

# Newsletter

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### St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

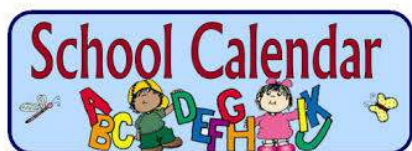
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## JUNE

- 28th - Confirmation 7pm - Parish Church
- 29th - Reconciliation - 10am S3G  
Reconciliation - 12 noon S3W

## JULY

- Week 10 Parent / Teacher Interviews
- 6th - Term 2 Finishes

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- 23rd - Term 3 Commences
- 29th - Youth Group 6-7.30pm

## AUGUST

- 10th - Staff Development Day  
No School On This Day
- 24th - Stage 3 Assembly - 2.10pm  
Early Stage 1 Farm Excursion
- 30th - Stage 3 Canberra
- 31st - Stage 3 Canberra

See more ...



## Principal's Message

### St Bernadette's Band - A New Offering!

Last Tuesday night Mrs Huntington and myself held a community meeting to discuss the future direction of the St Bernadette's Band. The Band has been a part of the school for at least 25 years. It was established by parents to provide an opportunity for students to experience and access musical instruments and lessons provided by musicians. This is a good opportunity to thank our current parent Band Committee as well as previous band committees for the legacy they have built.

This year it has become apparent that the St Bernadette's Band can no longer operate as a separate entity administered by the Parent Group. Governance regulations that apply to all education settings mean that the band's operation must be incorporated into the overall school's operations. This was identified late in Term 1 of this year and I was given until the beginning of Term 3 to either absorb the band as a formal element of the school or no longer have a band. This was a short time frame and has been extremely challenging to meet given it was not on the school's agenda for 2018 to coordinate and resource.

I took this as an opportunity to strengthen the Creative Arts offering at St Bernadette's. I believe the continued operation of the band is a must and we need to do all we can to ensure this great tradition not only remains, but is strengthened to be a long term offering at the school.

As such I approached Captivate, the Creative Arts wing of Catholic Education Parramatta. Mark, David and Françoise expressed an immediate desire to assist us to maintain and strengthen our 2018 band offering and expand it into 2019.

Information about Captivate can be found at, <http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au/>

For the remainder of 2018 the band will continue to operate as normal. The exceptions are;

- All band fees will be payable to the school. The school will take over the financial administration of the band effective Term 3. We are working through how this will look, but be assured that payments will remain the same.
- Captivate staff will begin to assess how the current band offering can be improved. They will begin by implementing observations of tutors and lessons to assess effectiveness and possible changes to organisation.
- We want to increase the amount of students accessing this opportunity.
- School staff will begin to work with the tutors and parents to understand the bands operations and how to improve these moving forward.
- A school committee has been formed including Mrs Huntington and Ms Barrak who will assist school leadership.
- The Band Committee will continue to assist in Band operations in particular the day to day operations as we learn from each other.
- As we move forward into 2019 we will be discussing how the music offering can be expanded. This may include;
- Whole class access to instrument lessons in primary grades
- Ongoing provision of tutorial lessons
- Implementation of a K-6 music program

This is only possible with the ongoing support of our parents, the Captivate team and school staff. I have said from the outset that I have very little knowledge of musical teaching, but I do want to learn as we build a better opportunity for our students.

### **School Uniform**

There are a number of students consistently wearing incorrect uniform in particular jackets. This is an unacceptable situation that needs to be addressed by parents. I will not ask students to remove jackets, but share other parents frustration at this apparent lack of respect for school uniform. If you are experiencing any challenges in regards to uniforms please approach the school for assistance.

### **Before School Expectations**

There is no supervision for any students who arrive to school prior to 8.30. Parents are advised that students should not be at school prior to 8.30 as their safety can not be assured. Students are having verbal disagreements before school which is then being reflected in their own going behaviour throughout the day.

During the morning games are restricted to handball only. Basketballs, footballs, etc are not allowed. This is for the safety of all students. Stage 2 and 3 have predetermined handball areas. Parents should talk to their children to ensure they understand these expectations.

Mr Phill Kapitanow

Principal

## SPORT NEWS

### St Bernadette's Representatives At The NSWCPs Cross Country

Congratulations to Hayden Rodewald and India Longhurst for their efforts in the recent NSWCPs Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Friday 15th June. Both students represented the Parramatta Diocese and St Bernadette's with great pride and competed admirably. It is also important we extend our thanks to their families for supporting their children with their sports endeavours as it requires a significant commitment. Well done ladies, we are all very proud of you.

