



# St Bernadette's Primary School Newsletter

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**Term 3, Week 6**

**Thursday 24 August, 2017**

## ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 3 WEEKS 7 & 8

### Upcoming Events

#### **Tuesday, 29 August**

Father's Day Wrapping  
9:00am and 7:00pm

#### **Wednesday, 30 August**

Linda's Lunches due by  
9:30am  
Father's Day Stall

#### **Friday, 1 September**

Father's Day BBQ  
Breakfast 7:30am  
Open Classrooms 8:00am  
Student Banking 8:30am  
Whole School Mass 9:00am  
Assembly 2:15pm

#### **Monday, 4 September**

Captivate - Years 5&6

#### **Wednesday, 6 September**

Linda's Lunch orders due by  
9:30am  
St Pat's Sport Years 4-6

#### **Friday, 8 September**

Student Banking 8:30am  
Year 1 Mass

### Reminders

#### **Friday, 25 August**

**Student Banking Cancelled**  
Year 2 Mass  
Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

While the week beginning 3rd September is National Child Protection Week, every week really should be Child Protection Week. Here is some advice from the NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) website -



- \* "Being a parent can be challenging. Accept offers of help (especially the ones where cooked meals are involved!)"
- \* Link in with services that support you – Parent Groups and Playgroups can be fantastic.
- \* Parenting isn't always easy. Share your experiences and skills with other parents – it can help you realise that you are not alone!
- \* It's ok to reach out and ask for support, from family, friends, services, health professionals and so on.
- \* Discover what helps reduce your stress and assists you to best care for your children.
- \* Listen to your children and involve them in planning things as a family.
- \* Playing with children helps build a positive relationship and most of all it is fun!
- \* Take time out when you feel stressed or upset – look after yourself. Parenting can be positive notice the good times too.
- \* Make plans for enjoyable "family time" – this can help build close relationships.
- \* Parenting courses can help you be the best you can be.
- \* Celebrate your children, their achievements, values and interests and support them when times are tough. This will build a strong family that is loving and safe.
- \* Get involved in your community. Joining groups such as for sporting activities will help you and your children to have fun and meet people.
- \* Talk about safety with your children. Talk about what being unsafe might look and feel like at home, in their community, online or at school. Make plans about what to do if they feel unsafe.

Parents play their part to protect and care for children and young people in their community by showing how to have respectful relationships." We are blessed here at St Bernadette's because we have parents and teachers, who promote a safe, respectful learning environment based on Catholic values, where our children *Come to learn, live and love.*

**Wishing you God's blessings**

**Our attendance percentage to date is:**

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini - Principal

**92.7%**

# LITURGY ROSTER

<u>Friday, 25 August</u> (Year 2 Mass)	<u>Sunday 27 August</u> 9:30am	<u>Friday, 1 September</u> (Whole School Mass)	<u>Weekend Alter Servers</u> Saturday 2 September 5:30pm	<u>Weekend Alter Servers</u> Sunday 3 September 9:30am
Marc B, Sophia N, Matias C	Marc B, Riley C	Nicholas C, Jonathan F, Bartosz L, Lucas R, Xavier R	Emily H, Marc B, Jonathan F	Justine M

Simone Farago - Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

## RE NEWS

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW - Sunday, 27 Aug 2017:

