



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1, WEEK 6, 7 MARCH

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our attendance percentage to date is: **84.3%**

As we begin our Lenten journey we are reminded of Jesus' commitment to us and in turn our promise to live our lives as He did. So during the next 40 days we need to challenge ourselves to give of ourselves. A kind word, a smaller meal, a selfless act will impact greatly on those we interact with each day.

My mantra for myself and my children has always been....

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you!"

How can you *do* for *others* during this time of preparation for the Resurrection?



Launch Day - a great success!

Our PBS4L Launch Day last Friday was a great success. The reward for me was seeing the smiling faces of the students, staff and parents as they participated in the day's events.

As we all know a day such as this doesn't just happen. So I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard to make it a great day. From our PBS4L staff team, to the staff, to the parent helpers and all those who worked tirelessly to plan and facilitate such a huge day of FUN. Thank you!



Catholic Schools Week - 4th - 8th March.

This week we celebrate *Catholic Schools Week*. It is an opportunity to celebrate the impact that attending a Catholic School has and the how we are educating our children as well rounded people of Faith. Beginning with our Launch Day last Friday and concluding with on Open Day for prospective parents on Friday we have the chance to share our beautiful community of St Bernadette's Dundas with the wider community.

If you know anyone who is looking for a school for their children please extend an invitation to our **Open Day on Friday March 8th at 10.15am**. We will gather in the Hall and then have a school tour, followed by morning tea and a question and answer session.

All are welcome.

Love and Light,

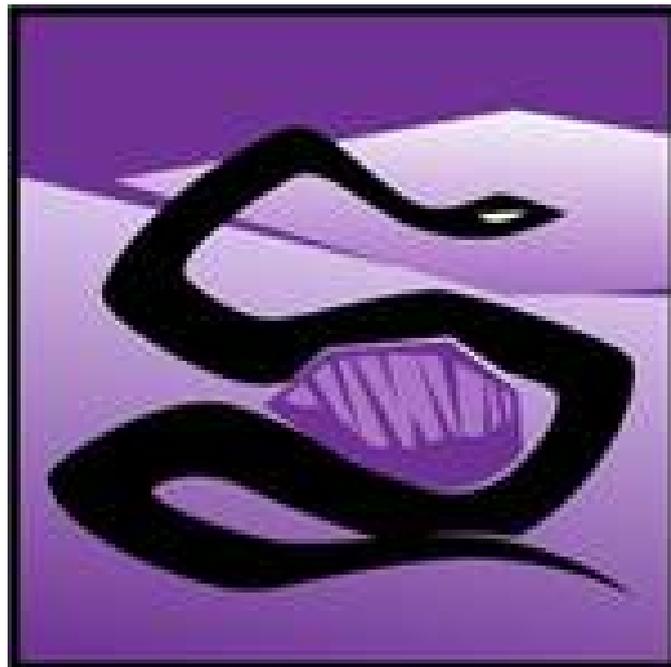
Mrs Lisa Gerrard,

Sunday, 10 March 2019: First Sunday of Lent - Year C

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.



SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

For 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.

8/3 - School Open Day

15/3 - Cross Country Carnival

18/3 - St Pat's Kindy Morning Tea at 11am

State Election

As there is a State Election on Saturday March 23rd, our school hall will once again be hired as a place to vote.

As you have probably seen on Skoolbag this week, we will be having a BBQ and Cake Stall to raise money for the new furniture needed in our learning spaces.

Please help out if you can by donating cakes etc or some time on the day. Every little bit helps.

Staffing Update



It is with great sadness that we bid our Learning Support Teacher Mrs Mary Hines farewell. Mrs Hines has made the decision to retire after being here at St Bernadette's for 19 years. Personally, I would like to thank Mary for the countless hours

spent supporting our students.

I know that you will support me in wishing Mary every success on the next part of her life journey.

Please note: we will be holding a special assembly on Friday 22nd March at 2:15pm to celebrate Mrs Hines' work over the years and say farewell.

Mrs Anna Beard has been appointed to take on Mrs Hines position for the time being. Mr Kensell will be leading learning in Year 1 each morning while Miss Angela facilitates Reading Recovery.

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Book Club

Book Clubs LOOP

Book Club ordering for Issue 2 is open online!

You will receive a catalogue tomorrow to look through and select books from, however you will need to go online to place your order and make payment using Book Clubs LOOP. No longer will we be accepting cash orders in the school office. The books will still be delivered to school for free and distributed out to the children. **Online orders for Issue 2 will close on 25 March 2019.**

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the P&F and all of the helpers who made us pancakes yesterday. There was not an empty tummy anywhere!

A great way to lead into Lent.

Here's a challenge for our young inquiring minds.....



Why do we eat pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday?????

If you know send me your answers to dundasvalley@parra.catholic.edu.au

Our SRC

Our new SRC have been hard at work with Mr Kensell planning some fun activities that they would like to run and what Social Justice projects they would like to support.

Watch this space as the SRC Update (included in our next newsletter) will give you all of the information you need. They are very excited to be great leadership models for the students of St Bernadette's.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Year 1 - Orlando C

Year 2 - Olivia E

Year 3 - Ian B

Year 4 - Louis R

Year 5 - Lauren T

Year 6 - Mia V



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ryan W - 7/3

Rachel B - 8/3

Mary T - 8/3

Jacob L - 10/3

Daniel F - 11/3

Robert W - 12/3

Gabriella F - 14/3

LEARNING MATTERS



What a fantastic day our learning community enjoyed on Friday with the launch of PBS4L. With the children enjoying a range of fun activities, open classrooms, a sausage sizzle and a guest appearance by Bernie Bright it was a wonderful day of community and celebration. The children have begun earning star tokens for their house by being good and supportive team members.

