



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 2

Thursday 27 July, 2017

ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 3 WEEKS 3 & 4

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 1 August
ICAS - English

Wednesday, 2 August
Linda's Lunches due by
9:30am

Friday, 4 August
Student Banking 8:30am
Whole School Mass 9:00am
Assembly 2:30pm

Monday, 7 August
P&F Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, 8 August
Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 9 August
Linda's Lunch orders due
by 9:15am

St Pat's Sport Years 4-6

Friday, 11 August
Student Banking 8:30am
Year 4 Mass &
Reconciliation 9:00am
PJ Movie Night

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Welcome back to Term 3 2017! I hope you and your families did manage to have a restful, relaxing break together and got to enjoy some of that glorious Winter sunshine.

Last term, we acknowledged and celebrated your children's achievements to date and set goals and named areas for improvement. Term 3 is a time for "getting heads down" and working hard to achieve goals set and continue to improve.

Here are just some of the terrific learning, celebrations, special events and programs we can look forward to this term.

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses & Class Reconciliations, Confirmation, Year 4 & 6 Religious Literacy Assessment, Fathers' Day celebrations, Netball Gala Day, Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day, P&F Meeting, Canteen Days, PJ Movie Night, Voice of Youth, Zone and Diocesan Athletics carnivals, St Pat's Sport, Swimming Program, ICAS English & Mathematics Competitions, Captivate and a Parent Education Evening, along with the usual events that occur during the term.

As I've stated previously, any partnership needs opportunities for good communication. So a reminder with regards communication at St Bernadette's, the teacher should be your first port of call. If you have any queries or concerns, please organize an appointment with your child's teacher who would be more than happy to clarify any questions for you. You can, however, also bring any issues or concerns to any member of the leadership team, Mrs Lisa Gerrard, Mr Anthony Kensell, Miss Simone Farago or myself. Remember if you have concerns with regards another child at our school, please do not approach the child or their parents directly yourself, but take these concerns to your child's class teacher instead.

As we *Come to learn, live and love* for another term, I invite you to get involved at any opportunity and to continue to encourage your children to achieve their personal best in their learning and behaviour.

Here's to a great term!

Wishing you God's blessings.

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal

Our attendance percentage to date is:

Every day
COUNTS!
School success starts
with attendance

91.6%

LITURGY		Upcoming Masses
Friday, 28 July (Year 5 Mass)		Bartosz L, Lucas R, Xavier R
Friday, 4 August (Whole School Mass)		Nicholas C, Jonathan F, Matias C, Christian P, Justine M
Weekend Altar Servers Saturday 29 July - 5:30pm		William H, Riley C
Sunday 30 July - 8:00am		Emily H, Matias C
Sunday 30 July - 9:30am		Daniel M, Lucas R
Saturday 5 August - 5:30pm		Nicholas C
Sunday 6 August - 8:00am		N/A
Sunday 6 August - 9:30am		Matias C, Riley C, Daniel M, Lucas R
<i>Simone Farago - Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator</i>		

RE NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

**Sunday, 30 July 2017: Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year A**
Mt 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come. © Richard Leonard SJ.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian.

Over the coming weeks, all Year 4 and Year 6 students in Primary and Year 8 and Year 10 students in Secondary participate in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy. The students answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.

In addition, Year 4 students also complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: *God's Forgiveness and Healing*. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed.

OUR PRAYERS

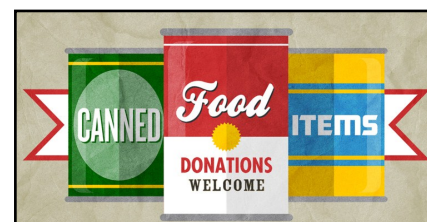
Please keep in your prayers all those who are ill, including Mrs Elliott, Mrs Redman (our previous school counsellor) & Madeleine R. As always, we ask for God's blessing, strength and support at this time.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

HAPPY HELPERS ONE DAY WONDER!

