



2017 Term 4 Week 4

# Newsletter

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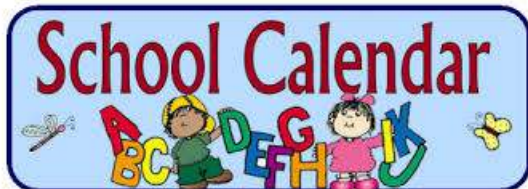
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**Contact Us**



## November

- 1st -Transition - Week 2 of 2  
-Environment Group to Cafe Lewers
- 3rd -Assembly: Stage 1 at 2.10pm
- 5th -Youth Group
- 10th -Principal Coffee & Chat 9am Staff Room  
-Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome
- 12th -Stage 1 Family Mass - 10am
- 17th -Reconciliation: S2B & S2G Yr 3 - 10am  
-Reconciliation: S2W & S2G Yr 4 - 12pm  
-Assembly: Stage 2 - 2pm

[See more ...](#)

## Principals Blog

This week our Kindergarten class of 2018 participated in the final day of our Kindy Transition Program. This year our new kindergarten students and their parents spent two days being inducted into the St Bernadette's community.

The students were engaged in a range of specific activities designed to assess their readiness for school. They demonstrated a genuine interest and curiosity in all tasks and eagerness to be at 'big school'. Parents were assembled in the hall and took part in a program that aimed to ensure they are prepared for the leap into, 'big school'. Over the two days the parents heard many specialist including a speech therapist, behavioural optometrist, school counselor and literacy and numeracy experts.

A crucial element of transition is building positive relationships between school and home. Positive relationships help to reduce parental and student anxiety making the transition to school just that little bit easier. We look forward to officially welcoming our new families in 2018.

The school will feature in this Saturday's Daily Telegraph with a special education article focusing on transition.

[Read more...](#)

## REC Blog

### Halo-een

Thank you to our wonderful parents and guardians who helped organise your children's Halo-een dress up attire. Every year we see exciting new religious outfits! This year we raised just under \$200.00. All raised funds will go towards our Term 4 Social Justice Initiative - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Congratulations to the following 'best dressed' winners:

**ES1 - Arielle McDonald**

**S1 - Noah Ciocca**

**S2 - Joseph Flaviano**

**S3 - Sarah Justin Wani**

Have a blessed week everyone,  
Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura  
(REC)



## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

**Our Kindergarten Transition Program commences on the following dates**

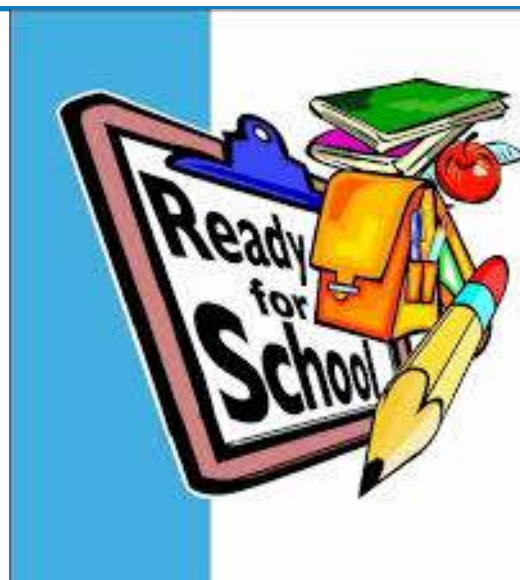
**Wednesday 25th October**

**and**

**Wednesday 1st November**

**from 9.15am until 12noon each day**

**Please RSVP to the school office this week if you are attending. Thank you**



## SAVE THE DATE

*End of Year Whole School Mass  
and Year 6 Graduation  
Tuesday 12th December  
10:00am in our Parish Church  
with morning tea to follow  
in our Learning Centre*

**CLASS of 2017**

## Writing Stimulus Week 3

Last Week St Bernadette's Students welcomed a special visitor to the school. Hendrix my beautiful Spoodle dog spent the day with us. Each class enjoyed a visit with Hendrix, playing with him, cuddling, watching him do some of his tricks and discussing the pros and cons of pet ownership, in particular owning a dog.

As part of this experience the students worked with their teachers to discuss, plan and write a letter to Mr K in response to the question **Should we have a School Pet?**

The students have spent a great deal of time forming arguments for and against, exploring language structures, persuasive language and features of Persuasive Text. As a result, they have each independently written their own letter, which the teachers will compare to their Term 2 writing to inform student's progression in writing and to form learning goals for each student.

I must say the level of writing produced across the school is quite impressive and Mr K has quite a task on his hands to decide the outcome of these arguments.

Who knows, we may see a furry, scaled or feathered friend around St Bernadette's!

