



2020 Term 1 Week 6

Newsletter

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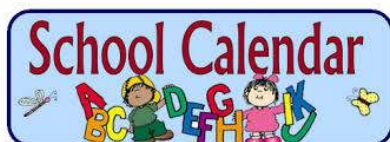
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March

6th	Catholic Schools Week Celebrations - 12.30pm Liturgy - 1.00pm Open Classrooms - 1.30pm BYO Picnic Lunch
15th	Youth Group
18th	School Fees Due
20th	Stage 2 Excursion - First Fleet Park
27th	Harmony Day

April

1st	Easter Raffle Tickets returned
3rd	Student Showcases
8th	Easter Raffle Drawn
9th	Term 1 Ends
10th	Good Friday
11th	Easter Saturday
12th	Easter Sunday
13th	Easter Monday
27th	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
28th	Term 2 commences

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Principal's Message

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. As previously communicated this year is special in that we also celebrate 200 years of uninterrupted Catholic education in Australia. As we celebrate our many achievements we also remember and acknowledge the mistakes made and lives altered forever as a result of those who took advantage of their positions and the families and students in the care.

St Bernadette's has been a part of the local community for over 60 years. We are but the most recent recipients of this school. We learn and enrich each other's lives in many ways. Our new students in kindy and throughout the other stages have added a new richness to our community. I enjoy walking throughout spaces and engaging with our new students as they navigate their way through life at St Bernadette's.

Last week the Parent Group meeting was held. It was good to see so many familiar and new faces at the meeting. Parents who attend the meeting have an opportunity to proactively be a part of the community. To offer their opinions and work towards solutions. Thank you to all parents who attended and thank you to the members of the Parent Group Executive for their ongoing support.

A reminder to parents that the, 'Parent' Facebook site is not an endorsed site of the school. No member of the school staff subscribe or monitor the site.

Whilst the site may be very helpful in answering questions and offering another source of information parents should realise that we are unable to assist with concerns raised on this platform.

School Uniform

We have been advised that our school uniform supplies may be disrupted due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus. CEDP Procurement Team have sought information regarding potential disruptions and have been advised that The School Locker is unable to guarantee consistent supply due to developing nature of the situation and its impacts on supply chains. If you experience uniform issues please advise your child's class teacher via a note of the current situation.

Maintenance Updates

As you may be aware we have limited the use of the library space. The library floor has been damaged and has been assessed by CEDP. The floor will be completely replaced throughout the library space and additional subfloor work will be completed. We are now organising for approved suppliers to quote the works.

The extent of the damage means that access has been restricted. This has not affected the use of the Multipurpose Room for Captivate band lessons or the use of the library for MakerSpace at lunch. Beyond these two activities the library is not being used.

We will communicate what works will be done when they have been approved.

A part of the play equipment in the Adventure Playground has been cordoned off this will no longer be used by students. CEDP staff from Facilities visited the school on Wednesday to assess what work would need to be done to the playground to ensure student safety. This will be communicated soon.

Since the beginning of the year the school has had several air conditioner issues. We have been told that this is due to the age of the units and the storm activity. As such a number of units have been repaired and or replaced.

Proposed Changes to Uniform and Haircuts

I would like to thank parents who provided feedback regarding proposed changes to haircuts and uniforms. At the Parent Group meeting there was considerable discussion about the changes. I want to thank all those who constructively contributed to these discussions.

At this stage we are continuing to work through the changes. We will communicate any changes should they occur. At this stage uniform and hair expectations remain unchanged.

Have a great week everyone,

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

School Locker

Please be advised that School Locker will no longer accept credit card payments through the school office. All purchases will need to be completed on line or in person at our uniform shop on site at St Bernadette's on Wednesday morning from 8.30am to 10.30am.



Note that have been sent home recently:

- Monash University Parent Consent Form
- Proposed Uniform & Haircut Changes
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Cash to the School Office

School Cash Policy - As part of a new School Cash Policy we have been instructed by Catholic Education Office Parramatta (CEDP) that the School Office will no longer be able to accept cash. Student Banking, Fundraising events and sports gala days are exempt from this policy. Families may still pay their school fees with cash at any Post Office. Please take your school fee statement with you. You can also call the school office and pay over the phone. Book Club orders can be done online through Scholastic. School canteen remains unchanged as it is run by our Parent Group.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions regarding this policy.

RE with Mrs Buenaventura

WELCOME TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As we commence Catholic Schools Week we are reminded that this week is a special time of the year where we can celebrate and give thanks for Catholic Education. 2020 is also the year where we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education.

In the spirit of this, we acknowledge and give thanks for the innovative learning and teaching that has taken pace in all our schools. We offer this prayer of thanksgiving to thank all who work together in the service of Catholic Education.