The Manning Foundation's Happy Helpers Silent Food Donations is a social justice opportunity for us to reach out and help others who are less fortunate. This year Happy Helpers will take place on one day. The date of the food collection will be on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day, **Tuesday 8 August (Week 4)**. Children are invited to bring in canned chunky soup, canned spaghetti or baked beans. There will be plastic tubs in the breezeway near the office window on 8 August.



SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is extremely important as it provides ongoing instruction and continuity of learning. **If your child is absent from school due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances you must send a note, email or Skoolbag message to the class teacher/school as soon as your child returns to school containing the following information -**

1. **Child's name**
2. **Class**
3. **Date(s) absent**
4. **Reason explaining absence**

The Attendance Roll is a legal document and written documentation to support a child's absence from school is required. If your child is on extended sick leave, that is over 3 days, please inform the School Office via email or phone. Please ensure that upon your child's return to school that a note is sent containing the above information. Too often staff waste time chasing up these notes. After 7 days, upon your child's return to school, should no written documentation be received by the school, your child will be marked on the attendance register as unexplained absence. If your child has continued unexplained absences and/or a significant number of days absent or partially absent (often late to school or regularly leave early from school), there will need to be a meeting with the principal and maybe even personnel from the Catholic Education Office.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

KINDER Afreen M	YEAR 1 Sonia B
YEAR 2 Jada N	YEAR 3 Willem K
YEAR 4A William B	YEAR 4L Gianluca B
YEAR 5 Liam E	YEAR 6 Nicholas L

SUPERVISION

Supervision on the playground commences at 8:30am each morning. Our school day then commences at 8:55am. Children should be ready for class at this time. **Recess** is 11:00am - 11:30am, **Lunch** is 1:20pm - 2:00pm, final **dismissal** time is 3:05pm. **Supervision finishes** at 3:30pm and all children should be collected by this time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that all students should be wearing their full winter uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school on the right days.

SPORT DAYS

Kindergarten	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday
Year 4	Monday & Friday
Year 5	Tuesday & Friday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

LIBRARY BORROWING

Thursday: Years 6, 5, 4, 3

Friday: Years 2, 1, Kindergarten

Remember to bring your library bags.

STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

Last Tuesday 25th July we had a number of boys from Years 5 and 6 represent our school at the annual Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day held at Jamison Park Penrith.

Once again our children played exceptionally well and represented St Bernadette's in a positive manner. They displayed true sportsmanship by congratulating their opponents and thanking the referees at the conclusion of each game.

Congratulations to the following Stage 3 boys:

YEAR 6

**Jonathan John Owen Nicholas C Caleb William
Ethan Jon Takoda Ryan E Ryan C Joey**

A special thank you to Mr Paul Harrigan who coached the Year 6 boys and motivated them to achieve their best.

YEAR 5

**Xavier Lachlan Travis Bartosz Ricky
James Rory Joshua Henry Marcello Christian Lucas**

A special thank you to Mr Robert Ruggeri who coached the Year 5 boys every Tuesday afternoon and to Mr Frank Tallaridi for looking after the boys on the day.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who volunteered to drive the boys. We couldn't do it without you.





