

# NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 4 WEEK 2

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 2:

Friday 20th Oct : Yr 2 Canteen Day

#### Week 3:

Wednesday 25th Oct : Pancake Breakfast

Thursday 26th Oct : Yr 6 Fundraising Event

#### Week 4:

Wednesday 1st Nov: Kindergarten 2024 Orientation

Friday 3rd Nov: Family Fun Event

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we enter our last term of 2023 we need to remember to stay vigilant when it comes to our health and the health of our families. Since returning, we have experienced growing numbers of COVID and ask that if any symptoms are evident, that you keep your child at home. By all of us being responsible it will assist with the spread of this and other illnesses.

Thank you to all of those who have assisted in the planning of our Family Fun Day. This is our major fundraiser for this year and we look forward to as many people as possible attending. You will be receiving further information via Compass shortly.

Stay well and we look forward to another great term together.



Love & Light

Lisa Gerrard

(on behalf of the St Bernadette's staff & students)

## **THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to Term 4.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of the year. This term sees our year 6 students getting ready for high school, our new Kindies joining us for their orientation days, a lot of learning to be completed and we also have our semester 2 assessments to complete, work samples to collect and reports to be written. Through all of this, we need to maintain a balance between good attendance and looking after our health.

It is extremely important that our students keep up their excellent attendance record, however there has been a bit of illness creeping in at the start of the term and we ask that students who are unwell to stay at home and rest. This will ensure that all members of our community can finish the year strongly.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Boidin  
Assistant Principal

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



### **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**Sunday 15 Oct 2023**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-10**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. 'Tell those who have been invited' he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

## **REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

On the face of it this can be a challenging parable, full of vengeance. Wedding invitees reject their invitations, sometimes violently, and are met with violence in return. Then, in a final plot twist, just when the wedding seems back on track someone is ejected into the darkness outside.

Pope Francis says that this parable shows ‘how God reacts’ to rejection. God doesn’t give up. Rather, He always ‘starts over and asks that all those found at the thoroughfares be called, excluding no one.’ And those who join in the celebration, the Pope adds, should come wearing an appreciation of God’s mercy and an openness to it.

After all, the real heart of the story isn’t the action so much as the characters’ preoccupations. The first invitees are focused on their properties and their businesses. They don’t care to celebrate on anyone else’s terms but their own.

Similarly, the under-dressed guest seems unwilling to respond to a new situation in which he finds himself. Doggedly sticking to his old outfit, he shows little respect for his host. When questioned, he makes matters worse by refusing to talk. He seems disposed to drift towards a bitter and self-imposed schism from the celebrating community. Given multiple chances, he just didn’t take them. He effectively excluded himself.

Luckily for us, our invitation is still good, beckoning us to join the feast.

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## **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

What did the king in today's gospel decide to do for his son?

What happened when the servants invited the guests?

When the guests didn't come, who did the king invite?

Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like this story. Who does God invite to the banquet?

We are invited to God's banquet. How do we show we accept the invitation?

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## **Term 4 Mass/Reconciliation Roster**

Week/Date	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
<b>Students return to school Wednesday 11 October – no Reconciliation/Mass</b>		
<b>Week 2 16-20 October</b>	6	6 & K
<b>Week 3 23-27 October</b>	5	5 & 1
<b>Week 4 30 Oct-3 Nov</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS Whole School Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Week 5 6-10 November</b>	4	<b>Swimming Carnival No Mass</b>
<b>Week 6 13-17 November</b>	3	2, 3 & 4
<b>Week 7 20-24 November</b>	6	5 & 6
<b>Week 8 27 Nov-1 Dec</b>	5	<b>Whole School</b>
<b>Week 9 4-8 December</b>	<b>Christmas Liturgies &amp; Christmas Concert</b>	
<b>Week 10 11-15 December</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation</b>	

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Attendance

Attendance Rate: 73.6% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 73.6% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



## Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Week 3, Friday, 27th October**. The class presenting at this assembly will be year 1.

## Important Dates To Remember

### Week 2:

Friday, 20th October : Year 2 canteen day

### Week 3:

Thursday, 26th October : Yr 6 fundraising event

### Week 4:

Wednesday, 1st November : Kindergarten 2024 orientation morning

Friday, 3rd November : Family fun event

### Week 5:

Wednesday, 8th November : Kindergarten 2024 orientation morning

Friday, 10th November : Swimming carnival (Yr 3 - 6)

### Week 6:

Friday, 17th November : Kindergarten excursion

## Leaving School

Please notify our office as soon as possible, if you know that you may be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of this year. As you know, you are required to give ten weeks' notice if you are leaving.

Please contact our office for a copy of a leaving form that must be completed.

## Family Fun Evening!



Our large fundraising event for 2023 is a Family Fun Evening!

**Date:** Friday, 3rd November 2023

**Time:** 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Events: stalls, sausage sizzle, games and more

A detailed note will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 20th October outlining the afternoon/evening.

All money raised will be put towards a sensory play area for all to enjoy.

## Pancake Breakfast

*Wednesday mornings Weeks 3-8*

This term, Wednesday mornings will be Pancake Breakfast!!!

Each order will consist of three pancakes and your choice of toppings.

The FIAT team will add your choice of toppings for you when you pick up your order. Topping choices will be:

- ★ Butter
- ★ Sprinkles
- ★ Syrup



To participate, simply purchase vouchers for \$4 each through QKR between Thursday 10:00 am and Tuesday 10:00 am.

