



2018 Term 1 Week 10

Newsletter

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APRIL

- 6th Stage 1 Assembly 2.10pm
All Welcome
- 12th - Project Compassion Appeal
Hawaiian Theme
Dance viewing / demonstration
Morning Tea
- 13th - Term 1 finishes
- 30th - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

MAY

- 1st - Term 2 Commences (Winter Uniform)
ANZAC Service 9.10am
Zone Cross Country
- 10th - Mothers Day Craft Stall
- 11th - Mothers Day BBQ Breakfast 7.45am

See more ...

Principal's Message

School Holidays

As Term 1 fast draws to a close it's worth reflecting on your child's journey so far this year. In 2018 my eldest child began school. In ten weeks he has shifted so much not only academically, but socially and emotionally. A parents perspective is always enlightening. The work our staff do on a daily basis to develop the students in their care is immense and never stops.

To honour this work it is important that parents find ways to ensure students continue to learn in the holidays. I'm not proposing formal lessons, but simple acts such as reading. Continuous reading in the holidays will have a HUGE effect on your child's retention of skills. Not reading over two weeks could see a dramatic drop in reading levels as students fail to hold on to new skills.

It is also a good time to take some stock of where your child is at the moment. One quarter of the learning year is nearly over. To ensure the best outcomes for your child ensure you have communicated any concerns or thoughts to your class teacher. This will help to ensure your child's teacher is working with you to achieve your child's goals.

If you go away these holidays enjoy yourself and be safe! Once again thank you all for a great start to the school year!

This Term

We are fast approaching the end of the Term. Term 1 has been a busy term, highly productive and one where much has been achieved. I had the privilege of reviewing our achievements with a team of support personnel from the office.

This term we have;

- Established an expectation of consistency across the school
- Begun to rebuild whole school behaviour management approaches
- Commenced work on Positive Behaviour Support for Learning and established a working team
- Completed all essential student baseline assessments and begun tracking for student growth and students who are experiencing learning challenges
- Commenced an array of learning interventions
- Commenced vital work to establish programs that will support minorities within our community
- Conducted sporting events
- Harmony Day - our stand out diversity event
- Purple Day for epilepsy awareness
- Games A thon
- Easter Raffle
- Holy Week reflections
- Whole school mass, stage liturgies and family mass
- Whole school planning
- Ongoing teacher professional learning across all Learning Areas
- Ongoing Work with Teaching Educators for Literacy, Numeracy, Positive Behaviour and Project Based Learning
- Planned structural changes to the library with planning for major space changes under way.
- Revised play activities to incorporate a revamped Games Club, Structured Play and basketball rings.

When you take a moment to reflect, you see that a lot has been done to make our school the Great place that it is! Thanks to all staff and parents who have assisted to enable this work.

Road Safety

Last week Robyn Carruthers and myself began formal discussions with Beth, the Road Safety Officer from Catholic Education Parramatta. Beth will work with the school to review our current road safety expectations, advise on any changes and make any necessary submissions to Blacktown Council requesting changes to local council infrastructure.

I have already requested additional ranger patrols from Blacktown Council and Police presence at the school to ensure the safety of all students.

Professional Learning

This term our teachers have received many opportunities to refine their teaching practice. We continue to ensure our staff are well equipped to deliver the best teaching and learning experiences

to all students. In the final weeks of the term our Stage 2, Stage 3 and Science teaching teams will receive personalised professional learning at school to plan and deliver Project Based Learning units in Term 2 that continue to stretch the capabilities of our students.

The School Leadership Team met this week to plan the year ahead and ensure our school goals are aligned with professional learning opportunities and system support. The Leadership Team are committed to ensuring consistent practices across the school that are refined and purposeful for all students.

