



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1, WEEK 10 - 5 APRIL 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....



Dear Parents,

*Jesus has given us new life
Jesus has given us new hope
Jesus has given us a new heart*

The Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that the Easter experience brings our whole existence into focus. It calls us all to look inward and ask ourselves - whose table are we willing to share a meal and break bread with? Whose feet are we prepared to wash? Our moment of Grace will come when we accept the invitation of Jesus to 'Love One Another'. At that moment we change, we grow, simply because at that moment God is truly at work within us.

May the joy of the Easter season continue to remind us to look for Jesus in others ... our neighbours, our friends and our relatives. May we always remember the great love Jesus showed for us, by dying on the cross. Let us all try to share this love, this hope and a 'new heart' through our words and actions.

Last week our children shared their reflections and learnings of Holy Week. I'd like to congratulate the children on their insights of this very important time.



As this is the last newsletter for the term, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Wishing you God's blessings

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal



Our attendance percentage to date is: 94.5%

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REMINDERS

TOMORROW
FRIDAY 6 APRIL

School Banking
8:30am

Whole School Mass
9:00am
Year 4

Assembly
2:30pm

Friday 13 April is the last day of Term 1.


Term 2 will commence for students on Tuesday 1 May 2018.

We hope you have a happy and safe break.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK 11

<u>WEEK 11</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>11 APRIL</u> * Linda's Lunches due 9:30am	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>12 APRIL</u> * Canteen Lunch Rice Meal Deal	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>13 APRIL</u> * School Banking * Mass & Reconciliation Year 6 * LAST DAY OF TERM 1
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LITURGY ROSTER

<u>SCHOOL</u> <u>MASSES</u>	<u>Friday 6 April</u> <u>Whole School</u> <u>Mass Year 4</u> Xavier R, Lucas R, Liam M, Justine M	<u>Friday 13 April</u> <u>Class Mass &</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Year 6</u> Bartosz L, Xavier R, Lucas R.	
<u>WEEKEND</u> <u>MASSES</u>	<u>Saturday 7 April</u> <u>6:00pm</u> Brandon N	<u>Sunday 8 April</u> <u>8:00am</u> Daniel M <u>Sunday 8 April</u> <u>9:30am</u> Lucas R, Liam M, Sam F	<u>Saturday 14 April</u> <u>6:00pm</u> Liam M, Justine M, Brandon N
			<u>Sunday 15 April</u> <u>8:00am</u> Rick A, Sam F. <u>Sunday 15 April</u> <u>9:30am</u> Daniel M, Xavier R, Jeremy F

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, April 8 2018: **Second Sunday of Easter - (Divine Mercy Sunday)** - Year B

John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us last Thursday to view the student's mini RLAs/PBLs. The students and staff greatly appreciated the time you gave as we reflected on the events of Holy Week.

Congratulations to all students on their very creative and meaningful tasks.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Whole School Mass - Led by Year 6

We invite you all to join us on **Friday May 11 (Week 2)** at our whole school Mass to celebrate St Bernadette's Feast Day and St Bernadette Awards.

Mary Elliott
Religious Education Co-Ordinator



SCHOOL NEWS

2018 NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

Term 1

Concludes Friday 13th April

School Holidays: Saturday, 14 April 2018 - Monday, 30 April 2018

Term 2

Monday, 30 April - Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 1 May 2018 - All students resume school



These dates were correct at the time of printing.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

In Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform depending on the weather, but not a mixture of uniforms.

In Week 3, Term 2 we ask that all students be in full winter uniform.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packages are available now for children starting school in 2019. If you have a child or know of any children who are beginning school next year, please let their parents know that enrolment packages are available at the school office or website. <http://www.stbernadettesdundas.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now>

Sibling Expression of Interest

Families who already have a child at St Bernadette's and who wish to enrol a sibling into Kindergarten in 2019 are asked to contact the school office and an enrolment pack will be sent to you or you can download a copy from the school website. We ask that all completed forms be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs Lisa Gerrard will be away on leave for the first three and a half weeks of next term. During this time Mrs Mary Elliott will be Acting Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs Gerrard a happy and safe time.

GYMNASTICS - INVITATION TO ATTEND

All parents and carers are invited to attend their child's gymnastics lesson in Week 11.

Please refer to the following lesson times.

