



# St Bernadette's Primary School Newsletter

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**Term 3, Week 10**

**Thursday 21 September, 2017**

## ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 4 WEEKS 1 & 2

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, 9 October**

School Resumes for Term 4

**Wednesday, 11 October**

No Linda's Lunches

Kindergarten Orientation Night

7:00pm

**Friday, 13 October**

Student Banking 8:30am

Year 6 Mass and  
Reconciliation

Assembly 2:30pm

**Wednesday, 18 October**

Linda's Lunches due by  
9:30am

Kindergarten Transition

### REMINDERS

**Friday, 22 September**

Swimming program ends

Last Day of Term 3

**Saturday, 23 September**

Confirmation 6:00pm

Linda's Lunches  
starts in Week 2

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

As we come to the end of another wonderful term, I ask that you please pray for the children in our school and parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. It is an exciting and challenging time for families to participate actively with their children on this journey of faith, to foster their growing sense of God and ensure their initiation, begun in Baptism, is completed through Confirmation. For our school and parish it is a joy to support these children and families through prayer.

### A PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER  
and the force of FAITH... To live in SERVICE,  
to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you, always.  
AMEN*

### Congratulations to:

*Caleb B, Marc B, Nicholas C, Takoda C, Ryan C, Ryan E,  
Jonathan F, William H, Ethan H, Nicholas L, John M, Owen S,  
Lucy H, Emily M, Samahra M, Sophia N, Marissa N (Blessing),  
Ariane N-B, Madeleine R*

On behalf of the staff, I wish all our families and children a wonderful holiday. Enjoy the opportunity to be with each other, away from the routines of time schedules. We hope you have a lovely Spring break and look forward to welcoming you all back to an exciting Term 4!

**Wishing you God's blessings**

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini  
Principal

**Our attendance percentage to date is:**

*Every day*  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

**92.2%**

# LITURGY ROSTER

<b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, 22 September</u></b> (No Class Mass due to swimming program)	<b><u>Friday 13 October</u></b> Sophia N, Matias C, Marc B (Class Mass Year 6)	<b><u>Friday 20 October</u></b> Justine M, Christian P, Lucas R (Class Mass Year 5)
<b><u>WEEKEND ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 23 September</u></b> 6:00pm Riley C, Daniel M  <b><u>Sunday 24 September</u></b> 8:00am N/A  <b><u>Sunday 24 September</u></b> 9:30am Jonathan F, Jeremy F, Bartosz L	<b><u>Saturday 30 September</u></b> 6:00pm Nicholas C, Marc B  <b><u>Sunday 1 October</u></b> 8:00am N/A  <b><u>Sunday 1 October</u></b> 9:30am Matias C, Jonathan F, Jeremy F	<b><u>Saturday 7 October</u></b> 6:00pm N/A  <b><u>Sunday 8 October</u></b> 8:00am Bartosz L  <b><u>Sunday 8 October</u></b> 9:30am Xavier R, Riley C, Liam M, Daniel M

## RE NEWS

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, 24 Sep 2017: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Mt 20:1-16

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

This story, then, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just.

And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

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### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the 28 young people who will be receiving Confirmation from Bishop Long at the Vigil Mass 23 September at St Bernadette's Parish. Please pray for them and their families as they prepare for this wonderful Sacrament.

### THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an information evening for parents and carers for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program on **Thursday 12 October, 2017** at **6:45pm** in our school Hall.

First Reconciliation is for children in Year 2 or above. Baptism is required before these two Sacraments can be received. Lessons for First Reconciliation will begin Term 4. The children will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on the **29 November 2017**. Lessons for First Holy Communion will commence in 2018.

Frances Zore  
Sacramental Co-ordinator

## SCHOOL NEWS

### TERM DATES

### FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Monday, 9 October

### LAST DAY OF TERM 4 (FOR STUDENTS)

Thursday, 14 December

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

KINDER Lachlan B	YEAR 1 Veronica M	YEAR 2 Molly C	YEAR 3 Lily P
YEAR 4A Mia V	YEAR 4L Jessie E	YEAR 5 Lachlan B	YEAR 6 John M

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

When we return to school, children are to wear their full Summer uniform. If it is unseasonably cold, children can wear their full Winter uniform instead, however students are to wear one or the other, not mix and match.