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Mt 16:13-20

**You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.**

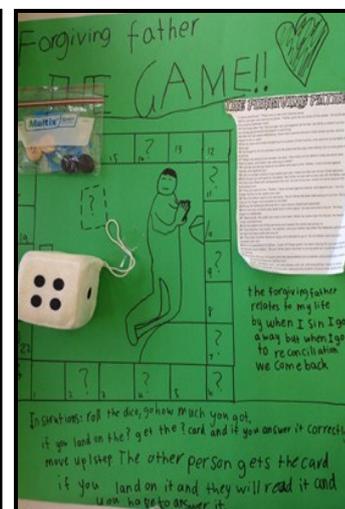
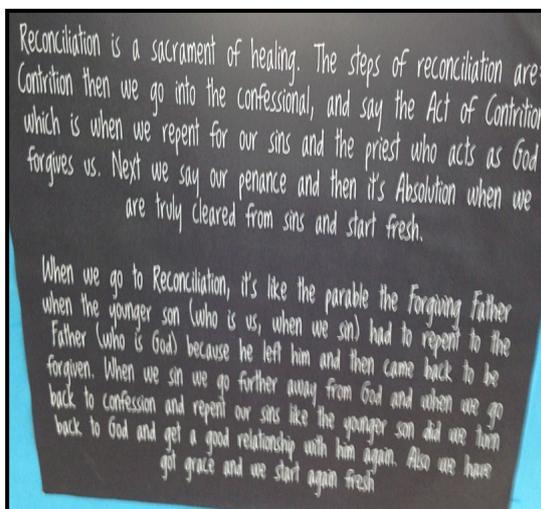
The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being. © Richard Leonard SJ.

The gospel echoes another elevation of the Lord's servant, Simon Peter, whom Jesus bestows the name Peter, the rock on which he build his Church. Peter is given not keys of an earthly authority but the keys of the kingdom of heaven for "whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loose in heaven". Peter is called to be the master of the palace in the ekklesia. In this way Peter was called to be more than just the Chief Rabbi in the Church for his decisions are accepted in heaven. SVDP Goodworks May-August 2017.

## RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Year 4 have worked extremely hard on the Religious Literacy Assessment Part B over the course of this term. This required them completing a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, **Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing**. The students demonstrated their understanding by answering questions and creating a presentation, such as board games, magazines, dioramas, slide shows and iMovies. Well done Year 4 on your effort and creativity!

In the coming week Year 4 and Year 6 students will complete Part A of the Religious Literacy Assessment. This is an online computer test with questions related to their learning in Religious Education.





Please keep in your prayers the Cadman family on the loss of their son Julian in Barcelona. We pray that God's mercy and healing grace support this family and all those who have tragically lost their lives or were seriously hurt. Eternal rest grant unto Julian O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. ***May he rest in peace.***

The Holy See sets aside this Sunday 27 August, as a special commemoration for Refugees and Migrants. This is the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

*"Lastly, I wish to address a word to you, who walk alongside migrant children and young people: they need your precious help. The Church too needs you and supports you in the generous service you offer. Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable."*

***Message of His Holiness Pope Francis For the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017 [15 January 2017]***

## SCHOOL NEWS

# NAPLAN

Last week parents of children in Years 3 and 5 received their child's Naplan results from testing in May. While this assessment is important, parents are reminded that it is but a snapshot of their child's learning for that time.

These results do show however, that St Bernadette's Primary school continues to perform well. In all aspects of literacy and numeracy, our school average was above the national average. This is great feedback for the wonderful program of work being offered here at St Bernadette's Primary school.

During the upcoming weeks the staff will be analysing these results more closely, identifying areas where we are doing well and any areas where we can help improve the children's learning even further, so that we will continue to grow and improve. This data will then help inform what will be our future learning goals.

## NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TESTS

NAPLAN is slowly moving from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment. In preparation for this, students in Year 3 and Year 5 at St Bernadette's will be taking part in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests.

Please do not confuse this with the actual NAPLAN assessment, which was held last term.

The NAPLAN Online tests help inform our school and Testing Authorities on the technical readiness for these assessments to take place. In other words, they are a test of the test, not a test of your child's learning.

Our students will be taking part in the NAPLAN Online testing during the week beginning 4 September 2017.