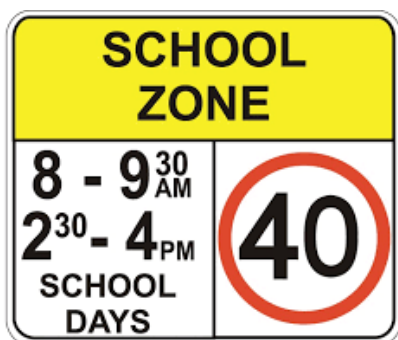
Library Changes

Over the school holidays work will be conducted to open the library to the deck area. This will see glass concertina doors installed across the length of the wall facing the deck. This will enable us to fully utilise the deck area for school gatherings and importantly to improve teaching and learning.

This work will mark the beginning of a reimagination of library space. The current library is tired and in need of change that will make the space suitable for learning and importantly appealing to children. As a staff we have begun discussing the changes we want to see to make better use of this space. In the coming weeks we will seek parent and student input into how our library can be reimaged.

We envisage a new colourful library with purposeful learning spaces. Areas that appeal to infants and primary students alike. Embedded technology to promote student learning and display space for student projects. Our library will become a multipurpose space. Importantly we will bring books to life and create a space dedicated to the love of reading.

Phill Kapitanow, Principal



A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place on all school days for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

St Bernadette's has a Staff Development Day on Monday 30th April.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018

TERM 2 WEEK 2

**MOTHERS' DAY BBQ
BREAKFAST**

NOTES WILL BE SENT HOME

WEEK 1



From Our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

I trust that everyone had a blessed Happy Easter and celebrated the long weekend with family and close friends. This Easter, the message from my parish priest's homily invites us all to rejoice in our Risen Lord and to strengthen our faith in Him – freeing us from life's negativity and focusing more on the our Christian Values. Ensuring that Christ is our priority – at the core of our hearts that guides all that we say and do.

Finally, CEDP is inviting all parents and friends to a Reflection Day on Thursday the 3rd of May – 9.30-2pm. The day will enable you to laugh, pray and reflect. If you are interested RSVP to Tania Melki (See flyer) or come see me and I can arrange your RSVP on your behalf. For more details please see the attached flyer and school Facebook page.

Have a blessed week everyone.

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura



HAWAIIAN DANCE FEVER

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.



All students, parents & friends are invited to come dressed in your 'Hawaiian' themed clothes to support the 2018 Project Compassion Social Justice Appeal at

St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

Attire: Hawaiian Theme clothes/ items in exchange of a gold coin donation.

Dance Performance (approx. time): Dance Fever Showcase (whole school) at 9.30-11.00am.

Items for Sale: Cake Stall treats from 11.00 – 11.30am

Raffle Tickets to be sold during Recess!

Plus, we will have music and great Hawaiian vibes rocking the grounds!

We hope to See Everyone there!

Regards, Mrs Buenaventura (REC)



Literacy News with Mrs Maher

Holiday Literacy Tips

Below are some activities you can do with your children to:



1. Read every day

Daily routines provide authentic reading opportunities.

- Cook with a recipe to follow instructions.
- Look for information on the internet.
- Read instructions for using a new game or gadget.
- Read a brochure or article about a place to which the family may travel during the holidays.
- Talk with your child about characters and events in stories and act out the story together.
- Have books, comics and other reading materials available during transition times, such as plane rides and while waiting for an appointment.
- Listen to audio books.
- Subscribe your child to a comic or magazine and take turns reading to each other. Look for reading materials that relate to interests that your child enjoys, such as football or crafts.
- Watching television programmes and age-appropriate movies that are based on books can serve as a catalyst for reading.

Your child has access to their Sound Waves account, there are many games and activities that can be accessed over the holidays.

https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student_login/soundwaves/members

2) Write every day

- Ask your child to send postcards, letters or emails to their grandparents, relatives, friends or teachers!
- Encourage them to write a daily journal/diary
- Write short stories and make mini books and comic strips.
- Write shopping and packing lists together.
- Play I Spy, rhyming games and write funny songs and poems together.