Mr Simon Crothers



### Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 26th June, two Stage 2 teams represented St Bernadette's at the Girls and Boys Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park. Both teams showed great teamwork and sportsmanship in their matches throughout the day! They cheered each other on and displayed the St Bernie's school spirit! A special thank you to Mrs T for her support, and helping out with the organisation of the day to ensure it ran smoothly. Thank you to our amazing parents who were there on the day and helped transport our teams. Well done St Bernadette's!



Ms Barrak

### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 19th June, 2 teams of boys from year 5 and 6 represented St Bernadette's at the Parramatta CEO Soccer Gala day at Jamison Park. All members of both teams showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship as they battled it out against a range of different schools throughout the day. The boys showed skill, enthusiasm and school spirit as they cheered each other on and should be very proud of the way they conducted themselves. A special thanks to Mrs T for helping us out with all of the organisation of the day to ensure that the day ran smoothly and everyone had a great time and to our wonderful parents who helped transport our teams and who braved the weather to support their children.

Well done St Bernies!!!!

Mrs Michelle McDonald





## St Bernadette's Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 27th June St Bernadette's held their annual Athletics Carnival with tremendous success. The day began with a few concerns over the early morning drizzle, but as the sun broke through the clouds and the early wet evaporated, so too did our worries. In fact, the weather remained almost perfect for the entire duration of the carnival. It was amazing to see all students participating in the events and challenging themselves to be their best.

The school would love to thank all of the parents who helped on the day, including the Parent Group who ran our canteen, for their support.

We would also like to thank the generous support of our local high schools, Nagle College and Patrician Brothers who sent students to help with the running of our track and field events. Patrician Brothers also supplied the BBQ's and cooked for us all day.

Although we had a slight hiccup with the buses in the afternoon, it was wonderful to see so many people within our community working together towards the success of our Athletics Carnival.

We would like to congratulate our age champions;

Age Group	Male	Female
<b>11 years</b>	Moses Madeni	Athiou Majok
<b>Junior</b>	Jwodho Mugo	Tyra Smith
<b>Senior</b>	Bowen Minett	Caitlin McNamara
		Hayden Rodewald
		Deborah Tluang



## REC NEWS

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

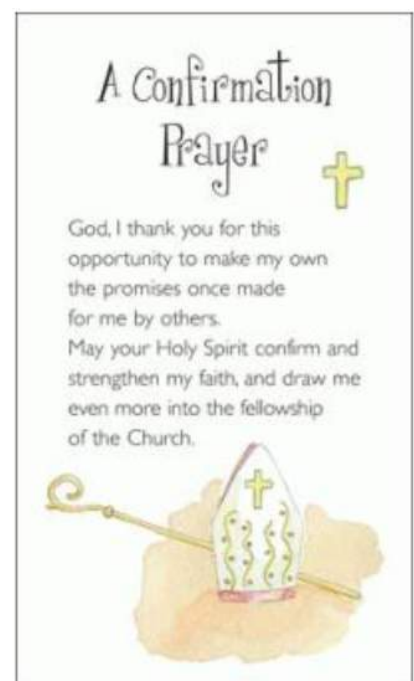
Some of St Bernadette's students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at our local Parish. This is a significant celebration that completes the sacrament of Baptism. Let us keep our students and their families in our prayers as they prepare and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Special thanks to the Parish Sacramental Team and Father Andrew for leading and preparing our students for this joyous celebration.

Special thanks to our kind family and friends who have been donating so many baby items to support our Hope in a Box charity for Catholic Care. We are humbled by everyone's generosity.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Mrs Mabellynn Buenaventura

(Religious Education Co-Ordinator)



# ST BERNADETTE'S

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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
Abuk	Deng	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Abuk	Deng	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Rosey	Fuda	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Rosey	Fuda	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sarah	Koko	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Sarah	Koko	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Isabelle	Smith	K	EARLY ST1B	Bronze award
Isabelle	Smith	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Sam	Abdalla	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marvin	Cholia	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Marvin	Cholia	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Rocco	Scicluna	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Rocco	Scicluna	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alice	Vierboom	K	EARLY ST1G	Bronze award
Alice	Vierboom	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Kayla	Efstathiou	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Mansour	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Arielle	McDonald	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Caleb	Perkins	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Vincent	Tonkin	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Aouchan	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Bennett	Aplitt	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Genevieve	Key	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Pearl	Miggins	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Monique	Tadros	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Isabella	Baker	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Isabella	Baker	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Aiden	Beniwal	1	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Aiden	Beniwal	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Ciocca	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Noah	Ciocca	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Koko	Idris	2	STAGE 1G	Bronze award
Koko	Idris	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marcus	Razon	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Lucas	Turner	1	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Sebastian	Sakr	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Crystal	Wilson	2	STAGE 1W	Learning Excellence Award
Jeanerikah	Anyanwu	3	STAGE 2B	Bronze award

