



2017 Term 4 Week 9

Newsletter

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Principal's Blog

Dear Parents

We are quickly coming to the end of another school year. This week saw the children continue with their swimming lessons, but the highlight of the week was surely our Christmas Pageant, which took place on Wednesday evening. The hall was filled with parents, family and friends who came to view our children's beautiful presentation of the Christmas story. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Bueneventura and all staff members who worked to prepare children for this very special evening. I would also like to thank parents who organised the sausage sizzle on the evening. All these things take a great deal of time and organisation.

As we travel through the Season of Advent, a time of waiting but also a time when most of us are extremely busy, we need to remember to stop and let go of the worldly distractions that take us away from God, and focus on growing closer to him through prayer and concern for others. Some Christmas gift suggestions for you:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

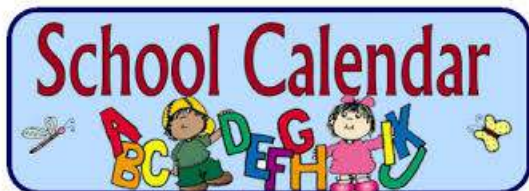
To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

~ Oren Arnold

On a personal note, I would like to thank parents, staff and students for making me feel so welcome across the 4 weeks that I have been Acting Principal of St Bernadette's. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

Frances Garzaniti (Acting Principal)



December

- 12th End of Year Whole School Mass and Graduation Ceremony 10am
Year 6 Dinner Dance
- 13th Swimming Carnival and Infants
Water Day
- 14th Year 6 Fun Day - Escape Hunt
- 15th Last day for students
- 17th Youth Group

[See more ...](#)



Student Awards



First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
David	Atie	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
David	Atie	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Sierra	Hanna	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sierra	Hanna	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Noah	Bonello	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Bonello	K	EARLY ST1G	Silver Award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Chrisoula	Kehagias	K	EARLY ST1G	Silver Award
Chanel	Atie	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Tanya	Gama	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Tanya	Gama	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Cillian	Sunners	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Cillian	Sunners	1	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Jeanerikah	Anyanwu	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Rishaan	Cholia	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Rishaan	Cholia	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Wilhelm	Flores	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Wilhelm	Flores	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Ava-Jordan	Gabriel	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Ava-Jordan	Gabriel	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Palafox	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Palafox	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Zara	Astillo	2	STAGE 1G	Gold Award
Vanessa	Menon	2	STAGE 1G	Gold Award
Mariska	Alemao	1	STAGE 1W	Gold Award
Mariska	Alemao	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Kaitlin	Cragg	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Kaitlin	Cragg	2	STAGE 1W	Silver Award
Noah	Hecker	2	STAGE 1W	Silver Award
Chloe	McHugh	2	STAGE 1W	Gold Award
Chloe	McHugh	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Georgia	Nash	2	STAGE 1W	Gold Award
Georgia	Nash	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Anyia	Guarin	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Kurtis	Jackson	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Mason	Graham	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Jwodho	Mugo	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Hayley	Donovan	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Hayley	Donovan	3	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Duom	Acuoth	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Duom	Acuoth	4	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Jake	Hodgson	4	STAGE 2W	Bronze award
Jake	Hodgson	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award

Danniela	Rodriguez	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Danniela	Rodriguez	4	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Julio	Tatupu	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Julio	Tatupu	4	STAGE 2W	Silver Award
Aiden	McCarthy	5	STAGE 3B	Gold Award
Aiden	McCarthy	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	5	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Elena	Xiberras	5	STAGE 3B	Gold Award
Elena	Xiberras	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Amber	Francis	6	STAGE 3B	Gold Award
Amber	Francis	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award

REC Blog

Christmas Pageant Thank You!



On Wednesday our school community held our Christmas Pageant to celebrate our Saviour - Jesus Christ birthday through song and cheer. Your children showcased a marvelous item that I'm sure made everyone proud. I would like to thank the staff and students for all their preparation and practice leading up to the evening and also to the Parent Group Committee for organising the Sausage Sizzle prior to the Pageant.

Youth Group Christmas Party:

Just a reminder that an invitation was sent home last week with regards to the Parish inviting all Year 4 students to attend the Youth Group Christmas Party on Sunday the 18 th of December at 6-7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is great opportunity to meet and greet the Youth Group leaders and members.