3) Activities to continue to develop fine motor skills:

- Cut out pictures from old magazines, brochures or computer printouts then glue them onto another sheet and make a collage or an imaginary story about them.
- Cut strips of paper to make chains, make clay objects, sew, weave, etc.
- Start a hobby together, for example, knitting, painting or technology projects.

4) Go outside and play and continue to develop gross motor skills

Find activities to ensure that your child is active for at least 60 minutes each day.

- Go swimming, walk, play football or any other active sports.
- Climbing equipment, going to the park.
- Dance!

Lorraine Maher (Literacy Leader)

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Student Banking

There will be no school banking in Week 11.

Thank you



Stage 1 Assembly

On Friday 6th April Stage 1 will lead the Friday afternoon assembly. Come along to see what they have been learning. 2.10pm in the Parish Hall All Welcome



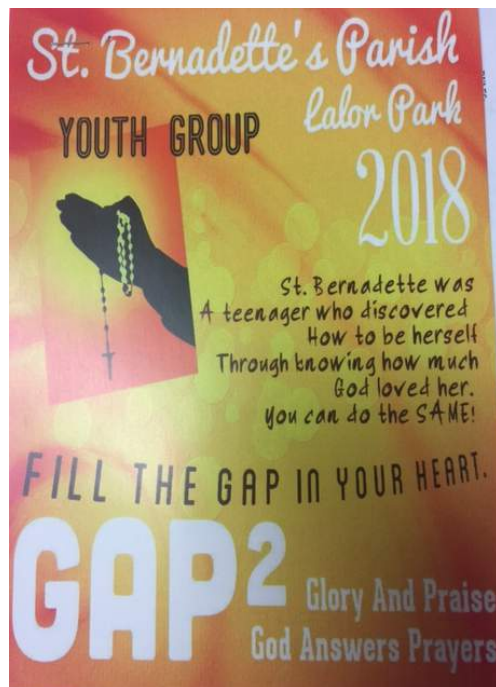
St Bernadette's Parish Youth Group

Who: Younger Group years 5-7
Older Group years 8-12

What: Bring yourself, your friends and a snack to share!

When: 25th March 2018
6pm - 7:30pm

Where: St. Bernadette's Parish Hall
Why: To make new friends, share your faith, play fun games and bond with each other



Cash payments - Week 11

There is no cash kept on the school premises over the holidays. We will not be able to accept any cash payments on Thursday 12th April or Friday 13th April. EFTPOS is still available. Thank you for your co-operation.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

These have been ordered. Payments of \$40 are now due.

Thank you to those parents who have made payment already.



ASTHMA ACTION PLANS

If your child has asthma can we ask that you make sure the office has an up to date Asthma Action Plan.

Please contact the office for any clarification.
Thank you



COMMONWEALTH GAMES GLORY FOR ONE OF ST BERNADETTE'S OWN- TIMOTHY HODGE

In an inspiring young sporting career, Timothy Hodge a St Bernadette's Alumni and Year 12 Student from Patrician Brothers Blacktown has achieved some amazing sporting achievements in swimming from holding world record times, winning Gold and Silver medals in National and International swimming competitions, to representing Australia in Rio at the Paralympics.

It is with wonder and great pleasure as we announce that our own Timothy Hodge has done it again!, and is representing Australia and all of us here at St Bernadette's this week at The Commonwealth Games in Queensland. Having qualified for S9 Para-Sport 100 Meter Freestyle competing on Friday the 6th April, SB8 Para-Sport 100 Meter Breaststroke and competing on Saturday 7th April, and lastly his pet event the S9 Para-Sport 100 Meter Backstroke competing on Tuesday 10th April.

Success and Commonwealth Games glory loudly beckons Tim, and we are all hugely proud of the journey and amazing achievements thus far and look forward to witnessing these history making events for Timothy, his family, St Bernadette's and Patrician Brothers, and of course Australia. We wish you all the best Tim and are there with you.



Now
Enrolling!



St Bernadette's Enrolments for 2019

Enrolment packages for 2019 are ready to be collected. Please call in to the school office to collect a pack.