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Rishaan	Cholia	3	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Darko	Grubisic	3	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Darko	Grubisic	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Emmanuel	Koko	3	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Domenic	Gallagher	4	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Domenic	Gallagher	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Liam	McNulty	4	STAGE 2B	Bronze award
Lincoln	Aplitt	3	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Lincoln	Aplitt	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Cohen	Longhurst	3	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Cohen	Longhurst	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Bronte	Fitzroy	4	STAGE 2G	Bronze award
Bronte	Fitzroy	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Aluel	Magoin	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Zikryat	Basha	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Wilhelm	Flores	3	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Hayley	Donovan	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Dier	Majak	4	STAGE 2W	Learning Excellence Award
Duom	Acuoth	5	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Duom	Acuoth	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Vivian	Menon	5	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Hayden	Quinlan	5	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Danniela	Rodriguez	5	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Dominic	Fares	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Joshua	Gatehouse	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Joshua	Gatehouse	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Harrison	Kedde	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Sanika	Kulkarni	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Aiden	McCarthy	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Hayden	Rodewald	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Hayden	Rodewald	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Epenesa	Taulia	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Elena	Xiberras	6	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Elena	Xiberras	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Nevaeh	Campbell	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Julio	Tatupu	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



## Science Week at St Bernadette's

Last week St Bernadette's celebrated Science Week.

The week started with a Science show by 'Scienza Viva'. Chris Howe lead the students through a number of interactive demonstrations of science. They had the opportunity to look at large stick insects, test a weight propelled wheel and play with a tornado in a bottle. They watched how to make 'elephant's toothpaste' by combining yeast, detergent and hydrogen peroxide and were shown how air moves by using hair dryers to launch ping pong balls.

Early Stage One have been learning about materials that various objects are made of. During Science week, the parents were invited to visit the ES1 classroom while the students designed and made waterproof sculptures. They then left their sculptures in the school garden overnight and checked them the next day to see if they were successful.

At the beginning of the term, the Stage 1, 2 and 3 students were invited to make a 3D science model.

Seventy students chose to do this project, and on Wednesday they presented their work to students, teachers and parents. It was evident that each and every child put a lot of thought and effort into their projects and they showed such enthusiasm when they were presenting what they had learned. The science teachers would like to thank these students for their fantastic work.

We would also like to thank the parents who helped their children with their projects. We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as they did.

One student per class received a Science Award this year. Congratulations to the following students:

ES1B - Samuel Auzner

S2B - Vivian Lee

ES1G - Eloise Cleary

S2G - Matthew Yaacoub

S1B - Bennett Aplitt

S3B - Hayden Rodewald

S1G - Cillian Sunners

S3G - Caitlin Donovan

S1W - Zarina Jaffar

S3W - Athalya Alemao



## OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

### Photo

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, July 25 2018.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2020. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



# EOFY | 18 SALE

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<b>UHU GLUE STIC</b>  <b>ONLY \$1</b>	<b>SELECTED Aerosport</b>  <b>50% OFF</b>	<b>20% OFF</b> <b>VULY LIFT TRAMPOLINES</b> 
<b>25% OFF</b> <b>EKO GUITARS</b> 	<b>30% OFF</b> <b>BELKIN POWER PRODUCTS</b> <small>In-stock items only. No rainchecks.</small>	<b>IPAD WIFI 32GB (6TH GEN)</b> <b>NOW ONLY \$428</b> <small>\$549</small>
<b>MACBOOK AIR 13-INCH 1.8 128GB</b> <b>NOW ONLY \$1247</b> <small>\$1499</small>		

**More Deals Available In-Store + Online**  
Available 5-30 June 2018 or while stocks last. Stock may not be available in all stores. Use online stock availability tool to confirm which stores have stock. Rainchecks may not be available for all sale items. See in-store for details.

Please note next Wednesday will be the last day that the office can take cash.

There is no cash kept on the premises. Thank you for keeping this in mind.

**NOTICE  
NO CASH ACCEPTED**

**IMPORTANT**

A reminder to all parents / guardians not to park across driveways in Wheeler Street. we have had neighbours calling to let us know that this has been happening again. Thank you for keeping this in mind.

Playgroup is available for children 0 - 5 yrs.

