

# Newsletter

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#### AUGUST

24th - Stage 3 Assembly - **POSTPONED** 

Early Stage 1 Farm Excursion

27th - Book Week - Cartoonist (Students Only)

28th - Netball Gala Day

Parent Group Meeting 7pm

29th - School Fees Due

- Father's Day Craft Stall

- 7.45am Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

- 8.30am Father's Day Liturgy

- 8.45am Open Classrooms

- 9.30am Book Week Parade

- 10.30am Band Performance

- 11.00am Morning Tea

30th - Stage 3 Canberra 31st - Stage 3 Canberra

Reconciliation:

Stage 2 White - 10am

Stage 2 Gold - 12 noon

#### SEPTEMBER

9th - Youth Group 6.00pm - 7.30pm

14th - Infants Liturgy 10am - All Welcome

21st - Primary Mass 10am - All Welcome

- Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm All Welcome

28th - Last day of school for Term 3

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The last few weeks have been personally challenging after the shock passing of my mum. I would like to thank the community for their support during what has been, and continues to be a very challenging time for myself. I know many of you have experienced similar loss and worked through this yourselves. I received great advice when my dad passed away, 'You never get over loss, you just learn to adapt.' I believe this is very true.

I would like to thank the staff of St Bernadette's for the support during this time. A special thanks to the Leadership Team, lead by Mr Crothers for continuing to lead the school in my absence. I would also like to acknowledge the parent group for their support in this time.

Father Andrew co-celebrated at my mum's funeral and for this I am grateful. Father Andrew and myself have establish a long friendship, one I am thankful for. His support is ongoing and much appreciated.

#### School Attendance

Next week we will send out half termly letters to parents where student attendance is a concern. At St Bernadette's we have been working hard to improve student school attendance rates. We have made considerable progress towards achieving 90% or more attendance for all students.

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The system guidelines are as follows;

- Process 1: Emerging absenteeism (<90%) identified Parent informed by letter of an attendance concern
- Process 2: Emerging absenteeism (<85%) Parents are required to Attend a Planning Meeting to write a Student Attendance Plan which aims to understand attendance issues and improve attendance above 90%.
- Process 3: Complex absenteeism (<70%) Support from the Diocesan Wellbeing Team Attendance is sought to work with the family, student and school to improve student attendance.
- Process 4: Complex absenteeism (<70%) If student attendance does not improve CEDP will conduct an Attendance Conference.
- Process 5: Parents have not attended Attendance Conference or have not complied with undertaking. This may result in legal action.

Our current whole school student attendance rate is 84.5%

Each grade is achieving;

Kindy = 83.1%

Year 1 = 76.7%

Year 2 = 89%

Year 3 = 81.6%

Year 4 = 88%

Year 5 = 87.9%

Year 6 = 85.7%

Our current results indicate some work that needs to be done to improve student attendance across the school. All year groups are sitting below the **90%** target.

#### NAPLAN Online Readiness

This week, our Year 3 and 5 students, completed the NAPLAN Online Readiness test. As previously communicated in 2019, NAPLAN will be completed online. The Readiness testing was completed to ensure that our school has sufficient devices and infrastructure to enable efficient testing. Results of the tests will NOT be shared with students, schools or families. Our students will complete a: writing, numeracy and an 'omnibus' test - combination of reading, spelling and language conventions.

#### National Child Protection Week!

Sunday 2 September - Saturday 8 September

Child abuse and neglect is one of Australia's most significant social problems. Last year over 35,000 Australian children were proven to have been abused or neglected (NAPCAN). Play Your Part strategy invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. "Protecting children is everyone's business."

Play your part by reading the attached factsheet from NAPCAN, act on a point or two and show your support.

More information can be found at, <a href="https://www.napcan.org.au/">https://www.napcan.org.au/</a>

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#### **PLAY YOUR PART**

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

#### **NEIGHBOURS**

NEIGHBOURS PLAY THEIR PART TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING AND HELPING EACH OTHER AND WORKING TOWARDS A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Be a positive role model. Be aware of your behaviour, what you say, how you say it and the way you act Children and young people learn from the people they spend time with, so make your influence positive!

Build positive relationships with the children and their families in your neighbourhood. Smile, say hello, remember their names and listen to them when needed. This shows young people that they are important in their community, and that you care.

Talk to your neighbours and take the time to build relationships among parents in your street, apartment building or in your community. Know where your children are and get to know the families that they enjoy visiting.

Offer to care for your neighbour's children or practical help - like shopping - to new parents. Offering a helping hand provides an opportunity for parents to rest or spend some time together.

