



# Newsletter

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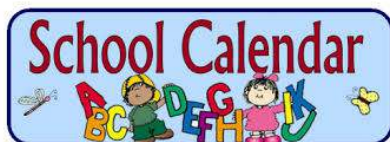
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## May

- 19th Early Stage 1 & Stage 3 Family Mass  
Youth Group 6-7.30pm
- 21st Stage 1 Pioneer Village Excursion
- 22nd Dentist Visit students  
National Simultaneous Storytime  
11.10am - All Welcome
- 24th Infants Liturgy 10am
- 29th Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
- 31st Primary Mass 10am

## 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 this week  
TBC
- 3rd Athletics Carnival
- 5th Term 2 Ends
- 28th Youth Group 6-7.30pm

[See more ...](#)

## From our Principal

At the end of Term 1 all students who achieved our school goal of 90% attendance for the term received recognition of their school attendance. Positive student attendance has a direct result on overall academic, social and emotional achievement. Students often share the effects of missed learning due to constant lateness or absence for school. Students rely on the adults in their lives to value positive school attendance and ensure this becomes a habit.

I would like to acknowledge all those parents who have had a positive impact on their child's overall attendance. The purpose of school communication is to ensure parents maximise their child's attendance.

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	88.7%
01	90.6%
02	79.2%
03	81.5%
04	83.0%
05	91.1%
06	77.7%

School goal = 90%

Current = 85%

## NAPLAN

This week students in Year 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN assessments. This year was significantly different as the assessment was completed online. All students used a specially formatted chromebook to

complete the assessments.

NAPLAN provided the school with valuable data that we utilise to strategically plan;

- Teacher professional learning
- Student teaching and learning sequences
- Interventions

I was very impressed with how calm both group of students were throughout the testing. NAPLAN can be an anxious time for students. At St Bernadette's we value the assessment, but plan to ensure student anxiety is minimised.

Well done to all students!

### Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for 2020 Kindergarten. If you, a family member or friend have a child who will be beginning school next year we invite you to complete an enrolment pack. If you require any guidance or have questions concerning enrolment we are more than happy to assist.

Enrolment interviews for 2020 Kindergarten students begin next week.

### Year 7 Enrolments

A reminder to all year 6 parents that enrolling your child into year 7 is now an urgent matter. You are advised, if you have not already done so to contact your school of choice and begin this procedure.

### Uniform Blitz

As it is now Week 3 of Term 2 all students should be wearing full winter school uniform. The school uniform shop is now fully stocked. In Week 5 of this term we will be monitoring all students for correct uniform. If your child is not in the correct school uniform you will receive a note sent home. We would ask all parents to send their children in correct uniform or return the tear off slip attached to explain why the correct uniform is not being worn.



## **EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 3 FAMILY MASS** **SUNDAY 19TH MAY AT 10AM** **ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH CHURCH**

All families are welcome to attend. Stay for a cup of tea or coffee after mass and a chat. Hope to see as many families there as possible.



## The Snow Queen Show by Alpha Shows.

Well there was smoke, singing, laughter, funny jokes and a favourite fairy tale enjoyed by all. A cast of six young actors arrived at school at 10.15am on Friday morning and in ninety minutes transformed our school hall into a live theatre extravaganza.

Through the use of a huge set and phenomenal costumes, the students were drawn into another world with songs and lots of laughter. Throughout the show, the students were asked to look inside themselves and discover what it means to be a hero. The cast helped them to connect with feelings, emotions, opinions and understand what they mean.

During the weeks prior to the show, our teachers had been preparing the students with pre- show activities, to help them engage more deeply with the Snow Queen's story themes. Students will be engaging in post show activities to assist them to further understand the emotions, and characters portrayed in the story. A wonderful experience, enjoyed by young and older! I hope your children came home and were able to discuss with excitement and detail, The Snow Queen. Talking about school with your child.



More Photos

## Talking about School with your child

Key points -

- Talking about school with your child is important. It shows you're interested in your child's life and value education.
- You can start a conversation about school with your child by picking a good time to talk and asking simple, positive and specific questions.



**Simple, positive and specific questions about parts of the day can get your child talking. For example:**

- What's the news from school today?
- What was fun?
- What did you like best at school today?
- What does your classroom look like at the moment?
- Who did you hang out with today?
- What subjects did you do today?
- What projects are you working on at the moment?



## Tips for talking about school with primary school children

These tips can help you get a conversation going:

- Make time to talk. This can often be when you're doing something with your child. For example, your child might like to talk when you're walking the dog or preparing dinner together.
- Give your child your full attention if she wants to talk with you about her day.
- Take seriously whatever your child tells you. For example, you can say things like, 'That's really interesting. Then what happened?' or 'And how do you feel about that?'
- When you talk about the school and teachers with or in front of your child, use respectful language. For example, 'I can see that's frustrating, but Ms Adams is your teacher and you need to speak respectfully to her', or 'Yes, that seems unfair, but perhaps you don't know the whole story'.
- Use active listening techniques. These can help you pick up on your child's feelings and work out whether he wants to talk.

Lorraine Maher (Leader of literacy and Diversity)



## National Simultaneous Storytime

Just a reminder that we will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 22nd of May at 11.10am (Recess time) in the Learning Hub (Library).

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 'Alpaca's With Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove.

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

Thank you,

Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)



## FRIDAY 14TH JUNE IN OUR PARISH HALL

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 5.30PM**

**MOVIE STARTS AT 6.30PM**

## WRECK-IT RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

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. We will also have a raffle on the night to be drawn prior to the movie screening.

Contact the office if you need more information.