Enrolment Interviews will commence in Term 2.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 30TH APRIL

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES-A-THON

On Tuesday we had our games-a-thon and it was a fun filled day enjoyed by everyone. It was great to see not only the children participating in the activities but also the staff and parents.



A big thank you to the parents, teachers and staff who helped on the day and a special mention to Carmen Bonello who put in a lot of time helping organising the day.

Sponsor Cards

Sponsorship cards will be coming home again this week so that children can continue collecting sponsors.

A reminder that there are prizes for the 3 children who raise the most money.

1st and 2nd prizes are an instax camera and accessories valued at over \$200.

3rd prize is a bike valued at \$99.

There is also prizes for the class who raise the most money. The children in the winning class will each receive a show bag.

Winners will be announced next term once all cards and money is returned by the due date.

All sponsor cards and money should be returned by Friday 4th May. Winners yo be announced in Week 2.

The following are the amounts promised so far from each class:

Early Stage 1 Blue = \$396 Early Stage 1 Gold = \$356

Stage 1 Blue = \$742 Stage 1 Gold = \$412 Stage 1 White = \$546.30

Stage 2 Blue = \$342 Stage 2 Gold = \$627 Stage 2 White = \$502

Stage 3 Blue = \$414.90 Stage 3 Gold = \$577 Stage 3 White = \$516

A fabulous effort so far. Thank you to everyone.

Maria Xiberras - Parent Group

PARENT GROUP EASTER RAFFLE

I hope everyone and their families had a wonderful Easter. The Easter raffle was a huge success again this year. Thank you to all the families who donated eggs and baskets and to everyone who bought raffle tickets. We had over 150 prizes and raised \$1300.

A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped make up the prizes and that helped with the prizes on the day-

Carmen Bonello, Bree Buhagiar, Tia Buhagiar, Carolyn Cagney, Richell Nash, Chantel Weir & Magaly Ross.

Thank you

Maria Xiberras



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Student Awards



Congratulations to these students who have received merit awards since our last newsletter. Keep up the great work.

First Name	Last Name	Homeroom	Award Description
Sarah	Koko	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Deahna	Maycock	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Arya	Saha	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Zarah	Taylor-Hart	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sam	Abdalla	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Sam	Abdalla	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marissa	Aouchan	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marvin	Cholia	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Manoa	Kingi	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Manoa	Kingi	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Mekhi	Buhagiar	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lily	Dowd	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Genevieve	Key	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Vincent	Tonkin	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
David	Atie	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Tanya	Gama	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Abbey	Longmire	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Mia	Pimentel	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Akon	Mabuoc	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Stephen	Tem	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Turner	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Rafael	Carcallas	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Rishaan	Cholia	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Grace	Kedde	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Aiesha	Marasli	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Ritvik	Cholia	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Bree	Maycock	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Emma	Attard	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joseph	Flaviano	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joshua	Gatehouse	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Seedorf	Lado	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Vivian	Menon	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Khushee	Parmar	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Tatupu	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Epenesa	Taulia	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Serena	Angallo	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Mason	Graham	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Reno	Rajkumar	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Erin	Debrincat	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Sascha	Francisco	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



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

GREAT FUN



Great fun in Outside School Hours Care

Our Out of School Hours' Care programs are always so much fun! That's because our programs consist of a range of activities that allow your child to learn something new every single day, such as:

- ✓ Indoor and outdoor play time fun
- ✓ Creative time
- ✓ Manipulative and logical play
- ✓ Social and development skills
- ✓ Homework and quiet time

School Holiday Fun

The school holidays are almost here and Camp Australia has a great choice of activities. It doesn't matter if they're into art, sport or building, there are activities to suit all children.