Children's Corner - Year 3 - Talk Time



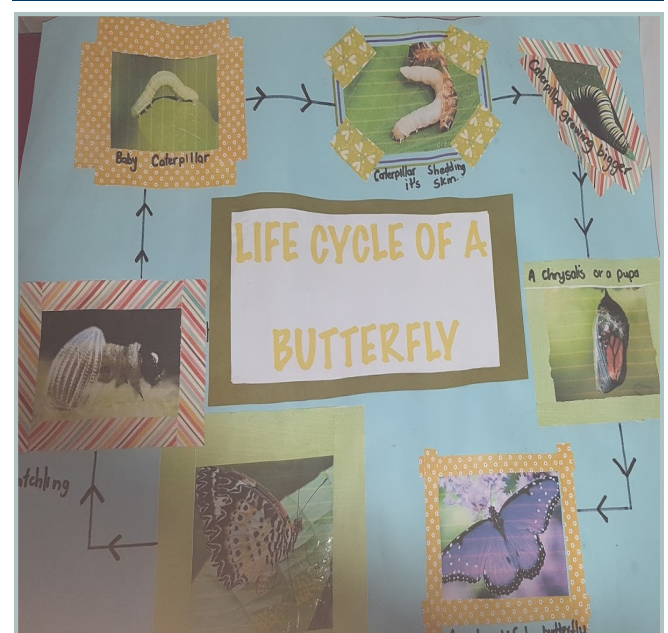
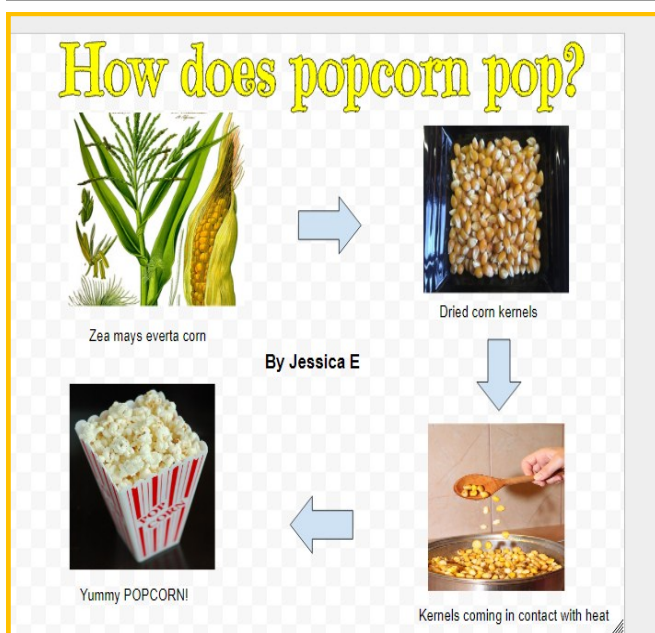
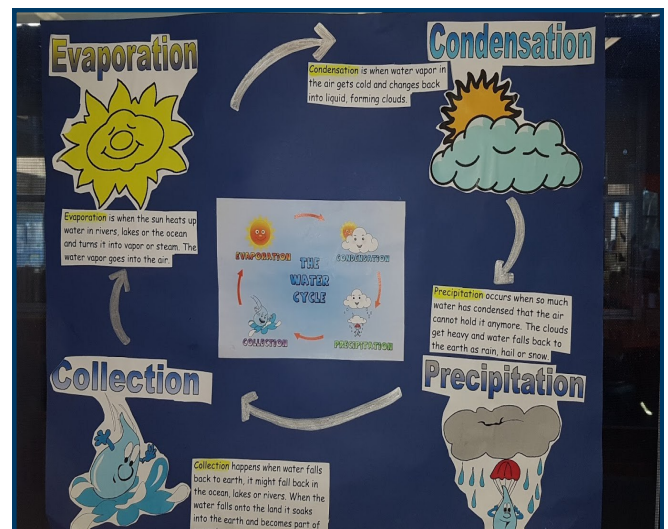
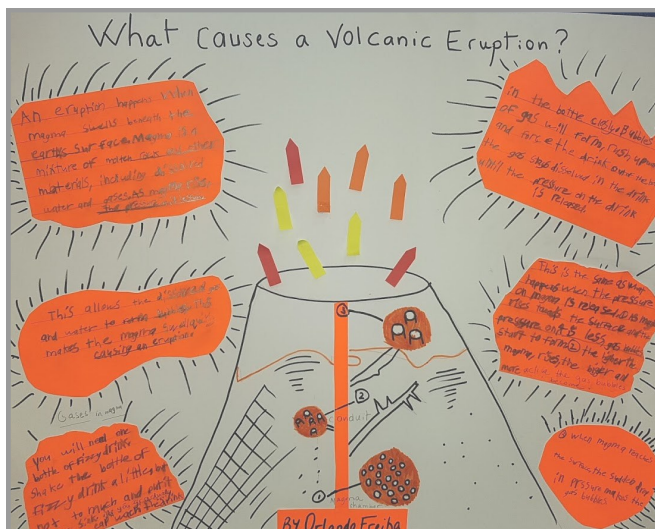
For the past two terms Year 3 have been doing Talk Time. This is when we present a speech to our class and teachers.

