



2019 Term 1 Week 2

Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

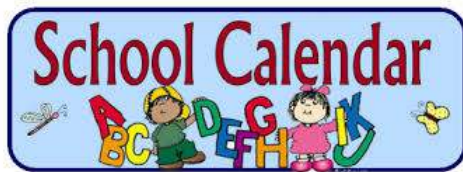
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February

12th	Parent Group Executive Mtg 6pm Parent / Teacher Chats
13th	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival Parent / Teacher Chats
15th	Stage 3 Leaders Celebration 9.15am
24th	Stage 2 Family Mass 10am
25th	School Photos

March

5th	School Cross Country Welcome BBQ 4.30pm for all families Enrolment Meeting 6pm
6th	Ash Wednesday Primary Liturgy 10am Infants Liturgy 12 noon
7th	Parent to View Gymnastics
8th	Opening School Mass 10am Morning Tea 11am Open Classrooms
12th	Parent Group Meeting 7pm
20th	School Fees Due

See more ...

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

We have had a positive start to the school year. On regular visits to classrooms we are pleased to see and report how settled the students are. The changes applied to the school day have had a positive impact on learning and behaviour. We can see students entering the learning spaces quicker and commencing learning. This is minimising behaviour issues while students transition from the playground to the classroom.

Welcome to the Kindergarten Class of 2019

Last week we welcomed 37 new Kindergarten students to St Bernadette's. It was a very calm start to the year for the new 'Big Kids' of the school. They will quickly settle into the daily routine of school. Treasure the moments in Kindergarten as from experience I can tell you this time will go quickly!

We also welcome all new parents to our school. I personally encourage you to get involved in school life. St Bernadette's is very lucky to have an active parent community. Parents contribute in many ways, but your most valued contribution is time. We welcome parents who have the time to volunteer and help in a community initiative. We also understand that many parents work and would love to help but find this a challenge.

Uniform Changes

Last week we communicated some changes to the school uniform that will improve the consistency of the uniform offering at St Bernadette's.

The following points have been raised as requiring clarification;

The changes will take effect over time. No parent is expected to update uniforms immediately.

The adjustments to embroidery on the school uniform will not affect the purchase price of the items. Consistent and additional embroidery on garments has been done to improve the look of the uniform not add cost.

Students may wear white socks with their sports uniform.

Stage 3 Learning Space

The alterations to the Stage 3 Learning Space were completed over the Christmas Holiday break. It's very pleasing to see that the work does not look like an afterthought but has been completed to a high standard so as to match the existing fixtures.

The space is now divided into separate Year 5 and Year 6 learning spaces. Each space has two teachers. The teachers are new to St Bernadette's and working on familiarising themselves with the students, the parents, the staff and how St Bernadette's operates. This will take some time.

Members of the school Leadership have been touring the spaces on regular intervals throughout the day and we are very pleased. It's affirming to see that all of our hard work to make this change is having some real effects on students social, emotional and academic development. I also want to thank parents who have contacted the school in support of this change.

Family Masses

Every year families from each stage are invited to a Stage Family Mass held on a Sunday at 10am. This is an opportunity for our families to come together and worship as a community. This only happens once a year for each Stage. It would be great this year to see all our families attend. In this way parents model to their children the importance of going to Church and developing a relationship with God and their community.

This invite is extended to all community members. Non-Catholics are also invited to join us as the community of St Bernadette's. Dates are:

Stage 2 Sunday 24th of February 10am Mass

Stage 3 and Kindy Sunday 19th of May 10am Mass

Stage 1 Sunday 27th of October 10am Mass

Planned School Works

This year the school has budgeted to:

- Increase the instrument catalogue available to students in Year 4 and 5 and for those continuing individual lessons. This will enable the work of Captivate and our focus on the Music curriculum.
- Install a shade structure in the Kiss and Drop area.
- Update the school's old technology to ensure adequate access to technology for all students.
- Improve the sports rooms storage.

