



2018 Term 1 Week 8

# Newsletter

## Contact Us



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## March

- 23rd - Stage 2 Excursion - The Rocks  
Infants Liturgy - 10am All Welcome
- 26th - Wear Purple for Epilepsy (Gold Coin Donation)
- 28th - Holy Week Sacred Reflection - Library  
8.30am-9.00am and 3.15 -3.45pm  
All Welcome
- 29th - Easter Raffle drawn
- 30th - Good Friday - No School today

## April

- 1st - Easter Sunday  
Daylight Savings Ends
- 2nd - Easter Monday
- 3rd - Commonwealth GamesATHon
- 12th - Project Compassion Appeal  
Hawaiian Theme

## Message from our Principal

On Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day. Celebrating Harmony Day is an annual tradition at St Bernadette's. It is a significant day that is highlighted by the high parent representation. It is a day in which our community comes together and celebrates our vast diversity.

Our school is a true representation of multicultural Australia. We have families and students from all corners of the world who come together in harmony not to be something special but because that is what we do each and every day.

I am especially touched by the high significance that our staff place on this day. Every year a staff member comes forward to plan and lead this day. This year Miss Barrak took carriage of Harmony Day and ensured the celebration was vibrant and purposeful to all. Miss Barrak was not alone she was well supported by other members of the staff. It takes considerable effort and personal dedication to see such events come to fruition. Our thanks go to Miss Barrak.

I was fortunate enough to take a new system leader on a tour of our school as the picnic lunch was in full swing. She was moved by the community involvement and how proud we all were of our cultural heritage. The sharing of food develops awareness amongst others, it breaks down barriers, sharing each others food is one thing all cultures appreciate. She commented that other communities could learn what it is to be a positive flourishing community. I always believe that despite our differences at times, our community is united and proud!

### Continued...

#### Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

This week the Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) team met to continue to plan and work on next steps to reform our approach to behaviour management and create increased consistency. We have some planned actions and will seek parental feedback on our current award structures.

#### Gardenia Grove

This week I continued to inform parents of the long held school expectations for use of Gardenia Grove by both drivers and pedestrians. These expectations are not new and have been in place for many years. These expectations have ensured the continued safety of the children. Safety is my concern. I am not trying to make it difficult for anyone.

I would ask that all parents be respectful of others and their decisions. My expectations apply to adults who have children with them. Whilst parents are the most significant models of child behaviour it is an adults decision to follow expectations.

I would ask that parents respect that some of our parents do live in Gardenia Grove and thus will cross the street without their children to enter the school to collect their child. They have managed living in the presence of Kiss and Drop for many years.

I can assure all parents that I do make contact with any parent who do not follow school expectations. This is often done privately and in a respectful way.

In the weeks ahead we will continue to advise parents of expectations and consider new signage. I thank everyone for their support to ensure continued safety for all children!

Phill Kapitanow  
Principal



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**We have been advised that all school fee statements have been posted. If you have not received yours please contact the school office. Thank you**

## From The REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

During your child's Religious Education lessons, they have been focusing on Lent and the exploration of Holy Week. Through this learning, students are discovering why the significance of Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross is important to the Liturgical celebration of Easter where our Lord brings faith followers hope in His resurrection – the Risen Christ.



This week each class has been working on a Holy Week reflection piece of work that will create a Sacred Reflection space in the learning library. We invite all our family and friends to experience personal adoration time as you experience Holy Week through the eyes of your children. The learning library will be open for all next Wednesday, 28th March from 8:30am-9:00am and again in the afternoon from 3:15-3:45pm.

We hope you take this time to reflect and re-connect your relationship with God.

With blessings,  
Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura  
(Religious Education Coordinator)

## 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)





## News from the Library

### Reading Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the 'Reading Afternoon' in the library in Week 6 for Catholic Schools Week. It was great to see so many parents attend to listen to Mr Kapitanow talk about a variety of reading strategies and tips to use at home. The parents also got to find out more about other various literacy programs that are running in the school.

The students enjoyed a shared reading the new picture books we have recently created some artwork based on the picture

Congratulations to the students who won 'Door Prize Raffle'. We hope you enjoy your pack!