All proceeds from the sale of the pancakes will be donated to the Manning Foundation, a worthy cause that supports our parish and community.

Don't miss out on this tasty and FUN opportunity to support a good cause and start your day off right. We can't wait to see you there!

## Community Of Learners



### **Stage 2 Olympian Visit**

On Wednesday we had Olympian diving athlete, Olivia O'Rourke, talk to years 3-6 about her sporting journey and achievements. Olivia had an inspiring story to tell. The children were impressed with her resilience and her ability to bounce back from injuries and setbacks.

We can't wait to see Olivia compete in the Olympics in Paris 2024! Go Olivia!





## Year 4 Work

Last term, year 4 was exploring several types of writing. Over the term they tried to sell a book character (Fudge), explored poetry and worked on developing their ideas in a story. Here are a few examples.

### THEME PARK

People screaming as they slide by  
The water splashing as they fly.  
Exciting scary roller coasters  
Food trucks warm up their toasters.  
People breathing when they are eating  
Gathered in lines as they are meeting.  
  
I want to ride every roller coaster  
So that i can hear the coaster start  
I sit on the seat in the rainbow cart.  
I felt something when I was riding the  
coaster, it was air!  
When the roller coaster stopped everyone did  
stare.

Lydia Y - Theme Park

### Selling Fudge

Fudge, isn't that a cute name? He looks just as cute as his name. He is actually really smart. Very well behaved. Super duper entertaining! Imagine buying him. No more boredom.

Ever wanted someone to teach your kids? Fudge is your man. He can educate your kids. On the next day your kids will be ready to go to university. He is so intelligent. He can count and recite the abc's. This way your child could be homeschooled so that you don't need to waste your gas just to drive from home to school and school to home. Oh, and he can spell Maine! He can teach your kids that too!

Fudge is well behaved and very entertaining. If Fudge is well behaved then he can be a great example for your kids. Your kids could be well behaved in the future. You don't want your kids to be bad behaved because you'll be embarrassed. You must buy Fudge because then your family will die of boredom. You don't want to die do you? So you must buy Fudge to be entertained.

Fudgy is also cute and of course adorable. When he sleeps he slurps his fingers like a baby. He has a really cute face. And when I mean really cute I mean reaaaally cute. He created Fudge Ripple Cone which is a type of ice cream with a face that looks like Fudge. You should buy it to prove that Fudge is cute.

In conclusion, I think you should buy Fudge because he is intelligent, very well behaved and really cute. Fudge definitely suits you so don't miss your opportunity to buy Fudge.

Lydia G- Selling Fudge



Christian - 09/10

Isaac F - 10/10

Afreeen - 10/10

Jaiden - 22/10

Just a reminder that any treats sent in are kept to a minimum and individually portioned.

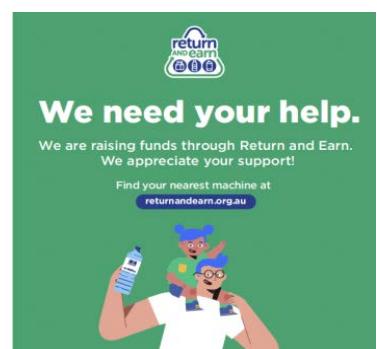
## **Return and Earn**

Want to know how you could help the environment AND earn some money for the school?

St. Bernadette's has become a registered charity with Return and Earn so now you can recycle your containers and contribute to the school at the same time.

Here is how you do it:

- Collect the empty containers.
- Take them to the Return and Earn Machine **located at Victoria Road, Rydalmer.**
- Put the containers into the machine.
- At the end press DONATE.
- Then find St. Bernadette's Dundas and press that button.



The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy.  
So start collecting those containers to help us out.

Thank you.

# BASKETBALL SKILLS & GAMES FOR CHILDREN AGES - 4-12

>>>> THIS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- BASKETBALL GAMES AND SKILLS WITH OUR ELITE COACHES
- 8-WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12
- LOCATION - ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ON THE BASKETBALL COURT (COX CRES, DUNDAS VALLEY NSW 2117)
- CLASSES RUNNING SATURDAY MORNING, STARTING IN TERM 4
- ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

**WE ARE ONLY OFFERING LIMITED SPOTS. TO ENROL, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW**

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WELCOME

# JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN SPORTS PROGRAM



**8-week multi-sport program for kids aged between 4 to 12**

Sports include: Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Hockey, Touch Football,  
AFL, Netball & Volleyball

Learn sport skills, meet new friends, qualified coaches, all sport equipment supplied

**WHERE:** Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, 31 Alexander St, Dundas Valley, NSW 2117

**DATES:** Friday 20th October 2023 - Friday 8th December 2023  
(8x Friday afternoon weekly sessions)

**TIME:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**COST:** \$100, use your Active Kids Voucher to receive \$50 off

**HOW TO REGISTER:** [www.juniorsport.com.au](http://www.juniorsport.com.au)

**CONTACT:** 1300 903 227 or [info@juniorsport.com.au](mailto:info@juniorsport.com.au)



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6pm Fridays

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**REGISTER TODAY!**



## St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary, Dundas Valley is a community focused, Catholic parish school catering for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school strives to build a Christ centred community where faith is integrated with daily life. We provide learning and teaching experiences which enable the children to deepen their faith understandings, investigate, solve problems and explore their learning. We recognise the importance of creating a learning environment that provides opportunities to develop 21st century learning. Technology is integrated into the learning at St Bernadette's in all Key Learning Areas.

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