

# ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2, WEEK 8, 21 JUNE 2018

## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Today you will receive your child's Mid Year Report. Here are some important reminders for mums and dads of children in Years 1-6, as you interpret the report - remember 'C' is the grade standard and don't forget to look at your child's 'Effort' for each Key Learning Area. As I've mentioned before, the conversation a parent would have with their child who has received a C and has 'Outstanding' Effort would be a very different conversation to the one where a child receives a C for example, and receives an 'Improvement Needed' for Effort. This is a great time to connect with your child and have a valuable discussion about their growth and how they can continue to improve their learning.

This communication between school and home continues next week with Parent Teacher interviews. These interviews are an ideal opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and identify any direction for the remainder of the year. I thank our dedicated staff for their hard work during this assessment and reporting period.

Last week, Years 5 and 6 went on an overnight excursion to Canberra. This excursion was subsidised by the Australian Government through the Pacer contribution and by the P & F. While it was very chilly in the nation's capital, it was a real delight to see the students excited and so well behaved, as they represented our school. I would like to thank Mrs Anna Beard, Miss Simone Farago, Mrs Lisa Gerrard, Mrs Kerrie Kavanagh and Mr Anthony Kensell for all their hard work and support in caring for the children while we were away. Their time away from their own families is deeply appreciated. On a personal note, I was very proud of our students as they received several compliments on their behaviour and thoughtfulness towards others in various venues throughout the trip.

Finally, congratulations to the following children who received their First Holy Communion recently

***Angelica B, Emily B, Marie Elise B, Molly C, Chloe D, Janelle L,  
Jessica L, Jada N, Lenita T S, Eamon B, Rex B, Sereno C, Jacob L,  
Lucas N, Christian M, Miguel M, Ryan R, Mary T, Rebecca K.***

Wishing you God's blessings  
**Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini**  
Principal



**Our attendance  
percentage to date is:  
91.3%**

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## REMINDERS

**TOMORROW**  
**FRIDAY 22 JUNE**

\* 8:30am  
School Banking

\* 2:30pm  
Assembly

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 9 AND 10

	<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> <b><u>25 JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> <b><u>26 JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>27 JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> <b><u>28 JUNE</u></b>	<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> <b><u>29 JUNE</u></b>
<b><u>WEEK</u></b> <b><u>9</u></b>	Parent Teacher Interviews  Pizza Meal Deal Orders Due	Parent Teacher Interviews	Linda's Lunches  Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews	Mass and Reconciliation Year 5 9:00am  Pizza Meal Deal
	<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> <b><u>2 JULY</u></b>	<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> <b><u>3 JULY</u></b>	<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>4 JULY</u></b>	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> <b><u>5 JULY</u></b>	<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> <b><u>6 JULY</u></b>
<b><u>WEEK</u></b> <b><u>10</u></b>			Linda's Lunches		School Banking 8:30am  Whole School Mass (Year 4) 9:00am Assembly 2:30pm  End of Term 2

## LITURGY ROSTER

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 22 June</u></b>  No Mass	<b><u>Friday 29 June</u></b> <b><u>Mass and Reconciliation</u></b> <b><u>Year 5</u></b>  Jeremy F, Daniel M, Liam M	<b><u>Friday 6 July</u></b> <b><u>Whole School Mass</u></b> <b><u>Year 4</u></b>  Xavier R, Bartosz L, Justine M, Liam M, Jeremy F	
<b><u>WEEKEND</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 23 June</u></b> <b><u>5:30pm</u></b>  Jessica E, Daniel M, Liam M	<b><u>Sunday 24 June</u></b> <b><u>8:00am</u></b>  Lucas R  <b><u>Sunday 24 June</u></b> <b><u>9:30am</u></b> Jeremy F, Xavier R, Rick A	<b><u>Saturday 30 June</u></b> <b><u>5:30pm</u></b>  Sam F, Brandon N	<b><u>Sunday 1 July</u></b> <b><u>8:00am</u></b>  Liam M  <b><u>Sunday 1 July</u></b> <b><u>9:30am</u></b> Lucas R, Justine M, Rick A

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

**Sunday, June 24 2018: *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - Mass during the day***  
**Year B**

Lk 1:57-66. 80

#### **John is his name.**

When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing, 'His name is John'. This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. © *Fr Michael Tate*.



