2017 Term 4 Week 7



Newsletter

St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

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November

- 26th Youth Group
- 27th Swim program 2 weeks

December

- 1st Parent Christmas Party 6:30pm
- 6th Christmas Concert:
 - 6:30pm-8pm
- 7th Parents can view Swim Prog
- 8th Infants Liturgy: 10am 11am **CANCELLED**
- 12th End of Year Whole School Mass and Graduation Ceremony 10am

Year 6 Dinner Dance

13th Swimming Carnival and Infants Water Day

Principal's Blog

What a busy week we have had as we head towards the end of the school year for 2017. This week children have enjoyed the opportunity to do some learning with Healthy Harold, to hear Sister Dorothy talk about her work with refugees on Christmas Island, Manis Island, in Naru and South Sudan, to showcase their work in PBL to our parent community, to learn new skills utilising technology and to practise for their Christmas concert. At the same time teachers have continued to focus on student learning, as well as preparing student reports, which will be sent home later in the term.

Next week we commence our swimming program, which continues for a two week period. On Wednesday, 6th December, all parents and members of the community are invited to join us for our school Christmas pageant, which commences at 6:30 pm.

Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents for working collaboratively with teachers in educating our children. It is crucial for us to work together in order for your child to meet their potential academically, socially and spiritually.

> Have a wonderful week. Mrs Garzaniti (Acting Principal)

See more.

Partners

I dreamed I stood in a studio, And watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a child's mind, And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher; the tools used, Were books and music and art. One, a parent with guiding hands, A gentle and loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled, With a touch both deft and skilled. The parent laboured side by side, And all the values filled.

And when at last their task was done, They looked at what they'd wrought. The beautiful shape of the precious child, Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed it would have failed, If one had worked alone. For behind the parent stood the school, And behind the teacher, home.

Thank you for your commitment to working collaboratively with us to educate your children!







THERE ARE TWO GIFTS WE SHOULD GIVE OUR CHILDREN: ONE IS ROOTS, AND THE OTHER IS WINGS.

ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY, 2017

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

To conclude the year we have shared this year, the school will be holding a Christmas Pageant. On behalf of the school community, we would like to invite all our families and friends to join us in song and celebration of the Lord's upcoming birthday - Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DETAILS:

WHEN: Wednesday, 6th of December 2017 TIME OF CONCERT: 6:30pm VENUE: Parish Hall ADMISSION: Gold coin donations welcomed at door.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN CLASS SPACES NO LATER THAN 6:00pm

Parent Group will have a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale from 4.30 – 5.30pm.

We hope to see everyone there in your Christmas Themed attire!

With Christmas Blessings,

It's the Swimming Season!

Swim Program

Next week begins our whole school swim program which runs across the fortnight. All children will need to come to school in full sports uniform. A separate bag containing swimming costume, towel, spare shirt,



goggles, thongs or slip on footwear and underwear will be required each day. Children will have time to change into their costume prior to catching the bus. All items need to have the child's name **clearly marked** on them.**Shirts must be worn to and from the pool.**

All Children are required to wear swimming costumes, not items of clothing such as singlets, shirts, or underwear etc.**Boys must wear swimmers not Boardshorts.**No rash vests are required as the pool is indoors.

The children will be transported by bus to and from Aquabliss, 20 Distribution Place, Seven Hills. There will be an opportunity on **Thursday 7**t**h December** for parents/carers to visit the pool to watch their child while in their lesson. The timetable for the sessions is:

Session 1: 9:20 - 10:00 Year 6

Session 2: 10:05 - 10:45 Year 3

Session 3: 10:50 – 11:30 Year 5

Session 4: 11:35 – 12:15 Year 2

Session 5: 12:20 – 1:00 Kindergarten

Session 6: 1:05 – 1:45 Year 1

Session 7: 1:50 – 2:30 Year 4

Swimming Carnival!



This year's Swimming Carnival will be held held at Blacktown Pool, Boyd Street on Wednesday 13th December 2017 commencing at 10 am. A detailed information and permission note went home on Friday last week and i**t is essential that permission slips are returned as events will be created next week.**

Any parent volunteers to assist on the day would be most welcome and very needed.

lf you did not receive a note, please contact your child's teacher. Kindergarten and some Stage 1 parents will receive a separate note around the Infants Beach Day that they attend instead. **Infants Bach Day**

As there is an age entry level for the swimming carnival, infants students who are not old enough to participate in the carnival experienced a water fun day at school. This day includes a number of different water-based activities and games. A separate note around this will be going home this week. Mr Stennett

Acting Assistant Principal

Life Education with Healthy Harold

This week at St Bernadette's we have been visited by Healthy Harold! Life Education teaches us how to care for ourselves and keep safe and healthy. Ashley is our Life Education coordinator and has been working with all students this week, learning about healthy living.