Class	Time
Year 5 and 6	9:00 - 9:40
Year 1 and 2	9:40 - 10:20
Kindergarten	10:20 - 11:00
Year 3 and 4	11:30 - 12:10

ATTENDANCE

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Our target is for at least 90% attendance for each student. A big congratulations to Year 6 for maintaining 100% of children reaching our target and to Year 4 for a big improvement in their attendance, congratulations!



Kindergarten - 95.8% Year 1 - 96.1% Year 2 - 92.4% Year 3 - 87.5%

Year 4 - 92.5% Year 5 - 96.8% Year 6 - 100%

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all the families who have paid this term's fees or who have committed to a part payment arrangement. Term 1 School Fees are now overdue and reminder letters will be sent home to families from the Catholic Education Office. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY & POSTBILLPAY. If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2018 school fees please contact our finance secretary, Mrs Hala Haddad.



We are searching for helpers!

A final callout to all parents who have not yet sent in their availability for our Primary Parent Reading Program.

Just jot down a day that you are able to give 30 minutes (9:00 - 9:30am), your name and children's names/grades.

Once we have a few more helpers we will be able put together a timetable ready to begin next term.

Thanking all the parents who have responded already and we look forward to a few more volunteers in the coming week.

***Lisa Gerrard
Assistant Principal***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nicolas L - 7/4	Joshua J - 8/4	Jessie E - 9/4 Georga E - 9/4	Sam G - 12/4 Alexander C - 12/4
Stevania F - 20/4	Alvin J - 22/4	Lachlan B - 24/4	Lucas N - 27/4
Youran D - 27/4	Cleo G - 27/4	Matthew M - 28/4	

Tips for holiday reading.....

I'm always looking for interesting ideas when it comes to keeping children engaged in reading even when they are not at school. A site called Oxford Owls offered these ideas from a teacher named Dawn Hallybone to encourage our older readers.

She suggests:

1. Visit your local library

Encourage your child to choose books relating to a topic that they're really interested in. Librarians are a good source of information for popular books and most libraries also run schemes and competitions during the holidays as well as having a range of activities that your child can join in with - so use them!

2. Internet fun

Use the internet to search out author blogs and sites, book previews and trailers as well as general articles or reports on books. Many websites have great ideas and links to suitable topics to engage and encourage older readers. Try [CBBC](#) or [YouTube](#) for a preview of a Horrible Histories book. Visit the [Oxford Owl Library](#) for a range of free eBooks that will appeal to older children.

3. Out and about

When travelling, encourage your child to help when reading directions, looking out for road signs and talking about how long they have to travel or how far they have left. Reading timetables is also a great skill for them to develop - bus, train and tube - and will encourage their independence as well. [Boys](#) often particularly enjoy this.

4. Cooking

If your child likes to cook, encourage them to read the instructions in recipes and plan for what is needed. Some fun ones include Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (Puffin), The Silver Spoon for Children, Jamie Oliver and school dinner lady Nora Sands' Nora's Kitchen (Collins), or Grow it, Eat it (RHS and Dorling Kindersley). But if you don't know these, any will do.

5. Shopping

When doing your weekly shop, encourage your child to help with the shopping by writing and reading the list as well as finding products in store or online. If they need new school shoes or new school uniform, get them to do some research online first to make the trip to the shops more efficient. [Boys](#) may respond particularly well to this idea and it's all good reading practice.

6. In the news

Encourage your child to read newspapers and find out what is going on in the world. Try [First News](#), a children's paper aimed at 7-14 year olds, or [CBBC Newsround online](#), as a change from television. You may want to be around if stories are of a sensitive nature, but talk to your child about what they have read. Use local papers to read about local events.

7. Holiday online scrapbook

Suggest making an up-to-date scrapbook online, using a blog [www.blogger.com](#) that enables your child to upload pictures of their holiday and write about their experiences which can then be shared with family and friends and even the wider world. You may want to check the site your child is using for safety.

8. Creating

If your child enjoys making up their own stories, encourage this by using [www.storybird.com](#) to help them design their own picture book. The site was started for families so is well monitored and very safe. The professional-looking end product can be printed in a proper hardback book for your child to keep and share with others.

9. Sharing

If your child is reading a chapter book, consider reading the same book at the same time – this gives you the chance to compare your impressions of the book and talk about the plot. Ask your child questions, e.g. Which character they liked best, who would they like to be? Ask them to write you a short quiz about the book to check you've read it properly!