St Bernadette's Parish Christmas Play:

Finally, a letter with regards to the St Bernadette's Parish Christmas Play was sent home to all our Year 4 and Stage Three students for the re-enactment of Jesus' Birth. This will be held during the Christmas Eve evening Mass on Sunday the 24 th of December, at 8.30pm. The Parish is looking for performers to fulfill the parts of; Angels, Shepherds, a Joseph and Mary. If your child is interested, please fill in the note with your child's preference for the play. All slips may be returned to the school by the end of this week – at the latest. Rehearsal dates will be; Saturday, 9 th Dec at 11am & Saturday, 16 th Dec at 12noon.

THANK YOU ST BERNADETTE'S COMMUNITY

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend our gratitude to all our families for donating items towards our Social Justice Initiative – The St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your generosity is much appreciated and will help many families within our Lalor Park Community celebrate Christmas with joyous food and Christmas themed items.



Have a blessed and Joyful week everyone.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Coordinator).

Swimming Carnival and Infants Beach Day



Next Wednesday 13th December is our School Swimming Carnival as well as our Infants Beach Day.

We are looking forward to an exciting day of water sport and fun. The weather forecast is predicting a hot day so we all need to come to school prepared.

The Swimming Carnival is at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, while the infants will remain at school for the Beach Day.

For students from Year 2 to Year 6 who will be travelling to the Swimming Carnival

Students need to be on time as we will mark our rolls and leave school shortly after morning assembly

Students will need to:

- Wear their full sports uniform and have their swimmers under this
- Wear their school hat
- Bring a plastic bag marked with their name and with their lunch and recess in it
- Have a bottle of water to drink
- Wear sunscreen
- Wear their joggers or thongs
- Bring a beach towel to dry themselves with and to sit on if need be

Students will not be permitted to use the canteen at the pool centre.

For students in Kindergarten and Year 1 who will be remaining at school

for the Infants Beach Day

Students are required to wear

- full sports school uniform for the day (including closed in shoes)
- to participate in water based activities students are allowed to wear their swimmers under their uniform.

Students are also required to bring in a bag:

- A hat to be worn the whole day.
- Sunscreen (that has already been applied)
- Dry Shirts/ Boardshorts to get changed into if needed
- A beach towel (to lay on later that day during the movie)
- Flip Flops/ Sandals to wear during the activities.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to assist on the day.

Parents are more than welcome to come along to the swimming carnival and support the students as they race.

Please see your child's classroom teachers if you have any concerns.

Thank you,

Mr Stennett

Acting Assistant Principal



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.

All St Bernadette's parents are welcome to attend the morning tea afterwards.



'Learning and Fun in Our Garden'

'Learning and Fun in Our Garden' Whether students are preparing to leave the school, involved in the Swimming Program or harvesting **Cherry**



Tomatoes, water is the focus, as the dry earth waits patiently for the "steady soaking rain!"



*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

Student Banking

There will be no student banking in Week 10.

Thank you



CommonwealthBank

Christmas Craft Stall

Monday 11th December



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.



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

Alexander Mordini, Isabella Baker, Genevieve Key,

Alexander Dela Fuente, Charles Valentine, Katherine Kay,

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 13th December

Blacktown Pool



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

School Notes



Water Fun Day - 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.



Gilroy College Uniforms available

We have a parent who is offering Gilroy College uniforms that are no longer needed.

They are:

3 x short sleeve shirts - Size 18

3 x Long sleeve shirts - Size 18

1 x Tie

1 x Hat

2 x Long pants

Please contact the school office if you are interested in these uniforms. 8869 6400. Free of charge.



TELEPHONE



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)



School
Uniform



Canteen

Canteen will be closed on Wednesday 13th December due to swimming carnival.

Last day for Canteen trading is Monday 11th December.

There will be NO lolly day this term.

Thank you



Fr Andrew Christmas Cards

Fr Andrew's Christmas cards have been sent home with all students last Wednesday afternoon. Please ask your children for them.

Thank you



Money to the Office

There will be no cash accepted at the school office after Wednesday 13th December (Week 10).

There is no cash kept on the premises over the holidays.



- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities

GREAT FUN



HOLIDAY CLUB- PASSPORT TO SUMMER

If you are needing care or are just looking for fun these school holidays, check out the great Holiday Club program at one of our nearby Camp Australia services held at Marayong Heights Public School and Sherwood Ridge Public School in Kellyville. Marayong Heights Holiday Club will run for 4 weeks from the 18th December to the 22nd December 2017 and the 8th January to the 29th January 2018. Sherwood Ridge Holiday Club will run for two weeks from the 18th December to the 22nd December 2017 and from the 22nd January to the 29th January 2018.

