



# ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 3, WEEK 6, 30 AUGUST 2018

### NEWSLETTER

#### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### *A Community of Learners*

As a Community of Learners, our teachers have been hard at work investigating Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBS4L) and what it will mean for our community. They have done this throughout the year with the support of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) personnel.

#### *What is PBS4L?*



It stands for Positive Behaviour Support For Learning and is an evidenced based framework (as opposed to a program) that looks a little different in every school setting. This means we can make it more relevant to our school community and continue to personalise the learning for students.

The purpose of PBS4L is to develop effective school wide systems and practices that are informed by data to get more positive outcomes for students both socially and academically. The basic principle behind PBS4L is that behaviour is learnt and therefore can be taught.

It is important to understand that PBS4L is for everyone! It is not just for children with challenging behaviours. Implementing PBS4L at St Bernadette's means that the expectations of behaviour are made very clear to all in the community and these expectations are actively taught, positively reinforced by staff when these behaviours are observed, and corrected and re-taught by staff when problem behaviour arises.

PBS4L is a transparent framework that encourages parent, student and teacher voice. It is a collaborative community effort aimed at encouraging more positive behaviours within our school community to maximise student wellbeing and learning outcomes.

Families are important members of our school community and we know that when schools and families work together toward a common goal of helping all children and young people to be successful, it is much more likely to happen. At St Bernadette's we believe that families have valuable insights and information about how their children learn best and what help they need.

We are looking forward to continuing the work regarding PBS4L for the remainder of the year and excited about the difference this framework will have. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and Skoolbag posts.

#### *Prayers please*



Please pray for:

- Mrs Lisa Gerrard, our Assistant Principal, on the passing of her mother. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.
- A speedy recovery for Mrs Mary Elliott our Religious Education Coordinator and Year 1 teacher.
- Mr Chad Collins, father of Lily-Rose in Kindergarten, who has been unwell. We hope he is feeling better soon.

Peace and Joy!

**Mrs Baird**  
**Principal**



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

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Book Fair - Wednesday 12th September - Save the Date!



This year's Book Week theme is 'Find your Treasure'. We hope every child has found a book in their life which has become their 'treasure'. **On Wednesday 12th September**, we will celebrate Book Week 2018 with our annual Book Fair and the students may come dressed as a character from a book or text that they treasure. The outfit should reflect creativity rather than an expensive purchase or creation. Participating in the dress up is optional. Any outfits need to be comfortable and safe, with enclosed shoes. The students will have the opportunity to discuss their outfit and share their favourite book with the other students in the school with a "Read your Treasure" activity. This is an opportunity for parents/carers/grandparents to read to their child at school or for a buddy to read to them and to be read to. The book chosen could be a book the parent or grandparent treasures or one the child treasures.

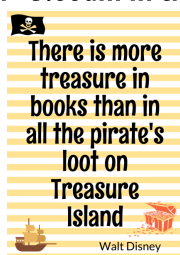
There will be no whole school parade on the day, no competitions and no prizes except for the love of reading!

**Book Fair: open for sales 8:00am - 9:00am in the Hall**

**Tuesday 11th September**

**Wednesday 12th September**

**Thursday 13th September**



Our "Read your Treasure" activity will be from 9am - 9:30am at various places around the school - parents and carers please bring a treasured book of your own or your child's to read at school. If you are unable to attend, please be assured that your child will be reading with their buddies. Normal classes will resume from 9:30am.

### Staffing Update

This week, we welcomed Mr Ben Gately to the St Bernadette's community of learners. Mr Gately has taken on the role of Grounds and Outdoor worker. Welcome Mr Gately!

### Support for Farming Communities

As a compassionate community of learners, we will be supporting Farming Communities. While being mindful of all the 'extra' requests made on families, we are asking that on **Wednesday, September 5th** all children **come to school dressed as a farmer, bringing a gold coin donation or a foldable note - "Gold and Fold"**. All funds donated will go to Rural Aid and Drought Angels. Thank you in advance for supporting this social justice initiative.

### Chickenpox

Please be advised that we have recently had a confirmed case of Chickenpox. Please see factsheet from Health NSW for more information. [LINK](#)

### Will you be here in 2019?

As we prepare to plan for 2019, we are asking parents that if their children are not returning to school next year, to please inform the office, in writing, as soon as possible. As per CEDP Policy, 'If a student leaves the school during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless a full term's notice in writing is given to the principal before removal of the student from school.' (CEDP ENROLMENT INSTRUCTIONS).

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers who recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Gabriel El-R - Year 2,  
Daniel J - Year 2,  
Addison P - Year 2,  
Marie-Elise B - Year 3,  
Janelle L - Year 4,  
Jessica L - Year 4,  
Lily P - Year 4,  
Lauren T - Year 4,  
Jerome B - Year 6.



There are still a small number of students who have not entered their reading record online, **YOU CAN DO IT!** This must be completed by midnight **TOMORROW** Friday 31 August onto the PRC website, in order to receive a certificate later in Term 4.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 6 AND 7

For all other reminders on upcoming activities and events around our school, please use the SkoolBag App. This will give you the most up to date information on what is happening each week.