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Sr Elizabeth Woods

For those who knew Sr Elizabeth Woods we would just like you to know that she passed away very peacefully on Monday in the Mater Hospital Dublin. Sr Elizabeth has not been well for some time but had a very peaceful and dignified death. She worked at Christ the King North Rocks, (founding member) St Oliver's Harris Park and St Bernadette's Lalor Park. She also did great work with refugees. May Elizabeth Rest In Peace after a life of Faith and service.



Rest In Peace

Note that have been sent home recently:

- Welcome back not from Mr Kapitanow
- Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival
- Book Club instructions for ES1
- Parent / Teacher Chats



School Notes

Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden



Photos



JANUARY

Kasandra Malizija
Atem Acuoeth
Zarina Jaffar
Carelle Capule
Lucie McDonald
Advik Pullanikat
Eli Alviar
Declan McCarthy
Leilani Laupama

Dominic Tatupu
Abbey Longmire
Victoria Commins
Samuel Auzner
Noah Boustani
Julio Tatupu
Dier Majak
Justine Hana
Zara Atie



FEBRUARY

Dominic Salt
Cillian Sunners
Jeanerikah Anyanwu
Adut Acuoeth
Cohen Winley
Hunter Vitasovic
Pwoj Majok
Rhyen Tago
Jacharaih Francis

Cassandra Tomada
Antonio Zuvela
Tanya Gama
Jeremiah Tatupu
Armarni-Rose Moore
Jwodho Mugo
Oliver Vierboom
Malachy Darby
Abigail Valentine

News From Our REC

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

Welcome to 2019 at St. Bernadettes. This term we will celebrate numerous religious feast days as a faith community. Please stay tuned to the newsletter for upcoming dates and details. The Stage 2 Family Sunday Mass is on 24th February at 10am.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new students, their families and our new staff members to the St. Bernadette's community.

As we begin the 2109 school year together , I share the following prayer with you:

Prayer to begin a new school year

*God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being,
For mind, body and spirit.*

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow,

Wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding:

And peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

With blessings,

Miss Judith Murphy, Acting REC



Sports Day For All Classes

will be Thursday for Term 1.

**If there is a change for Term 2
this will be communicated to
parents.**

Thank you



**READ
EVERY
DAY!**

CANTEEN

Canteen for 2019 will re-open on Monday 11th February. Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We welcome all of our new volunteers.

If anyone would like to volunteer for canteen please email Mrs Bree Buhagiar on the canteen email on the front page of this newsletter.

Please note that child protection training will need to be completed for all volunteers.

You can find a Canteen menu on our website.





St Bernadette's Garden

Welcome back from the long, hot summer break ... The garden will be in need of some **Tender Loving Care**, just like it was receiving at the end of last year!

This year the **2019 Environment Team** will function on a term by term basis.

One student from each Class in Stages 1, 2, 3, may volunteer to join the Team.

These students will be responsible for looking after the **'Crunch and Sip Buckets', maintenance of the garden** and supporting students who visit the garden.

The garden will be open during lunchtime on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (commencing in Week 4) under the supervision of Mrs Parks, Mrs Fairhurst and Miss Clare.

All students, including ES1, will be welcome to visit the garden at these times ... photos from the visits will be included in the Newsletter each fortnight.

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

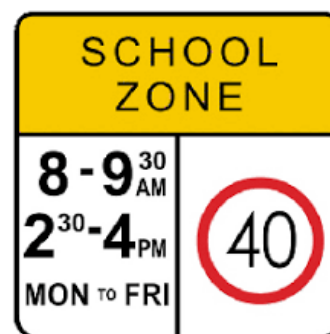


More Photos

ATTENDANCE TEXT MESSAGES

A new SMS system is being trialled at two pilot schools and should be available to us by the end of Week 3. In the mean time if you child / children are away from school, please send in a note or call the school stating a valid reason for the leave.

Thank you



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.

the
School Locker



Order form



School Locker

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PBS4L

This week at St Bernadette's we have begun our journey with our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L). Each week the students will focus on a different school rule and be explicitly taught the expected behaviours at school. This week we are learning what it looks, sounds and feels like to be Safe at St Bernadette's. We encourage families to talk to the children about what they are learning and how they will behave while at school.