To find out more about the activities on offer and to book, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

From the Team at Camp Australia.

visit www.campastralia.com.au

we make kids smile

Uniform For Term 2

When Term 2 commences on Tuesday 1st May we will be in full winter uniform. The school uniform policy is flexible for the first two weeks in case it is still unseasonably warm. Which ever uniform is worn it must be full winter or full summer and not half of each. By week 3 all students must be in full winter uniform.



Uniform Shop - School Locker

The uniform shop currently has stock of all winter uniforms. Last day of trading for Term 1 will be Wednesday 11th April.

Lost Property

The lost property box on the Stage 3 verandah will be sorted out in Week 11 and any items without names on them will be taken to the second hand store.

Thank you



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MONDAY 30TH APRIL**

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More
Photos

St Bernadette's Garden

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
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Please see our website
www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au

for more photos from the garden.

Learning and Fun in Our Garden

As the calm **Autumn** days "**kick in**" and the extra daylight slowly fades away, it is a good time to do some gentle activities, such as cooking and gardening and reflect on the gifts of **Faith, Family and Friends!**



Levi Aouchan	Vivian Menon
Marcus Razon	John Paul Evangelista
Alexandria Harper	Samara Pineda-Otalvaro
Zikryat Basha	Noah Bonello
Emma Elias	Jayden Philipsz
Marcus Mansour	Lukas Brandwood
Bowen Minett	Lancelot Taulia
Janaya Buhagiar	Akok Okello
Aiesha Marasli	Acuoth Acuoth


*Birthdays
of the
Month*

APRIL


**Happy
Birthday!**

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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

ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE! Gospel in Life

A woman and her husband had an amusing experience. Their pastor had asked her husband, Sam, to do some rewiring in the confessionals. The only way to reach the wiring was to enter the attic above the altar and crawl over the ceiling by balancing on the rafters. Concerned for her husband's safety, Christine waited in a pew. Unbeknown to Christine, some other parishioners were congregating in the foyer. They paid little attention to her, probably assuming she was praying. Worried about her husband, she looked toward the ceiling and yelled, "Sam, Sam—are you up there? Did you make it okay?" There was quite an outburst from the foyer when Sam's hearty voice echoed down, "Yes, I made it up here just fine!"

Comedian Jerry Clower tells about Uncle Versie Ledbetter who had a mule named Della. One day Della fell in a cistern Uncle Versie thought he had covered up but hadn't. Old Della stumbled and fell down the cistern. Well, Uncle Versie had a problem.

There was his best mule down at the bottom of that cistern and no way could he get the mule out of there. He didn't want her to stay down there and starve to death, and so he decided he would get a shovel and cover her up. It would be cruel but it wouldn't be as cruel and inhumane as to let Della starve to death in the bottom of the deep cistern.

Uncle Versie took a shovel of dirt and threw it down into the cistern. Every time a shovel of dirt would hit old Della, she'd shake it off and stomp on it. Eventually Della walked on out. **Do we really believe that with Jesus our obstacles can become**

stepping stones? Do we live in this belief? We respond ...

This week, set your minds on *'higher things'*. Continue a diligent practice of prayer, even though Lent is over. Avoid shopping, watching a lot of TV, or spending lots of time texting or on Facebook this week. Focus on your faith. Seek to spread the word of God to those around you, just as the disciples did after Jesus died and rose from the dead.

As you crack open your Easter eggs, reflect on the vibrance of your own faith.... How do you like to celebrate?

What do you notice about how the church looked today? How did it seem joyful?

(Weekly Parable from e-News) PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS (APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER) APRIL

MORNING OFFERING

Jesus, you pour love into my heart. Help me to grow in love of others, and love of you.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN ECONOMIC MATTERS

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

REFLECTION

Jesus, you animate me with good news of comfort and challenge. Help me to hear your message anew each and every day.

Console my spirit with enthusiasm for your life-giving mission.

Lead economists to consider the lives of the excluded in their thinking. Call all with responsibility for our economy to consider how to best bring dignity and hope to the poor, needy, homeless and unemployed.

Enable me to see the faces of the poor. Remind me to hold their needs before my eyes.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.