



2018 Term 1 Week 4

Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

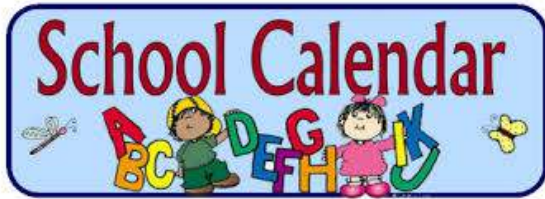
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February

- 23rd Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Reconciliation: S2G 10am and S3W 12noon
- 25th Early Stage 1 & Stage 3 Family Mass 10am

March

- 2nd Infants Liturgy 10am -All Welcome
Clean Up Schools Day
- 4th Youth Group

Catholic School Week

- 6th Cross Country
Welcome BBQ from 4.30pm - All Families
Enrolment Information Evening 6pm - For New Families
- 7th School Photos - All Students in Full School Uniform - NO sport uniforms please.
Library reading Afternoon 3:30pm
- 9th Whole School Welcome Mass 10:00am
Full School Uniform to be worn
Morning Tea to follow
- 21st Harmony Day - Information will be sent home

From The Principal

Last Wednesday the season of Lent begun. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a forty day period in which we are all called to remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert resisting Satan's temptations.

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives through the acts of prayer, fasting and sharing. As a family, this is a time in which a renewal of family prayer time could help to revitalise your faith and connection to God in preparation for Easter.

Last week the Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning (PBS4L) Team began their training. PBS4L is a diocesan initiative that aims to put a spot light on all behaviour management practices within the school. Last week what developed a greater understanding of the journey a head. This initiative is not a quick fix, but a well paced improvement program that calls on the whole staff, students, parents and wider community to improve how we build relationships and respond when these relationships are negatively impacted upon. More information will be provided as the team meets with the guidance of an external coach to do the work. The team consists of, Mr Crothers, Ms Stapley, Mrs Huntington, Mrs Goodchild, Mrs Galea and myself.

From The Principal continued

This week we have begun to plan how the school will be supported by System provided Teaching Educators. This term we will welcome Teaching Educators for Literacy, Numeracy, Project Based Learning and Behaviour Management. We look forward to the work they will do with our staff to improve student learning outcomes.

I want to thank all parents for supporting our return to consistent uniform expectations for all students. The overwhelming feedback I have is that the improvement in standards is significant. This small, but significant change shows the community that the students have pride in their school and themselves.

Parent Teacher chats were held this week. I want to thank all parents for diligently attending these meetings. I know the temptation is to not commit to such meetings. But this small amount of time is extremely helpful to teachers and can save a lot of time down the track. For those parents who did not attend I encourage you to contact the class teacher and arrange a suitable time to discuss your child. Children change from year to year, even if you maintained the same class teacher for 2018 your child has developed and their needs have changed.

As always my door is open and I appreciate any feedback on our initiatives or ways we can improve our school.

Mr Phill Kapitanow

Principal

NEWS FROM OUR RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR

LENT

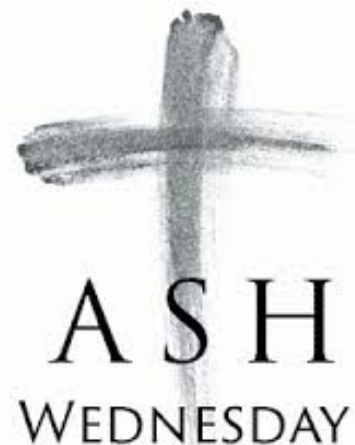
Dear Parents, guardians and friends,

Ash Wednesday marks the the first day of Lent, which is the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday always falls 46 days before Easter and is a great opportunity for us to renew our relationship with God. On Wednesday your children took the opportunity to attend our Ash Wednesday Liturgy to receive ashes on their forehead. During this liturgy, Father Andrew explained that these ashes hold great significance to our Catholic faith and described them as 'ugly' and 'unattractive', much like the sins we make in life. However, it is the powerful

words shared both during the distribution of ashes; *"Be more like Jesus"* and the imperative message taken from Father Andrew's homily – *"Pray, fast and share"* that invites each of us to turn away from sin and live life as true Disciples of Christ. Our challenge this Lent isn't to see how long we fast without chocolate, technology or other cherished things – Our challenge is much greater than this. It is to see how we are able to change our minds and hearts to live a life that is fruitful and magnifies Christ in each of us - free of sin and judgement.

