

Newsletter

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NOVEMBER

12th-23rd Swimming Program

20th - Parent Group Meeting - AGM 7pm

Note coming home tomorrow

22nd - Parent viewing at swim school

28th - Shrek The Musical

29th - Reconciliation - Stage 2

DECEMBER

2nd - Youth Group 6-7.30pm

7th - Early Stage 1 Assembly 2.10pm

13th - School Christmas Concert 6pm

14th - Swimming Carnival / Infants Water Day

17th - Year 6 Fun Day

18th - Whole School Mass & Graduation

Ceremony 10am

Year 6 Dinner Dance

19th - Students Last Day

See more ...

Principal's Message

Swimming

This week all students begun the Learn to Swim program at Aquabliss. Initial feedback from the students and staff has been positive.

Phone: 8869 6400

Participating in this program inevitably causes disruption to the school routine and has a direct effect on learning. The staff work to ensure that quality learning in the areas of literacy, Numeracy and Religion are maintained. However the amount of learning is impacted.

The program also causes some students other issues as they deal with being tired, not having all their swimming items or the different routine. During the second week of swimming these areas typically amplify as student fatigue takes hold.

To assist all parents should talk to their children about the positives of attending swimming, ensure all items are packed daily and prioritise student sleep.

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Student Leadership

We have begun a review of Student Leadership opportunities at St Bernadette's. We are aiming to ensure that students who are school leaders demonstrate leadership capabilities, have purposeful roles within the school, Leadership badges are valued and that all who wear a badge reflect the school's values and expectations.

As such the proposed structure will change to incorporate,

- Two School Captains from Year 6
- Eight Sports Captains from Year 6
- A Student Representative Council (SRC) consisting of 2 students from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. The School Captains will also be SRC members and represent Year 6.

This will limit the amount of students in Year 6 to ten students who can be school leaders which is approximately a third of the cohort. It also ensures our younger grades have a voice within the school.

All students are encouraged to be leaders and we envisage many ongoing opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership abilities.

In future years all leaders will need to demonstrate how they have lived the school's values and expectations by means of the school's new award and reward structures which will be announced soon.

2019 Staffing

As we fast approach the end of the school year I am working to finalise our 2019 staffing. This is coming together and I expect to be able to announce more information in the following weeks.

After School Dismissal

We ask that all parents and students follow the school's dismissal procedures. Students are asked to go to one of the designated areas where supervision is provided. Students should not consistently be in the middle playground waiting for parents to arrive. Such students will be directed to Kiss and Drop.

We have received a number of reports indicating that students are playing in the storm water drain just up from the school. If you do direct your child to wait in this area, which is unsupervised it is advised that you speak to them about your safety and waiting expectations. The drain is not a safe place to play. A better alternative would be to utilise one of the school's supervised options.

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Principal

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Marvin Cholia Lawson Huppatz Maddison Francis Nahla Wan Lum-Diener

Darius Jaffar Abigail Xiberras Xavier Laupama

Epenese Taulia Khushee Parmar Willenn Flores Lily Dowd Monique Tadros Aiden Beniwal Jai Jenkins Andrew Tem

Jyena Deka







Bookings are now open for our latest school holiday programs – **STEAM Works**. Based on STEAM learning – **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rts, and **M**ath – it will be full of activities that have fun learning outcomes.

Some of our brand new activities include making a mini soccer table, cool science experiments, solar powered cars, putting on a show with shadow puppets, excursions, and heaps more.

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

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 during the school holidays

The Camp Australia Team

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News from our REC

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends,

Last Friday year six representatives from our Faith and Justice team lead the school in a Remembrance Day ceremony. It was a time where the school could come together to pray for and show respect to all service men and women for their sacrifices.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them







Swimming Viewing for Parents / Guardians

All Parents / Guardians are invited to attend swimming lessons on Thursday 22nd November to view students during lessons.