In Week 3 it is expected that all students will be in full summer uniform.

Children are to wear their school hats when playing on the playground.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION....

Please note that if the weather is fine during the holidays, the path from the back gate to the playground will be removed and a new path laid.

### ARE YOU MOVING?

To estimate enrolments for 2018, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified of any children who may be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

### ATTENDANCE

As the term comes to a close, we are required to finalise all attendance records for the term. To assist us with this, if there are any outstanding notes for prior absences, that a note to your child's teacher or an email is sent to [dundasvalley@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dundasvalley@parra.catholic.edu.au) noting your child's name, the date and reason for your child's absence. *Many thanks for your support in this matter.*

## LEARNING MATTERS

### MATHSPACE - FREE RESOURCE FOR ALL AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN

Mathspace is an online maths practise site, which through association with Westpac, is now free for all Australian children. This site includes thousands of tutorials, explanations and practise sets for children from Kindergarten right through to high school!

**Joining is simple:**

**Go to [www.mathspace.co/student](http://www.mathspace.co/student)**

Click on the green free sign up button and follow the prompts.

Children will enjoy this site and it's a great way to practise Mathematics during the holidays!

### STUDENT E-BOOKS

The [CEDP Student eBook Platform](#) provides a wide range of mainly fiction books to encourage wide reading for enjoyment. The ebooks cover all ages and a variety of reading abilities.


Borrowing eBooks is easy with our [Student eBook Guides](#)

Why not borrow an ebook these holidays. Children can borrow via the links below. They sign into the CEDP ebooks using their usual school username and password.

<https://cathedparra.wheelers.co> or [classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au)

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask. *Thank you. Mrs Halina Levenets*


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## FUN WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN READING IN THE HOLIDAYS

The school holidays can be a tricky time to convince your child to continue with their regular reading schedule. But practising their reading doesn't have to mean sitting still at the table and reading a book they don't like until the timer goes off. Here are some ways you can keep your child reading and having fun over the school holidays.

**1. Create 'DEAR' times at home.** DEAR stands for 'Drop Everything and Read' and is implemented in many schools and classrooms. It's simple: during DEAR time everybody in the house must drop what they're doing and read. Plan how much DEAR time you would like to designate and for when, but keep it to yourself in order to create a sense of excitement and spontaneity, similar to announcing a special treat.

**2. Take part in story times at your local library.** Many libraries host story time sessions or reading groups for different ages. It's a great way for your child to read and talk about new books with others their own age and to view reading as an enjoyable activity that can be shared. If you can't find any in your local area, get together with your neighbours, friends or relatives to host a weekly reading session at each other's houses.

**3. Let your child show off their reading skills to relatives.** The holidays are a great time to get together with distant relatives, and it's always exciting when they come around to visit! Set aside some time for your child to show off their new reading skills to relatives by encouraging them to read them a story they might like or retell one of their most beloved tales from memory. Most children love being the focus of attention, and grandparents are usually more than happy to encourage their progress.

**4. Read and talk about books in the car.** Lengthy car-trips are a hallmark of the school holidays and are a perfect time for the family to enjoy having long chats together. Read a new and interesting book together the day before you leave and encourage your child to talk about what happened in the story. Ask reading comprehension questions like, "How did the story start?", "Who was your favourite character and why?" and "How did the story make you feel and why?"

**5. Write a special holiday reading list.** Create a list of at least 5 books for your child to read each week over the holidays. Let them choose their books in advance and write down the list together. Display the list on the fridge and cross off each book once they have been completed. You can create some incentives by rewarding a prize for each book completed per week.

**6. Cook holiday meals together and let them read out the ingredients.** Cook and prepare your holiday meals together and let your child read out the ingredients and quantities for you. It will also be a great way to learn measurements and temperatures, and shows them just how useful reading can be for making their favourite foods!