Lorraine Maher

Literacy Leader



### Should we have a school pet?



Write a **persuasive text** to convince Mr K that we should have a pet/school animal as a pet/school. This can be written as a letter to Mr K.

You can use your own ideas or you can use the ideas on the page.

Don't forget to give reasons for your ideas.

- **Start with an introduction/Statement of Position**

An introduction lets your reader know what you are writing about and what your position is.

- **Write your opinions on the topic.**

Give reasons for your opinions and explain your reasons.

- **Finish with a conclusion.**

A conclusion sums up your reasons so that a reader is convinced of your opinions.

**Remember to:**

- Plan your writing
- Use paragraphs to organise your ideas
- Write in complete sentences (you can use different sentence lengths to convince/persuade your reader)
- Choose your words carefully to convince your readers of your opinion/position
- Pay attention to spelling and punctuation
- Check and edit your writing





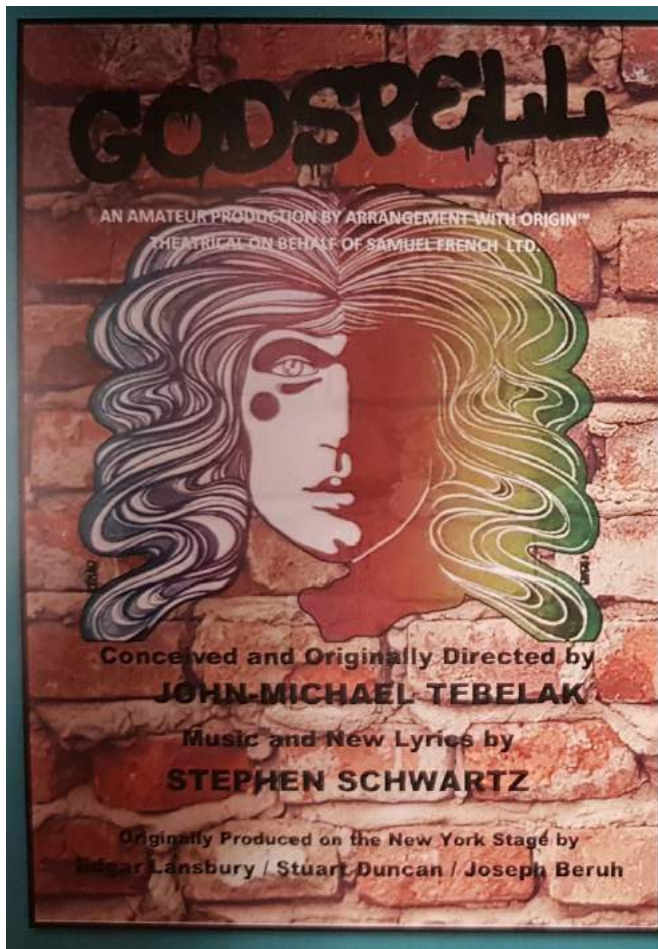


## Student Awards



First Name	Last Name	Homeroom	Award Description
Lily	Dowd	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lily	Dowd	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Jeremiah-Xyndel	Tatupu	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Jeremiah-Xyndel	Tatupu	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Stella	Cragg	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Turner	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Pwoj	Majok	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sebastian	Sakr	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Adut	Acouth	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Bennett	Aplitt	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Lexie	Ashworth	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Zara	Asgtillo	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Asher	Boustani	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Lukas	Brandwood	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Mekhi	Buhagiar	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Rafael	Carcallas	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Noah	Ciocca	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Samuel	Gashaw	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Jai	Jenkins	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Grace	Kedde	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Genevieve	Key	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Emmanuel	Koko	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Xavier	Laupama	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Abbey	Longmire	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Vanessa	Menon	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award

Akon	Moboch	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Oliver	Vierboom	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Vikramjit	Walia	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Cielo	Ysimura	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Annabel	Zaroutski	STAGE 1G	Bronze Award
Manas	Idumalla	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Tasmyn	Ross	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Stephen	Tem	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Christopher	Yaacoub	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Emma	Attard	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Jayden	Bellette	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Maxine	Gesilva	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Oliver	Longmire	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Bree	Maycock	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Liam	McNulty	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Wenceslaus	Pilayre	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Oscar	Sweeney	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Fares	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Fares	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Amber	Francis	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Amber	Francis	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Emily	Mordini	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Nywere	Majak	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Ashley	Wickens	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



## PERFORMANCE DATES:

Fri 3rd Nov 2017—8:00pm

Sat 4th Nov 2017—2:00pm & 8:00pm

Fri 10th Nov 2017—8:00pm

Sat 11th Nov 2017— 2:00pm & 8:00pm

## TICKETS:

ADULTS: \$35.00\*

CONCESSION: \$30.00\*

CHILDREN (U12): \$25.00\*

\*Plus booking fee.