Aqua Bliss , 20 Distribution Place, Seven Hills

Session 1:	9:20 - 10:00	Year 6
Session 2:	10:05 - 10:45	Year 4
Session 3:	10:50 – 11:30	Year 3
Session 4:	11:35 – 12:15	Year 2
Session 5:	12:20 – 1:00	Kindergarten
Session 6:	1:05 - 1:45	Year 1
Session 7:	1:50 - 2:30	Year 5



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Student Awards



The following students have received awards since our last newsletter. Congratulations to everyone.

First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Voor	Homoroom	Award Description
First Name		Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Eloise	Cleary	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Harry	Nash	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Leo	Chao	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Olivia	Eckardt	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Leo	Chao	К	EARLY ST1G	Silver Award
Noah	Aouchan	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Bennett	Aplitt	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Aneika	Buhagiar	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Lily	Dowd	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Kayla	Efstathiou	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
John Paul	Evangelista	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Lawson	Huppatz	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Pearl	Miggins	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Caleb	Perkins	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Tasmyn	Ross	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Monique	Tadros	2	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Jeremiah-Xyndel	Tatupu	1	STAGE 1B	Bronze award
Aneika	Buhagiar	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Kristina	Davison	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Eva	Dela Fuente	1	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Lily	Dowd	1	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Lawson	Huppatz	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Arielle	McDonald	1	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Monique	Tadros	2	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Jeremiah-Xyndel	Tatupu	1	STAGE 1B	Silver Award
Erin	Cagney	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Alexander	Zaroutski	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Erin	Cagney	2	STAGE 1G	Silver Award
Alexander	Zaroutski	1	STAGE 1G	Silver Award
Domenic	Gallagher	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Vivian	Lee	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Chloe	McHugh	3	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Tyra	Smith	4	STAGE 2B	Learning Excellence Award
Zara	Astillo	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Asher	Boustani	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award

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Oliver	Longmire	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Pwoj	Majok	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Nahla	Wan Lum-Diener	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Abigail	Xiberras	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Pwoj	Majok	3	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Dominic	Tatupu	5	STAGE 3B	Bronze award
Duom	Acuoth	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Sanika	Kulkarni	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Aiden	McCarthy	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Vivian	Menon	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Khushee	Parmar	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Hayden	Quinlan	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Danniela	Rodriguez	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Dominic	Tatupu	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Jayden	Bellette	5	STAGE 3G	Bronze award
Lucas	Constantinou	6	STAGE 3G	Bronze award
Sarah	Justin Wani	6	STAGE 3G	Bronze award
Naga	Sudhagar	5	STAGE 3G	Bronze award
Darius	Jaffar	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Kenneth	Lee	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Caitlin	McNamara	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Deborah	Tluang	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
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Janaya	Buhagiar	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Nevaeh	Campbell	5	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Erin	Debrincat	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Adhot	Deng	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
India	Longhurst	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Nywere	Majak	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Athieu	Majok	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award
Reiley	Tripiciano	6	STAGE 3W	Learning Excellence Award



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Every Tuesday and Thursday Stage 3 students will be selling ice cream, pop corn or zooper doopers to raise

money for their

Year 6 Fun Day.

All items will be 50c to \$1

> Donations appreciated!





Year 6 Parents / Guardians

Our children's year 6 dinner dance is coming up

for the evening of Tuesday 18th of December.

We are looking for a volunteer who can coordinate a playlist and overlook the music for the evening. Also, if

anyone can lend any cool 1970's disco props

that would be great.

lf you would like to help out and be a part of our Disco Dance team, please text Kelly Debrincat on 0450 185 892.



OLUNTEERS

NEEDED!

St Bernadette's Garden



To be part of the learning and fun make contact via: claresgarden118@gmail.com_and visit http://kitchengardensinschools.blogspot.com_or the school office on 8869 6400 or

stbernadetteslpark@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please see our website

www.stbernadetteslalorpark.parra.catholic.edu.au

for more photos from the garden.