*Congratulations to the Likobo Family (Isabelle and Eva)  
who have welcomed a new baby brother, Alex.*



## First Holy Communion

*Congratulations to the students from our school who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 10 June.*

*Angelica B*

*Emily B*

*Marie Elise B*

*Molly C*

*Chloe D*

*Janelle L*

*Jessica L*

*Jada N*

*Lenita T S*

*Eamon B*

*Rex B*

*Sereno C*

*Jacob L*

*Lucas N*

*Christian M*

*Miguel M*

*Ryan R*

*Mary T*

*Rebecca K*

*We would like to congratulate Heidi S as she will be making her First Holy Communion this Sunday.*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL DATES

TERM 2 CONCLUDES: FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018

TERM 3 BEGINS: MONDAY 23 JULY 2018

### PLAY EQUIPMENT

A reminder that all children are to be supervised by an adult while enjoying the school play equipment after school.

Children should not be riding scooters and bikes on school grounds. This activity is best done either at home or a park, not at school.

### REMINDER

A reminder to parents when your child arrives to school in the morning after the bell that rings at 8:55am, you will need to bring your child into the office so you are able to sign them in.



Jaiden Y - 21/06	Lily M - 22/06	Elena M - 26/06	
Gabriel El R - 27/06	Anna M - 28/06	Hannah C - 28/06	Travis V - 29/06
Jessica L - 02/07	Janelle L - 02/07	Patrick N - 02/07	Skye T - 03/07

# LEARNING MATTERS

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, throughout the year we will be sharing with you what we are doing in class in regards to unpacking Scripture passages. We as a school, are using the Parramatta CEO model, the 'Senses of Scripture', which is broken down into 3 areas, Literal, Spiritual and Application. Today I provide a breakdown of this Sunday's Gospel Luke 1:57-66. 80 John is his name, The birth of John the Baptist using the 'Senses of Scripture'.

**Lk 1:57-66. 80**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*John is his name*

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

## The Senses of Scripture

<p><b>Literal</b> Who? What? Where? When? Retell the story, events.</p>	<p><b>Spiritual</b> How does it reveal Jesus? God? Holy Spirit? What Sacraments are present? Can I identify Catholic Values? How does it lead me to Heaven?</p>	<p><b>Application</b> What does it call me to do in my life? How can I love God and Jesus more? How can I love my neighbour more?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Elizabeth - gave birth to a son</li> <li>* The Lord had shown great kindness</li> <li>* Neighbours and relations shared Elizabeth's joy</li> <li>* On the eighth day they circumcised the child (explained as a religious or cultural ritual for boys)</li> <li>* Zechariah</li> <li>* No-one in your family has that name</li> <li>* made signs to his father</li> <li>* Zechariah wrote on a writing tablet - 'His name is John'.</li> <li>* His speech returned</li> <li>* Was talked about in the country of Judea</li> <li>* 'What will this child turn out to be?'</li> <li>* John lived in the wilderness</li> <li>* He appeared openly to Israel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* He spoke and praised God</li> <li>* The hand of the Lord was with him</li> <li>* John's spirit matured</li> <li>* John was to preach about the Kingdom of God and prepare the people for the Messiah's coming.</li> <li>* John prepares the way</li> <li>* Baptism</li> <li>* CV 1: Positive view of life</li> <li>* CV 2: Community and Common Good</li> <li>* CV 5: Sacramentality</li> <li>* CV 6: Reconciliation</li> </ul> <p>(CV = Catholic Values)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Be aware of those less fortunate than us</li> <li>* Help those we can</li> <li>* Trust in God's plan for us</li> <li>* Respond to God's calling</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1077 1556 1484 2027" style="text-align: right;"> </div>

## ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Bernadette's Annual Athletics Carnival took place on Friday 8 June at Barton Park, North Parramatta. Although it was cloudy there was no rain, leaving us with excellent conditions for physical activity.

