



2019 Term 2 Week 1

Newsletter

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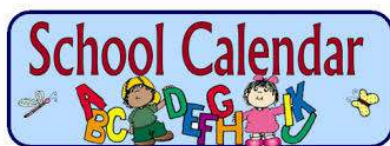
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May

7th	Diocesan Cross Country
9th	Mother's Day Craft Stall
10th	Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast 7.45am
12th	Mother's Day
14th	NAPLAN Testing
15th	NAPLAN Testing
16th	NAPLAN Testing
19th	Early Stage 1 & Stage 3 Family Mass
21st	Stage 1 Pioneer Village Excursion
22nd	Dentist Visit students
29th	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

June

4th	Parent Group Meeting 7pm
5th	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
10th	Public Holiday - No School
26th	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

July

1st	Parent / Teacher Meeting this week TBC
3rd	Athletics Carnival
5th	Term 2 Ends

See more ...

St Bernadette's ANZAC Day Service

The students and staff participated in a prayer service to remember the ANZACS on Tuesday 30th April. Every year, thousands of people join together to pay tribute to and remember those who have served.

This year we had a member of CAPTIVATE, Mr Craig Davidson, play the bugle in our ceremony. The Year 6 Captains, House Captains and Year 5 Student Council members lead the whole school in a respectful and solemn ceremony to remember the men and women of our armed services who gave of themselves to protect our country and to strive for world peace.

Today we enjoy the freedom won for us by the ANZACs. We remember their sacrifice and we pray that the gift of peace, given to us by these brave people will be treasured and protected for generations to come.



More photos from our ANZAC Day Service



Big Vegie Crunch - We crunched it!

On Thursday 4th April at 10 am, our school participated in The Big Vegie Crunch as part of Vegetable Week.

We joined 270 other schools across NSW in an effort to break the record for the most children eating vegetables simultaneously.

40,612 students crunched together and a further 14,117 students crunched over Vegetable Week.

That's a whole lot of vegetable eating!

Unfortunately, we weren't able to break 2018's record of 50,000 students eating vegetable simultaneously, but there is always next year!

Thank you for packing vegetables for your child/ren to crunch.

Ms Stapley



More
Photos

News From Our REC

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable break with your families.

In the school holidays we celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny.



An Easter Prayer

*Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.*

With blessings, Judy Murphy, Acting REC

Uniform Shop

We wish to advise that we now have all of our winter uniform stock.

Uniform shop will be open every Wednesday 8.30am - 10.30am.

Uniform order forms can be downloaded from the school website and orders can be made on line at School Locker.

Thank you



School Locker



MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on

Thursday 9th May

for the children to buy their mum, grandmother, nanna, auntie, carer or someone special gifts for Mother's Day.

Prices start from \$0.50 to \$5.00.

Each class will visit the stall during the day.

There will also be a raffle with tickets for \$0.50 each or 3 for \$1.00.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets you can place your name, child's class and amount in an envelope marked "Mothers Day Raffle" and hand in Thursday morning or your children can purchase them at the stall.

If any parents are free on Thursday morning and would like to help could you please meet in the school office after morning assembly. Thank you



News from the Library

National Simultaneous Storytime

At St Bernadette's we will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 22nd of May at 11.10am (Recess time) in the Learning Hub (Library).

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Every year a picture book, written



and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year's chosen book is 'Alpacas With Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove.

All students and staff are invited to visit the library for National Simultaneous Storytime. Parents, Grandparents and carers are also invited.

Morning storytime

Just a reminder that storytime in the Library will commence again for Term 2 each Tuesday and Friday at 8:40am. All welcome!!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Willow O, Lucie M and Arielle M (all in Stage 1) who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019. What a great effort! These students will go in the draw to win one of many prizes at the completion of the challenge. Just a reminder that we have many of the books on the PRC booklist in our school library, ready to borrow.

Good luck to all students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is an important part of your child's wider reading experience. Students are able to borrow a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books. Also, each month there are new books on display for the students to borrow. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school on their Library Borrowing days to borrow from our wonderful library.

We will commence our new Library Borrowing Competition in Week 2. All students who borrow and return their library books from Week 2 until Week 8 will win a prize at the end of term.

Overdue Library Books

If your child has any overdue library books from last term, could they please be returned this week? Overdue notes will be sent out this week.

Thank you, Mrs Monique O'Brien (Teacher Librarian)

Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>

Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

St Bernadette's is now enrolling for Kindergarten 2020.

**If your child turns 5 before
31st July 2020 he / she is
eligible to enrol for
Kindergarten.**

**Enrolment packages are now
available at the school office**

**For more information please
contact the school office on
8869 6400**

Now
Enrolling!



We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we

were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

Literacy News with Mrs Maher

Welcome back to term 2! I hope that you all had a happy and holy Easter spending time with family and friends. The students worked hard during term 1 and I trust that they are all rested ready for a new term and new learning.

We begin the term with a live theatre performance from Alpha Shows called The Snow Queen, on Friday May 10th at 11.30am in the hall.

Alpha Shows is a company that produces shows of high-quality, high-impact children's theatre that are not only big, bold, loud and hilarious, but also contain beautiful messages that inspire students cognitive thinking.

