



Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

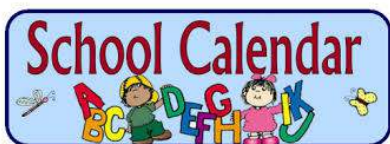
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March

20th Stage 2 Excursion CANCELLED
27th Harmony Day -CANCELLED

April

3rd Student Showcases CANCELLED
9th Term 1 Ends
10th Good Friday
11th Easter Saturday
12th Easter Sunday
13th Easter Monday
27th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
28th Term 2 commences

See more ...



Please Note:

As Harmony Day and Dance showcase have been cancelled students will attend school in Full School Uniform.

Thank you

Principal's Message

Our response to COVID 19 has been evolving as this medical situation has unfolded. As a school we are confident that we have acted on advice provided through CEDP. This is an evolving space and no doubt the situation will continue to change. We want to thank all parents who have been cooperating with us during this challenging time.

I have been asked about student attendance. Outside of specific quarantine instructions the government has not enacted any changes to school operations. Public opinion is varied and I'm sure you all have your own beliefs. At this stage parents need to make their own decisions. I have been asked if this will affect student attendance rates, yes it will. All absence affects attendance rates. The exception to this is if the government orders schools to close. I'm sure together we can work through these issues. I'm a parent and understand your anxieties at this time.

At this time we all need to stay safe and remember we are one community. It's unfortunate that we are seeing individuals think of no one else except themselves and their immediate family. Remember we are all God's family. Look out for one and all!

Gardenia Grove

This year afternoon dismissal via Gardenia Grove has become increasingly challenging. This time is an extremely challenging time for staff whose primary concern is that ALL children go home safely. A number

of parents have begun taking exception to the management of their children and at times have displayed unacceptable behaviour towards staff. This is disappointing. Parents need to allow students to take responsibility for their behaviour and likewise their own. Leaving the site as quickly as you can may be some parents' priority, but this is at times done with disregard for student and staff safety.

A few safety concerns;

1. It is a long held safety expectation that students walk around the cul de sac. Running across the road is unsafe and unacceptable.
2. Drivers need to take care and take their time. It should not be a race out of the street.
3. Students cannot enter cars in the kiss and drop line.
4. Parents are not displaying family names. This delays the process and distracts staff from supervision. If you do not have a family name tag contact the office.
5. Parents are encouraged not to park in Gardenia Grove. It is a congested area and parking limits the flow of traffic.

You are right if you think that I can't stop you doing many of these things. But I won't have you say you weren't told in the event of an accident and additionally we won't stop confronting you about our concerns. Safety is our primary concern!

As a result of the unsafe behaviour the following changes have been made to our procedures;

1. Two teachers will now be present at Gardenia Grove dismissal. The staff have clear processes to follow. The staff are not there to discuss issues with parents.
2. Students will not begin entering cars until they are following the school expectations for Gardenia Grove. Additionally teachers will stop allowing students to leave the site if the behaviour of children or parents becomes unsafe. Students have and will continue to practice these procedures as required.
3. Teachers will assist students to leave the site, but they will not open car doors, make decisions about seating in cars or assist with seat belts.

Parents are asked to act responsibly during after school dismissal. The provision of a pick up area is a privilege that can be closed at any time if we believe that safety can no longer be assured. This would mean all parents would need to make alternate arrangements.

Lenten Carbon Fast

Catholic Religious Australia has released a Lenten Calendar to encourage individuals to reflect on and transform their relationship to God's creation through simple daily gestures and commitments. The electronic calendar offers an opportunity to live more wisely, think more deeply and love more generously.

It's a practical to live out Pope Francis' vision set forth in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*: Care for our Common Home.

The calendar offers a range of practical suggestions for each day of Lent including:

- Committing to having one car-free day each week
- Each Friday in Lent, taping over one light switch in your home to avoid using it
- Starting a meat-free Monday pledge to reduce your carbon footprint
- Making a pledge for 3, 6 or 12 months to purchase no new items of clothing