Our children had a great time and also competed to the best of their ability. It was great to see them cheering each other on and enjoying the many events of the day. It was also great to see so many of our parents and carers with us to help cheer the children on. Special mention goes to the parents who helped by taking on a job for the day.

Competition was fierce, although there of course can be only one winner. The scores for the day were:

**4th place - Francis**  
**3rd place - Clare**  
**2nd place - Bernadette**  
**1st place - MacKillop**

**Congratulations to MacKillop on being the winning team for the day.**

We look forward to more success stories when our Zone Athletics Team competes in Term 3.







# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## Year 5

### *Our Chilly Canberra Adventure*

Last week Year 5 and 6 students visited Canberra. Here are their highlights from the trip.

#### Georga

*I liked Questacon. I did the Free Fall and it was scary and fun at the same time and there were so many fun things to do.*

#### Aaliyah

*I liked the War Memorial because you got to feel a deep, real appreciation for soldiers and others who have served our country in wars. Everything in the War Memorial was original, so it really makes you understand more about what they went through in war.*

#### Amelia & Jessie

We both really loved the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) because we liked how they train in the different facilities. We also liked how we got to have a turn in a simulator, trying different sports. We liked how we saw the athletes train including a Commonwealth Games gold medalist gymnast. We saw cool statues outside that were from different sports.

#### Damon

My highlight from Canberra was Questacon because there were lots of hands on activities to do. Also, we learnt lots of new facts about Science. We got to go on all of the levels.

#### Takara

My highlight was Parliament House because I didn't know things like the Senate had red exit signs. Another highlight was when we got to role play Government and dress up like the Usher of the Black Rod. We got the chance to debate a new Bill for animals be taken away from circuses.

#### Daniel

I really enjoyed the War Memorial because it was a special moment when I imagined being in the war.

#### Oliver

I enjoyed Questacon because I've never been there.

#### Jeremy

My highlight was going to the War Memorial because I enjoyed listening to the stories of the people in war who got awards.

#### Gianluca

I enjoyed going to the War Memorial because I could see the the cars and planes that they took to the wars.

#### Will

I really enjoyed the A.I.S (Australian Institute of Sport) because I got to see Australian athletes.

#### Jaiden

I enjoyed the War Memorial because it was cool to see the Victorian Cross award and all the transports and weapons that were on display.

#### Liam & Ryan W

We both enjoyed going to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). We found this fun because we got to play games/simulators like soccer simulators and snowboarding simulators. It was also a cool experience because we got to watch athletes play their sport. We also found Questacon a highlight because there were fun activities for example the free fall and the caged lightning.

**Patrick N & Samuel J**

We both enjoyed the AIS because it was entertaining and we could see where athletes train.

**Melanie**

I liked the Parliament House the most. The reason was we were able to see the House of Representatives and the Senate, and how it works. However, I liked the role play the most at Parliament House, since you were able to experience it.

**Sam M**

My highlight of the trip was Questacon because it mixed up Science with fun games. There was caged lightning and every twenty-five minutes the lightning would go off.

**Patrick B**

I enjoyed The Electoral Commission because we learnt the process of voting someone in and actually getting to vote something in. I also liked the tour especially when we had to go around to different touch screens. I also enjoyed going to the Old Parliament House to see the old House of Representatives.

**Daniel B**

I enjoyed the War Memorial and Parliament House. I liked the War Memorial because of all the cool models of stuff and the time to reflect. In Parliament House I enjoyed the role plays.

**Sienna**

I enjoyed the Australian Institute of sport because we got to see a gymnast that won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and we saw the gymnasts train. It was soooo cool and a once in a lifetime experience.