In Term 2 we presented Explanations. Some of the class used posters to help with their presentation and others used Google slides. This term we will do Talk time on Recounts, Procedures and Descriptions.

Talk time has helped us to improve in many ways. These include, eye contact when speaking, using good volume, having clear speech, confidence and using expression. Talk time has also helped us in our written work too!!

We are really enjoying talk time and we are ALL getting REALLY GOOD at public speaking.

By Zoey and Isabella




Children's Corner - Year 3 - Talk Time

HOW DO KIDNEYS WORK?

Introduction:
Hello everyone, today I will be talking about kidneys. I chose this topic because kidneys are an important organ in our body. I recently discovered that my Mum only has one kidney, so I thought it would be a great idea to learn more about the importance of our kidneys and share that with the class.

By Isabella E



This is the food we should eat all the time. **Healthy Choices!**
When we eat, the food travels through the body to the kidneys.

This is the position of the kidneys in our body. We all have 2 but can survive with only 1.

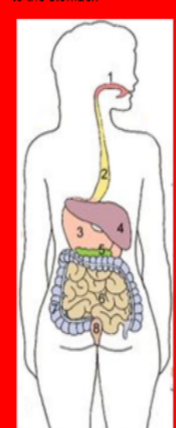
The kidney takes the vitamins, minerals and nutrients from the healthy food that we eat.

The kidneys extract all the bad stuff from your body and exit through our **URINE**.

In conclusion, kidneys are a really important part of our body because it keeps your blood clean and it helps you from getting sick by keeping all the good stuff in and the bad stuff out! So that is how kidneys work! Thank you!

THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- 1. MOUTH**
This is when food is chewed saliva starts digesting carbohydrates.
- 2. OESOPHAGUS**
Is a muscle that pushes the food down from the mouth to the stomach.
- 3. STOMACH**
This is where the food is mixed together with digestive juices.
- 4. LIVER**
This is where a green liquid called bile is stored to help break down fats.
- 5. PANCREAS**
Many kinds of digestive enzymes are made here.
- 6. SMALL INTESTINE**
Food is mixed with the juices from the liver and pancreas to continue to break down food.
- 7. LARGE INTESTINE**
Any food that the body can't use is sent to the large intestine and will later leave the body as waste.
- 8. RECTUM**
Solid waste that the body can't use anymore will pass from the rectum in order to leave the body.

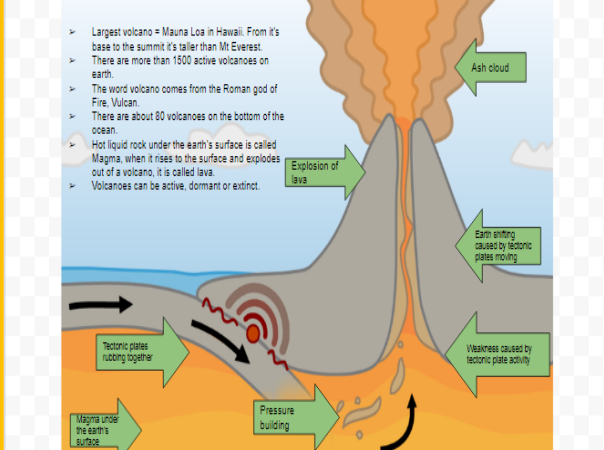


By Patrick H

HOW ARE VOLCANOES FORMED?

By Samuel F

- Largest volcano = Mauna Loa in Hawaii. From its base to the summit it's taller than Mt Everest.
- There are more than 1500 active volcanoes on earth.
- The word volcano comes from the Roman god of Fire, Vulcan.
- There are about 80 volcanoes on the bottom of the ocean.
- Hot liquid rock under the earth's surface is called Magma, when it rises to the surface and explodes out of a volcano, it is called lava.
- Volcanoes can be active, dormant or extinct.



Labels in diagram: Ash cloud, Explosion of lava, Earth erupting caused by tectonic plates moving, Weakness caused by tectonic plate activity, Pressure building, Magma under the earth's surface, Tectonic plates rubbing together.

How do rocks form?

By Daniel F

All rocks are made up of minerals. Geologists have found many minerals on Earth.