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## 'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'

Erin, (*Stage 1*) called for volunteers to clean out the leaves from the *Fish Pond* and they made a good job if it! The *Welcome to our Garden* sign was restored to its rightful place (*thanks, Mr Fuller!*) ... plants which were left over from the *Fete* were distributed and some *Begonias* were planted out in the garden and given a good drink!



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)



## St Bernadette's Enrolments

We are currently conducting enrolment interviews. If you know any current parents who may have children due to commence school next year, please ask them to see the school office for an enrolment package. Enrolment applications are now available at the school office. Your child **may be** eligible to enrol in kindergarten if he/she turns 5 by 31st July 2018.



Now  
Enrolling!



Happy Birthday to these students

Jai Jenkins and Savannah Amaral



### ICE CREAM FOR SALE

Stage 3 will be selling ice-creams on Tuesday and Thursdays for Term 4. \$1 per ice cream with your choice of topping.

Funds raised go towards the Year 6 fun day out at the end of the year.

Thank you



Curriculum Overviews for each Stage are now available on our website for viewing.



## TELEPHONE



Our New telephone number is  
**(02) 8869 6400**  
This number is active NOW.

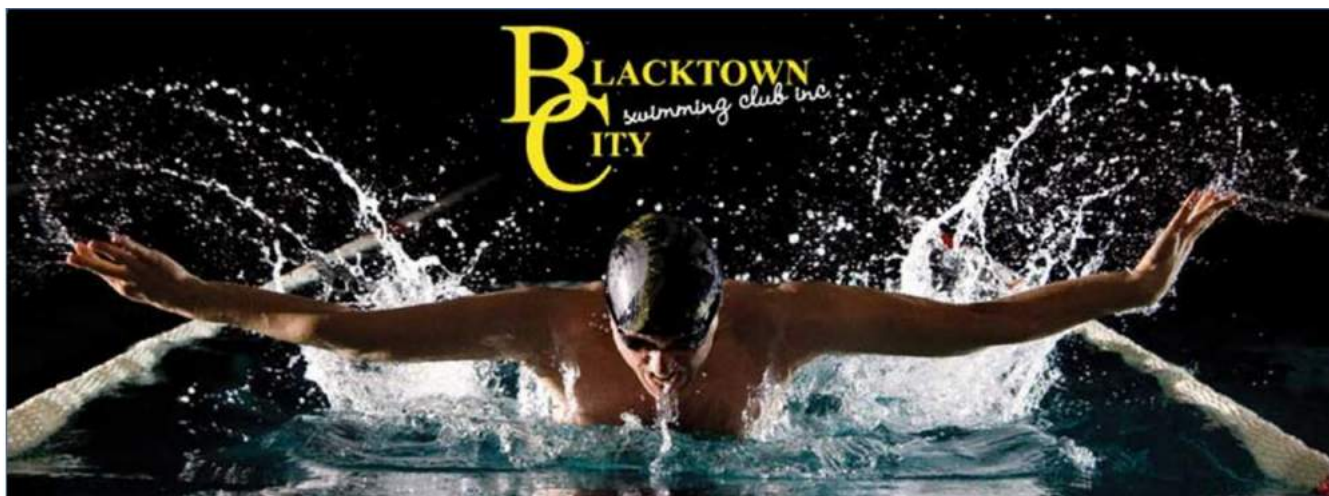


Kiss and Drop  
Guidelines



School  
Uniform  
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# Blacktown City Swimming Club

Can your child swim 25m  
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# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



## Follow these **easy** steps!

**1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

**FIND**

**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

# Dear St Bernadette's families.

AGM, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 7pm

Once each term, the Parent Group and School Community gather to discuss important matters. We come together as one body, all striving for positivity and the best outcomes for our children and the environment they learn in.

**The meeting for Term 4, 2017 will take place at 7pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Stage 3 Learning Space.**

**It is essential that we attempt to have a member from each family attend**, as this will lead to the most successful outcomes. If it makes it easier for you to attend, you are welcome to bring your children with you. We require many attendees in order to have enough people to be able to vote in the new positions. Please mark this date in your diary. Reminders will also go out on skoolbag (app) leading up to this date. If you have any items that you would like to have added to the agenda for this meeting, please put in writing and either send through the school office in an envelope clearly marked Parent Group Agenda Item, or alternatively email to [sbparentgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sbparentgroup@gmail.com)

**All positions** in the parent group executive team become vacant at the conclusion of the General meeting, and all positions will be required to be filled. We welcome you to either nominate yourself, or nominate a fellow parent / carer for any of the below positions (we encourage you to inform the nominee if you would like to nominate

someone other than yourself) **Please note that you need to be in attendance to accept a nomination and to vote. If not possible to attend, you are required to accept your nomination in writing so that the nomination can be recognised.** Positions for you to consider:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Parent Group Leader      | 5. Community Co-Ordinator   |
| 2. Secretary                | 6. Education Representative |
| 3. Treasurer                | 7. Social Co-Ordinator      |
| 4. Fundraising Co-Ordinator | 8. Canteen Co-Ordinator     |

I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Group and Community, Annual General Meeting. Feel free to come from 6.45 pm for supper before the meeting. Meeting will commence at 7pm sharp.