10. Relaxing

Help your child create a 'reading and dreaming' place in your home. This could be a window seat with comfy cushions, an indoor pop-up tent with a cosy blanket, or even a corner in a garden shed with a seat. Let the rest of the family know that if your child is in her/his special place they should try not to disturb them. You may even get some peace then too!

Happy Reading!!

Lisa Gerrard
Assistant Principal



PBS4L

We are engaging in a program to create a climate of both academic and behavioural success as we recognise that effective teaching and learning takes place in a setting of respect and responsibility.

Consequently, the school is involved in the Positive Behaviour Strategies For Learning (PBS4L). The first step of this journey was for the staff to create a Statement of Purpose.

To provide a safe and respectful environment where children come to learn, live and love and are empowered to grow as valued members of the community.

We will keep you updated along our PBS4L journey as we come to learn, live and love.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS Congratulations!

KINDERGARTEN Lily-Rose C	YEAR 1 Elena M	YEAR 2 Isla M	YEAR 3 Francesco M
YEAR 4 Eloise S	YEAR 5 Daniel B	YEAR 6 Justine M	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, throughout the year we will be sharing with you what we are doing in class in regards to unpacking Scripture passages. We as a school are using the Parramatta CEO model, the 'Senses of Scripture', which is broken down into 3 areas, Literal, Spiritual and Application. Today here is a breakdown of this Sunday's Gospel John 20:19-31 using the 'Senses of Scripture'.

John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Senses of Scripture

<p>Literal Who? What? Where? When? Retell the story, events.</p>	<p>Spiritual How does it reveal Jesus? God? Holy Spirit? What Sacraments are present? Can I identify Catholic values? How does it lead me to Heaven?</p>	<p>Application What does it call me to do in my life? How can I love God and Jesus more? How can I love my neighbour more?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Evening of the first day of the week * the disciples were there * Jesus stood among them * 'Peace be with you' * He showed them his hands and his side * Disciples were filled with joy * Thomas, one of the Twelve * Doubted * Unless I see the holes in his hands * Put my hand into his side * Doubt no longer but believe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Jesus/Lord * 'As the Father sent me * 'Peace be with you' * Receive the Holy Spirit * We have seen the Lord * Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God * Reconciliation * Confirmation * CV 5: Sacramentality * CV 6: Reconciliation * CV 7: Hope and Resurrection * Happy are we - blessed are we - who have not been seen and yet still believe! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be a peacemaker * Forgive others * Go to Reconciliation * By believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God we will have life through his name

CHILDREN'S CORNER

YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about how similes can help us to describe. Here are some that we have written ourselves.

I am as brave as a pirate on the seven seas.

By Sarah

My dad is as angry as a gorilla in the jungle.

By Stevania

Gabriel kicked the ball as high as the MLC Centre.

By Alex

The giraffe was as tall as a tree branch in the forest.

By Sofia

I am as lucky as a mouse with a piece of cheese.

By Johnluke

My Drone is as black as ash from a fireplace.

By Louis

My friend Andre is as funny as a clown in the circus.

By Mikaella

The lollipop is as sweet as a pot of honey.

By Kaitlyn

The chair used to be as hard as a lump of wood in the forest but now its as soft as cotton candy.

By Veronica

The lion was as noisy as a bunch of kids screaming.

By Ian

The hippo was as happy as a kid at Flip Out.

By Maddison

My paper plane flies as fast as a jet and as high as Sydney Tower.

By Daniel

The t-shirt was as blue as the sky on a clear, sunny day.

By Kayla

The car and motorbike were as fast as a jet plane winning a race.

By Brandon

My mum is as happy as a monkey in the zoo.

By Addison Rose

My mum was as angry as the very cranky bear.

By Anthony

My pet dog is as annoying as lots of bull ants biting your toes.

By Renee

My parents are as soft as cotton candy.

By Gabriel

My bunny is as soft as fairy floss spinning.

By Isabelle

My writing is as neat as a person writing on a computer.

By Sonia

I am as glad as a monkey with a bunch of bananas.

By Lucy

My bed is as soft as a cloud in the sky.

By Gabriella

The sun is as hot as an burning campfire.

By Isla

I am as happy as a monkey having a banana.