Download a PDF of the Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar at

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RE with Mrs Buenaventura

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

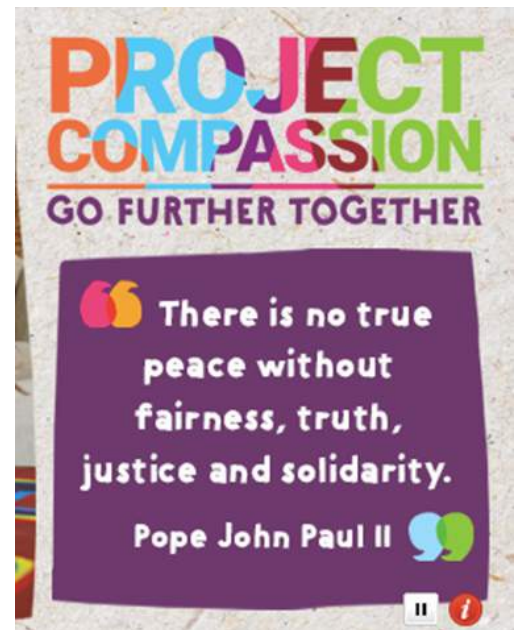
Your children's classes have been unpacking the meaning of charity and ways they can help the disadvantaged in their society. In conjunction, we have been collecting money for Caritas Australia. In the past we have been able to donate just over a thousand dollars towards Caritas that helped families provide food, shelter and education for their children. In the spirit of Lent, let us share our goodwill with those who are in need.

I thank everyone for your support.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

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Note that have been sent home recently:

- Coronavirus Updates
- Commonwealth Bank Student Banking
- On Line Learning



Visit our photo gallery
on our website.



Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2.



CommonwealthBank

Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 27TH APRIL
NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY
TERM 2 COMMENCES
ON TUESDAY 28TH APRIL

School Canteen - Closed from Week 9

Please be advised that with the current health issues our Canteen will be closed from Week 9 until the end of the term. The canteen will be open tomorrow (Friday 20th March for counter service and lunch orders). This will be the last day of trading. Thank you for your understanding.



St Bernadette's Garden



Two new faces turned up in *Bluey's Patch*, one belonging to Amin (Stage 3) the newest member of the *Environment Team* and the other *happy face* is a 'yet to be named' Scarecrow ... both are very welcome! A nozzle for the hose (*thanks Mr Fuller!*) has made the filling of the watering cans less difficult, while the layering of straw in the Compost Bin is an ongoing job! A lettuce has sprung up amongst the recently planted seeds, a result of distributing the '*broken-down*' material from the Compost Bin! But it is not all hard work and Cataleya (Stage 1), took some time out to enjoy the *pretty pink flowers!*



More Photos

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

Literacy News with Mrs Maher

A reminder that our school has again purchased an online subscription to Sound Waves, a synthetic phonics program to assist our students with reading and spelling. All students should have received their class login details where this program can be accessed at home. Please contact the class teacher or myself if you are unsure.

Teachers and students use this program during our Literacy block, with follow up activities that can be completed at home.

Students in Years 1- 6 follow the same sound sequence each week. So if you have students in different grades, they will all follow the same sound unit, at different levels. Below is the sequence of units for this term. Kindergarten will follow a different sequence, but also have login details where this can be accessed at home. Class teachers will send home login information for your child. Please contact the school if you are unsure of how to login at home.



A guide to our units is below:

Week 2	Unit 1 - Getting Started	Week 7	Unit 6 - d, dd
Week 3	Unit 2 - b, bb	week 8	Unit 7 - i
Week 4	Unit 3 - a	Week 9	Unit 8 - f, ff
Week 5	Unit 4 - k c qu ck x(ks)	Week 10	Unit 9 - o, a
Week 6	Unit 5 - e	Week 11	Unit 10 - g, gg

Mrs Maher

PBS4L

The school expectations at St Bernadette's outlines appropriate student behaviours that contribute to the functioning of our school as a respectful, safe, nurturing and inclusive learning environment. It is important that every member of the school community knows and has a clear understanding of the school expectations. At St Bernadette's Lalor Park:

- We are safe
- We are respectful
- We are responsible
- We are learners



The expectations are displayed in all learning spaces and throughout the school. Teachers assist the students to identify acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. At St Bernadette's Lalor Park, we proactively teach students the skills needed to be safe, respectful, responsible learners.

For the next two weeks our focus will be: We keep our bodies to ourselves

All classes will be talking about how we keep our bodies to ourselves and do not touch others in harmful or hurtful ways. They will learn that when we keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves, our friends feel safe and they are happy to play with us.

CLASS TOKENS



The Class/Stage tokens are a reward system that are earned by the whole class/stage when the whole group has demonstrated safe, respectful, responsible or learner behaviours. Students work together to earn a predesignated amount of class tokens and these are collected in a box within the stage space. Class tokens can be handed out by the classroom teacher, support teacher, office staff, etc. When the class earns the required amount (to be determined by the classroom teacher) they participate in a chosen reward (E.g. Extra sport, extra playtime, crazy socks, etc)

Some Stages are very close to receiving their reward. Watch this space in the coming weeks!