**Happy Reading!**

*Excerpt taken from Reading Eggs website.*

**Lisa Gerrard**  
**Assistant Principal**







# ~ Children's Corner ~

## Year 6



On Wednesday 13th September, Year 6 organised a Kidney Day Event, which was a Social Justice fundraiser. The money raised from wearing red, the sweet stall and the sale of lolly bags was \$885. The money will be donated to the Children's Hospital, Westmead. It will help buy books, games and educational resources for children undergoing treatment at the Renal Treatment Centre.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success!



## EXTRA CURRICULUM

### ICAS UPDATE

During August our students participated in the ICAS English and Mathematics Assessments. These are quite challenging and we congratulate all those students who took part. While many of our students achieved excellent results, the following students achieved the top two rankings.

Again we congratulate all of the students that participated.

**Lisa Gerrard**  
**Assistant Principal**

ENGLISH	
YEAR 6	Nicholas L – High Distinction Takoda C - Distinction Owen S – Distinction Nicholas C – Distinction
YEAR 5	Timothy G – Distinction Marcello B – Distinction Justine M - Distinction Bartosz L – Distinction
YEAR 4	Melanie M – Distinction Amelia N - Distinction
MATHEMATICS	
YEAR 6	Nicholas L – High Distinction Takoda C - Distinction Owen S – Distinction
YEAR 5	Bartosz L – Distinction Justine M - Distinction
YEAR 4	Melanie M – Distinction
YEAR 3	Janelle L – Distinction
YEAR 2	Heidi S - High Distinction



## MACKILLOP ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Monday, 18 September, St Bernadette's was represented at the MacKillop Athletics Championships by Takoda C.

It is a fantastic achievement to reach this elite level of competition, comprising the very best athletes from Catholic Schools in New South Wales. Takoda performed very well, placing 9th in Discus and 10th in Shot Put.

Congratulations Takoda!

We are all very proud of your achievements.

SIENNA B - 24/9  
LACHLAN B - 25/9  
ANNE-MAREE E - 25/9  
PATRICK H - 26/9  
KHALED H - 26/9  
JADA N - 28/9  
JUSTINE M - 28/9  
DYLAN H - 29/9



KOBI M - 4/10  
LENITA T - 4/10  
LOUIS B - 7/10  
JOHNLuke A - 8/10  
AFREEN M - 10/10  
NICHOLAS C - 11/10  
ELLA M - 12/10  
TAKARA C - 12/10  
JESSICA E - 12/10  
EMILY B - 12/10

## P & F NEWS



*- Family Fun Day -*  
our *End of Year Get Together*  
Saturday 11 November  
*More information to come next term.*



## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP

There are many summer items available for purchase:

For enquiries -  
please text Cathy on  
0416 048169

Dresses - \$10.00  
Boys shirts - \$5.00  
Boys shorts - \$5.00  
Sport shirts - \$5.00  
(sizes 16, 14, 12 & 8)  
Sport shorts - \$5.00



## **HOLIDAY OUTINGS** *(FROM THE PARENT REPS)*

### **YEAR 2**

End of Term gathering:  
 Friday 22nd September - from 3:30pm  
 Phillip Ruddock Water Park (Dundas Water Park)  
 Yates Avenue, Dundas Valley  
 All years welcome

### **YEAR 5**

End of Term gathering:  
 Friday 22nd September - straight after school  
 Bring your bikes, scooters, afternoon tea  
 Phillip Ruddock Water Park (Dundas Water Park)  
 Yates Avenue, Dundas Valley

[http://coolparramatta.com.au/home/offers/dundas\\_water\\_playground\\_family\\_fun\\_day](http://coolparramatta.com.au/home/offers/dundas_water_playground_family_fun_day)

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School Holiday Outing:  
 Friday 29th September - from 10:00am  
 Flip Out, Castle Hill. 4/6-8 Hudson Ave, Castle Hill

<http://flipout.net.au/flip-out-indoor-trampoline-arena-castle-hill/>

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Parents Dinner Out:  
 Saturday 14th October - 7:00pm

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club  
 117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde

<http://www.releagues.com.au/>

*please RSVP to Pip who will be attending so a booking can be made*

### **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 6**

Friday 29 September - 10:00am  
 Lollypop Play Land and Cafe, Parramatta  
 \$10.00 for children - Adults free  
 Other classes more than welcome  
*(Souzi N parent rep)*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **St Patrick's Quarter**

The Diocese of Parramatta is to begin major planning on a new multi-stage project known as St Patrick's Quarter around the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta. The project will consist of a new Parramatta CBD school, new Diocesan building and a new residential/commercial complex. Further information, visit [www.stpatricksquarter.org](http://www.stpatricksquarter.org) or email [comms@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:comms@parra.catholic.org.au).

### **Diocesan Liturgy Conference 2017**

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective, organising a Mass - Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: [parracatholic.org/ofw](http://parracatholic.org/ofw) or Office for Worship [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 24 September**

Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate.

This is the fourth session of the 2017 program. Subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Venue: St Anthony of Padua Parish, 27-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, NSW 2146. Time: 2:30pm - 5:00pm (including Mass and fellowship).

For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/>

### **Time for Us Weekend for Families: 30 Sept-2 Oct**

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Bracar: [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

### **Campion College Come and See Day: 4 October**

Campion College Come and See Day on Wednesday 4 October, midday to 4:30pm. Includes: guided tours; attend lectures; learn about the College. Registration is essential and closes on 29 September. Visit [www.campion.edu.au/comeandsee](http://www.campion.edu.au/comeandsee) for program details and registration.

### **Journey of Faith to Italy & Malta, Information Night: 13 October**

Journey of Faith to Italy & Malta 2018 - Pilgrimage with Fr Luis Herrera and Lisa Bright. Fr Luis Herrera, Assistant Priest of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown, is accompanying a pilgrimage to Italy & Malta from 27th August - 18th September 2018. An information night will be held on Friday, 13th October 2017 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. RSVP for catering purposes by 29 September tel 1300 550 830 or [katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au](mailto:katrina@olivetreetravel.com.au) Limited spaces available so reserve your space early. For more details or booking forms, please contact Lisa at parish office tel (02) 9622 1125 or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**SPOT ON**  
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

26 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2017  
THE PREMIERE ARTS FESTIVAL FOR  
KIDS IN SYDNEY'S CENTRAL CITY,  
PARRAMATTA, FEATURING:

COMEDY  
CIRCUS AND CLOWNING  
MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE  
PUPPETRY  
FILMS  
WORKSHOPS  
FREE ACTIVITIES

See our website for the full program

Riverside Theatres, Cnr Church & Market Sts, Parramatta  
BOOK NOW 8839 3399 or [rshow.biz/spoton17](http://rshow.biz/spoton17)

RIVERSIDE

**Spot On Children's Festival** is coming to Parramatta for 5 days these spring school holidays. From Tuesday 26th to Saturday 30th September 2017, families will be treated to a fantastic mix of live shows, circus, puppetry, movies and free activities! Further details -

<https://riversideparramatta.com.au/category/festivals/spot-on-childrens-festival-2017/>



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

A growing list of free, cheap and/ or interesting school holiday events and activities to keep your kids busy these spring school holidays. Further details -

<http://www.parraparents.com.au/whats-on/school-holiday-events/>

**CITY OF PARRAMATTA Calendar of School Holiday Events. Go to -**

<https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/about-parramatta/events-calendar>



**Dinosaur Festival** at the Australian Museum. Children under 16 free entry, adults \$15, family \$30. Activities include film screenings, science workshops and a dino disco. Further details - <https://australianmuseum.net.au/dinosaur-festival>

### THE BIG ADVENTURE

Pedal, jump, dance or climb at this celebration of the outdoors and active living. Action-packed adventures include mountain boarding, parkour, break dancing, rock-climbing and footy clinics.