If everyone in the neighbourhood works together to make protecting children everyone's business this will increase the circle of people your child knows and can learn from which increases their safety.

Welcome newcomers. Make up a "Welcome Pack" with information on local schools, playgroups, child health centres, kids sporting clubs, music lessons, the closest all night chemist, etc.

If you're worried about someone, offer help or recommend where they can access help to strengthen their family's resilience and resources.

Care for your neighbourhood. By offering to hold a 'clean up your street' day you recognise and share the impact of a clean environment on young people's wellbeing.

Get the kids in your street to map your neighbourhood. Talk to them about safety and ask them to identify the places where they don't feel safe. Let them know that it is the adults' responsibility to do something about it!

Include your neighbours in an emergency plan. When something unexpected happens, neighbours are often the people to get assistance from. Involving children and young people in your planning ensures that they feel included and are informed.

Think about safe and respectful ways to be an active bystander if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.





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#### Staff Announcements

It is with great excitement that I announce the following staff who are pregnant and will either

be going on leave (dates to announced) or continuing leave in 2019.

- Mrs Buenaventura is expecting her first child and hopes to continue in her role through until mid Term 4.
- Mrs Janssen is expecting her second child and will not be returning to permanent employment in 2019.
- Mrs Costagana is expecting her second child and will not be returning to permanent employment in 2019.









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#### **Project Based Learning**

This week Stage 1 teachers participated in some school based professional learning to deepen their understanding of Project Based Learning. The team spent the day engaged with the work of Michael McDowell author of, Rigorous PBL by Design: Three Shifts for Developing Confident and Competent Learners.

Central to Michael's message is the need to ensure all students experience at least one year's growth each every year. Building student learning confidence is vital and involves a rethink as to what learning looks like. Learning should involve challenge, hard work and success.

To enrich PBL we must ensure students are competent in learning on three levels: surface, deep, and transfer. Put simply, the surface level is the use of facts and skills within a discipline, the deep level is the relation of facts and skills within a discipline, and the transfer level is the ability to extend those ideas to other disciplines (McDowell, pg. 14).

Most importantly teachers need to be clear about what they want students to learn and the strategies they are using to achieve learning.

We will continue to work as a school to refine Project Based Learning by concentrating on purposeful teaching and improved learning opportunities.

lmage - Michael McDowell



#### OCTOBER

15th - Stage 3 Assembly 2.10pm 24th - Kindergarten Transition

31st - Halo-een Day

#### NOVEMBER

7th - Kindergarten Transition 9th - Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm

12th-23rd Swimming Program 29th - Shrek The Musical

7th - Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.10pm

13th - School Christmas Concert

14th - Swimming Carnival / Infants Water Day

See more ...

#### Netball Gala Day Tuesday 28th August

lf your child / children have been selected to

represent St

Bernadette's at the Netball Gala

Day you are required to send

in your permission note



and \$20 payment by **tomorrow (Friday).** Thank you to those who have made payment already.

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# Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

# What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

#### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

#### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- \* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

#### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September 2018.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

#### For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html

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#### News from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

Just a reminder that next Wednesday we will be celebrating Father's Day. We will start the celebration with a morning BBQ breakfast at 7:45am – please don't forget to send in your RSVP. We will then commence our Father's Day Liturgy at 8:30am at the Parish Hall, with Open Classrooms from approx. 8.45-9am. Our Book Week events will then follow.

It will be lovely to see you all there.

Have a blessed week everyone.

With Blessings,



#### ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Tuesday on the 14th of August, 38 students gathered together at Blacktown Olympic Park to represent St Bernadette's at the Zone Athletics Carnival where they competed against other Catholic schools in the Blacktown area. Whether students were on the field for their events or cheering for our school from the grandstand, everyone had a fun and enjoyable day. We were blessed with a bright, sunny day so all students



were able to enjoy the sunshine and the supportive, energetic atmosphere at the carnival.

The day started at 8am as students made their way to the venue and prepared themselves for their events. Students competed in a range of events including the 400x100m relay, 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, long jump and discuss. All students tried their best and finished each event with smiling faces regardless of where they were placed. Students are to be commended on their support and positivity displayed on the day as they represented St Bernadette's with pride and made our school proud.

Special congratulations to Bowen Minett, Dominic Tatupu and Julio Tatupu for excelling in their events. Bowen made it through to the final race for 100m and placed 8th overall for his age group. Dominic placed 2nd in his age group for Discus (25.8m), breaking the record as well as placing 1st in Shot Put (9.2m). Dominic Tatupu was also awarded Junior Boys Runner Up on the day. Julio placed 3rd in Shot Put (8.7m), as well as placed 4th in Discus (22.28m). Dominic Tatupu and Julio Tatupu will be moving on to the next level, representing catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23rd of August. We wish them the best of luck!