## PBS4L

This Term we continue our journey with our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L). At St Bernadette's we are LEARNERS, SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE in all settings.

For the next two weeks we will be focusing on being a learner in the playground. In their classes, the students will be taught how to:

Problem solve calmly

Follow instructions/rules of the game they are playing

Play fairly and take turns.

## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6

Year 6 received 20 Bluey tokens and celebrated with a mufti day. Congratulations to Year 6!

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

As part of our PBS4L framework, two Excellence Awards will be given out by the class teachers each week. One award will be a Learning Award (Learner Excellence) and the other will be a Values Award (Social Excellence).

These awards will be tallied from the time each student is in Kindergarten to when they leave in Year 6.

5 x Excellence Awards = Bronze Pin

5 x Excellence Awards = Silver Award

5 x Excellence Awards = Gold Award

Year 5 will need to get (over a 2 year period):

3 x Excellence Awards = Bronze Pin

3 x Excellence Awards = Silver Pin

3 x Excellence Awards = Gold Pin

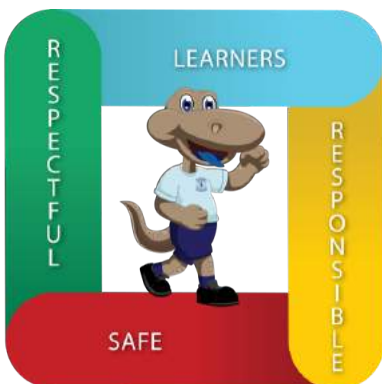


Year 6 will need to get (this year):

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Pins will be awarded at Friday assembly and the receiving child's parents will be invited to attend.

Once children have received fifteen Excellence Awards (nine for Year 5 and six for Year 6), therefore a Gold pin, they will restart the count and can work towards gaining additional pins.

Please continue to talk to your children about what they are learning and how they will behave while at school.

## Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>

Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting [chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au).

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via [landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9840 5790.

## 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

Now  
Enrolling!



## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!





### 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 Primary School, Lalor Park.

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:

[www.tellthemfromme.com](http://www.tellthemfromme.com)



### Tell Them From Me

### NSW Western Sydney Local Health District

#### School Dental Assessment

The dental team will be visiting us again this year and Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 have the opportunity to be assessed by the team. They will be at school on Wednesday 22nd May. Consent forms have been sent home to all students in these classes.



Each class will have an oral health education session that will go for approx. 10 minutes and then they will conduct the dental assessments for the children who have returned their consents.

Please contact the school office if you did not receive a consent form.




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### 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

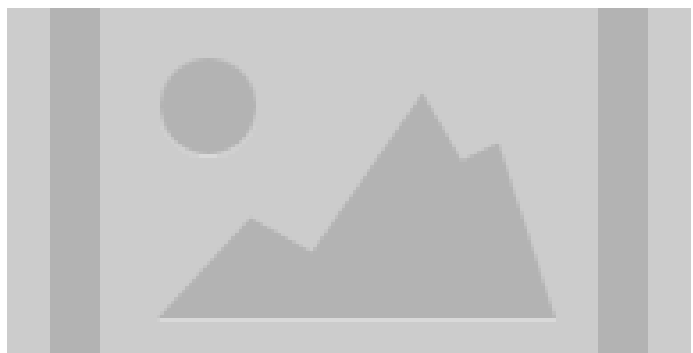
Adolescent and Child Psychologist

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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20 Vardys Road  
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### SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. School fees for Term 2 are due on the 5th June 2019. Please contact Rita Mizzi on 02 8869 6400 if you have any queries regarding your account or if you wish to discuss a payment arrangements.

Thank you

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### 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



More Photos

mandarins, which are conveniently encased in their own soft skins.

The **Term 2 Environment Team** has begun their work in earnest by tackling a problem with the Compost Bin. It seems that fruit scraps which are put into the Crunch & Sip buckets make it too heavy for the students to be able to spin the barrel! They are requesting that fruit be cut into pieces, especially whole apples, or a different choice of fruit be sent with the students, e.g. bananas and



The orchard received an addition of a **Flowering Cherry Tree**, donated by Mrs Brandwood (Lukas - Stage 2 and Kaelen - Stage 1) and appreciated by all students! Thanks to Mr Fuller for the correct placement and planting of the tree! It will need regular watering and care and the students will see to that, as they do, with the

other plants in the garden!



To be part of the learning and fun make contact via:

[claresgarden118@gmail.com](mailto:claresgarden118@gmail.com) and visit <http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com> or the school office on 8869 6400 or [stbernadettespark@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbernadettespark@parra.catholic.edu.au) Please see our website [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au) for more photos from the garden

### Note that have been sent home recently:

- New Canteen Menu
- Whooping Cough
- ES1 RE Program
- ES1 & S3 Family Mass
- Tell Them From Me Survey
- Science Week Project
- Stage 1 Excursion
- NAPLAN Yr 3 and Yr 5



School Notes

### Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden
- Term Overviews
- Snow Queen Show



Photos





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## Welcome Back to Term 2!

A very warm welcome back, we are excited to be back working within your school community for another Term. Children have now had a term to warm up and get settled into 2019, it is time for them to spread their wings and shine. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, so that is why we are here to help!

We take care of children in the crucial times before school, after school – and between terms too. Our care programs are well-rounded, meaningful and affordable, based on 30 years of experience. Most importantly, while your child is at school and in our care, you know that they are safe.

**Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is free to register.**

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal.

Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy to help you with the cost of child care, visit [www.mygov.com.au](http://www.mygov.com.au) to find out more.

### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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