- Vinny (Stage 2)
- Anthony (Stage 3)
- Marcus (Stage 1)
- Carelle (Stage 1)



### Makerspace

Our Makerspace is up and running for another year. The Makerspace is an area where students can create, design, innovate, construct and collaborate. We have some fun, new activities for Makerspace – maze making, paper quilling and woodwork. The students are enjoying working on their creations each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtimes.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

All students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge have now been issued with their usernames and passwords. Please log on to the website to see if these are working. Just a reminder that there are many Premier's Challenge books in our school library. Some of these are found in the Blue boxes on the Library table. Premier's Reading Challenge books can also be found on the shelves and are labelled with a PRC sticker. Don't forget to add these books to your online reading log. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions about the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Happy Reading!!

Mrs Monique O'Brien



## EASTER MASSES

### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

29th March **NO MORNING MASS**



### GOOD FRIDAY

30th March Stations of the Cross **10am**

Reconciliation 11am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **3pm**

Reconciliation 4.30pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

31st March Reconciliation 9.30am-10.30 & 4pm-5pm

Easter Vigil Mass **6pm**

### EASTER SUNDAY

1st April **8.30am & 10am Mass**

**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE ON MONDAY  
2ND APRIL**



## School Fee Statements

Term 1 School Fees statements have been posted by Catholic Education Office. Term 1 School Fees are now due. Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the Finance Secretary, Mrs Rita Mizzi



**Commonwealth**Bank

## Student Banking

There will be no school banking in Week 11.

Thank you

# PURPLE DAY

For Epilepsy  
March 26

Monday, 26th March is Purple Day.

Purple Day is a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. At St Bernadette's we will go Purple on the 26th of March.

Students are encouraged to wear PURPLE inspired mufti for a gold coin donation.

All raised funds will support the thousands of Australians around the country affected by the condition.



## Epilepsy Awareness

Epilepsy Awareness Day  
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

March 26

## Message from Fr Andrew

Easter cards were sent home this week from Fr Andrew. Can you please check your child's bag to receive them.

Many thanks.

## New Altar Servers

New Altar Servers will start their training after the school holidays at lunch time for 3 sessions. Thank you Fr Andrew.

*Thank you*





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COLLEGE



## 2019 Year 7 Pre-Enrolment Meeting

**Tuesday 3rd April at 6:00pm**

**Holy Family Hall—Junior Campus**

Parents are invited to attend the Pre-Enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 3rd April at 6:00pm in the Holy Family Hall on the Junior Campus, 116 Quakers Road, Marayong.

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an Enrolment Application form before Friday 4th May at 3:00pm, otherwise the child may miss out on a place. Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website

<http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au/>

**Applications close at 3pm on Friday 4 May 2018**



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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**SCHOOL WILL COMMENCE FOR  
TERM 2 ON**

**TUESDAY 1ST MAY**

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**WINTER UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN  
FOR TERM 2.**



## PARENT GROUP EASTER RAFFLE

Don't forget to send in your Easter Eggs and any unwanted baskets you may have at home.

**Please return ALL book asap. Sold or Unsold.**

Extra books will be available from the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Maria Xiberras,

Fundraising Coordinator



The school holidays are fast approaching - are you ready? We are! We will have heaps of activities, with something for every child.

**Feature theme days these school holidays include:**

### Home Tweet Home

*It'll be a hoot when we build our very own bird mobiles, feeders or houses.*

### Gearing up For The Games

*Design and decorate your own sports jersey and get ready to wear it for the any sporting occasion.*

### Games On!

*Are you ready for a day full of exciting games that put your skills to the test? We are!*

### Plate Creations

*We're opening our minds and getting creative by painting our own magnificent mindfulness plates.*

### Book Into A Holiday Club Program

To discover more about a Holiday Club program at a school near you and to book visit:

[www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclub](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclub)

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia.



## Nagle College Enrolments

Our Year 7 interviews will be taking place on Wednesday 13th June 2018.

Enrolments for Nagle College need to be lodged by Friday 13th April 2018.



