



2018 Term 4 Week 8

Newsletter

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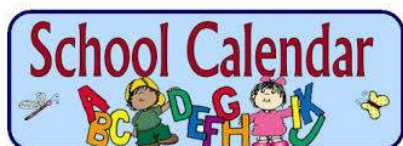
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NOVEMBER

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 followed by
Morning tea

Year 6 Dinner Dance

19th - Students Last Day

Principal's Message

Last Wednesday night Stage 3 students performed Shrek the Junior Musical. The musical was adopted to provide the students with an focus area that acknowledge the roll of the arts. Shrek allowed students to excel in the areas to drama, music and creative arts. These are areas of the curriculum that are low in profile.

I had many reservations about producing the musical including cost, time to perform, support within and outside of the school and community support. One thing i never doubted was our students ability to take the challenge.

I think all those who were present on the night would agree that the students excelled! I was amazed at how well our students performed. Having taught some them personally through interventions such as Reading Recovery and targeted literacy interventions it was extremely rewarding to see such students in the limelight and excelling as performers!

A musical requires the collective effort of a team. The actresses and actors are highly visible. It's easy to see their successes. The students working behind the scenes worked equally as hard and overcame many challenging moments.



**22 Days
until
Christmas**

The sound team alone had to overcome technical issues that plagued the musical all the way up to the hours before the musical.

They demonstrated great resilience, perseverance and problem solving as they worked together to ensure the show could go on!

The show was organised and planned by the staff who work in Stage 3. Class teachers, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Kidd with Teacher Assistants, Mrs Pollard and Miss Edwards led the students to ensure they were set up for success. On behalf of the school community we thank them for their tireless work to ensure Shrek was a success!

I would also like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their assistance;

- Ian McGuire from Mad Cow Theatre Company for fixing and providing stage lighting.
- Father Andrew for unlimited access to the Parish hall.
- Mrs Hobbs for photographing the students and printing pictures for sale.
- The Parent Group for organising a BBQ to support the night.
- Nagle College for supplying some of the sound equipment.
- IGA at Old Toongabbie for providing raffle prizes.
- Mrs Pollard for supplying the popcorn machine and raffle prizes.
- Control Works for a generous donation to offset some of the costs.

I would also like to thank the extended staff of St Bernadette's who all assisted in some way to make Shrek a success. And lastly all those who attended and supported the students and the community!

Student Reports

Teachers have been working on finalising the final semester reports. For some in the community this can be an anxious time. Children may worry about grades and associated pressure whilst parents want their children to be the best. As parents it is important to take a balanced approach to school reports. All children have different strengths and challenges. Student reports should reflect this and not be a surprise. Some important points for parents to remember;

- We want all students to achieve their best. To be constantly working at achieving their own learning goals. Not every student is going to get an A, this simply isn't realistic. Some students may perform below our expectations and whilst this may be disappointing it is not the end of the world rather an opportunity to access what is required to improve learning as we move into 2019.
- Have realistic expectations. All children are different. Don't inflate your expectations to unachievable values. For example, A's are extremely hard to get. Telling a child they need to achieve straight A's may not be a realistic goal. However, telling a student who achieves straight C's that you would like to see a B or that their teacher would indicate that they were high C's might be more realistic.
- Students need to take ownership of their learning. This includes their results. Parents should stand with teachers to support student learning even if they are disillusioned or disappointed. Teachers need to be honest and sometimes this can be challenging for parents and children to accept.
- Parents should celebrate the successes. The results are a reflection of the work students have applied to their learning. These should be celebrated and acknowledged. This tells children that as parents we value school and education.

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- Discuss your child's report with them. It's their report and they need to know how they have gone. They need to know that you as parents share their successes and challenges.
- If you are unsure about any aspect of your child's report then ask the question. Make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Staffing

We welcome Catherine Ruff to St Bernadette's in 2018. Catherine has been seconded from Student Services to support St Bernadette's in 2019.

Catherine has a wealth of experience having worked in primary education for 10 years before running a program at high school for the last 13 years to support students who have learning challenges.

As of last week we are fully staffed for 2019. We now begin the more focused work of assigning classes and making class groups.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Update

Earlier this term we communicated that we were investigating BYOD as a part of the ongoing strategy to maximise student access to technology at school. We have decided that we will proceed with this program, but that implementation will be delayed. We will communicate further next year in regards to implementation.