**Mia**

I thought Parliament House was fascinating since my group had the Senate as our topic in History. We were able to see the Senate and the House of Representatives. We learnt about the mace and the black rod which is the symbol for each house. Now I know how laws are created.

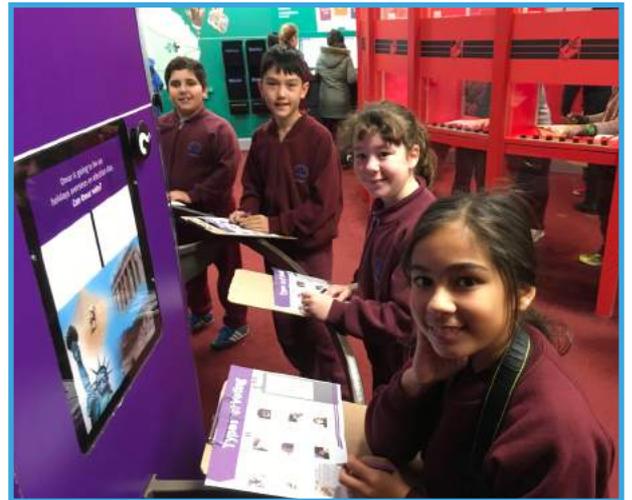
**Lily**

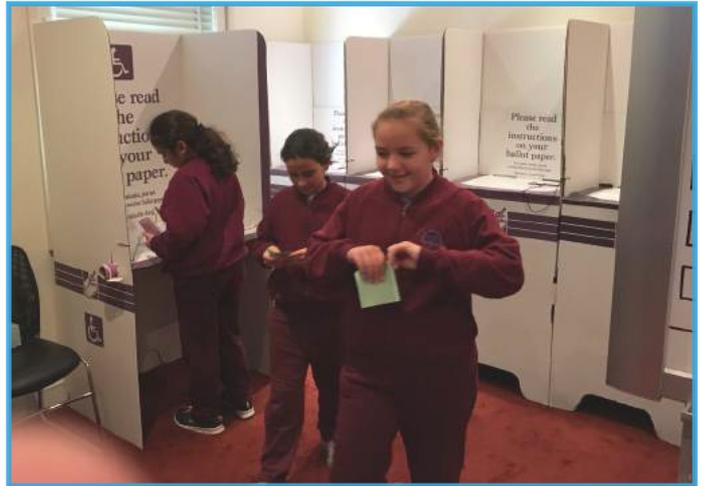
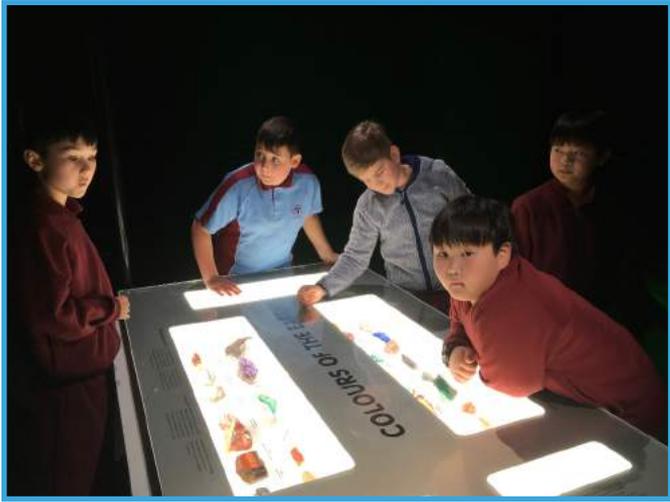
My favourite place on the excursion was the Australian Institute of Sport because we got to have 40 minutes of playing games and we got to see real athletes perform their sport.

**Isabella**

I enjoyed going to Questacon because my friends and I got to conquer our fear of heights by going on the Free Fall.







## EXTRA CURRICULUM

### BOYS' SOCCER GALA DAY

Our Year 5 and 6 boys attended the annual Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 19 June. The weather was very poor overnight, so we were very lucky that the day went ahead!