Next weeks focus will be How We Are Respectful

The PBSL Committee



PARKING

We ask all of our families to keep our neighbors in mind when parking. Do not park across driveways or impede driveways at any time. The top playground is for staff parking and parents should not drive in there at any time. Parking is not available in Gardenia Grove as this impedes Kiss and Drop.

Thank you



SCHOOL BANKING

St Bernadette's School Banking day is a **Thursday**. You must have a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites account to register for school banking and you can open an account at any of their branches.

Students hand in their bank book to their teacher on a Thursday morning who will place it in the office bag. When a student makes a weekly deposit they will receive a silver token. Once they have received 10 tokens they are eligible to receive a reward prize from the Commonwealth Bank which is ordered through the School Banking Co-ordinator. School Banking information for new students will be sent home this week.



CommonwealthBank

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 school fee accounts will be mailed out by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) and will be due for payment on the 20th March. You will be invited to apply for a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP). If interested please follow the instructions given by CEO carefully and return all documentation to the Catholic Education Office by the due date otherwise your application will not make it in time and you may not be notified. However, if you miss out on an FPP, families are also welcome to call the school and set up a payment plan to suit their budget. Payments may be directly debited from your bank account, Centrelink family payments, set up through Net banking via Bpay, paid at the Post Office or simply paid at the school office. Large sums of cash sent with your child to school is not advisable. If you have had a payment arrangement in 2018 and wish to



continue with a similar plan please contact the office by phone, email or letter in order to setup a new arrangement as all arrangements need to be renewed annually. It is important to know that unless you are paying your fees by the due date you will need to have a formalised arrangement in place. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rita Mizzi on 98869 6400 if you have any questions or you are having difficulty with paying your school fees.

LITERACY NEWS with Mrs Maher

Welcome back to our 2019 school year. Our students have come back excited and well rested. This year we have some exciting things happening at St Bernadette's for Literacy.

Our school has again purchased an online subscription to Sound Waves a synthetic phonics program to assist our students with reading and spelling. All students should have received their class login details where this program can be accessed at home. Please contact the class teacher or myself if you are unsure.

Teachers and students use this program during our Literacy block, with follow up activities that can be completed at home.

Students in Years 1- 6 follow the same sound sequence each week. So if you have students in different grades, they will all follow the same sound unit, at different levels. Below is the sequence of units for this term. Kindergarten follow a different sequence, but also have login details where this can be accessed at home.



Week 2	b bb	Week 7	i
Week 3	a	Week 8	f ff ph
Week 4	k c qu ck x(ks)	Week 9	o a
Week 5	e	Week 10	g gg
Week 6	d dd	Week 11	u o

Story Time

This term there will be story time in the library before school for students who would like to listen to a story read by one of our teachers. This will commence in Week 4 at 8.40am every Tuesday with Mrs O'Brien and Friday with Mrs Maher. We hope to see many enthusiastic students there.

A Stage 3 lunchtime Book Club will begin in Week 4 every Wednesday with Mrs Maher. I will be asking for volunteers to come read some very exciting texts, discuss our likes, dislikes and opinions of particular texts.

Parent Teachers Chats I will be available for parent teacher chats next Tuesday, so if you would like to see me, choose a time on the school interviews site.

Lorraine Maher

Literacy and Diversity Leader



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**Book Club is due back
to the school on
Friday 15th
February
Thank you**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for all students will be held on Monday 25th February. Full school uniform needs to be worn for photos. More information and photo envelopes will be sent home shortly.



SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent's smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices and alerts.



The Skoolbag app is free to download. Keep up to date. Download it today. Search Skoolbag and download the free app and then search for St Bernadette's Lalor Park.

Please Note: Change of address details should be communicated to the school office. Please do not use Skoolbag for absences. Text messages will be sent daily to parents.