What makes Alpha Shows such a fantastic experience for our school is that during the show the actors constantly engage with the students so that the message is clear. The actors even prompt the students to voice their own opinions and ideas during the play spurring thought and stimulation in the students throughout the 90 min powerhouse performance.

Through the use of huge sets, phenomenal costumes, rock star sound, and highly skilled actors, the casts of Alpha Shows transport the students to a whole new world with songs and a lot of laughter. Throughout the shows the cast help the students look inside themselves and discover new meanings and ideas of what it means to be good or what it means to be a hero and helps them connect with feelings, opinions and emotions and understand what they mean. Theatre is about transformation. It is the application, through play, of energy and imagination to frame, reflect, expose, critique and speculate. 'International Baccalaureate Curriculum PYP'

Regards

Lorraine Maher



Catholic Education Office Parramatta

are in the process of validating student data currently

appearing on our student network. Since December they have had half of our families complete the student data validation survey. To those families who have not yet completed the survey an email will be sent out next week offering you another chance to complete the survey and check all of your details. It would be appreciated if all families could complete the survey. Thank you.

Canteen News

This week a new canteen menu was sent home to all students. Please keep an eye out for this.

We also sent home a letter requesting for volunteers for the canteen. Please find both of these documents on our website in the school notes section under Canteen



School Notes

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Location: Kings Langley Public School,
Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 8 May, 2019

New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 15 May, 22 May.

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.



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Sunday
5 May
10am - 2pm

Chifley Park
Freeman Street
Lalor Park

Bring a Picnic or enjoy lunch from our food stalls.
Shop the market for Mother's Day gifts,
Live entertainment, Giant raffle,
Face painting, Plants and Arts & Crafts.
Shop Local. Support Local.

For more info find us on Facebook or
contact The Lalor Park Community Garden
lalorparkcommunitygarden@tpg.com.au

Designed by: LeiDesign leidesign@idoud.com

IMPORTANT

St Bernadette's will no longer be using the
Skoolbag App.

Please make sure you are registered on our
website for the newsletter. We will be
sending out announcements from our

SkoolBag

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL AND PARISH FETE

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 8th November

Please Contact Zeina Yaacoub on

0411 185 121 if you can assist in any way. Ideas are always welcome.

St Bernadette's Garden



The students in the Term 1 **Environment Team** were treated to a picnic in Chifley Park and a Guided Tour of the Lalor Park Community Garden, to celebrate their achievements! They were also presented with a Certificates of Appreciation; as they prepare to pass on the baton to the Term 2 Team ...

watch this space!



More Photos

Meanwhile back at school, some dedicated students were busy raking, watering, cleaning and topping up the Garden Beds with soil! A conveniently placed hay bale was there to have a rest on and the **Blue Tongue Lizard** was back to see what all the activity was about!



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

Photos recently added to our website

- Our Garden
- Vegie Crunch



Photos

Note that have been sent home recently:

- New Canteen Menu
- Canteen Volunteer Request
- Chatterbox
- Mothers Day BBQ Breakfast Invite
- Mother's Day craft stall



School Notes



SPORT DAYS FOR STUDENTS



Early Stage 1 - Friday

Stage 1 - Thursday

Stage 2 - Thursday

Stage 3 Yr 5 - Thursday



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Welcome Back to Term 2!

A very warm welcome back, we are excited to be back working within your school community for another Term. Children have now had a term to warm up and get settled into 2019, it is time for them to spread their wings and shine. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, so that is why we are here to help!

We take care of children in the crucial times before school, after school – and between terms too. Our care programs are well-rounded, meaningful and affordable, based on 30 years of experience. Most importantly, while your child is at school and in our care, you know that they are safe.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is free to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal.

Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy to help you with the cost of child care, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

Parish Priest:	Fr Andrew Robinson	Secretary:	Mrs Bev Baxter
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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

THOMAS IS LOOKING FOR YOU

Gospel in Life

Someone once asked Gandhi, the great Hindu peacemaker, why he had rejected Christianity. Gandhi said he never rejected Jesus. He just couldn't find many Christians that actually lived like Jesus taught.

What would Gandhi say if he visited your church, family, youth group, or school?

This week's Gospel points out an important reality about Jesus' Resurrection. People often need some proof to really believe in it. Thomas was like you and me. He found the disciples' story hard to believe until Jesus appeared and showed him his wounds.

Looking back on my life, I realise I became convinced about Jesus' victory over death because of Catholic heroes. I've come to believe because, like Thomas, I've seen Jesus' wounds in people like Oscar Romero, a Central-American bishop who was martyred because he protested oppression. I see Jesus' wounds in every person who sacrifices time, sweat, or blood to ease suffering or stand for good.

This Easter season ask yourself whether a doubting Thomas could see the resurrected Jesus in your daily life.

Could someone come to believe in Christ by watching how you treat family, friends and classmates?

Would someone praise God because of how you sacrifice for the poor?

Would someone believe the Gospel's message because of how you take risks to do the right thing?

If Gandhi followed you this week, what would he say?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

HEALING MASS Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday 4th May 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.

You are invited to our
Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast

Friday 10th May

7.45am Breakfast will be served

8.30am Mother's Day Prayer

Please RSVP for catering purposes no
later than Tuesday 7th May

Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast RSVP

(Please return by Tuesday 7th May)

Family Name:

Class:

Number of Adults and Children attending:

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Number of Vegetarian Options Required