Have a wonderful week everyone. Let us help each other keep our Lenten promise.

Warmest Blessings, Mabellynn Buenaventura (REC).



2018 Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday 23 of our St Bernadette's students competed in the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt pool. It was a wonderful day and our students competed with great pride, representing our school admirably. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to congratulate our Zone Swimming competitors and congratulate them for not only their efforts but for their outstanding behaviour on the day. The competition was very tough but we are happy to continue our support of both Aiden McCarthy and Domenic Gallagher who have made it through the Diocesan level.

We wish you the very best.

Mr Simon Crothers, Sport CoOrdinator



Congratulations!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Tuesday 6th March

- School Cross Country - Information note will be sent home with students.
- Welcome BBQ – Whole School 5pm. Everyone Welcome. Sausage sandwiches will be provided. BYO Drinks.
- Enrolment Information Evening for new families – 6.00pm

Wednesday 7th March

- School Photos
- Library Reading Afternoon – 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 9th March

- 10.00am – Whole School Welcome Mass (Full School Uniform)
- 11.00am – BYO Picnic Morning Tea (Tea and Coffee Supplied) Have a picnic in our playground with your children.
- 11.30-12.00pm – Open Classrooms

Come to our classrooms to be a part of the learning of the students.

Each class will showcase Catholic Schools Week activities

We look forward to seeing you at our celebrations for Catholic Schools Week



Leadership Assembly

On Monday 19th February Stage Three celebrated the Leaders for 2018 with the St Bernadette's community in an assembly and morning tea. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to celebrate with their children. The new school leaders for 2018 are:

Erin Debrincat and Bowen Minett (School Captains)

Caitlin McNamara and India Longhurst (Leonard Sports Captains)

Chok Nyok and Athieu Majok (Barton Sports Captains)

Harrison Kedde and Aiden McCarthy (MacKillop Sports Captains)

Hayden Rodewald and Nywere Majak (Chisholm Sports Captains)

Sascha Fransisco and Sanika Kulkarni (Learning Team)

Darius Jaffar and Joel Reyes (Technology Team)

Reiley Tripiciano and Joshua Gatehouse (Environmental Team)

Lena Efstathiou and Katherine Kay (Faith and Justice Team)

We congratulate all our new leaders for 2018.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

NAGLE COLLEGE

At Nagle College, we aim to support our students to become women who lead to improve the world and who are prepared to actively achieve this.

NAGLE COLLEGE
BLACKTOWN

ENROLLING NOW

NAGLE COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN

Will be holding their
OPEN EVENING
On Tuesday 6 March 2018.

To receive an enrolment package, take a guided tour of the College, or if you have any questions, please contact the
Enrolment Secretary,
Mrs Alison Bostock on
8887 4501 or by emailing
nagle@parra.catholic.edu.au

Literacy News

Did you read **The School Magazine** when you were in Primary School? It's been widely read and loved by Australian children for almost 100 years. The magazine has grown and changed over the years. I certainly remember when I was at school waiting excitedly for each months copy!

Children adore the wide range of short stories, poems, puzzles and plays, which have delighted readers for decades.

The school has invested in buying a subscription of **The School Magazine** for twelve months. Over the coming weeks, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will receive a monthly copy of the magazine. Teachers will be planning class reading and writing activities around the magazines to ensure that your child will make the most out of each months copy. Once the students have finished using the magazine in class, it will be theirs to keep and take home for reading.



Some Stage 1 students will have access to monthly copies of the magazine in class that will stay at school.

Our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will be working hard to improve their handwriting this year and we have purchased Targeting Hand writing texts for each student. Across the school this year we are committed to improving our Handwriting in everything we do across all Key Learning Areas.