Gilroy Catholic College Open Evening for Enrolments Year 7 2020

Wednesday 20 February 2019

Principal's address: 6.15pm

in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall

College Tours will be conducted at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Enrolment Packages available now from the College Office, Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm and at the Open Evening.

Gilroy Catholic College focuses on quality education within the nurturing environment of a faith community.

Gilroy is a Technology rich learning environment.

We aim to develop competent and confident young people who can think critically and make decisions informed by Catholic values.

Pastoral care is central to the organisation and operation of the school and endeavours to ensure that all students are able to recognise the dignity of their relationship with others.

Applications close 7 March 2019.

To book a tour www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/community/announcements

For further information Email mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu



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St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
Office Hours:	Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am to 4pm	Telephone:	9672 4037
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 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

Luke 4: 21-30 REJECTION!

Gospel in Life

One afternoon at home I received a call from my youngest son's school to say he was on external expulsion, which means he can't attend school until we meet with the principal. They said it was not just one incident but a number of them.

When he came home my wife and I questioned him. He said he had had a run in with a teacher and words were exchanged. My son isn't perfect, and when he gets frustrated he says how he feels. But I thought that what the principal apparently said to him was just not right either. It seems he told my son that he would be better off leaving now, in Year 11, because he would never get a job; he would only ever get the dole.

That evening at home I opened my son's bedroom and found him crying uncontrollably, but not out loud. I asked, 'What's the matter?' and he replied, 'I'm dumb. I'll never get anywhere. I'm dumb, I'm dumb, I'm dumb.'

A wave of sorrow came over me. You see, he has a learning disability. He's not dumb, far from it - in fact he's very bright - it's just that his comprehension is slow. I had the same problem when I went to school but nobody knew what it was in my day. I could relate to what he was saying very strongly. I told him this once when he was younger, and he said with a grin and a hug, 'So it's your fault!'

I sat on the bed next to him and said, 'Now you listen to me. You're not dumb. The problem is society's expectations: "If you don't get that apprenticeship, if you don't get into university, you'll never be any good." But I tell you this: you do the best you can. Mum and I will help you. But if you don't get that apprenticeship, if you don't reach your dreams, it will still work out OK. I know because I've been there. We will still love you just as much.' With that he seemed to settle down and I left the room.

Since this talk we have come closer. That's more important to me than anything else. When I entered his room I didn't have a clue what to say or do. And when I left I gave thanks to God for guiding me. Since our talk I can't help but think that God is saying the same thing to everybody: 'Listen to me. I've been there. I know what's best for you. We are related and I love you.'

By the way everything has been worked out and he's back at school. (Michael)

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Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 6 February, 2019

New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 13 Feb., 20 Feb.

**New and Returning
Students
Ages 5-8**

Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

**New Students
Ages 9-16
and Returning Students**

Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION**, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



No Stopping

Do not stop near
a No Stopping sign.



No Parking

2 min to drop off
or pick up, stay
within 3m of vehicle.



Bus Zone

Only a public
bus can stop in a
bus zone.



Help keep our children safe

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Blacktown City Council



ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB INC



Would you like to play a social, team sport in 2019?
Come and play for St Bernadette's Netball Club!

Games:

Saturdays
International Peace Park (behind
Blacktown Aquatic Centre).
During school terms

Training:

Tuesday nights
International Peace Park
Juniors 5:30pm to 7pm,
Seniors 7pm to 9pm

Players over 5 years of age, and of all abilities, are welcome!

Important Dates

Registration Help Day and Uniform Try On: Saturday 2nd February 2019,
12 to 2pm, St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Lalor Park

Mandatory Grading: Tuesday 26th February 2019 5:30pm, Int. Peace Park

First Training: Tuesday 12th March 2019, International Peace Park

First Game: Saturday May 4th 2019, International Peace Park

All registrations are to be done online. Follow the registration link on our website or Facebook.

More details including online registration how to guide, fees and how you can claim a government rebate via the Active Kids Rebate program are available below:

Website: <http://stbernadettesnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stberniesnetball/>

For all questions, please contact our Club President Kim Myers on 0408 025 512 or email sbncinfo@gmail.com