Have a great week. Phill Kapitanow, Principal

Data Validation Survey

Having accurate, up-to-date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing, and supporting their learning. It also assists schools to make good decisions about how best to support and care for all students. To ensure that the data we currently hold is current and accurate, CEDP is conducting a data validation survey.

What does this involve?

It is pretty straight forward. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) will send you an email, SMS and/or letter with a link to the survey. Please note that in some cases you may need to confirm visa details, arrival and school starting dates in Australia, so please have this information with you before starting the survey.

The survey will ask you to confirm or change the information the school currently has about your child/children. This could include names, addresses, email addresses etc. In the majority of cases, the information will not have changed. If it has, it is important you record this in the survey. Letters sent to parents will include instructions on how to access the survey online.

Completing this survey helps to ensure that we have the right information about your child in the case of an emergency and for programs that best suit your child's needs.

Reminder emails and SMS will also be sent.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this project, please contact your school. You can also contact the CEDP Helpdesk at enterpriseservicedesk@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 9840 5620.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

Phill Kapitanow , Principal

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Congratulations to the Key family on the birth of their baby daughter. A sister for Genevieve in Stage 1 Blue.

Welcome to the St Bernadette's community.



Note that have been sent home recently:

- Swimming Carnival Note
- Christmas Concert Invite
- Year 4 and 5 parents - changes for 2019
- Band - Year 4 and Year 5 2019
- Instrumental Tuition Note
- Christmas Craft Baubles
- Personal Development - Stage 3
- 2019 Team Sport Trials



School
Notes

Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden
- Shrek The Musical
- Makerspace



Photos



Bookings are now open for our latest school holiday programs – **STEAM Works**. Based on STEAM learning – **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math** – 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.campaustalia.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

News from our REC

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we begin the Advent season, a reminder that our Social Justice initiative, St Vincent de Paul's Christmas food drive, is continuing until Wednesday week 8. Thank you to all families who have been able to make a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to make Christmas extra special for families in need!

On behalf of our faith community at St Bernadette's, I would like to congratulate the many Stage Two students and their families who have been busy preparing for their First Reconciliation.



The school Christmas Concert is on the 13th December in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm. The Parent Group will be cooking a sausage sizzle from 4.30 – 5.30pm and selling various drinks before the concert begins. All students will need to be in their learning spaces by 5:45pm to prepare for their performances. We hope to see you all there to celebrate Christmas as a community.

Regards,

Suzie Stapley, (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

Sacramental Process 2018

Please keep in your prayers the Children who will be experiencing the love of our forgiving Father in First Reconciliation on November 29 and December 6

Parents please note that the Reconciliation Liturgy will begin in the Church at 7:00pm on both days.



Madge Miranda
Sacramental CoOrdinator

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Program?
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Student Awards



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



First Name	Last Name	Scholastic Year	Homeroom	Award Description
Harry	Nash	K	EARLY ST1B	Gold Award
Jyena	Deka	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Willenn	Flores	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Harry	Nash	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Isabelle	Smith	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Zarah	Taylor-Hart	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Andrew	Tem	K	EARLY ST1B	Learning Excellence Award
Jyena	Deka	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Willenn	Flores	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Zarah	Taylor-Hart	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Andrew	Tem	K	EARLY ST1B	Silver Award
Rhyen	Tago	K	EARLY ST1G	Gold Award
Sam	Abdalla	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Marvin	Cholia	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Maddison	Francis	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Rhyen	Tago	K	EARLY ST1G	Learning Excellence Award
Sam	Abdalla	K	EARLY ST1G	Silver Award
Maddison	Francis	K	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
Bennett	Aplitt	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Mekhi	Buhagiar	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Lily	Dowd	1	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence Award
Elizaveta	Kuznetsova	2	STAGE 1B	Learning Excellence 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
Noah	Bonello	1	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Cioca	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Abbey	Longmire	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Cillian	Sunners	2	STAGE 1G	Learning Excellence Award
Noah	Bonello	1	STAGE 1G	Silver Award
Noah	Cioca	2	STAGE 1G	Silver Award
Abbey	Longmire	2	STAGE 1G	Silver Award