Lord Jesus,

You came among us as teacher, to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy.

As our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are,

May our Catholic schools continue to be places of connection and sources of hope and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.

May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

We hope to see everyone throughout the week during our Catholic Schools Week Activities.

With Blessings, Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura REC



Autumn Holiday Club



Bookings are now open for Autumn Holiday Club.

This Autumn, Holiday Club brings to you a program bursting with flavour, fun, energy and opportunities to grow. Carefully crafted through family feedback, our experiences and adventures will excite your children, engage them and leave them wanting more.

It's packed with Mexican cooking days, science experiments, sporting events, adventurous excursions and heaps more.



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.

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

The Camp Australia Team



Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!



Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they're all unique.



Avoid a late booking charge and save \$10 by booking at least 7 days in advance. Plus, with limited space, spots fill up.

St Bernadette's Garden



More Photos

In *Bluey's Patch*, students took the time to plant out the Wicking Beds with Dwarf Peas, Beans and Snow Peas and to add some colour to attract the Bees. Marigolds and Calendulas were sprinkled into the soil! Dry straw was scrunched up and placed in the Compost Bin to soak up the moisture from the Crunch & Sip, fruit and veggie scraps. Meanwhile, in another area of the garden, a big black bird was appreciating a drink!



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

Harmony Day at St Bernadette's

27 MARCH
HARMONY DAY

Bernadette's will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 27th March. An item of traditional clothing can be worn representing your child/children's culture.

Timetable for the day was sent home on Monday of this week and is on our website for viewing under school notes.



On the back of this note we sent a request for any volunteers to indicate if they could assist with the Harmony Day Liturgy or the Fiesta Lunch.

If you did not receive this note please go to our website to have a look at our notes page or email the school office to request another one.

We look forward to as many families joining us for our celebrations as possible.

ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together



Nagle College, Blacktown will be holding their Open Evening for Year 7, 2021 on Tuesday 10 March from 4.00 pm till 7.30 pm. Enrolment packages will be available on the evening and tours of the College will be conducted. Prospective parents and students are warmly invited to attend.

Nagle College, Blacktown, is a Catholic girls' school that provides an outstanding education that is faith based and values rich. The girls at Nagle College are challenged to aim high and achieve to the best of their abilities. Supported by a broad curriculum taught by competent and professional staff, girls at Nagle College have many options for successful learning. The College values the education of the whole person and the co-curricular programme meets a wide variety of needs, interests and talents.

Open Day

SUNDAY 08 MARCH 2020 11.00AM – 3.00PM

Principal's Address at 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm

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OPEN DAY

Sunday, 8 March 2020

10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020.
Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm
Bookings can be made by visiting the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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YEAR 7, 2022
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday, 24 March

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CLASS OF 2020

Wednesday 1st April | Thursday 2nd April | Friday 3rd April | Saturday 4th April

Tickets available from: www.trybooking.com/565143

GREASE
Book, Music and Lyrics by JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL
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Logo Created and Designed by Maggie Taft and Harry Bogosian

Visit our photo gallery
on our website.

[Photo Gallery](#)

ST. BERNADETTES PARENT GROUP
IS HOSTING A

TRIVIA NIGHT

*Come and join us for a
night of trivia fun! Our
theme is movies so feel free
to come dressed as your
favourite movie character.
There will be prizes and
raffles throughout the night*

SATURDAY MAY 23RD
ST BERNADETTES PARISH HALL
LALOR PARK

7:30PM FOR A 8:30 START.

\$10 PER PERSON

8 PEOPLE MAX PER TABLE

OVER 18'S ONLY

BYO ALCOHOL AND SNACKS/
DINNER

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT

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ST BERNADETTE'S

Where We Learn and Grow Together

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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

PERFECTION 101!

Gospel in Life

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second go-around. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling.

When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you've got to be kidding. Of course, I'm going to resist evil. I'm going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt and work twice as long for someone who's already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It's obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn't simply clown around. Jesus says all these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn't resist us even when we're evil, gives and gives, and loves us who are enemies to the divine will. Maybe we won't do these things. But thank heaven God will.

How willing are you to creep up to the territory of God's perfection?

Clean up a mess you didn't make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. As a blessing on someone you don't like. Put up with someone who won't stop talking. Practice holiness.

"When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves".

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

Another opportunity to come together as a faith community for Eucharist, Devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette, Stations of the Cross and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

Wed 4 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Mass at 7.30pm
Wed - 11 March	No Devotions/Stations/Mass	Fr Andrew on one week holiday break
Wed - 18 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Wed - 25 March	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Mass at 7.30pm
Wed - 1 April	Devotions & Adoration at 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Wed - 8 April	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral	No Devotions/Stations/Mass -ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 19 MARCH, PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (2nd RITE) 7.30pm - 3 Priests available.