Both of our teams played brilliantly in some wild and windy conditions, winning most of their games and showing excellent sportsmanship at all times. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to drive children to and from the venue, your support helps to make these days a success. Special thanks to our wonderful coaches, Andrea M, Fynn M and Frank T.



At the end of the day our Year 5 boys narrowly missed out on victory by 1 point to take second place, while our Year 6 boys were victorious, also by a single point!

Congratulations to our successful Stage 3 teams on a great day, both on and off the field!



## New South Wales Catholic Primary Cross Country Carnival (NSWCPCCC)

On Friday 15 June, St Bernadette's was represented by two of our finest distance runners at the New South Wales Catholic Primary Cross Country Carnival. This carnival is for the children who successfully placed in the top 8 at the Diocesan Cross Country, pitting them against the best distance runners in all NSW Catholic Primary Schools.

Congratulations to Amelia N and Heidi S, who did so well to reach this high level of competition!



### Premiers Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge in record time. They completed at 15 books from the PRC Reading List and 5 free choice books, a total of 20 books.

**Thomas F - Kinder**

**Lucy F - Year 2**

**Tracey L - Year 3**

**Heidi S - Year 3**

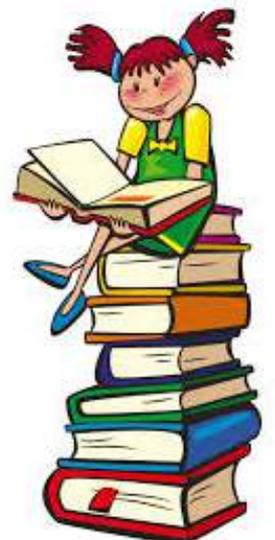
**Samuel F - Year 4**

**Melanie M - Year 5**

To all the other students who are still reading, the reading challenge closes on Friday 31 August.

All reading records must be entered online onto the PRC website by this date.

Enjoy your reading!



## P & F NEWS

### PIZZA MEAL DEAL

We will be having our Pizza Meal Deal day on Friday 29 June 2018.  
Please remember to return your order and payment by Monday 25th June 2018  
so you don't miss out!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PARISH

There will be a Confirmation Information evening for parents/carers on Friday 29th June at 6:45pm in the hall of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, for those interested in enrolling their children in the Confirmation program. Confirmation is for those in Year 6 or above. Confirmation date is 28th September, 2018. Please contact the Parish Office 9871 4414 for more information.

*Frances Zore - Sacramental Co-ordinator.*

### THE MUSIC BUS

#### Announcement: Term 3 Music Bus Enrolments Now Open

The Music Bus are now taking new student enrolments for Term 3. The program is open for all students from Kindy to Year 6. Running weekdays at school. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drum and Ukulele and so it is advised to enrol asap.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18).

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, check out their website at [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au) or call 1300 168 742.

**PANAMÁ**  
15-30 JAN 2019

Please return your World Youth Day Panama Raffle tickets whether they are **sold** or **unsold** to school by **Friday 29th June, 2018.**

St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas are now taking enrolments for children currently in Year 5 wishing to enrol for 2020.



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

Dear Parishioners of St Bernadette Church,

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The exposition will take place on Friday, July 06, 2018.

The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic.

In recent years a rehabilitation centre for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 200 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

A rehabilitation facility for females was established in 2012. Women released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women stay there. Today there are 11 women and one toddler at this farmstead.

To help these people workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

***With deep gratitude and love in Christ,  
Sisters of St Elisabeth***



## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

We will have a visiting sister  
from the Convent  
of St. Elisabeth  
from Belarus,  
(Eastern Europe) on

Friday, July 06, 2018



Sisters of St Elisabeth take care of children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and work hard to improve their living conditions.



They also help ex-prisoners, drug and alcohol addicts at rehabilitation center.



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Handcrafts are available after Masses in our church.  
The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- rosaries;
- religious items;
- souvenirs;
- Cds.