"We learnt about emergencies and how to take care of anyone who could be injured or in trouble. We saw a video of Boots, one of Harold's friends, who fell over and hurt her ankle. Harold went to the emergency centre where he got help. If we are in trouble we can call 000 and we can tell them our address and phone number - don't hang up, just stay calm. It was interesting, fun learning and inspiring." Vanessa, Zara and Lincoln - Stage 1



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to

enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

A number of our students received Gold Certificates,acknowledginga successful completion of the challenge over four years. Two of our Stage 3 students, Jasmine and Max, were awarded Platinum certificates for successfully completing the challenge for seven years every year since Kindergarten.

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the Premier's Reading Challenge. I encourgae others to attempt Gold and Platinum awards! It's amazing being up there in front of everyone, being congratulated for the effort. I hope you try and get into reading."*Domenic

A big thank you to Mrs O'Brien for coordinating the initiative and all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make sure it runs smoothly.

Mr Stennett Acting Assistant Principal





Project Based Learning in Stage 3 - The Gold Rush

This term in PBL (Project Based Learning) Stage 3 have been learning about the Australian Gold Rush and how it changed the way Australia was to what it is now. Using what we learnt Stage 3 constructed scripted plays based on the events of the Gold Rush as well as significant figures such as Peter Lalor, James Esmond and Edward Hargraves. We presented to an audience made up of our parents and Stage 2 students. Apart from incorporating our learnings of this era in Australian history, we also developed our expression and characters. We felt that it was a great success as well as very challenging.

Daniel and Joshua



Sr Dorothy from The Sisters of Charity

Today at school we were visited by the lovely Sr Dorothy from the Sisters of Charity. You could tell from the way she spoke to us that she was very passionate about the work she does. She is an aid worker, volunteering her time as a nurse in South Sudan, in refugee



camps, working her hardest to make every aspect of people's lives better. We learnt that even a little donation can go a long way. She encouraged us to go out



and make a difference in the world and that we often take everything around us for granted. So many people have so little in the world compared to our lives. The last thing she asked us all to do was to continue to pray for those in the world who need it the most. We ask all our families to be a part of this. **Emily and Kayla**

School Uniform Shop - School Locker





The School Locker is proud to partner with St Bernadette's Primary School

The School Locker

Our goal is to provide great shopping experiences for families and our retail stores are centered around a single great idea: one store with everything you need for school.

Working in partnership with your school.

St Bernadette's Primary School Uniform Shop

Address:

Lalor Park NSW 2147 Mrs Gallagher

18 Wheeler Street

Uniform Shop Operator: Mrs Gallagher

Trading Hours during School Term:

Wednesday: 8:30am - 10:30am

St Bernadette's Primary School uniform range is available online at:

www.theschoollocker.com.au

Payment options

The School Locker accepts cash, EFTPOS, Visa, MasterCard, Latitude finance, interest free and American Express.

Online ordering

Products are available for purchase online at our website: www.theschoollocker.com.au. From our website you may choose to have your order shipped to you, or you may collect your order from the campus store.

2018 Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday 29th January – 10am – 2pm (SDD) Tuesday 30th January – 8:30am – 10:30am Wednesday 31st January – 8:30am – 10:30am (Yrs 1-6 Commence) Thursday 1st February – 8:30am – 10:30am (Kindergarten Commence) Note: Normal trading hours (Wednesday: 8:30am - 10:30am) will resume week 2

School shoes

Great quality school shoes are available at St Bernadette's Primary School uniform shop and online - in styles that have been approved by the school.

The School Locker recommends that school shoes are fitted several weeks before the school year commences. It is important to allow enough time for your child to wear in, and feel comfortable in, their new school shoes before the first day of school.

Everything for school in one store: uniforms, footwear, technology, music, sport and stationery!

A wide range of technology devices, musical instruments, sports equipment and stationery is also available for purchase from the retail store in Liverpool and online.

Address: The School Locker The Grove Homemaker Centre, 2-18 Orange Grove Road Liverpool NSW 2170

Telephone: 02 8796 2100

School Locker



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.

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



Enrol Now



Now

Enrolling!

Happy Birthday to these students

Lily Dowd, Aiden Beniwal,

Xavier Laupama

Swimming Carnival Wednesday 13th December **Blacktown Pool**

Download the information note from our website in the

Sport section of

School Notes



Swimming Program Monday 27th November (Wk 8) until

Friday 8th December (Wk9)

Download the information note from our website in the Sport section of School Notes



Water Fun Day -R Wednesday 13th December for Early Stage 1 and some Year 1 students who do not turn 8 in 2018. Information Note can be downloaded from our website.