We would like to show our heart-felt appreciation to the many parents and family members who contributed to the success of the day, however there are a few parents whose contribution was 'above and beyond'. Thank you to Mrs Nakhoul (Brandon Yr 5) who helped to make Bernie Bright look unique to our school, to Mrs Misitano (Veronica Yr 3) who surprised everyone with a personal Bernie Bright biscuit for all staff and students, to the wonderful parents and ex-parents who helped out on the BBQ and to Mrs Mapagu (Aaliyah Yr 6, Isla Yr 3) for her artwork with Bernie Bright.



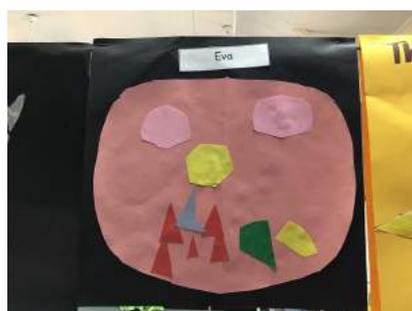
Now staff and students are continuing on the journey of PBS4L by focusing on recognising and supporting positive behaviours around the school.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Symmetrical Monsters

Year 2 created the monster bodies using Symmetry. First, we folded a square piece of paper in half and cut out our monster shape. Then we added details such as eyes, ears, arms and legs using other coloured paper. Finally, we pasted our monsters onto a coloured backing. We think they look great !!



P & F NEWS



St Patricks Day Morning Tea - 18 March 2019

Each year, to celebrate St Patricks Day, Kindergarten organise and host a green coloured food morning tea to cater for all students. This year it will be held on Monday 18 March.

Items are sold out of the canteen for between 50c and \$2.

Thank you!

The P&F would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time on Tuesday at the canteen for Shrove Tuesday. It was an absolute success with almost all pikelets sold out and a total of \$206.00 was raised!

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

St Bernadette's continued their successful summer of swimming at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival, on Friday 22nd February. Seven of our children qualified for this high level of competition and once again we achieved some excellent results.

Congratulations to our Diocesan swimmers for 2019!

Ian B

Raphael C

Damon K

Marcus K

Liam M

Ryan R

Heidi S



The following children also qualified for the NSWCPs Swimming Championships on Wednesday 27th March. **Once again we have record breakers and champions!**

Ian B: 2nd 50m Freestyle, 2nd 200m Individual Medley

Marcus K: 1st 50m Freestyle **New Diocesan Record**, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly & **Junior Boys Runner Up**

Heidi S: 100m Freestyle (1st), 50m Freestyle **New Diocesan Record** (1st), 50m Backstroke **New Diocesan Record** (1st), 50m Breaststroke **New Diocesan Record** (1st), 50m Butterfly **New Diocesan Record** (1st), 200m Individual Medley **New Diocesan Record** & **Junior Girls Champion**

Another outstanding performance from our swimmers, we await further stories of success later this month!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Carlingford Netball Club

We have vacancies in our U8 & U9 teams and looking for players (born 2010 - 2012) to join us on Friday nights (May-August)

Interested? Please contact our Registrar - Sue Oliver on 0419 406 004 or email: registrar.carltonetball@gmail.com

Further information can be found on our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au

Claim your Active Kids Voucher with us!



Celebrating 40 years in our community in 2019



OPEN DAY 2019

Sunday 10 March

10am - 2pm

You are invited to join us for **Open Day** at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in 2019, our 130th anniversary year.

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 years: Honouring the past. Serving the future.

CRAFTASTIC KIDS

at Parramatta Library

Join us for our monthly craft club for kids! On the first Wednesday of each month we will explore a different themed craft activity.



WED 6 MARCH
WED 3 APRIL
WED 1 MAY

4pm-5pm

City of Parramatta Library

FREE!

Ages 6-10 years
Bookings not required,
spaces are limited.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

APRIL 2019



- MON 15 APRIL** Taekwondo, arts/craft, soccer & youth hub.
- TUES 16 APRIL** BJJ, table tennis, cricket & cooking.
- WED 17 APRIL** Kick Boxing, bollywood dance, outdoor games & youth hub.
- THURS 18 APRIL** Outdoor games, kids fitness, table tennis & dodgeball.
- FRI 19 APRIL** GOOD FRIDAY. CLUB CLOSED.
- MON 22 APRIL** EASTER MONDAY. CLUB CLOSED.
- TUES 23 APRIL** BJJ, table tennis, cricket & cooking.
- WED 24 APRIL** Kick Boxing, bollywood dance, outdoor games & youth hub.
- THURS 25 APRIL** ANZAC DAY. CLUB CLOSED.
- FRI 26 APRIL** Taekwondo, boxing, soccer & youth hub.

Program is designed for children aged 5-12 years old and runs from 9.00am-4.00pm. **Cost is \$30.00 per child, per day.**

Note: parents can pay \$20.00 for care between 4.00pm-6.00pm. Please pack a hat, recess and lunch for your child.

SAVE TIME AND BOOK ONLINE!

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Book Club LOOP

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2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

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