



2019 Term 3 Week 3

Newsletter

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St Bernadette's Parish School, Lalor Park

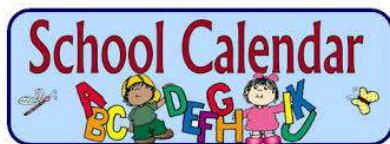
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August

August **Fete** Collection is:

Cans of soft drink and bottled water

9th	Infants Liturgy 10am
13th	Zone Athletics Carnival
16th	Primary Mass 10am
18th	Youth Group - 6 - 7.30pm
23rd	Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival
	Early Stage 1 Farm Visit
26-30	Book Week
28th	School Fees Due
29th	Father's Day Breakfast BBQ

September

13th	Disco - Spooky Theme
22nd	Youth Group - 6 - 7.30pm
27th	Term 3 Ends

See more ...

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
FAMILY DISCO
SPOOKY THEME
NOTES COMING HOME NEXT WEEK



From Our Principal

Coding Classes

At the start of this term we had organised Saoen to run coding classes as an extracurricular activity for all students from Year 1 to 6. Unfortunately these opportunities had to be postponed due to insufficient enrolment numbers. We strongly believe that this an exciting and worthwhile opportunity for all students and as such we have negotiated an alternate time for the classes to run later this term and Term 4. The only change being that all classes will be in the afternoon and spread over a four week period. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and I encourage all parents to enrol your children using the NSW Creative Kids Voucher.

Enrolments

We are currently enrolling for 2020. As you know St Bernadette's is a fantastic school that aims to provide a holistic Catholic education for students. We have many offerings including; focused learning opportunities for all students, well resourced school in terms of staff and equipment, an instrument program for all students in Year 4 and 5, Extracurricular sports opportunities including gala days, Indonesian classes for all students, an environmental team, Makerspace, expanded break time activities, modern library space, specialist interventions for vulnerable students, Positive Behaviour Support 4 Learning program, an active Parent Group and a strong Catholic school culture. We would encourage any families investigating school options for their children to visit St Bernadette's to have a school tour and a discussion about how we can support your child.

Lockdowns and Evacuations

Last week the school practised one of our lockdown procedures. We practised a break time lockdown meaning students were moved into the library during lunch. Such rehearsals are a mandatory part of school life. An email message was sent to all parents informing them of the practice.

Playground Changes

You may have noticed some changes taking place in our playgrounds over the last few weeks. These changes will enhance the playground offering to students at recess and lunch and well as throughout the day. There are two significant structural changes currently taking place.

The existing garden area behind the office block is being relocated to the grass area behind Early Stage One. This space is currently unused and is more suitable to gardening as it receives a good amount of sun. To date fencing and a tap have been installed and the garden beds have been moved. We have plans to complete this area in the near future. In the coming weeks students will be asked to think of a name for our new garden space.

The old garden space has been cleared and will be turned into a breakout space. Next week some artificial grass will be laid in the space followed by some other additional equipment. This space will evolve over time. The space will be used to support students who find the playground challenging. More details will be provided as the space is completed.

We have made significant changes to the primary playground by offering more opportunities for students to engage in physical activity. These changes have been a success and will remain in place.

We have purchased some equipment for the infants playground to assist students with alternate play options. The Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers have been utilised to further support the infants playground with additional equipment purchases. Thanks to all families for collecting the stickers and returning them to school.

A special mention to Mr Fuller who has been working hard to make many of the structural changes take place. Also Ms Stapley who has been leading this initiative.

I'm sure many parents have noticed the new shade cloth installed at the Kiss and Drop area. In the coming weeks some existing seating will be re-located to this area for the students. This structure will add much needed shelter from the sun for students.

Have a great week

Phill Kapitanow, Principal

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What: The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Who:

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Where: Parish Centre meeting room - 14 Wheeler Street Lalor Park

Interested: Please ring the Parish Office on 9762 4037 or email: admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au



Year 6 Fun-Day Fundraising

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, Year 6 will be fundraising for their Fun Day at the end of Term 4.

On selected Tuesdays and Thursdays, Year 6 will be selling various food items such as hot chips, pop-corn, pizza, cakes and ice cream, where all proceeds will go towards their Fun Day at the end of the year.

There will also be organised activities at various times for students to participate in for a silver coin donation such as lunch time dance and yoga classes, novelty playground activities, jewellery making, guessing competitions and more.