We have had a great start to the year with our Reading and Writing. Please encourage your children to make time to read each day and read with your children. Take time to read yourself, students who see their parents read are more likely to become readers themselves.

Lorraine Maher, Literacy Leader

Catholic Schools Week

Reading Information Afternoon with Mrs Maher

Introduction to The School Magazine

When: Wednesday 7th March

Where:
The School
Library

Time:
3:30pm



School Expectation

It is a school expectation that by the end of Term 1 all students will be wearing **predominantly white** shoes for sport. Please see the example pictured.



CLASS SPORT DAYS - TERM 1

Early Stage 1 – Thursday & Friday

Stage 1 – Thursday & Friday

Stage 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Stage 3 – Wednesday & Thursday

This will change each term.

See our newsletters for updates.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Our school uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning 8.30am until 10.30am.

If you cannot get to the uniform shop at these times you can download an order form from our website under the "For Parents" tab and "School Notes". The order will be filled and left at the office for collection or sent home with your child.

The uniform shop is run by The School Locker. Please use this link to see their website.



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School Locker

TERM OVERVIEWS

Term overviews for each stage are now available on our website.

Please use this link to see what each stage is learning in Term 1.



Curriculum
Overviews

PARENT GROUP EASTER RAFFLE

Our popular Easter Raffle will be held again this year!

We ask that each family donate one Easter egg, rabbit, etc

so that we can make plenty of baskets for prizes.

(Last year we had over 100 prizes!!!)

We would also appreciate receiving any unwanted baskets you may have at home.

The eggs will be collected each morning from the box in your child's classroom,

or you may leave them in the office.

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon to each family. Tickets are \$1 each and are due back by Monday 26th of March, SOLD OR UNSOLD.

Extra books will be available from the school office.

Thank you for your support,

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SCHOOL
ZONE

8-9³⁰ AM

2³⁰-4 PM

MON TO FRI

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St Bernadette's Primary School

Open Day TUESDAY 6 MARCH

Come along and tour our wonderful school, meet Principal Phillip Kapitanow and see learning in action.

9.30am and 5.00pm BBQ

6.00pm enrolment meeting

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US.

Enrol now



At St Bernadette's we offer:

- Stimulating and engaging learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom
- A focus on developing creativity, collaboration and critical thinking
- Highly experienced and dedicated teaching staff
- Modern classrooms well resourced with technology
- A welcoming and diverse faith community where friendships flourish
- Lots of fun activities including Games Club, MakerSpace, creative and performing arts programs, sporting and public speaking competitions, school band and Indonesian language

For more information please call us on 8869 6400.

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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.



Student Awards



Congratulations to these students who have received merit awards recently. Keep up the great work.



OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday, 11 March 2018

11.00am – 3.00pm

423 – 513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill

Inspiring students to aspire to greatness

www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au



Gilroy Catholic College

Enrolling now. To make an appointment for a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages are available now. Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.



Last Name	First Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Cleary	Eloise	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Flores	Willenn	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Madeni	Flora	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Nash	Harry	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sakr	Benjamin	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Tem	Andrew	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Abdalla	Sam	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Auzner	Samuel	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Eckardt	Olivia	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Gama	Melanie	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Kingi	Manoa	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Tago	Rhyen	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Dela Fuente	Eva	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Evangelista	John Paul	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Huppatz	Lawson	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Miggins	Pearl	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Baker	Isabella	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Zaroutski	Alexander	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Cagney	Erin	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Cagney	Erin	2	STAGE 1G	Premiers Reading Challenge
Ciocca	Noah	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Efstathiou	Stella	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Efstathiou	Stella	2	STAGE 1G	Premiers Reading Challenge
Taulia	Lancelot	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Onorato	Willow	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Alemao	Mariska	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Jenkins	Jai	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Ysimura	Cielo	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
McHugh	Chloe	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Gallagher	Domenic	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Smith	Tyra	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Stowers	Paul	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Pilayre	Maria	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Wan Lum-Diener	Nahla	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Magoin	Aluel	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Valentine	Charles	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Flores	Wilhelm	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Marafioti	Jade	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Menon	Vanessa	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Menon	Vanessa	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Palafox	Caleb	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Mansour	Marcus	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Philipsz	Jayden	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Philipsz	Jayden	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Quinlan	Hayden	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
McCarthy	Aiden	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Rodewald	Hayden	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Xiberras	Elena	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Commins	Victoria	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Donovan	Caitlin	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Gesilva	Maxine	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Ross	Joshua	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Grubisic	Helena	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Jaffar	Darius	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Buhagiar	Janaya	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Davison	Joshua	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Shepherd	Hayley	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Aouchan	Levi	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Majak	Nywere	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Minett	Bowen	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award