For further information regarding the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test, please refer to this website

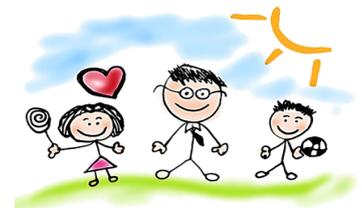
<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2017cedpnapanonlinereadiness/information-for-parents>

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD			
KINDER Anna M	YEAR 1 Louis B	YEAR 2 Cody M	YEAR 3 Ella G
			
YEAR 4A Takara C	YEAR 4L Khaled H	YEAR 5 John P	YEAR 6 Angelica C

## SAVE THE DATE - Father's day Celebrations

### FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

- 7:30am Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
- 8:00-8:30am Class visits
- 9:00am Whole School Mass
- 2:15pm Assembly



## LEARNING MATTERS

### PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

Come learn about various aspects of Mathematics and Literacy.

**When:** Wednesday 30 August  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** Year 4 Room



### RSVP

If you are interested in attending this event please book online by going to:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

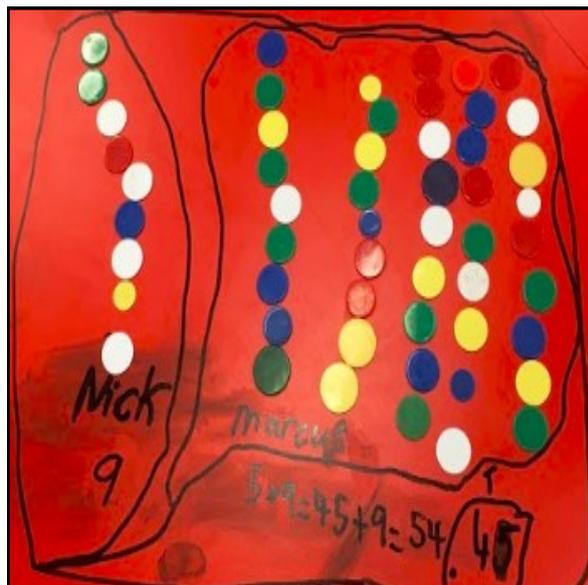
Simply enter the code: **ch66z**  
 and then press **GO**

*We are looking forward to a great night and hope to see you there!*

## - ARRAYS - HELPING CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE 'TIMES AS MANY' CONCEPT

When working with problems, arrays are a helpful tool for children to develop a deeper understanding of place value and multiplicative strategies. Children can use counters for this, which also helps them see a quantity for what it is, rather than in digit form.

The example below is where Marcus receives 5 times as many cards as Nick.



Often, children will immediately see **'times as many'** and a total, thus making the assumption that these need to be divided. In this case, this would lead to the child attempting to divide 54 by 5, which would be difficult, lead to a remainder, and of course be incorrect.

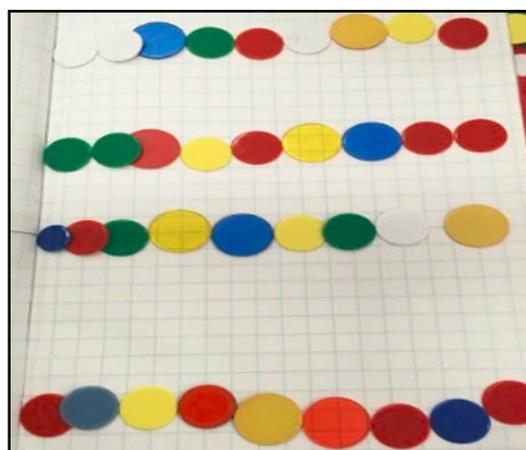
Another example which many children struggle with was the simpler:

Marcus received 3 times as many cards as Nick. There are 36 cards in total.

In this case, the given numbers 3 and 36 are recognisable as a multiplication fact to many children, many of whom immediately divided the numbers for an answer of 12.

The example below shows another way of how modelling the problem can help to overcome this misconception:

By being able to see the **'times as many'** allocated, many children can overcome this misconception.





## Children's Corner - Year 1



### INFORMATION REPORT WRITING

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about possums. We have also been learning how to write information reports using facts and paragraphs on what they look like, what they eat and what they do. We hope you enjoy our information reports on possums!