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Staying Sun Smart at Outside School Hours Care

At OSHC, we love outdoor play – whether it be group sport, imaginative playground play or even doing homework with some fresh air – it promotes an active lifestyle and an appreciation of the outdoors. Whatever the activity is, we put the utmost importance on the health and safety of the children, so remaining sun smart is always a priority.

Our sun smart policy complies with the SunSmart Guidelines to ensure all children, educators and visitors are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation while maintaining adequate vitamin D levels. To stay sun smart over the hot months, children are required to wear their hats during outdoor activities. We suggest wide-brimmed hats as these cover the neck, ears and shoulders – these areas are prone to sunburn. Children are also advised to wear sunscreen which we provide at our services.



It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

You may be eligible to claim subsidies on your care usage!

If eligible, to help you with the cost of childcare, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit my.gov.au to find out more.

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. Alternatively, come and meet the team in the OSHC room. We'd love to meet you, and you can find out more about OSHC from our friendly, qualified Educators.

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we make kids smile

Student Guide for ACEN OverDrive eBooks & Audio

Go to classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au then click **elibrary**.

Log On:
 User name:
 Password:
 Language:

Log on using your school username and password.

Student Portal

- Library
- E-Resources
- classm8
- Change password (coming soon)

For further information about the Diocese of Parramatta [click here](#).

Click on **Library**

New books at the Learning Exchange

Creative Activities in Mathematics: Book 2

Click on **Student ebooks**

Access ACEN Collection: Audio & eBooks with OverDrive

Choose **ACEN OverDrive Audio & eBooks** to access audio and ebooks.

ACEN Member Collection

Change option

ACEN Member Collection users, please click [here](#) to sign in.

Choose **ACEN Member Collection**. Click on **Sign in**.

Choose a title. Remember the book symbol indicates an ebook and the headphone symbol indicates an audio book.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

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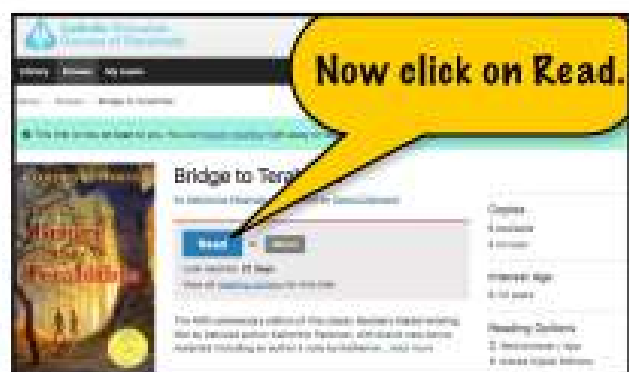
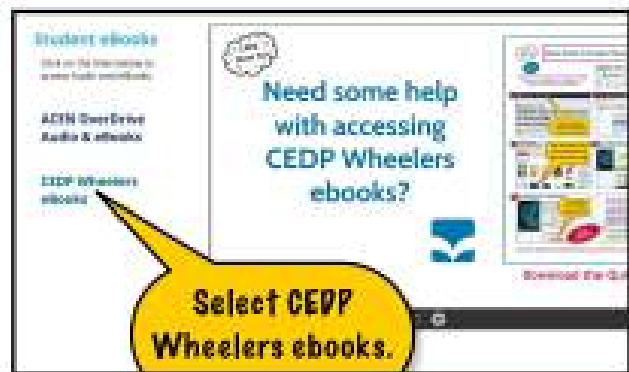
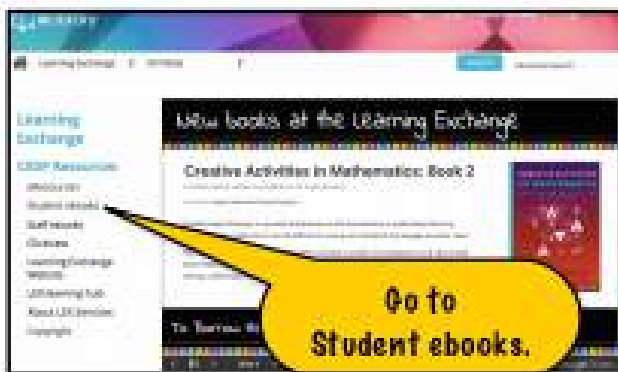
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Student Guide for CEDP Wheelers eBooks



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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

THIS WELL IS DEEP!

Gospel in Life

Still Waters run deep!

The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now that's deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on.

The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water".

What does water mean to you? What does your experience of water teach you about the life that Jesus offers?

Get involved in the interfaith movement! The Church is talking with the synagogue, and so should we. Join or organise a local effort. Invite a local rabbi to speak at your parish about the faith of God's first people.

(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 - 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.