Special thank you to all parents involved in the running of the Zone Athletics Carnival. The day would not have been a success without your assistance and support and I know that all children involved had a great sporting experience!

Miss Stevenson & Miss Keighran

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#### Father's Day Craft Stall

Wednesday 29th August Gifts range from 50c to \$5.00

Each class will visit the stall during the day.

Raffle tickets on sale for 50c or 3 for \$1.00

If there are any parents free on Wednesday and would like to assist please meet in the office after the bell.

Thank you



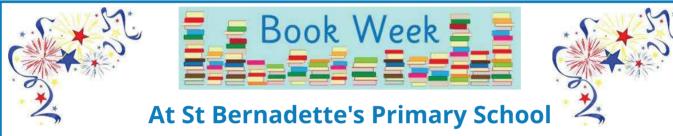
#### **MPORTANT DATE CHANGE**

Stage 3 Assembly that was advertised for Friday 24th August has been postponed until they

come back from Canberra and can share their adventures with everyone.

New date will be 15th October at 2.10pm





#### **Monday 27th August**

8.30am – 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library

Cartoonist to visit school (Students Only)

3.15pm – 4.00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

#### Tuesday 28th August

8.30am – 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library

Netball Gala Day

3.15pm-4.00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

#### **Wednesday 29th August**

7:45am Father's Day BBQ Breakfast (Please RSVP)

8.30am Father's Day Liturgy

8.30am Book Fair Open in our Library

8.45am-9.15am Open Classrooms

9.30am Book Week Parade, Book Week

Competition winners announced,

Band Performance

11.00am Picnic Morning Tea

All Day – Father's Day Craft Stall (Students Only)

3.15pm-4.00pm Book Fair Open in our Library

#### Thursday 30th August

8.30am – 9.00am Book Fair Open in our Library (last chance to buy)





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# FATHER'S DAY

You are invited to our
Father's Day BBQ
Breakfast and Liturgy
Wednesday 29th August
7:45am - 8:30am
(Grandfather's also welcome)
Strictly RSVP
(see below) by
Wednesday 22nd August

#### Father's Day BBQ Breakfast (RSVP)



# Fresh school holiday activities. Cooking with Jamie Oliver's Learn Your Fruit and Veg, make a kite, plant a greenhouse, decorate yaga mats, and build a Lego masterpiece. BOOK NOW. Healthy kids are happy kids. Spring into wellness inside & out these holidays! Something for every child. To find a program near you and to book, visit campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

# Note that have been sent home recently:

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion (Information, Permission & Medical Notes)

- Stage 3 Behaviour Note
- St Bernadette's Mascot
- Book Week Schedule
- Father's Day BBQ Breakfast invite
- Shrek Stage 3 Production (Stage 3 only)
- ACARA Privacy Information





# SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST

School Fees are due on 6th June 2018.

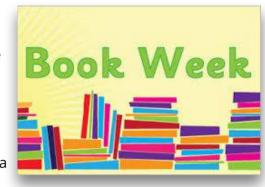
Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the Finance Secretary, Mrs Rita Mizzi

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#### **Book Week Writing Stimulus**

Last Friday Mr Fuller and Mrs Maher made an amazing discovery in our school garden. Mr Fuller was planting some new plants when he came across something buried deep below the garden beds outside the school office, a locked treasure chest !!!!!

Where did it come from?, who put it there?, how long has it been there? and what's inside? This treasure chest is indeed a mystery.





Over the next week and a half our students have been asked to create an imaginative text about this treasure chest. Have fun at home exploring the possibilities with your child, discuss some possible scenarios of where it came from what's inside and who put it there.

The student's writing will be displayed in their classroom and will be judged by our independent judges with prizes for students from each grade.

You will be able to view your child's writing during open classrooms on Wednesday of Week 6 and prizes will be presented after the book parade on Wednesday.

Let their imagination run wild!!