*Possums are marsupials. Marsupials are mammals that keep their babies in their pouch.*

*Possums have sharp claws to help them climb trees. They come in lots of different colours such as brown grey and black. Possums have pointy ears and teeth. They have thick and woolly fur.*

*Possums eat dry eucalyptus leaves and grasses and herbs and flowers and fruit and insects. They eat fruit such as apples, pears, bananas and squash.*

*Possums climb trees and they also live in trees and in peoples roof tops and in peoples gardens.*

*Possums are wild animals and for that reason do not make good pets. They are not dangerous but it is best to not frighten them.*

**By Lucy**

*Possums are marsupials. Marsupials are mammals that have a pouch.*

*Possums have long bushy tails. They have very sharp teeth they also have sharp claws and sometimes they can cut you with their sharp claws. Possums have small beady eyes and it is like as small as a pin. They also have furry skin like a teddy.*

*Possums eat corn, celery, fruit and vegetables. They also eat some corn and eucalyptus leaves and some grasses and squash.*

*Possums climb trees with their very sharp claws. They also make loud screechy noises.*

*A possum would not make a good pet.*

**By Raphael**

*Possums are marsupials. Marsupials are mammals that keep their babies in there pouch so they don't fall out.*

*Possums have woolly and thick fur so they don't get cold. Possums have big eyes.*

*Possums climb trees. Possums live in trees. Possums live in peoples roofs. Possums do not make good pets.*

*Possums are wild animals. Possums are dangerous and you should keep your distance from them.*

**By Brydie**

*Possums are marsupials. Marsupials are mammals. A male possum is called a Jack and a female possum is called a Jill. A baby possum is called a Joey.*

*Possums have fur and beady eyes also they have bushy tails. Possums eat corn, carrots, and fruit. Possums climb trees and live in trees. They also do other things.*

*Possums are not good pets.*

**By Gabriel**

*Possums are marsupials. Marsupials are mammals that have a pouch to keep there babies safe.*

*Possums can climb trees. They also can grip branches and climb fences and roofs.*

*Possums can eat eucalyptus leaves. They can also eat fruit and vegetables and corn.*

*Possums have big and beady eyes and also have powerful sharp teeth.*

*Possums make bad pets.*

**By Sarah**

## EXTRA CURRICULUM

# NETBALL GALA DAY



With great excitement we made our way out to Jamison Park at Penrith on Tuesday 22 August to spend a fun-filled day playing netball, umpiring, coaching and supporting our teams!

We had eight teams take the court and once again our children played exceptionally well, representing St Bernadette's in a positive manner. They displayed true sportsmanship by congratulating their opponents and thanking the umpires at the conclusion of each game.



A sincere thank you to our wonderful coaches and umpires. Your time and effort devoted to making the day a success is truly appreciated.

Imogen Harrigan & Dan Burbridge - Year 6 Coaches  
 Madison Crofft & Lara Fochesato - Year 5 Coaches  
 Ella Brown & Emily Tsiqounis - Year 4 Coaches  
 Sophie Hunter, Kate Hunter & Beth Nilan - Year 3 Coaches  
 A special thanks to Imogen and and Sophie for umpiring as well.





# VOICE OF YOUTH

On Friday 18th August Year 6 attended the Voice of Youth Cluster Final at St Monica's North Parramatta. Sophia N, Nicholas C and Lucy B represented St Bernadette's with their excellent engaging speeches -

'Difference is Beautiful'  
 'The Universal Food of Happiness'  
 'Stuck in the Middle'

Our school is very proud of their hard work leading up to the day and great speech performance.

We congratulate Nicholas whose speech was the winner on the day and will move on to the next level which will take place later this term.

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2017

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

*Congratulations to:*

Youssef E (Kinder), Ian B (Year 1), Jon E (Year 6) who have completed the reading challenge. Well done!