Saturday, 7 October 2017 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Sydney Park Sydney Park Road, St Peters. Cost - Free. Further details -

<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/the-big-adventure>

### KIDS IN THE PARK SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM

There are over 50 activities to choose from at the Sydney Olympic Park -

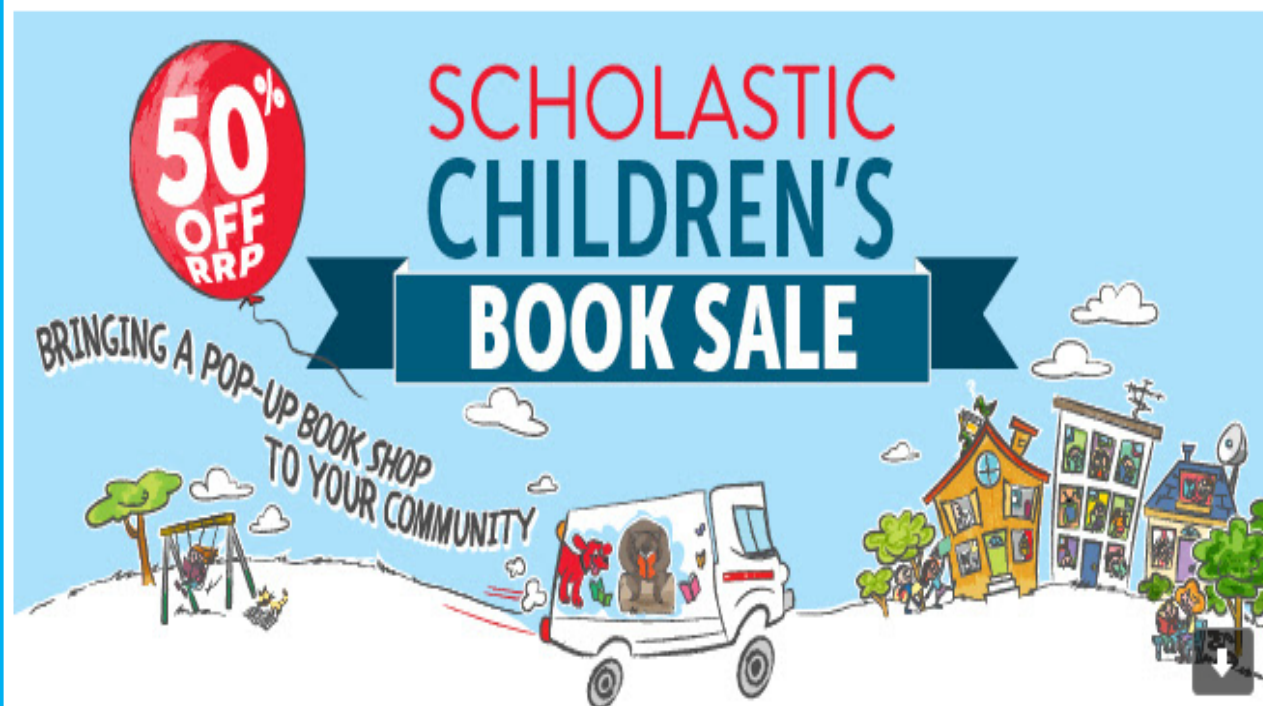


- Sports Stars and Dance Star - FREE
- Riverside BirdLife - FREE
- Heritage Hunt - FREE
- Mega Mix Circus Workshop
- Disc Golf - FREE
- Coding and Robotics Holiday Program
- Kids in the Park Film Festival
- All Day Holiday Recreational Program
- Rugby League: Footy Clinics - NEW
- Netball: Captain's Class
- Soccer: Wanderers in the Park

Further details go to -

<http://www.sydnevolympicpark.com.au/whats-on/kids-in-the-park>

# SCHOLASTIC Special Sale Events



**Scholastic is coming to Castle Hill for one day only!**

**We are taking 50% off RRP on everything!**

Plus, shop a great range of titles reduced to **only \$1!**

Get your hands on a large selection of children's books, including picture and chapter books, novels, activity items and nonfiction titles. Don't miss this opportunity to restock your bookshelves and classrooms—everyone is welcome!

**Open to public:**

Tuesday 26 September: 8am–5pm

Castle Hill Showground  
Federation Pavilion  
Showground Rd  
Castle Hill