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



Cillian	Sunners	2	STAGE 1G	Silver Award
Lincoln	Aplitt	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Xavier	Laupama	3	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Aluel	Magoin	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Ella	O'Shea	4	STAGE 2G	Learning Excellence Award
Lincoln	Aplitt	3	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Aluel	Magoin	4	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Ella	O'Shea	4	STAGE 2G	Silver Award
Brodie	Fisher	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Sanika	Kulkarni	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Joudi	Nameh	6	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Danniela	Rodriguez	5	STAGE 3B	Learning Excellence Award
Sanika	Kulkarni	6	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Aiden	McCarthy	6	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Danniela	Rodriguez	5	STAGE 3B	Silver Award
Cate	Astillo	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Helena	Grubisic	6	STAGE 3G	Learning Excellence Award
Darius	Jaffar	6	STAGE 3G	Silver Award

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Representative nominations are now OPEN for the sports of:

AFL, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11's & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Touch Football.

Registration must be completed by Thursday 7th February 2019. Please ensure that all sections are filled out appropriately including 'Rep experience' where applicable.

These trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend. Students must attend the selection trials to be eligible for selection. Selections will be made based on performance at the trial. Selectors will be appointed based on their experience and background in a particular sport.

Please note that this online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school principal. This will occur after the closing date whereby schools will be emailed their school nominations. Notification to the students will be via the school sports coordinator after the closing date.

The final selection of students to attend the respective sport Diocesan team sport trials is based on the Representative Experience and/or Playing History of the student by the school principal and sports coordinator. Parents are responsible for organising their child's transport to and from their respective sport trial and their child's supervision at the trial.

If nominating for more than one sport, a new form must be completed for each sport.



Shrek the Musical Jnr

On Wednesday 28th November, Stage 3 students undertook the nerve racking task of performing in the hit Broadway musical 'Shrek the Musical Jnr'. After months of hard work rehearsing to perfect all aspects of the show including multiple musical numbers featuring singing and dancing, the show hit the stage and was an amazing success. All students rose to the occasion and delivered a stellar performance to rave reviews from parents and friends who filled our audience.



"Performing In Shrek made me feel nervous, confident and excited. I really enjoyed participating in the musical and found I was very passionate about performing my role as Shrek. I was determined to make the show good and to learn all of my lines" - Aiden McCarthy

"Being Princess Fiona in Shrek was exciting. It allowed me to show who I am and my musical talents. It allowed me to see what it would be like to work in musical theatre in the future as a career." - Hayley Shepherd

"I was excited to perform in Shrek as Gingy. I had a fun time being on stage." - Bowen Minett

"Being cast as Young Fiona made me feel excited and I believe this was a really good experience as a jumping off point to participate in another musical production." - Sascha Francisco

Special mention must be made to all the members of the extended St Bernadette's community who made the production such a raging success including Nagle College, Father Andrew, Mad Cow Theatre Productions, Controlworks Pty Ltd, IGA Fitzwilliam Rd Old Toongabbie and our Parent Group. Without the support and generous donations of these people the night would not have been such a hit.



Christmas Concert

Dear parents, guardians and friends,

In week 9 we will be holding our Christmas Concert. It is a fantastic chance to come together as a school and faith community to celebrate the year that was! Parents, families and parishioners are all warmly invited to be a part of this celebration of faith and fun which will be hosted by Michael Mangan of Litmus Productions.

Details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 13th of December
Venue: St Bernadette's Parish Hall
Time: 6:00pm
Admission: Gold coin donations welcome at the door.
Attire: Christmas inspired clothes (eg: headpieces, Christmas shirts, Christmas theme colours etc).

Note: Students need to be in their classrooms no later than 5.45pm

The Parent Group will be cooking a sausage sizzle from 4.30 - 5.30pm and selling various drinks before the concert begins.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Ms Stapley (Acting Religious Coordinator)

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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.

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



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.



Did someone say:
"Ladybeetles?"

It seems that some were sliding up and down the ribbon grass and others had taken up residence on the lettuce leaves! Luckily, there weren't any **Ladybeetles** on the strawberries which were devoured and proclaimed,

"Delicious!"



More
Photos

Makerspace at St Bernadette's.

This year has been a great year for our Library. We have had a renovation, redesign and redecoration of the library! We also have purchased beautiful new furniture that brightens up this space. It looks amazing!! The students at St. Bernadette's are able to visit the library at lunchtimes to read, borrow books as well as participate in Makerspace activities. We have been lucky this year to get 3 new Lego robotics kits as well as a Sphero kit to build up our robotics resources.