1. Igneous Rocks:

- Most of the rocks on our planet.
- Form deep inside the Earth.
- VERY HOT ROCK called Magma.
- Turns to Igneous rock when magma cools.

Labels in diagram: Obsidian forms when lava cools quickly above ground, Granite forms when magma cools slowly underground.

2. Sedimentary Rocks

- Broken into small pieces of sediment by wind, rain and ice.
- Builds up layers at the bottom of oceans and lakes.
- Minerals in water glue the rock together.

This is ONE way Sedimentary rocks are formed. Shale is made of layers of mud pressed together.

3. Metamorphic Rocks

- Rocks that have been changed from heating and squeezing.
- You can see the minerals in these rocks.

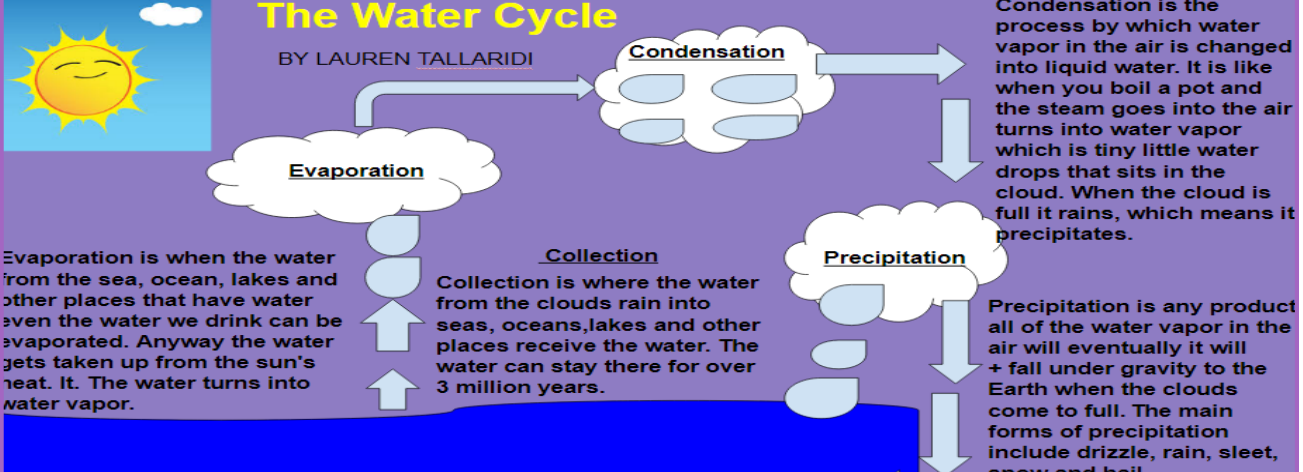
Labels in diagram: Sandstone (Sedimentary) becomes Quartzite.

ROCK CYCLE

Always Changing

The Water Cycle

BY LAUREN TALLARIDI



Evaporation
Evaporation is when the water from the sea, ocean, lakes and other places that have water even the water we drink can be evaporated. Anyway the water gets taken up from the sun's heat. It. The water turns into water vapor.

Condensation
Condensation is the process by which water vapor in the air is changed into liquid water. It is like when you boil a pot and the steam goes into the air turns into water vapor which is tiny little water drops that sits in the cloud. When the cloud is full it rains, which means it precipitates.

Precipitation
Precipitation is any product all of the water vapor in the air will eventually it will + fall under gravity to the Earth when the clouds come to full. The main forms of precipitation include drizzle, rain, sleet, snow and hail.

Collection
Collection is where the water from the clouds rain into seas, oceans, lakes and other places receive the water. The water can stay there for over 3 million years.

LEARNING MATTERS

MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM SOLVING

THE BAR MODEL METHOD

This week Miss Simone and I attended a workshop where we were introduced to an innovative way of approaching problem solving called the 'Bar Model Method'. This method is something we will be introducing to the Stage 3 children, although it will also be of benefit to children in other classes.

This method has been employed to great effect in Singapore and was presented to us by Soo Vei Li, who has worked for many years in Singapore and is now teaching in South Australia.