say cheese



School Photo Day is Wednesday 7 March 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. **NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED**
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.



PLEASE NOTE:

All photo money and envelopes to be brought in on photo day.

No money to be sent in prior as we do not keep cash in the office.

Thank you



READ EVERY DAY!

*Birthdays
of the Month*
January



Atie, Zara	STAGE 2G
Auzner, Samuel	EARLY ST1G
Boustani, Noah	STAGE 2W
Capule, Carelle	STAGE 1W
Commings, Victoria	STAGE 3G
Constantinou, Lucas	STAGE 3G
Hana, Justina	STAGE 3G
Jaffar, Zarina	STAGE 1W
Kedde, Harrison	STAGE 3B
Laupama, Leilani	STAGE 3W
Longmire, Abbey	STAGE 1G
Madeni, Moses	STAGE 3G
Majak, Dier	STAGE 2W
Majak, Nywere	STAGE 3W
McDonald, Lucie	EARLY ST1B
Mordini, Angela	STAGE 2G
Tatupu, Dominic	STAGE 3B
Tatupu, Julio	STAGE 3W

TELEPHONE



A reminder that the schools new telephone number is 8869 6400. Effective immediately.

Thank you

St Bernadette's Garden



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
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for more photos from the garden.

Learning and Fun in Our Garden



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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

TIME TO CHOOSE! Gospel in Life

Irene McCormack was an Australian member of the Sisters of St Joseph who taught for over 30 years as a teacher in Western Australia. Irene was a petite woman, and popular teacher and principal, but also known as feisty and demanding. She was an accomplished golfer and tennis player who enjoyed dancing. After decades teaching in Australian schools, Irene felt called to serve Latin America's poor. She became a Peruvian missionary worker in 1987. For the next few years, Sister Irene worked in a number of communities with the poorest of the poor, often in places where missionaries were warned not to enter because of opposition.

Irene was accused of dispensing 'American food' (Caritas provisions) and spreading 'American ideas' (by providing school books). Local people insisted she was Australian, not American, but the guerrillas did not care. At night, young villagers surrounded Irene in darkness, managing to move her back into the crowd. The guerrillas noticed her absence, returning her to the bench.

On 21 May 1991, Irene, with five other missionaries was executed by members of *Sendero Luminoso* 'Shining Light', a rebel guerrilla organisation. The prisoners were ordered to lie face down on the terrazzo-tiled plaza. Each was shot once in the back of the head. Irene was killed first—about six metres from the church door. Lent is a time to reflect and make choices. That's why Jesus went into the desert. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time away to think and pray. In the end, like Irene McCormack, he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin, John the Baptist, arrested.

We need Lent. We need time away to realise that our lives can make a difference. We need time to face those 'demons' that draw us away from using our lives for God to heal the world. Will I be a person who forgives or one who gets even? Will I spend my life seeking power and wealth or in serving others? Will I take risks in order to do the right thing. Join Jesus in the desert this Lent. Add time to your daily prayer. Make a weekly service commitment. Look honestly at your strengths and weaknesses. Ask Irene McCormack, now with the saints, to pray for you as you look honestly at the choices you face.

How can I add more prayer or service to my life this Lent, as part of my trip to the desert with Jesus?

(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 21st February Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wed 28th February Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Mass 7.30pm

Wed 7th March Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wed 14th March Devotions & Adoration 7pm, Mass 7.30pm

Wed 21st March Devotions & Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wed 28th March Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (No Devotions/Stations/Mass) ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 8TH MARCH PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (2ND RITE) 7.30pm