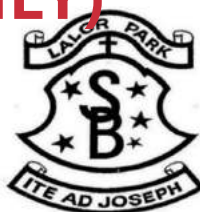
Some of the exciting Excursions and Incursions that we have to offer include a trip to Featherdale Farm, Flip Out, Fitness Works Clinic and to the movies to see "Ferdinand". Some of the other activities on offer include 'Space Is The Place', 'Overflowing Fun' and 'The Summer Challenge' along with many more fun activities.

To make a booking, go to www.campastralia.com.au and click on the Holiday Club link.

visit www.campastralia.com.au

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(Last day of trading 2017 - Wednesday 13th December - EFTPOS ONLY)



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Address: 18 Wheeler Street
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**Uniform Shop
Operator:** Mrs Gallagher

Trading Hours during School Term:

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**St Bernadette's Primary School
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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.

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

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**School
Locker**

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



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New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 14 Feb., 21 Feb.

New and Returning
Students
Ages 5-8

Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

New Students
Ages 9-16

and Returning Students

Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,
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ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB INC



Would you like to play a social, team sport in 2018?

Come and play for St Bernadette's Netball Club!

Games are played on Saturdays at International Peace Park (behind Blacktown Aquatic Centre).

Training is on Tuesday nights: Juniors 5:30pm to 7pm, Seniors 7pm to 9pm.

Players of all abilities are welcome!

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Date: Saturday 3rd February, 2018

Time: Between 11am and 2pm

Where: St Bernadette's Hall, Wheeler St, Lalor Park

More details including online registration, fees and how you can claim a government rebate via the Active Kids Rebate program are available on our Facebook or website below.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

Phone: Kim Myers (Club President) 0408 025 512

Email: sbncinfo@gmail.com

Website: <http://stbernadettesnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stberniesnetball/>

School Opal Card - Bus Applications

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport are now open. In coming days students who hold a School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3, or year 6 to 7 and changing school or students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement.

Student enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details / make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before December 2017 to ensure their entitlement updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued. Students in the Opal area applying for the first time will receive their card (posted to nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply as the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility.

Email: students@transport.nsw.gov.au



DEAR YEAR 4 STUDENTS

**On behalf of the St Bernadette's
Lalor Park Youth Group**



You are cordially invited to attend:

**ST BERNADETTE'S
YOUTH GROUP
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



DATE: SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 6.00PM TO 7.30PM

WHERE: St Bernadette's Parish Hall



**WHAT TO BRING: Food or Drink. BUT
MOST IMPORTANTLY YOURSELVES
OR A FRIEND**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
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Email:	admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au	Fax:	9671 5377
Web Page:	www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au		

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

Wake up! Jesus is Here Right Now!

Gospel in Life

Stop and think. Do you ever feel alone when you need help with a problem? Do you ever doubt whether your life really makes a difference? A lot of young people often feel isolated or unimportant.

If you have ever had those feelings, pay attention to Jesus' words: 'Be alert! Watch!' Jesus wants you to know that God's help is staring you right in the face. His mission for you is right in front of you.

During Advent we join with Christians all around the world to remember that God sent Jesus once and will send him again at the world's end. Why? Because we need him. We need his help because life is just too hard sometimes. We need his vision because we sometimes miss the work he wants us to do in this messed-up world.

Unfortunately, life gets so busy that we often miss the many ways Christ tries to comfort us or send us to others. Advent is a great time to slow down and be watchful. When you hurt, be alert; Christ is sending people to help you. Pray for help to see them and the humility to accept their help. When others hurt, Christ wants to send you. Like the servants in this week's reading, Christ has important work for you to do in healing this broken world. Pray for help to see those people whose lives you can change.

Take these four weeks of Advent to pray more often. Actively look for how Christ loves you and needs you. Let Advent remind you that Jesus really comes into the world every day. But we miss that unless we watch for Christ, accept Christ's love, and help others in Christ's name.

When I look at the people in my daily life, who are the ones Christ is sending to help me, and who are the ones Christ is showing me I could help?

Weekly Parable from E-News

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 16th December at 6pm Vigil Mass, or on Sunday 17th December at the 8.30am or 10am Masses - Pink Sunday. This will help children to focus on the Reason for the Season - the birth of Christ.