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



Kiss and Drop Guidelines (Find under our Administration Section of our website)







	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Llemere em	Assessed Departmentions
Manialia		Scholastic real	Homeroom	Award Description
Mariska 🦷	Alemao	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Mariska J	Alemao	1	STAGE 1W	Silver Award
Kristina	Davison	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Stella	Efstathiou	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
John Paul	Evangelista	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Ronan	Longhurst	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Ngathjwok	Mugo	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Ngathjwok	Mugo	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Juaj	Nyok	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Tasmyn	Ross	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Monique [·]	Tadros	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Monique [·]	Tadros	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Stephen '	Tem	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Antonio	Touma	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Crystal	Wilson	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Christopher	Yaacoub	1	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Hayden /	Auzner	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Zikryat	Basha	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Ritvik	Cholia	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Kaitlin	Cragg	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Darko	Grubisic	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Darko	Grubisic	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Hecker	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Manas	Idumalla	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Manas	Idumalla	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Jade	Marafioti	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Chloe	McHugh	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Chloe	McHugh	2	STAGE 1W	Silver Award
Georgia	Nash	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Georgia	Nash	2	STAGE 1W	Silver Award
Cohen	Winley	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Abigail 1	Xiberras	2	STAGE 1W	Bronze award
Olivia	Efstathiou	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Olivia	Efstathiou	3	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Angela I	Mordini	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Arya	Patel	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Arya	Patel	3	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Victoria	Commins	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Sophie /	Angallo	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Sophie /	Angallo	3	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Seedorf	Lado	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Seedorf	Lado	4	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Amber	Francis	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Emily	Mordini	6	STAGE 3B	Gold Award
Emily	Mordini	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award



Swimming Program

Please make sure all towels, costumes, goggles, sport uniforms and bags are labelled with your child's name before the swimming program next week.

Hello myname





Great presents and Christmas craft will be on sale. Presents are available from 50 cents to \$5. Raffle tickets will be on sale with lots of prizes. Parent helpers will be required on the day. Please contact the office if you are available for even a short time. Helpers can

meet in the school office on the morning of Monday 11th .



'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'





One potato, two potatoes ... and a tomato, were discovered in the garden, the mint was picked and used in the Strawberry Rice Cake Crush (see recipe) and the school community gathered to celebrate

'Remembrance Day'...Lest We Forget!

Strawberry Rice Cake Crush

- 1. Crush 2 Rice Cakes each (with hands) and place in tumblers
- 2. Drizzle some honey over the crumbs to lightly coat
- 3. Place quartered strawberries over crushed rice cakes
- 4. Mix Greek yoghurt and honey together and pour into the tumbler
- 5. Sprinkle with chocolate flakes
- 6. Garnish with mint leaves from the school garden





*To be part of the learning and fun make contact via:<u>claresgarden118@gmail.com</u>and

visit<u>http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com</u>or the school office on 96223535 or<u>stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>Please see our website<u>www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au</u>for more photos from the garden



Infants Liturgy on Friday 8th December has been cancelled due to the Swimming Program. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sacramental Process

Please keep in your prayers the Children who will be experiencing the love of our forgiving Father in First Reconciliation on November 30 and December 7.

Parents please note that the Reconciliation Liturgy will begin in the Church at 7:00pm on both days.

Madge Miranda Sacramental CoOrdinator

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park							
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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							

WHAT HAVE YOU MADE OF YOURSELF?

Gospel in Life

Once a reunion took place of past students of a famous school run by a religious order. An elderly priest, who had come back to be present at the reunion, found himself surrounded by a host of former pupils most of whom he hadn't met since they left the school many years previously. It was obvious from the way they flocked to him that he enjoyed great respect among them.

He received them with graciousness. Then, without the slightest prompting from him, they began to pour out their stories. One was an architect who had built a number of public buildings, including two churches. Another was a university professor who had written several learned books. Another was the head of a business company which had branches in over a dozen countries. Another was a highly successful farmer. Another was a Mayor in a local city. Another was the principal of a very prestigious school.

The old priest listened with pleasure to the impressive litany of successes and achievements. There didn't seem to be a single failure or loser among them. If there were any such people among the ranks of his past students, it was obvious that they hadn't shown up at the reunion.

As they told their stories he said little, contenting himself with nodding his head and smiling. When they had finished he complimented them on their achievements. Then, looking at them with affection, he said, 'And now, tell me what you have made of yourself?'

A long silence followed. They were reluctant to talk about themselves. It seems that they were so absorbed in their careers that they had neglected their personal lives. Their energies were so focussed on efficiency and success that they didn't have the time to grow emotionally, with the result that in terms of relationships many of them were impoverished.

Whenever Christ talks about talents, we must not think he means a musical talent or a footballing talent. Such talents are important, and all credit to those who possess them, develop them, and use them. But they are outrageously over-valued, and over-rewarded in our times. Christ's parable goes a lot deeper.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.Weekly Parable from E-News

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. 'From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beautiful vision of God.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032)November Mass Envelopesare available in the basket at the back of the Church for your use.All Masses during Novemberwill be offered in union with the living and the dead. November gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the communion between the living and the dead.All Mass Intention Envelopes will be placed in a Special Remembrance Boxand placed in front of the Altar for ALL November Masses.