### Dates for your diary:

- Swimming Program: 17th September- 28th September
- Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Evening: 17th October 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Kindergarten 2019 Transition: 24th October
- Kindergarten 2019 Transition: 31st October
- Swimming Carnival: 7th November
- Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS: 9th November

### Voice of Youth

On Tuesday, 28th August our Year 6 students attended the Voice of Youth Cluster Final at St Mary's Rydalmere. Justine M, Angelique O, Joshua T represented St Bernadette's with their engaging speeches. We are very proud of these representatives and their hard work leading up to the day and thank their teachers for providing them with ongoing feedback and the opportunity to take part. This is also a great opportunity for the Year 6 students to be part of an audience and witness the confidence and creativity of other school students.

### NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests

In preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2019, all CEDP schools have completed a NAPLAN Online Readiness Test this term. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness tests are not an assessment of student ability. The purpose of the readiness testing is to ensure schools and students are best prepared for NAPLAN Online in 2019. For more information about NAPLAN Online please visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### Netball

Over the past three weeks, many of our dedicated and compassionate staff have given up their family time to assist with netball training after school. I'm sure you'll agree that this is above and beyond the role of teacher and join with me to sincerely thank them for their commitment to our community. Thank you also to the many parents and past students who

have also volunteered their time, effort and expertise.

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Kindergarten - **Caitlyn O**

Year 1 - **Eleanor E**

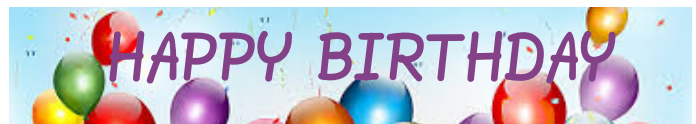
Year 2 - **Renee T**

Year 3 - **Christian M**

Year 4 - **Patrick H**

Year 5 - **Georga E B**

Year 6 - **Christian P**



Louis R - 17/8

Oliver M - 3/9

Sarah H - 30/8

Angelique O - 8/9

Gabriella V - 31/8

Marcello B - 10/9

Melanie M - 3/9

Liam M - 12/9

## P&F NEWS

This Friday we are holding our special Father's Day Breakfast and Classroom Visits. Along with our Father's Day Assembly and Raffle. Details for the day are as follows:

**7:30am - 8:30am - Father's Day BBQ Breakfast**

**8:30am - 9:00am - Classroom Visits**

**2:15pm - Father's Day Assembly and Raffle will be drawn.**



Sunday, 2 Sep 2018: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them body,mind,spirit, holistically, making *them* holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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*Wishing all fathers a wonderful day for Sunday.*

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

**Reminder: There will be no classes going to Mass on Friday 31st August 2018**

**Reminder: Children participating in the Year of Youth 2018 Art competition that your artworks are due in to the school by Friday 14th September. Please refer to the parent letter for requirements. The best three from our school will be forwarded on to CEDP for further judging.**



## **EXTRA CURRICULUM**

### *Diocesan Athletics Carnival*

The Diocesan Athletics Carnival took place on Thursday 23rd August. St Bernadette's were represented by 10 athletes in track and field events. As always the children competed with enthusiasm and showed great team spirit.



*Congratulations to our Diocesan Athletics team for 2018!*

Marcello B, Kiara B, Jessica E, Ricardo F, Patrick H, Rorie L, Amelia N, Angelique O, Heidi S, Jaiden Y.

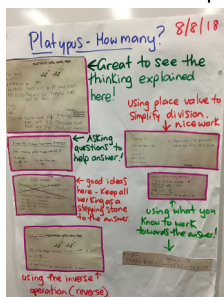
A special mention to Amelia N, who has successfully qualified to represent the Parramatta Team at the upcoming NSW MacKillop Track and Field Championships! Congratulations on this wonderful achievement.

## **LEARNING MATTERS**

### **One problem - many methods**

In this problem, worked at different levels of complexity, children are trying to work out how many platypus tails, eyes and legs might be present at one time in a pond.

This chart focuses on the many different methods that children used to solve this problem.



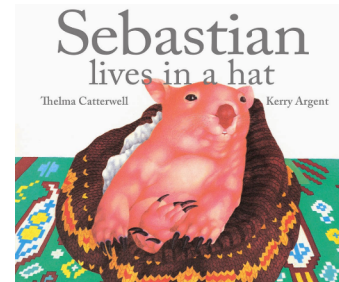
It demonstrates the importance of children being exposed to many different ways of working mathematically, which can help to increase their own capacity and help them to explain their own thinking.

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## **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

### *YEAR ONE*

Year 1 have been learning about how to write a review. Here are some of the children's excellent, very descriptive reviews.



*We have been reading Sebastian lives in a hat. We believe that this book is good as the main character Sebastian the wombat helps us to understand how it is important to look after animals, especially if they are babies with no mothers. Our favourite part was how the illustrations showed Sebastian in the huge hat. We strongly recommend Sebastian lives in a hat.*

**Eva and Olivia**

*We have been reading Sebastian lives in a hat and we feel that the book is sometimes sad as Sebastian's mother has died but Sebastian survived as he was in the pouch. We believe that sometimes the story was a bit boring. We do not recommend Sebastian lives in a hat.*

**Christian and Caleb**

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

- Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, College Open Morning Tour on **Wednesday, September 5 2018**
- Follow this link for more news around the Diocese. [LINK](http://LINK)



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