Posters will be displayed around the school as well as email notifications when items and activities will be on sale.

Your willingness to support Year 6 is appreciated.

Ms Ruff, Mrs Maloney & Year 6 Students



St Bernadette's Lalor Park Parent Group General Meeting Term 3 2019, Tuesday 13th of August.

AGENDA

Meeting Open at 5.30pm with Prayer.

Apologies:

Review and Acceptance of previous meetings minutes

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

Principals report: Mr Kapitanow

Treasurers Report : Richell Nash

Fundraising : Maria Xiberras

Community : Chantal Weir

Canteen : Carmen Bonello

Social : Irene Brandwood

Education : Sonia Smart

Secretary : Carolyn Cagney

Fete : Zeina Yaccoub

Leader : Carmen Bonello

General Business: Nomination of NEW canteen co-ordinator

Meeting Closed :



Parent Group Meeting

will be on

Tuesday the 13th of August,

at 5.30pm

**We would love to see as many
parents as possible attend.**

Coding with Altino

Year 1 to Year 3 have been re-scheduled for Monday afternoons of Week 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Term - a letter has been sent today to those already booked.

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be Term 4 Tuesday afternoons of Week 2, 3, 4 and 5. All classes will be 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Saeon Australia will contact this group. If you have not enrolled yet and are interested in enrolling, using your Creative Kids Voucher provided by NSW Government please contact us on the link above.



Contact us

PBS4L

Term 3, Week 3

This term we continue our journey with our Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L). Our focus for the next fortnight is "Actively engage in tasks by listening, contributing and doing our personal best." Students will focus on listening and contributing to their learning and doing their personal best. This will allow them to learn new skills and constantly improve in all areas. Students will continue to receive Bluey cards and class tokens for their positive behaviour.



Last Thursday afternoon several staff members attended a professional learning course at Holy Family Primary School at Glenwood. The teachers were provided with collaborative professional learning through the sharing of ideas, experiences and learnings from different schools as they have implemented the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBS4L) framework. The teachers had an opportunity to physically view some of the PBS4L practices in other schools and to hear how the framework was developed within these schools. This was a valuable experience that will be shared and reflected on as a staff as we continue our own journey here at St Bernadette's.

Special Projects - Playground

This week we have been trialing changes to the Primary



playgrounds. The students have enjoyed the additional options for play time and have been exceptionally well behaved. A very big thank you to parents who have supported staff with these changes at home by speaking with your children. We will make any necessary amendments to the playgrounds following some feedback from staff and students.

Suzie Stapley

Leader of Learning- Special Projects



REC News

On Thursday 8th August it is the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842-1909). Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!



Next week on Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is our spiritual mother because we are members of the Church. Mary is in Heaven with Jesus. When she died God brought her straight to heaven, body and soul. This event is called the Assumption of Mary. In Heaven Mary prays to Jesus on our behalf. When we pray to Mary she brings our prayers straight to Jesus. Mary is always praying for our needs. Since the 5th Century there has been an active tradition and belief around the assumption of Mary. The tradition states that Mary was physically 'taken up' into Heaven at the end of her life. It is believed that her soul and her body remained united.

Parents and caregivers are invited to the upcoming Infants Liturgy this Friday 9th August and the Primary Mass Friday 16th August. Both are at 10am in St Bernadette's Parish Church. The students and staff would appreciate your presence at our liturgical events.



With blessings Judy Murphy Acting REC

Road Safety

With the start of the school term it is a good time to remind everyone to take care on the road. Here are a few pointers:

Remind your children STOP, Look and Listen and Think before they step out on the road. This includes on pedestrian crossings and at traffic lights.

Anyone riding a bike or a scooter needs to wear a helmet and make sure that it is fastened firmly. This will reduce the injuries to their head if they fall off.

Make sure that everyone is buckled up in the car. Our local highway patrol report that many children are not buckled into in the correct car seats or the seats are not strapped into the car correctly. For more information or to find out about car seat checking events contact the Road Safety Officer at Blacktown Council.

Please obey parking restrictions around the school. No Stopping signs or continuous yellow lines mean you cannot stop in that area. This is to make sure that traffic can keep moving in narrow areas or to keep pedestrian crossings and intersections free so that vehicles and pedestrians can see each other. With your help we can keep everyone safe on the way to and from school.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Stella C and Eva (S1) and Kaitlin C, Vinny and Zara (S2) and Maxine and Vivian(S3) and all of ES1 who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019.

