly and with pride'.

In their classes, the students will discuss the following:

- At St Bernadette's we are proud of our school
- Our school uniform shows everyone in the community that we belong to St Bernadette's.
- We wear our uniform correctly and with pride so others can see we are proud of our school and we like belonging to our school.
- We are dressed for success!

We encourage all students to wear the correct items of the uniform and ask parents to be supportive of this in the way children are dressed for school each day.



Library News

National Simultaneous Storytime

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who attended National Simultaneous Storytime last Wednesday. We all listened to a screening of the book 'Alpacas with Maracas' being read by the author, Matt Cosgrove and Jimmy Rees.

All classes have a copy of the book which is being used for shared reading activities in class.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Lily D and Lucas T (Stage 1), Hayden A and Georgia N (Stage 2) and Domenic G (Stage 3) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019. What a great effort! These students will go in the draw to win one of many prizes at the completion of the challenge. 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.

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)




St Bernadette's is now enrolling for Kindergarten 2020.

If your child turns 5 before 31st July 2020
he / she is eligible to enrol for
Kindergarten.


Enrolment packages are now available at
the school office

For more information please contact the
school office on 8869 6400






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Diocese of Parramatta
Partners in Learning
Partners in Faith

HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood, as it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.



Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology and how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:


Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologist


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

Monday, 3rd June 2019
Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)
John XXIII Catholic College
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768
Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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



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Floral Expressions
For details on the School fundraising program
Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





"Interviews for Year 7, 2020 will take place on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

Applications need to be lodged at Nagle College Blacktown by Friday 7 June 2019 to secure an interview."



Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 3rd July

Gooden Reserve , Gooden Drive

Baulkham Hills

Coffee Van and Sausage Sizzle will be on site. Parent Group will be selling drinks / chips from our Canteen.



Notes will come home later this week.



FRIDAY 31ST MAY

TOMORROW

FETE COLLECTION FOR GROCERY ITEMS

TOMORROW Friday 31st May the children can wear their normal school uniform with a pair of **CRAZY SOCKS**. In exchange we ask for the children to bring in an item for our Grocery Stall. We ask that each family donate one item (or as many as you like)

Some Suggestions

Laundry – powders, soaps, fabric softeners, bleach, soakers, pegs, etc.....

Bathroom – soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, lotions, potions.....

Cleaning products, floor cleaners, mops, brushes, cleaning clothes, wraps, foils, garbage bags, paper bags, dishwashing liquids, stationery, sunscreens, combs, hair brushes, clips, paper plates, serviettes

Cans – soup, vegetable, beans, fruit

Bottles – soft drinks, wine (to be dropped off at the office)

St Bernadette's Lalor Park

Parent Group General Meeting

Term 2 2019, Tuesday 4th of June. 7pm

AGENDA

Meeting Open at 7pm with opening Prayer.

Apologies:

Review and Acceptance of previous meetings minutes

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence – Gala Day uniforms

Principals Report: Mr Kapitanow/Mr Crothers

Treasurers Report : Richell Nash

Fundraising : Maria Xiberras

Community : Chantal Wier

Canteen : Belinda Turner

Social : Irene Brandwood/ Jamie Fuller

Education : Sonia Smart

Secretary : Carolyn Cagney

Leader : Carmen Bonello

Fete: Zeina Yaccoub

General Business – Ideas of how we should spend money currently in our account, feedback welcome.



ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL AND PARISH FETE

SAVE THE DATE



Friday 8th November

Please Contact Zeina Yaacoub on
0411 185 121 if you can assist in any way.
Ideas are always welcome.



St Bernadette's Garden



The mild **Autumn** weather has provided a relaxed environment for the students to enjoy the garden; whether this be topping up soil in the beds, watering the dry pot plants, gathering up the debris, finding ingenious ways to carry more than one bucket or sampling the fresh peas and beans!



More Photos

The Environment Team

meanwhile, has devised a plan to keep the playground free of Chip packets, by placing boxes in each Stage and encouraging students to place the empty packets in the Box!