Every Tuesday and Friday  
 9.30am - 11.30am. \$20 per term  
 Bring along morning tea to share.

All Enquiries Welcome

Jonalyn 0478 665 475 (For Tuesday Playgroup)

or Maria 0414 427 749 (For Friday Playgroup)







The E-Magination Winter Holiday Club is just around the corner and it will be the best one yet!

There will be something for everyone, with more excursions, a fantastic selection of technology themed activities, arts and crafts, and heaps more.



Every session will also include a healthy breakfast before 8:45 AM and an afternoon snack.

To view what's on these school holidays and to make a booking, visit:  
[www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun)

Or you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family this school holidays.

The Camp Australia Team



To find locations near you and to book, visit  
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## No School Banking in Week 10

Thank you



Commonwealth Bank



Photos added to our website:

- Dentist visit
- Stage 1 Rouse Hill Farm Excursion
- Sporting Events



## Note that have been sent home recently:

- School Interviews
- Booking Instructions



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please be aware the the following message should be given consideration should anyone be leaving the school.

***"A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable.***

***No refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless a full term's notice in writing is given to the Principal before removal of the student from School.***



**Term 3**

**Friday 10th August  
Staff Development Day  
No school on this day**

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More  
Photos

The Garden was alive with activity; as weeding and watering took place and the **Early Stage One**

students carefully put their **Garden Art** in place, for all to appreciate! A Mandarin seed was saved

and planted and the Environment Team put their heads together to come up with an **A-Z Fruit and**

**Vegetable Chart** ... why not try to do one at home!

## 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.



Dreaming of being an Olympian?  
This is where it all begins...



## WINSTON HILLS LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations open in August for the 2018/19 season  
<http://www.whlac.org.au/>

**NSW Active Kids \$100 vouchers can be redeemed**

**8AM SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER - MARCH**

at Gooden Reserve (Corner of Gooden Dve & Kanili  
Ave, Baulkham Hills)

Like us on facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/WHIAC/>



St Bernadette's is now  
enrolling for 2019.

If your child is turning 5  
before 31st July 2019 call  
in to our school office to  
collect an enrolment  
package. School tours can  
be provided on request.

Now  
Enrolling!



## Health Concern

A student in the school has a low  
immune system.

We seek your co-operation in  
preventing this student  
becoming ill. If your child has  
any serious illnesses we would ask you to:

1. Not send them to school.
2. Notify the Principal as soon as possible.
3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis.

Thank you all for your co-operation.



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## St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

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Web Page:	<a href="http://www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au">www.stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</a>		

## 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**

## Needless Anxiety

I arrived in Phnom Penh after a 15-hour flight. It was a relief to know that friends were waiting and in a few minutes I would pass through Customs and be taken to my accommodation. I joined a queue of tired travellers watching suitcases and backpacks slowly appear on the luggage carousel, hoping like everyone else that mine would be among the first. No such luck. There were sighs of relief as each passenger spotted their luggage. Soon I was the only person remaining. Unclaimed luggage kept circling but my poor old backpack was nowhere to be seen. Just then an airport official tapped me on the shoulder and announced in broken English that there was no more luggage. Anxiety set in as I realised that I was in Cambodia with nothing more than the clothes I stood in, a book, toothpaste and a toothbrush. The official directed me to the counter for lost and unclaimed baggage. One hour and many forms later I was informed that my luggage would be found and would arrive on the next flight, due in eight hours. I wanted to believe him, but doubt was all I could feel. My mind raced ahead wondering how I was going to manage and where I could buy clothes. Luckily my friends were still waiting as I made my belated appearance. I told them of my ordeal and much to my surprise they reacted as though this was an everyday occurrence. Unlike me they had little doubt the backpack would appear later in the day. And so it did. Things do work out if only we believe and trust. (Mick)

## MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 2018

Come and join us in our Monthly Monday nights for a deep dive into the Scriptures set for proclamation on each Sunday in the churches Lectionary. A typical bible study session includes: an opening prayer, a review of the Sunday Scripture Readings, followed by open discussion, and a closing prayer. All bible studies are free. No registration is required: you can just ring one of the co-ordinators, Cyril or Patrick for information and to let them know you want to join the friendly group or just come on the night. All are welcome. So why not bring a friend or family member.

Pope Francis in speaking to the crowds in St. Peter's Square at the Angelus said:

"What would happen if we turned back when we forget it, if we opened it more times a day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our mobile phones?" He went on to say that, the Scriptures, which contain the Word of God, are the most effective tool in fighting evil and keeping us close

to God.