How it works

With the bar model method, children learn to solve word problems by drawing either part-whole or comparison models to represent the quantities given in a word problem. This model is aligned to the approach of beginning working with manipulatives (concrete materials), then moving on to pictorial representations, with a view to being able to tackle problems in an abstract fashion.

Concrete - Pictorial - Abstract

Here is an example of the method

Problem: 147 boys and 95 girls attended a concert. Find the total number of children who attended the concert.

After getting a sense of what the question is asking, the child will draw a bar model to represent the data:

Since there are 2 quantities (boys and girls), a bar with 2 parts is needed. There are more boys, so the part for boys will be longer:

Boys	Girls
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Now, the data from the problem is transferred into the model:

Boys	Girls
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(147)

(95)

Next, the unknown, or what needs to be found to reach the answer is highlighted:

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Boys	Girls
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(147)

(95)

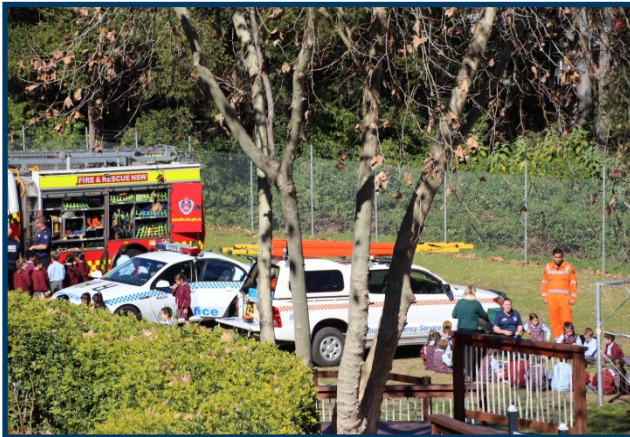
From the model, we can see that we need to add 147 and 95 to get the total. $147 + 95 = 242$

Finally, the answer is recorded: 242 children attended the concert together.

This is a simple example of how to apply this model, although it can be applied to more complex multistep problem solving situations. Our Stage 3 children will be experimenting with this method in Term 3, with other classes to begin working with it in the future.

Yesterday we had a special visit from the police, firefighters and SES. During the visit the children heard about the work they do, the equipment they use and even had the opportunity to ask questions. We were very excited about this special visit and will now be using this as a stimulus for our writing.

Another great day at school.



EXTRA CURRICULUM

ICAS UPDATE

Each year the University of New South Wales offer the opportunity to children from Years 2-9 to participate in an educational assessment program. These tests assess higher order thinking and problem solving skills.

In May, our students participated in a Digital Technologies & Science assessment. We congratulate all those who participated in these assessments. In particular, we would like to recognise the following students who achieved impressive results.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Takoda C, Nicholas L, Owen S, Timothy G

SCIENCE

Nicholas L, Owen S, Timothy G,
Bartosz L, Heidi S

We look forward to the English and Mathematics assessments in the coming months.

Lisa Gerrard
Assistant Principal



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2017

The Premiers Reading Challenge for students closes on Friday 25 August. This means that all student reading logs must be entered online by this date.

Congratulations to:

Caleb L (Kinder), Eamon B, Jacob L (Year 2), Kiara B, Takara C (Year 4), Caleb B, Madeleine R (Year 6) who have completed the reading challenge.
Well done!

STELLAR PERFORMING ART ACADEMY

Drama classes for students in Kindergarten to Year 3 began this week. For more information about this program please visit:

www.stellarperformingarts.com

LUCY H 28/7
ORLANDO V 29/7
JONATHAN F 31/7
RENEE T 1/8
JOHN P 4/8
MARISSA N 9/8



P&F NEWS

Canteen Snack Day

Canteen will be open at **morning tea** tomorrow Friday 28 July for children to purchase a snack.

Zooper Dooper ice blocks 70ml	50c
Apple slinky	50c
Popcorn	\$1
Passionfruit Sorbet	\$1.50
Chocolate Gelato	\$1.50
Muffins	\$1.50
Vege chips	\$1.50
Milo	\$1.50

STUDENT BANKING

A reminder that we have Student Banking every Friday morning from 8.30am.