Thank you for your support.



## Parent Group 2018, Executive Team Nomination Form.

Name:.....Child/rens name and class.....

I would like to nominate myself (name)..... phone number..... or

I would like to nominate (name)..... phone number.....(I have informed this nominee)

For the position of ..... (please indicate position) in the Parent Group Executive Team for 2018.

Parent Group Leader .....	Education Representative.....
Secretary .....	Fundraising Co-Ordinator.....
Treasurer .....	Social Co-Ordinator .....
Community Co-Ordinator.....	Canteen Co-Ordinator.....

**Sincerely, the 2017 Parent Group Executive Team.**



## Mathematics and Kinder Orientation



On Wednesday of this week, new families and Kindergarten students for 2018 visited the school. While our new students for next year spent some time in the Kindergarten Learning Space, the mums, dads and a few of our grandparents met in the parish hall and had a chance to listen to some useful tips around Literacy and Numeracy.

It may have been a while since you sat in the same chair with your own child about to begin at school, but the messages that we shared are still very relevant and it is a good thing to go back and relook at some of those essential understandings.

[Read more...](#)

### Student works of art for sale

If you were not able to get to the fete on Saturday to purchase your child's photo work they are available now at the school office.

All students decorated the photo of themselves in their superhero outfit.

They are available for \$5 from the school office.

Come check them out!



### Breast Cancer Fundraising

A former parent, Jacqueline Pittman is fundraising on behalf of, Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) through the 'Brave for BCNA Challenge'.

Funds raised are used to support women diagnosed with breast cancer.

We are collecting money on behalf of Jacqueline in the school foyer. A receipt book is available.

Any support for this cause would be appreciated.



### St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

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Web Page:	<a href="http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au">www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</a>		

#### Mass Times at St Bernadette's Parish

**Mass:** Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sun 8:30am & 10:00am

**Children's Liturgy** - 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**

## THE LAW, LOVE & THE PROPHETS!

Gospel in Life

In 1976 Muhammad Yunus was a young economics professor at Chittagong University in Bangladesh. Realising that the people in the nearby village of Jobra were struggling to recover from poverty in the aftermath of the terrible 1974 famine, Yunus made a group of 42 women a small loan of \$27.

Up until then, their only course of action had been to borrow money from loan sharks so they could buy bamboo to make furniture, and hope to claw their way out of destitution. Of course only a lucky few made it that way.

Yunus' loan was the first transaction of what would become the Grameen Bank, or '*Bank of the Villages*'. Today, the bank still specialises in microcredit—providing affordable loans of very modest sums to some of the world's poorest people—and it is estimated that over half of Grameen's 50 million Bangladeshi borrowers have risen out of the acute poverty thanks to their loans.

In 2006 Yunus and the bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, 'for their efforts to create economic and social development from below'.

It is clear that there are commandments within commandments; that is if we follow the spirit of the two great commandments, the smaller ones will take care of themselves. For who, with love in their heart, could mistreat an orphan or a woman who had lost her husband?

So, you might ask, if we have these overarching commandments, what's the point of the detail? Well, as the saying goes: 'When you are up to your neck in alligators, it is difficult to remind yourself your initial objective was to drain the swamp!'

Day-to-day reality means it's easy to lose the bigger picture, and at times we need specific guidance to help us deal with the interferences and negotiate the obstacles that life puts in our way. The details can function as stepping stones so that we can haul ourselves up onto them and gradually work our way back out of the swamp to see the bigger picture again.

Muhammad Yunus was able to help the women of Jobra most effectively by taking the smallest steps, enabling them to work up to bigger things. Indeed, the Grameen Bank now has over two thousand branches in Bangladesh and continues to expand.

We could perhaps distil Jesus' two great commandments even further into the single word 'love'. As the Beatles sang, 'it's all you need'. But the problem is that it becomes something so rarefied, such a large concept, that it's overwhelming, impossible to apply to everyday life.

If, on the other hand, we start with small steps, by treating each other with basic fairness and respect, we will get glimpses of the love that Jesus tells us about.      Weekly Parable from E-News

### **ALL SAINTS DAY Wednesday 1st November**

- 7.00pm Devotions to Mary Immaculate
- 7.30pm Mass

### **ALL SOULS DAY Thursday 2nd November (2 Masses)**

- 8.15am Rosary and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- 8.45am Mass
- 7.00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- 7.30pm Mass

**HEALING MASS** Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated **next Saturday 4th November** 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.