What a great effort! These students will go into the draw to win one of many prizes at the completion of the challenge. Good luck to all students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on the 30th August. Less than a month left! Please contact me if you need extra library books sent home for your child to complete the challenge.



Book Week Term 3 Vocabulary Parade- Tuesday 27th August 9:30am

This week a note was sent home about our Vocabulary Parade. This year each student will select a word that will represent their costume. How could you represent words such as metallic, shimmering, prehistoric, calculator, energetic, geometry? Think about unusual words that others may not already know. You can recycle all sorts of items and costumes that you already have at home. Here are some examples:

You could choose a character from a book, a cartoon character, a movie character or a superhero and choose a word that best suits that character.

Eg Harry Potter - Magical, Superman - Courageous, Goldilocks - mischievous.

You could also choose a word and use recycled items from around the house to represent the word. Eg colourful, spotted, waterproof or turquoise. You could even choose an occupation with an interesting word. Eg Construction, Astronaut, Horticulturist, microbiologist.

Remember to make a card or sign with your word on it, so we'll know which word you represent in the parade. You can carry the word, make a headband or have it as part of your costume. Your word just needs to be visible somewhere on you.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be visiting our school during Book Week from Monday 26th August to Thursday 29th August. It will be open before and after school each day from 8:30- 9am and 3:30 - 4pm. It will also be opened on Tuesday at recess time. All Welcome to visit to browse or purchase books and novelty items at great prices.

Book Week Colouring-in Competition

All students are invited to participate in the Book week Colouring-in Competition. All entries will be displayed in the Library during Book Week. A winning entry will be selected from each class. These students will receive a certificate and a prize during Book Week.

Entries close on Friday 16th August. All entries are to be sent to the office.

Blacktown Mayoral Creative Writing Prize 2019

The Mayoral Creative Writing Prize 2019 is open to all students aged 8-17 years who live in the Blacktown local government area. Entries should be a poem and/or a short story. The categories are 8-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-17 years. The theme for 2019 is 'Language. Place. Story.' Entry forms can be downloaded from www.westwords.com.au



Entries must be original work. The closing date is Sunday, 29th September 2019.

Good luck!

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



ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL AND PARISH SPRING FAIR

Friday 8th November

This will be our Fete page until November.

Keep a watch on this page to see what we have organised for our Fete.

August collections will be for **soft drink cans and bottles of water**. This is our major collection and will run for the whole month of **August**. The number of cans / bottles will be collated and the class who collects the most will win a pizza lunch. Tally so far:

Early Stage 1 Blue **None**

Early Stage 1 Gold **None**

Stage 1 Blue **None**

Stage 1 Gold **None**

Stage 1 White **None**

Stage 2 Blue **24 items**

Stage 2 Gold **24 items**

Stage 2 White

Stage 3 Year 5 **None**

Stage 3 Year 6 **None**



This table will be updated each week.

If anyone would like a small stall or knows of a business who would like an area to sell their products please contact me. There is a limited number so you must be quick.

Thanks

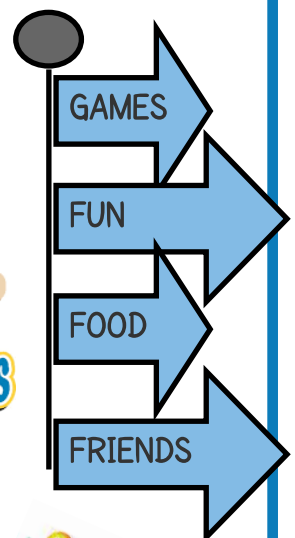
Zeina

Fete Co-Ordinator



Rides for all ages

Dunk your favourite teacher!



Pies and Sausage
Rolls For Sale



St Bernadette's Garden



The **Term Three *Environment Team** had a big smile for the camera, as they took on the job of guiding their fellow students through the changes in the garden area! However, there is still weeding and watering to be done and the birds are grateful that the students are ensuring there is fresh water in their Bird Bath! Meanwhile, the **"Let's Cook and Create"** students used a creative method to identify Capsicum, Lettuce, Cucumber, Olives and

Bananas, to rustle up a healthy snack and drink!



More Photos

*Ana (Yr 5) will also join the Team; on her return to school

... Marcus (Yr 5) has kindly offered to do her job, in the interim!



