



2019 Term 4 Week 7

# Newsletter

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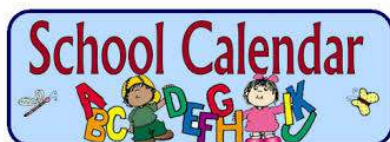
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## December

5th	Christmas Craft Stall Christmas Concert
11th	Infants Water Fun Day Swimming Carnival
12th	Year 6 Fun Day Last newsletter for 2019
13th	Reconciliation: Year 5 & Year 6
15th	Youth Group - 6pm - 7.30pm
17th	End of Year Whole School Mass and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 10am
18th	Year 6 Dinner Dance Last day for students Year 6 Afternoon Tea (Parent Group to provide)

## January 2020

30th	Year 1 to 6 Commence
31st	Kindergarten Commence

See more ...



## Principal's Message

Teachers are currently working on finalising student end of year reports. These reports capture student learning for the second semester and inform parents about their child's progress for the year.

Reports are a significant communication between school and home. Teachers have the responsibility to honestly inform parents about student learning measured against syllabus outcomes. Teachers can only report on what students demonstrate. This can be challenging for parents who may see different skills demonstrated at home or in other extracurricular activities. Teachers cannot account for skills or learning that is not demonstrated by the student in the school setting.

Students are reported on an A - E scale. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), Assessment Resource Centre explains each grade as (See table below).

It is important to recognise that every student is different. Not every student can achieve an 'A' or a 'B'. In fact receiving such grades is rare and celebrating individual student growth is far more important and should be acknowledged.

Being awarded a 'C' grade means that a student has achieved set outcomes and is where they need to be in regards to learning.

Some students will be awarded a 'D' and on rare occasions an 'E'. Parents should understand reasons for this grade. Grades should not be a surprise to parents. Such grades can reflect a lot of hard work on a student's behalf and if maximum effort has been applied by a student no one can ask for much else.

It is important that students have a positive disposition to learning and parents play a key role in this. Your response to grades can make a significant difference to a student's future learning. You are encouraged to be honest with students but ensure that you explain your response so that your child clearly understands what you expect.

A to E Scale for reports

## **A**

The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

## **B**

The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

## **C**

The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

## **D**

The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

## **E**

The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Regards

Phill Kapitanow, Principal



## **St Bernadette's Christmas Concert**

**Thursday 5th December**

**Parent Group Sausage Sizzle 4.30pm-5.30pm**

**Drinks on sale as well.**

**Students in classes by 5.45pm**

**Concert to start at 6pm**

**Gold coin donation at the door.**

**Giant raffle with great prizes will be drawn on the night.**

**Prizes will be:**

**A nights accommodation at The Hills Lodge Castle Hill, A real Christmas Tree and more**

**Tickets on sale morning and afternoon by our Parent Group in the playground and on the night.**

## PBS4L

This term we continue our journey with our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L). Our focus for the next fortnight is "*In the right place at the right time.*"

It is important that we are all safe by being in the right place at the right time. This is during class time, in all the learning spaces and when we are on the playground. We need to stay in bounds play areas at break times as well as stay with the teacher during class times.

Students will focus on the following in the:

Classroom:

- Sitting in the correct space with the rest of class
- Following instructions to ensure they are with class
- Moving around the space safely - walking
- Make sure they can see the teacher at all times

Playground:

- In the correct play space for their grade for the day
- Sitting on soft fall when eating
- Stay in the areas which are in bounds
- Make sure they can see the teacher at all times

Other spaces:

- Walking from space to space safely
- Taking a partner when you leave class group

Congratulations to the following students who receive a Bronze/Silver Award in Week 4:



Christmas Craft Stall  
Thursday 5th December for all students  
Gifts from 50cents to \$5

**Parent Note:** If you would like to purchase the craft items that you child/children made for the Spring Fair, please send in \$5 in an envelope clearly marked with Christmas Craft (Spring Fair) and your child's name on it and it will be sent home to you. Thank you.

## Student Travel for 2020

Applications for student travel in 2020 have now opened. Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

## Opal Cards

One of the more significant changes by the recent introduction of the Student Opal Card is the requirement for students to 'tap on' and 'tap off' when travelling to and from school on any school bus boarded in the course of their journey.

Opal data gathered by 'tap on' and 'tap off' is used to determine the demand for bus services. If students do not 'tap on' and 'tap off', lack of perceived patronage could lead to a review of the level of services provided to your school.