The Stage with the most chip packets, will receive a reward ... the Team is working on an even more efficient means of ensuring that less foil packets are brought to school ... **please watch this space!**

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

Note that have been sent home recently:

- Year 5 Instrument Note
- Fete Information Note
- Crazy Sock Day -



School Notes



Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden
- Stage 1 Excursion



Photos

Assistance Needed:

We have a parent who along with a local football club is collecting plastic tabs off bread packets for a needy cause.

If anyone would like to collect these and send them in to the office that parent would be very grateful. It will help fund a wheelchair for someone in need.

Thank you

Thank you

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



**Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5 June
and Thursday 6 June**

6.30pm

Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta

Come early and make a night of it with
Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm

Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine
Tickets can be purchased at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 Years of Mercy Education

Blacktown City Council

Did you know that by 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean?

For Plastic Free July this year, Blacktown City Council is holding a FREE screening of Blue, a film investigating how plastic has affected our oceans and how we can all make a change.

Pizza will be provided and attendees will go in a draw to win a plastic free hamper!

Date: Wednesday 5 June 2019

Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Location: Lalor Park Community Centre, 1 Freeman Street, Lalor Park, NSW 2147

Book online at <http://bit.ly/bluelalorpark>



Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday the 29th of May, our Stage 3 girls from Year 5 and 6 attended the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park in Penrith. Throughout the day the girls played with enthusiasm and set an example to other teams as to how to play in the right spirit of the game representing St Bernadette's.

Congratulations to the Stage 3 team who showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day- Emma Attard, Zara Atie, Janaya Buhagiar, Nevaeh Campbell, Emma Elias, Olivia Efstathiou, Maxine Gesilva, Justina Hana, Leilani Laupama, Dier Majak, Vivian Menon, Ella O'Shea, Khushee Parmar and Hayley Shepherd.

Special thank you to the parents, grandparents and family members for your support transporting the children to the ground and cheering for the girls.

Miss Toni Matthews





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The Camp Australia Team



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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

WHO'S PEACE - JESUS OR ROME'S?

Gospel in Life

Peace. As it was defined by Jesus of Nazareth, peace was a dangerous goal for the early Christians who lived in the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire also brought "peace". But Roman leaders believed they could bring peace by conquering nations, crucifying rebels, and worshipping Roman gods. That means early Christians were radically different from their culture and their government. They followed a man who said peace comes from healing, forgiving, and serving others. They chose to worship the God who stood for sacrifice and nonviolence instead of the Roman gods, who called for war and domination.

How about us today? Our nation has resorted quickly to military solutions for global problems. Many people seek peace by ignoring their conflicts with others or by shouting down people who disagree with them.

In contrast, I know some Catholic nuns who work full time to further Christ's peace. They organise nonviolent demonstrations against the use of military force to solve world problems. They teach people about Christian movements that have brought peace to war-torn areas through nonviolence. They train people to solve problems without violent words or actions. Like the early Christians, they look pretty radical to some. They are Christian heroes to me.

Easter is a good time to ask difficult questions about our notion of peace. Do we work for peace by forgiving others or settling conflicts without violent words or actions? Do our national policies reflect Jesus' style of peacemaking or Rome's? Are we courageous enough to look as radical as our Christian ancestors?

Where do you — or where does our country — need to change in order to more effectively stand for the peace Jesus offers the world?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

HEALING MASS Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday 1st June 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.

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK
ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION
(BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH)
FESTIVAL OF NATIONS
8TH & 9TH JUNE 2019

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 8th and 9th June 2019. We will be holding supper after the 6pm Mass and a morning tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday. We invite you to bring a plate of finger food to share and enjoy with our multicultural Parish community.

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If you have any questions please speak with Cindy (0424 441 973) or Madge (9672 4037)

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Please fill out this label, cut it out and attach to the plate of finger food (for allergy and dietary requirements). Thank you.

Name of the finger food:

The ingredients include the following:

This dish is:

(please circle) GLUTEN FREE / VEGETARIAN / DAIRY FREE / NUT FREE