Our Makerspace is an area where students can create, innovate, design and make a range of things. We have lego, Robotics, craft activities, marble runs, bee bots, coding and a range of other STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities that are offered on a rotational basis. It is also a great time for students to develop their 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, problem solving and critical thinking whilst working with others.

Makerspace is open from Monday to Thursday in the library. We are looking forward to continuing Makerspace next year with more fun and exciting activities!

Mrs Monique O'Brien, Teacher Librarian





unlock their potential.

Student Advantage News

Introducing an easier way for your school community to get the Student Advantage

The School Locker is always looking for ways to improve our service and assist schools in our communities. With this in mind we have developed a new way for schools to manage the Student Advantage program for their students.

What does this change mean for schools?

Schools no longer need to manage and distribute Student Advantage cards or numbers. Parents from your school are now able to set up their own Student Advantage number linking all their purchases to your school via The School Locker website.

When a parent generates a new Student Advantage number online, an email will be sent to your school for verification of their student's enrolment at your school.

To minimise the workload for you, no response is required if the student does attend your school.

Please let us know your preferred email address for these messages. We recommend using a generic administration email address rather than a personal email address.

Don't want to approve emails?

The School Locker is able to produce a spreadsheet of numbers for your school to distribute to students if this is preferable.

Are Student Advantage cards still valid?

Customers with physical Student Advantage cards are still able to enter their existing card number when creating their account on The School Locker website.

As we are phasing out the cards all new customers will be asked to use the online Student Advantage number generator instead of receiving a card.

What's the process for parents?

Parents will need to create an account on The School Locker website. Those with a Student Advantage card will be prompted to verify their card by entering the number.

Parents who don't have a card will be prompted to generate a Student Advantage number. They will be required to enter their student's name, year level and school during this process. This will immediately assign a Student Advantage number to their account.

Can Student Advantage numbers be generated in store?

The School Locker staff are able to help customers create an account and generate a Student Advantage number on our website while they are in store.

Why should we worry about Student Advantage numbers?

Generating a Student Advantage number allows parents to immediately shop with Student Advantage pricing online. This process also ensures purchases by your school community are linked to your school which will effect the monthly revenue sharing amounts your school receives.

The School Locker is happy to assist you with raising awareness about the Student Advantage program in your school community by providing information for you to share with parents. Please find an A4 flyer and Facebook graphic attached as an example.

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For more information please email katrina.persic@theschoollocker.com.au or call 0409 441 286

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?

 No Stopping Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.	 \$330 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS	 No Parking 2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.
 \$183 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS	 Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.	 \$330 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

Help keep our children safe

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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

BLESSING OF SMALL CHRISTMAS CRIB OR FIGURES OF BABY JESUS

Families of the Parish are invited to bring to Mass small cribs (one that the children have made), or the figure of baby Jesus to BE BLESSED by Fr. Andrew on Saturday 15th December at 6pm Vigil Mass, or on Sunday 16th December at the 8.30am or 10am Masses - Pink Sunday. This will help children and God's people to focus on the Reason for the Season - the birth of Christ.

PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE 2017

JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

1st Sunday Advent Sat 1/12 6pm Mordini Family

Sun 2/12 8.30am Parish Choir

Sun 2/12 10am Couples for Christ

2nd Sunday Advent Sun 9/12 10am Parish Choir

3rd Sunday Advent Sat 15/12 6pm Couples for Christ

(Pink Sunday) Sun 16/12 10am Parish Choir

4th Sunday Advent Sat 22/12 6pm Youth Ministry

Sun 23/12 10am Parish Choir

FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Would you like to join the Parish Choir as a singer or musician for our Advent and Christmas Masses. Practice takes place each Tuesday at 7.30pm until Christmas.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Preparation for Christmas)

2nd RITE (Communal Celebration)

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

4 Priests will be available

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His Mercy never comes to an end. It is new every morning. Great is your faithfulness O Lord.

HEALING MASS (last one for 2018)

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday 1st December at 9.00am. Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am. You are invited to stay and enjoy a cuppa afterwards. Please bring a small plate of food cut into slices to share. Next Saturday we gather to receive further healing from the Lord for body, mind, Spirit. We would be grateful if you could let Fr. Andrew or the Parish Office know of any sick parishioners.

The next Healing Mass will be held Saturday 2nd February 2019. No Healing Mass in January 2019