## INFANTS LITURGY



**FRIDAY 23RD  
10:00AM IN  
OUR PARISH  
CHURCH.**

**ALL FAMILIES  
WELCOME**



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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	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Samuel	Angallo	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Dylan	Cook	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Harry	Nash	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Harry	Nash	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
James	Touma	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Leo	Chao	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alexandria	Harper	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Macy	Kapua	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Abigail	Valentine	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Mansour	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Akok	Okello	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Perkins	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Aouchan	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Aiden	Beniwal	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Bonello	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Ashton	Gardiner	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Sierra	Hanna	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Acuoth	Acuoth	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Lexie	Ashworth	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Julian	Alsamman	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Stella	Cragg	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Chanel	Atie	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Sebastian	Sakr	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Zara	Astillo	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Jacharaih	Francis	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Pwoj	Majok	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Oscar	Sweeney	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Manas	Idumalla	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Boustani	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Chanelle	Fares	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Michael	Jabbour	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Emma	Attard	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Seedorf	Lado	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Khushee	Parmar	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Tatupu	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Reno	Rajkumar	5	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Serena	Angallo	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Cate	Astillo	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Athalya	Alemao	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Sascha	Francisco	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Joel	Reyes	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Reiley	Tripiciano	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



## Literacy News

For a number of years St Bernadette's School has had a school subscription to an online spelling programme called Sound Waves. Sound Waves is a comprehensive phonemic approach to spelling which acknowledges that sounds can be represented in more than one way in the written form.

Sound Waves enhances learning with strategies for reading, writing and spelling. This way, students gain a deeper understanding of how words are structured.

Sound Waves is a whole school approach to spelling, with activities and games for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. We use this program across the school, which can be accessed online at home with your child's student login.

Class spelling activities are based on the Sound Waves program as is some of the homework in some of our Stages. Students can reinforce spelling rules, activities and games at home through their student login.

Your child should know their student login for the program. Click on the link below and enter your child's login to access the Sound Waves program at home.

[https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student\\_login/soundwaves/members](https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student_login/soundwaves/members)

If you are unsure of your child's student login please contact the class teacher or myself.

Lorraine Maher

Literacy and Diversity Leader



## 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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More  
Photos

## Learning and Fun in Our Garden

**The Environment Team** have been busy **BAKING** and learning about the pros and cons of **PALM OIL**, while **Early Stage 1** discovered that plants need air, sunlight and water to survive, so they gave the plants a good drink and will continue to watch them thrive!



## St Bernadette's Garden

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)

Please see our website [www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au)

for more photos from the garden.

## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

# ST BERNADETTE'S

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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**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2018

### PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 24th March	Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 25th March	8.30am & 10am

### HOLY TUESDAY Adoration/Rosary 8.15

27th March	Parish Mass <b>8.45am</b>
	Reconciliation 9.30am-10.30am
	(1st Rite) during Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

### HOLY WEDNESDAY

28th March	Parish Mass <b>8.45am</b>
	(No Evening Devotions Or Mass) Reconciliation 9.30am - 10.30am
	(1st Rite) during Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	Chrism Mass at <b>7.30pm</b>
	St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta ALL WELCOME

### HOLY THURSDAY

29th March	Mass of Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
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### GOOD FRIDAY

30th March	Stations of the Cross <b>10am</b>
	Reconciliation 11am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at <b>3pm</b>
	Reconciliation 4.30pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

31st March	Reconciliation 9.30am-10.30 & 4pm-5pm
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### EASTER SUNDAY

1st April	<b>8.30am &amp; 10am Mass</b>
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**NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE ON MONDAY 2ND APRIL**

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES To prepare for Easter **1ST RITE**

Sat 24th March 9.30am - 10.30am (during Exposition)

4.30pm - 5.30pm (during Exposition)

Tues 27th March 9.30am - 10.30am (during Exposition)

Wed 28th March 9.30am - 10.30am (during Exposition)

Good Friday 30th March 11am & 4.30pm

Holy Saturday 31st March 9.30am - 10.30am & 4pm - 5pm