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



Photos

Note that have been sent home recently:

- Stage 3 Camp
- Stage 1 Science Experiment
- Spring Fair Newsletter
- Book Week Parade



School Notes

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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Science Shows

Last Wednesday, Jenny Lynch from 'Creative Science Australia' visited our school with a highly visual and engaging live science show.

The students from K-6 were provided with hands on activities which were both entertaining and educational.



ES1 and Stage 1 got into the groove and felt the vibrations as they explored and learnt about the astounding world of sound, including hearing, pitch and amplification. The students created and listened to sound effects and used everyday objects to tell a strange and spooky story.



Stage 2 and Stage 3 participated in a 'Freaky Forces' demonstration where they learnt about gravity and friction. They dropped, bounced and slid their way through some spectacularly funny science involving different types of forces.



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Gooden Reserve
Cnr Gooden Drv &
Kanili Ave Baulkham Hills

**ACTIVE
KIDS**



REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 18th August 10am – 2pm

Online registrations open 5th August

www.blacktownworkers.softball.org.au

Fees

Blast Ball 3 - 5yrs	\$15
Tee-Ball 6 - 12yrs	\$100
Junior 13 - 17yrs	\$125
Adults 18+	\$173

Adult Early bird \$163

(umpiring levy included)

Additional team fees + umpiring
levy will apply



For more information please call us on 0451 108 971
or email to bwc_softball@hotmail.com

New Tee-Ball and junior players may be eligible for a free sports pack
including a glove*

*Conditions apply – excludes blast ball and players previously registered in the sport

Lalor Park Preschool Annual Fete

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019

9am to 1pm

Pony
Rides

Reptile
Show

BBQ

Jumping
Castle

Specialty
Stores

Animal
Farm

Gift packs * White elephant stall * Plants *
Stage Performances * Auction * Raffle * Clown *
Cake stall * Face painting * Tea & Coffee *
& Much More!

Chifley Park and Community Hall
Freeman street Lalor Park

Great fun for all ages!

Ph: 02 9674 8155

Email: director@lalorparkpreschool.org.au



Look what we have planned for National Science Week at your Outside School Hours Care service!

National Science Week is happening next week at your Before School Care / After School Care service at St Bernadette's Primary School between the 12th and 16th of August.

We have worked hard to tailor our program around various science and technology activities, to meet the interests and needs of the children that attend our care.

Sound like fun? Check out our tailored daily program for National Science Week below:

Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
Balloon Fingerprints	Milk Experiment	Walking Water Science Experiment	Volcanic Eruption	Cornflour Slime
Wax Resist Painting	Sound Shakers	Bubble Art	Marble Art	Dancing Sultanas
Magnetic Blocks	Cooking-Banana Bread	Magnetic Cars	Balloon Volleyball	Wheels and Cogs play set
Make Tornadoes	Walking Water Chromatography Experiment		Recycling-create your own marble run	

Join in the fun at our OSHC program today. Did you know it's free to register an account with us? To book in for National Science Week or for more information on our program, visit your school's page at www.campastralia.com.au

Furthermore, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to exploring science with you and your family soon!
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St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park

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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

TOO MANY TOYS, NOT ENOUGH FUN?

Gospel in Life

One night I was volunteering at a shelter when I found a large tray of hot dogs in the fridge. Knowing the homeless guests were hungry, I handed out all the hot dogs.

Another guest, James, arrived a little later. Smiling, he asked me to heat up a few of his hot dogs. Embarrassed, I realised that the hot dogs I had given out belonged to James. I quickly apologised and offered to replace them. He laughed at my mistake and said, "Don't worry about it. As long as all the people ate, that's all I care about".

James was the exact opposite of the man in Jesus' parable this week.

This Gospel is important for us. Our culture pushes us to buy nonstop and do whatever we can to get more money and more things for ourselves. Some people joke at those who die with the most toys win. That's an easy trap to fall into, but Winston Churchill once said something like "you make a living with what you get, but you make a life with what you give".

A 'more for me' attitude can take over your life and kill relationships. This week's Gospel condemns greed, not because greedy people go to hell, but because greedy people construct their own hell on earth.

Greed traps people in hell by keeping them from the best part of life, that which matters to God - sacrifice for others; service to the poor; relationships based on character, not appearance.

You build a life - and find real happiness - by using your talents for others and putting their needs first.

I still forget that sometimes. That's why I'm grateful God sends people like James to remind me.

When have you seen greed hurt people?

Has it ever hurt you?

(Weekly Parable from e-News)

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