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## Note that have been sent home recently:

- Infants Beach Day
- BYOD 2020
- Swimming Carnival



School Notes

## St Bernadette's Garden



Julian discovered the 1st strawberries of the season and the **"Let's Cook and Create"** students may have had their eyes on it, to top off the



 **More Photos**

**Rainbow Fruit Skewers**, which they had fun making, during the last session for 2019 ... hopefully, the program will be back in 2020 ... watch this space!

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 [stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbernadetteslpark@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

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Competition opens  
on 2 December 2019 and  
closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020  
Terms and conditions apply.

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## Summer Holiday Club



**Book into a Summer of discovery, right here at Holiday Club.**

Helping children discover their passions in life is something we value at Holiday Club. Right here in our clubs we've got our future leaders. Our future scientists, actors, lawyers, CEOs, chefs, dentists and even Prime Ministers!

Discovery all starts with variety and exposure; and this Summer, we've got a jam-packed program with all kinds of activities. We've got active excursions, engineering projects, mindfulness incursions, cooking workshops and everything in between.

### Engineering

### Cooking



### Active Play

### Mindfulness

**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

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**HOLIDAY CLUB**

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**WANT TO SEE WHAT CHEER  
IS ALL ABOUT?  
ALL AGES WELCOME**

**Come and Try for FREE !**  
5pm - 7pm  
Friday 22nd November  
Friday 6th December

**2020 Full and Semi  
Competitive Team Placements  
Saturday 14th December  
Everybody makes a team!**

10/10 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill  
Contact us for more information:  
admin@cheerenergyaustralia.com.au  
0426 767 469



**Commonwealth**Bank

School Banking

Last week of School Banking for  
2019 will be Thursday 12th  
December 2019.

Last order for Rewards will be  
placed on Friday 29th November to  
ensure delivery before end of Term.  
Any questions please come and see  
Mrs Procter.



1st Kings Langley Scout Group  
is selling



## **Freshly Cut Christmas Trees**

at **Bunnings Seven Hills**

Cnr Old Windsor & Abbott Rds  
Seven Hills

**8:00am — 4:00pm**

*(or until sold out each weekend)*

*Get in early so as not to miss out!*

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December**  
**Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th December**



Varying Sizes  
**\$72- \$82**  
Cash and EFTPOS  
Pre-orders welcome  
Call 0412 466 018  
for further enquiries



There will be no cash or  
school fee payments  
accepted in the school  
office after Friday 13th  
December. There is no  
cash kept on the  
premises over the  
school holidays.



Thank you

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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**

## COME, FOLLOW THIS "FAILED" KING

### Gospel in Life

Our King was a failure. He pushed for a world that welcomed the weak, the powerless, the marginalised, the outsider. So the powerful killed him. He gathered close followers who believed in him and his message.

But most of them, including his best friend, abandoned him. He preached that non-violence could defeat violence. And he suffered the most violent death imaginable.

Our King was a failure. What does this mean to us?

Let's start by remembering our failures. Have your hopes ever been crushed? Have you ever been betrayed, or even suffered, for doing the right thing? Do you ever feel like a total failure?

If so, then our King understands you. He's been there, done that. Will you? Are you looking for a kingdom of forgiveness and hope, peace and justice; a kingdom where you need not be a success; a kingdom where you can always start over? If so, then call out to Jesus today. Ask for help to make the Kingdom of God real in your life. Forgive when others say get even. Reach out when others pull back.

Dream about a better world. Let those dreams inspire you to a life of service even while others surrender to selfishness. The Kingdom is here now. You only need to enter.

And our "failed" King will strengthen you when some mock and attack you. It can get tough building his Kingdom. But it's worth the struggle.

And never forget.

Even though our King "failed" on Friday, he rose on Sunday.

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Preparation for Christmas)

2nd RITE (Communal Celebration)

• THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

• 3 Priests will be available

• The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His Mercy never comes to an end. It is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness O Lord.

## BLESSING OF SMALL CHRISTMAS CRIB OR FIGURES OF BABY JESUS

Families of the Parish are invited to bring to Mass small cribs (one that the children have made), or the figure of baby Jesus to BE BLESSED by Fr. Andrew on Saturday 14th December at 6pm Vigil Mass, or on Sunday 15th December at the 8.30am or 10am Masses - Pink Sunday. This will help children and God's people to focus on the Reason for the Season - the birth of Christ.