By Raphael

The lions teeth were as sharp as a knife that can cut through a hard carrot.

By Brydie

EXTRA CURRICULUM

NSWCPS Swimming Carnival

We had two of our children attend the NSWCPS Swimming Carnival held on Wednesday 21st March at Sydney Aquatic Centre.

It was an impressive meet and both children did extremely well in their races.

Congratulations to:

Heidi S and Marcus K

Marcus came sixth overall in his 50m Freestyle race.

A special congratulations to Heidi S who successfully qualified for the NSWPSA Swimming Carnival attaining three gold medals and one silver.

Heidi S will be swimming in the Under 9 Girls 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly next week. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her day!



P & F NEWS



CANTEEN DAY RICE MEAL DEAL Thursday 12 April 2018



A meal will be provided to all of the students who returned their order slips along with their payment. Any students who did not return their note will not receive a meal on the day and will need to bring their own lunch.

April 3 was the last day for collecting Coles vouchers. Thank you to all our generous families and friends of St Bernadette's for collecting so many vouchers for our school. We will be enjoying some fabulous sports equipment once these are all tallied up.

Please send any remaining vouchers into school as soon as possible so that we can send these vouchers off before the end of the term.



2nd HAND UNIFORM

St Bernadette's run a 2nd hand clothing pool managed by a school parent. If you require any items, please text Cathy Nagy 0416 048 169 providing name (of student or parent), size, item and quantity. The items will then be pulled out of stock and held in the school office. A text message will be sent advising what's available and when it's ready for collection. Please pay directly at the school office.

Tracksuit Pants - \$5	Girls Winter Tunic - \$15	Boys Winter Pants - \$10	Boys and Girls Ties - \$2
Jackets - \$10	Girls Winter Shirts - \$5	Boys Winter Shirts - \$5	Hats - \$2
Sport shorts and shirts - \$5	Girls Summer Dresses - \$10	Boys Summer shorts and shirts - \$5	School Bag - \$10 Excursion Bag/Library Bag - \$2

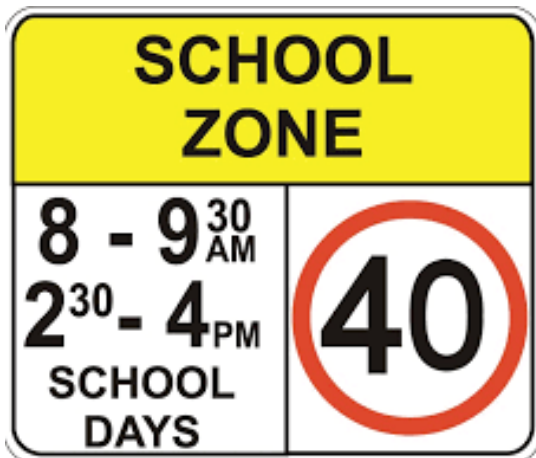
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mother's Group - starting Term 2

Do you have a baby, toddler or preschooler at home?
If so, you are most welcome to bring them along to our brand new Mother's group!
We'll be meeting every Monday during term time from 9:30am till 11:00am.
Starting Monday 7th May (Week 2 of Term 2) in the Hall.

Come along for a morning cuppa and a chat while your little ones play.
It's a great way to meet other mums, get out of the house and keep the kids occupied.
If you have any questions please call Margaret on 0424 756 449.





A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

The latest City of Parramatta School Holidays program is here! Check out the list of upcoming activities in April.

For more information, visit the link below

<https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-school-holidays>

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lecture Series

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm. Dates: Friday April 6, Friday April 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

Be part of history at St Luke's Marsden Park: 8 April

Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta and beyond are invited to attend the first Mass at Marsden Park on Sunday, April 8. Mass will be held at St Luke's Catholic College (enter carpark via Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park). Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the celebrant for this first Mass which will commence at 10:00am. Bishop Vincent has appointed Deacon Tony Hoban as the Pastoral Director for the new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community. Deacon Tony and his wife Annette look forward to welcoming many people to join them for this historic occasion. Marsden Park is on Richmond Road between Blacktown and Windsor. Further details are on the St Luke's website: stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au or via [facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark) or by calling 02 8605 2623.

The Feast of Divine Mercy: 8 April

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3:00pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

Positions Vacant

Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For further information, please visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au