As the school year draws to a close, the Environment Team were treated to a celebratory lunch at Lewers Café, Emu Plains. Meals at the Café are prepared with fresh produce from the Kitchen Garden. Welcome rain prevented a "turn in the garden" but a tour of the

adjoining Art Gallery was on offer and coincidentally the creative displays featured items made from recycled materials! The event was an

More Photos

opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved for the school, as a group and as individuals.

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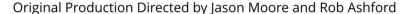
St Bernadette's Lalor Park
Presents a Stage Three Production
Wednesday 28th November 2018
St Bernadette's Parish Hall
Show commences at 6pm
\$5 per person (children under 12 free)
available for sale through our office

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



"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



Our fantastic Parent Group will be selling sausage sandwiches and drinks from 4.30pm



2nd hand uniforms will be on sale from 4.30 pm

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Parents Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta

Partners in Learning & Faith

PRC General Parent Meeting Term 4

Dear Parents.

The Parent Representative Council would like to warmly Invite you to our Term 4 General Parent Meeting on Monday the 19th November.

Our guest speaker is

Mr Greg Miller

Principal and Educational Leader

St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park

The topic this term is:

Next Generation Schools - What is the new normal for education?

Greg is at the coalface of designing and establishing the new normal for preschool to post school learning. He believes we need to adopt a continuum model of education, challenging educators to use time in creative and innovative ways. He'll explain how parents, teachers and enterprise partners can transform learning so that each student understands their strengths and capabilities. Greg is an educational leader with heart. He is passionate about enabling students to discover their strengths and find their purpose in this changing world.

Where: St Luke's Catholic College, Lot 1104, Frontier Ave, & Northbourne Dr, Marsden Park NSW

please arrive by 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Tea Coffee and light super is served

PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

Make sure you register to attend and save time when you arrive. Go to www.prc.catholic.edu.au and click on the register button at the bottom of the page.

PRC Parramatta are proud to provide FREE OF CHARGE this opportunity to engage with our Parramatta Diocese Catholic Schools communities.

Please let us know if there are any topics that you are interested in hearing about

We would love to see you there on the night

Many Thanks

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PRC Executive Announcement

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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

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR WIDOWS!

Gospel in Life

I remember a youth group leader I met in a Central American village. He proudly told me how his group collected food for poor people in his community each Christmas. I later saw the youth group leader's home - a thatched hut he shared with a large family. Despite his poverty he focused on helping other people.

That youth group leader has become one of my role models I hope that I can some day show generosity like that.

Jesus talks about role models in this week's Gospel. He contrasts the scribes and the rich people with the widow. The scribes, Jesus says, draw attention to themselves, seeking the crowd's praise. Some rich people make large donations, but none that require real sacrifice. Meanwhile, a widow quietly sacrifices from her meagre income to offer something to her religion. Widows were some of the poorest people in Ancient Israel.

Where do you look for role models? Our culture often promotes modern-day scribes as role models for young people to follow - athletes and corporate CEO's who flaunt their wealth, politicians who love their power, and religious leaders who profit from their connections to powerful people.

Jesus says, look for another way if you are seeking a life of holiness. Search out people who make quiet but significant sacrifices for others. Think about your parents. How have they sacrificed to improve your life? How about your teachers? Many teachers don't make a lot of money, but stay committed to teaching because they like helping young people. Don't forget the people who are working at your parish. Church workers often work long hours because they believe the world needs to hear Jesus' message.

Adolescence is a good time to look around for people who can be models for your life. If you want to take Jesus up on his offer of a full life, keep an eye out for the modern-day widows.

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we will pray for our deceased relatives and friends. 'From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beautiful vision of God.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032)

November Mass Envelopes are available in the basket at the back of the Church for your use. All Masses during November will be offered in union with the living and the dead. November gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect on the communion between the living and the dead. All Mass Intention Envelopes will be placed in a Special Remembrance Box and placed in front of the Altar for ALL November Masses.

We are very aware of those we miss, and we pray for them. We are aware of the love of God permeating all existence and connecting us even in death. We are reminded of the source of our hope, the risen Christ. As we reflect on the gift of eternal life, the significance of our earthly choices comes into clear view.