Lorraine Maher
Literacy and Diversity Leader





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#### St Bernadette's Parent Group Meeting Agenda

Term 3, Tuesday August 28th 2018
Meeting opens at 7pm with prayer



**Prior Minutes Acceptance** 

- -Matters Arising
- -Ingoing/Outgoing Correspondance
- -Principals Report: Mr P Kapitanow
- -AP's Report: Mr S Crothers

-Treasurers Report : Richell Nash

-Fundraising Report: Maria Xiberras

-Canteen Report: Bree Buhagiar

-Community Report: Chantal Weir

-Social Report: Cindy Efstathiou

-Band Report: Irene Brandwood-Secretary Report: Carolyn Cagney

-Education Report: \*no current representative\*

-Leaders Report: Carmen Bonello

General Business

Vote of nominees for Education Representative



#### St Bernadette's Garden

To be part of the learning and fun make contact via:
<a href="mailto:claresgarden118@gmail.com">claresgarden118@gmail.com</a> and visit
<a href="http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com">http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com</a> or the school office
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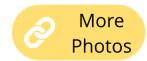
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for more photos from the garden.



The school garden can be a place of discovery ... finding that white flowers have turned into

peas, a Callistemon is named after *Saint Mary McKillop*, water does not always reach the roots of plants ... so some digging is required ... or simply that it is a good place to "hang out" with friends!



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# COMING TO TERM 4

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Presents a Stage Three Production



Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and

**Neal Street Productions** 

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford

"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special

arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International,

421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019



If your child is turning 5 before 31st July

2019 call in to our school office to collect an enrollment package. School tours can be provided on request.





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#### Your First Day is FREE!

We are excited to announce that the children at your school can now come and try their first day of OSHC for FREE! Your school has been one of the 25 schools selected to receive this initiative for Term 3. This is a great chance for parents to see what Camp Australia is like before signing their children up to our services.

It's also free to register. You can register at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree</u>. Once you completed the registration, you can activate your session whenever you like.

Our Out of School Hours' Care programs are jam packed with great fun every single day, and includes elements of:

- ✓ Outdoor play time sport, skills development, general play and inclusive games
- ✓ Construction and Manipulative play art and craft, cooking, construction and indoor games
- ✓ Creative time includes activities like drama and music
- ✓ Life skills community involvement, role playing, communication and social skills development
- ✓ Homework and quiet time helps children to relax with their family when they go home
- ✓ Unique and new experiences trying new sports and artistic pursuits like circus skills, yoga, skate boarding, martial arts, golf and calisthenics just to name a few







For further information please contact our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Kind Regards,

Camp Australia

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we make kids smile

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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 Church - 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

BREAD OF LIFE: FOOD THAT CHANGES YOU!

Gospel in Life!

The early Christians scared some Romans. It came from scary rumours that Christians "ate flesh and drank blood".

It should be scary - because you can't keep going to Communion regularly without being challenged to change. And change can be scary. John wrote this week's Gospel to show early Christians the importance of the Eucharist. He wanted to show that God loves us so much. God wants to physically connect with us. By reflecting on the Gospel and sharing Christ's body and blood at Eucharist, we develop a real physical intimacy with God. The person who takes Communion "remain in me and I in you", Jesus says. That's the gift. But that's also the scary part - because Jesus can change us.

Intimacy, real friendship, changes us. Intimate friends become part of us. We take on some of their interests. We hang out in some of their sports. We start to see the world through their eyes. Friendship also shows itself physically through handshakes, hugs - even friendly punches.

All this happens through Mass. The Gospels ask us to take on God's interests (forgiveness and peace) and to hand out where Jesus hung out (with the forgotten). We physically connect with the Lord in Communion, but also during the sign of peace and out greetings with friends and neighbours. The more we go to Mass with open eyes and ears, the more our own eyes and ears will change the rest of the week. Our eyes will see the work God needs done, and our ears will hear the cries that break God's heart.

Are you ready for that?

How have you started to see things differently or hear more cries for help as you've grown closer to God? (Weekly Parable from e-News)

#### PARISH INFORMATION DURING MONDAY 20TH AUGUST TO TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST

Fr Andrew will be away for part (2nd week) of his annual holidays from Monday 20th August to Tuesday 28th August

FOR SICK CALLS: Please ring a neighbouring parish

FOR FUNERALS: Please ring the Parish Office on

9672 4037 during office hours - Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-4pm

FOR WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 25/8, Sun 26/8 Fr Andrew will return to do these Masses

PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO MORNING, EVENING MASS OR DEVOTIONS FROM Mon 20/8 to Tues 28/8.

EVENING MASS AND DEVOTIONS WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY 29th August

WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICES:

Tues 21/8 and Thurs 23/8 at 8.45am

ROSARY AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tues 21/8, Thurs 23/8, at 8.15am

NO RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE on Sat 25th August morning or afternoon. Reconciliation available in neighbouring parishes. Please ring them or see their website to find times.

PARISH OFFICE: Open Tues, Thurs, Fri from 9am-4pm. Telephone - 9672 4037 Email - admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.