LUNCH ORDERS

A reminder that Linda's Lunch orders need to be received to the office **no later than 9.30am on Wednesdays**.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN


St Bernadette's is registered for the Woolworths **EARN AND LEARN** program. Start collecting your stickers from 26th July to 19th September 2017, when you shop at Woolworths. There is a collection box in the breezeway or children can place them in their class message bags. At times Woolworths Carlingford Court may display the St Bernadette's Dundas Collection Box as well.

THANKYOU

Breakfast for lunch canteen was a fun way to end the term. We made a wonderful profit of \$292.75. Thankyou to all the parents who helped on the day. It was greatly appreciated as always.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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COME AND TRY DAY

Join us for a Sausage Sizzle

DATE: SUNDAY 30TH JULY
TIME: 2PM - 4PM
PLACE: MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
 BARCLAY RD, NORTH ROCK
 (BACK OVAL, UNDERCOVER IF RAINING)

NORTH ROCKS SOFTBALL

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SEMINAR – UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

Solo Parent Services are running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on “Understanding Family Law”. The sessions are presented by Beth Jarman an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

Tuesday 8th August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children’s needs.

Tuesday 22nd August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

Venue for both Sessions: 38 Prince St, Blacktown
 Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm Cost: \$7.00 per session.
Registration Essential: Contact Rita at Solo Parent Services - PH: 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



The **SBS NATIONAL LANGUAGES COMPETITION** is open now! We are glad to announce that all entries will be accepted starting **24 July until Friday 1 September, 2017.**

We’re calling out to all students **aged four to 18 years** across Australia who are learning a language other than English, to participate in the SBS National Languages Competition to celebrate a love of learning languages.

Entering the competition is as easy as the following steps:

Step 1: Log on to www.sbs.com.au/NLC17

Step 2: Upload the video (maximum 30 seconds) describing ‘*What learning a language means to you?*’ Remember, the video is to be in any language other than English! The more creative the better and entrants can choose to sing, enact, dress up in national costume, or simply describe their love for languages.

Step 3: Fill in the entry form providing accurate details where required in terms of name, age, school and contact details.

Step 4: Include a written script in English, translating the video content.

Entrants are categorised into four groups: Junior Primary (Aged 4 – 7); Primary (Aged 8 – 12); Junior High School (Aged 13 – 15); Senior High School (Aged 16 – 18).

There are **four grand prizes**, one winner from each age category, who will each receive an **iPad Pro 12.9 inch 256GB for the winner and one for their school**. The winner along with one guardian will also be invited to the **awards ceremony** to be held at **SBS in Sydney**; along with a full day pass for two to **Luna Park** in Sydney.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008! Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August. For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for ACYF? ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality, Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES:

Liturgical Ministry Courses begin again on Monday 7th August, 2017. For an application form please see your parish office. For more information contact The Office for Worship on 8838-3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS, ROUSE HILL 2017 FAMILY FIESTA: 6 AUGUST

The Parish Community of Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill invite you to come along to celebrate our Feast Day on Sunday, 6th August Commencing with Mass at 11:00am and a Marian Procession. Festivities commence at 1:00pm with exciting rides, international foods, market stalls, games and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display at 6:00pm. 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. For all enquiries: Parish Office 8883 4063

SANTA MARIA: MISSIONARY OF HISPANIC AMERICA: 13 AUGUST

The chaplaincies and the Hispanic Communities of NSW want to invite you to this celebration. Sunday 13th August 2017: Holy Rosary 9:30am and Holy Eucharist 10:30am. The Good Shepherd Parish Hall 130 Hyatts Road Plumpton NSW 2761. Special Guest: Arch Bishop from Coro, Venezuela - Monsignor Mariano Parra S. After Mass there will be a show and typical foods will be on sale. For more information contact Fr Luis Herrera on 9622 1125.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Volunteers in 2018. Is your work not the vocation you expected? Here is the living proof that you can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty and so create a more just world. Experience the satisfaction of one of the greatest contributions to human development that one can make. Palms volunteers have been doing this since 1961!

If you [inquire now](#) we can fit you into preparation for a 2018 placement.

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