**YOUSSEF E - 25/8**  
**MARIE-ELISE - 27/8**  
**AVA M - 28/8**  
**DAMON - 28/8**  
**RYAN R - 28/8**



**ISABELLE E - 28/8**  
**SARAH H - 30/8**  
**GABRIELLA V - 31/8**  
**OLIVER M - 3/9**  
**MELANIE M - 3/9**

## P&F NEWS

### P & F DATES



**Tuesday 29 August**  
 Father's Day Wrapping of Gifts 9:00am and 7:00pm

**Wednesday 30 August**  
 Father's Day Stall



## SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

I think we would all agree that this year's movie night was full of fun, laughter and plenty of food. The P & F would like to firstly thank all of the teachers for staying at school to supervise the children. Secondly to all of the parent helpers, these school events cannot happen without your help so thank you. To Jenni and Alex for spending countless hours organising the night and picking up the pizzas (leaving your car smelling of pizza for weeks to come), again the night would not have happened without all of your efforts. Thank you Jenni. A profit of \$125.30 was made from the night. *(The P&F Committee)*



Movie Night





Help us collect Woolworths **EARN AND LEARN** stickers, when you shop at Woolworths.

Please place stickers on the marked squares on the collection sheet NOT on the edges, as these unfortunately can't be counted.

There is a collection box in the Breezeway or children can place them in their class message bags. There is also a St Bernadette's Dundas Collection Box at Woolworths Carlingford Court and in our Church foyer. Thank you.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Chisholm Cottage is a four bedroom accommodation house in Westmead operated specifically to offer comfortable, affordable accommodation to people from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney. Chisholm Cottage is operated by the Sisters of Charity Outreach. We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist with housekeeping, laundry and front office duties including washing, ironing, taking guest reservations and welcoming guests. Are you interested in volunteering for either morning shifts from 9:30am to 1:00pm or afternoon from 1:30pm to 4:00pm? Please contact: The Volunteer Co-ordinators, (02) 832 6432. <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/>

### **JOURNEYING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION**

Members and supporters are invited to attend the launch of a year-long Journey being initiated by the Parramatta Catholic Diocese ... *"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection"*

The aim of our Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The Journey will be launched by Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. Date: Sunday 27 August 2017. Time: from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Venue: at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham Street Seven Hills.

Special Guest Speaker at the Launch will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services. To assist with catering, those wishing to attend are asked to please register at [register here](#) or by telephoning the Diocesan Social Justice Office on 02-8838 3461.

### **ST PATRICK'S QUARTER**

The Diocese of Parramatta is to begin major planning on a new multi-stage project known as St Patrick's Quarter around the St Patrick's Cathedral precinct in Parramatta. The project will consist of a new Parramatta CBD school, new Diocesan building and a new residential and commercial complex. Further information, please visit [www.stpatricksqarter.org](http://www.stpatricksqarter.org) or email [comms@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:comms@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE: 4 SEPTEMBER**

*'Your Journey, Your Song'* - This day of reflection is an invitation to explore and celebrate the power of music and song in engaging us with our God. All are welcome. No previous singing or musical experience is required!

Date: Saturday 9 September 10:00am-3:30pm. Facilitator: Beth Riolo and Marianne Patton. Cost: \$30.00. Morning Tea provided; BYO lunch. Bookings by: Monday 4 September. email: [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) Phone: 02 9484 6208 Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

### College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday September 6, 2017

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

TELOPEA CONNECTIONS PRESENTS

# TELOPEA COMMUNITY FAIR

BE ACTIVE. JOIN IN. TAKE PART.

Jasmine Blake - Year 2 - Telopea Public School.

**TELOPEA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
CHESTNUT AVE TELOPEA

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**  
10AM - 2PM

For any enquiries please contact Keith Reynolds Ph: 95844250

Telopea Connections is a Collaboration between various services, groups and government agencies that serve Telopea/Curdahville/Margaret/Rydalmere area.



## catholic out of school hours care

### **CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES**

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

#### **COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:**

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

#### **FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:**

##### **1. Christmas Closure**

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

##### **2. January Vacation Care**

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

##### **3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs**

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.