



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1, WEEK 6 - 8 MARCH 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear families of St Bernadette's,



This week is Catholic Schools Week, where Catholic schools celebrate what makes them such a special place for your children to learn and grow in faith. St Bernadette's is a wonderful example of faith and learning in action. The students, staff and community are always striving to make this school a place of learning, of critical and creative thinking and of care and compassion for others.

Catholic Schools Week is our school's Education Week. Our school will be celebrating by having a Whole School Mass on Friday 9 March. Then grandparents and parents are invited to visit classrooms and join us for morning tea in the hall.

Later that day we have some surprises for the children to celebrate the 60th Birthday of the school.

We love sharing and celebrating the wonderful teaching and learning that we are doing at St Bernadette's Primary School!

I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

Wishing you God's blessings

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal



**Our attendance
percentage to date is:
91.2%**

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REMINDER - TOMORROW 9 MARCH
No School Assembly

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 7 AND 8

<u>WEEK 7</u>	<u>MONDAY</u> <u>12 MARCH</u> * Open Morning for prospective families	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>14 MARCH</u> * Linda's Lunches due 9:30am	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>15 MARCH</u> * Gymnastics	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>16 MARCH</u> * School Banking 8:30am * Mass Year 2 9:00am * St Patrick's Morning Tea * Assembly 2:30pm
<u>WEEK 8</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>21 MARCH</u> * Linda's Lunches due 9:30am * School Cross Country Years 2-6	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>22 MARCH</u> * Gymnastics	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>23 MARCH</u> * School Banking 8:30am * Mass Year 1 9:00am * Assembly 2:30pm

LITURGY ROSTER

SCHOOL MASSES	<u>Friday 9 March</u> <u>Whole School Mass</u> Lucas R, Liam M, Brandon N, Isabella E-R, Jessica E	<u>Friday 16 March</u> <u>Class Mass Year 2</u> Bartosz L, Samuel F, Emily H	<u>Friday 23 March</u> <u>Class Mass Year 1</u> Justine M, Rick A, Samuel F
WEEKEND MASSES	<u>Saturday 10 March</u> <u>6:00pm</u> Daniel M, Rick A, Jessica E <u>Saturday 17 March</u> <u>6:00pm</u> Bartosz L, Justine M, Isabella E-R	<u>Sunday 11 March</u> <u>8:00am</u> Liam M <u>Sunday 11 March</u> <u>9:30am</u> Samuel F, Jeremy F, Justine M	<u>Sunday 18 March</u> <u>8:00am</u> Brandon N, Rick A <u>Sunday 18 March</u> <u>9:30am</u> Daniel M, Lucas R



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Misitano and Mazzafero Families on the loss of their great grandfather. He passed over the weekend at 104 years of age. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the Owen Family on the loss of their grandmother. May they rest in peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, March 11 2018: Fourth Sunday of Lent- Year B

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

The Gospel of John suggests that following God is a journey in the light. Within this relationship we are drawn out of the darkness but through the brokenness of humanity we tend to return. As we continue to prepare for the coming of the light of Easter may we deepen our relationship with the God of light through our “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” not just for our own sight but that we may shine out for others struggling in the dark. © *SVDP Spiritual Reflection Guide - good works*

Catholic Schools Week and St Bernadette's 60th Birthday

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is 'Every Learner, Every Day: Transforming Lives', a theme strongly focused on learning for all students. As we reflect on this theme 'Every Learner, Every Day: Transforming Lives' we also acknowledge and celebrate the 60th birthday of St Bernadette's Primary School and think of how St Bernadette's has helped to shape and transform the lives of hundreds of students, staff members and families who have passed through our gates. We thank God for all who have been a part of this journey and ask for His continual blessing on all of us.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

*We invite you all to join us tomorrow, Friday March 9 when we celebrate our school's 60th Birthday and Catholic Schools Week.
Year 5 will lead our Whole School Mass.*

Mary Elliott
Religious Education Co-Ordinator



SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



*The theme for this year is
'Every Learner - Every Day':
Transforming Lives*

Come join us celebrate Catholic Schools Week and our 60th Birthday.

Friday 9th March - Whole school Mass at 9:00am

All parents and grandparents are welcome

10:00am Class room visits, followed by Morning Tea in the Hall
The 60th Birthday celebrations will continue for the children.

Monday 12th March - 10:00am - Open Morning
for perspective families looking to enroll their child
in Kindergarten 2019

2018 NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

Term 1

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

Term 2

Tuesday 1 May 2018 - Friday, 6 July 2018 (10 weeks)

School Holidays Saturday, 7 July 2018 - Sunday, 22 July 2018

Term 3

Monday, 23 July 2018 - Friday, 28 September 2018 (10 weeks)

School Holidays Saturday, 29 September 2018 - Sunday, 14 October 2018

Term 4

Monday, 15 October 2018 - Wednesday, 19 December 2018 (10 weeks)



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED

These dates were correct at the time of printing.

OPEN DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

Prospective families are invited to attend our Open Day for Kindergarten 2019 on Monday 12 March 2018 at 10:00am.

This will involve a presentation about our school followed by a tour of our school and Kindergarten classroom.

St Bernadette's is now accepting enrolments for 2019.

Enrolment packages are now available in the office for Kindergarten 2019, or can be downloaded from our school website.

OPEN MORNING

St Bernadette's
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learn Live and Love

DATE: Monday 12th March 2018
TIME: 10:00am - 10:45am

Enrolment Packages are available from the School Office or can be downloaded from our website - www.stbernadettesdundas.parra.catholic.edu.au

WHERE: St Bernadette's Primary School
Cox Cres, Dundas Valley

For further information - ph: 8846 2600

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN Amelia L	YEAR 1 Anna M	YEAR 2 Daniel J	YEAR 3 Jada N
YEAR 4 Jessica M	YEAR 5 Lily M	YEAR 6 Diana T	

STAFFING NEWS

Please note that Mrs Gatt-Petrini will be taking a year's long service leave starting in Term 3 this year.

The Catholic Education Office will be selecting an acting principal to lead St Bernadette's during this time.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Emma Sidoti is our new school receptionist.

Mrs Sidoti will begin her work at St Bernadette's next week. I know she is really looking forward to working and being part of our beautiful school community.

SAFETY

It has been noticed that some parents are making arrangements for their children to walk down Cox Crescent, where they then wait on their own or meet their parents as they park across our neighbour's driveways. This practice I'm presuming is being done to avoid waiting on Drive Through. This is concerning, as we have noticed children waiting down the street on their own unsupervised. Is this safe?

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY YEARS 2-6

The new date is Wednesday, 21 March (Week 8). Parents please note, that the permission slip you have already returned is still applicable for the new date, so no additional slip need be returned.

If you are able to help on the new date, please fill and return the attached slip on the bottom of the note that was sent home with your child.

EASTER RAFFLE

It is time for the annual St Bernadette's Easter Raffle! All money raised will go towards the end of year school gift presented by Year 6. We ask all families to bring in Easter eggs or Easter gifts of any shape and size as a donation towards the Easter Raffle.

Tickets will go on sale before school, at recess and lunch for 20c each or 3 for 50c. As long as your child purchases a ticket they are guaranteed to win a prize!

CUTLERY AT SCHOOL

If children bring to school food items such as yogurt, tuna, spaghetti, pasta, please pack a plastic spoon into their lunchbox. The school cannot provide cutlery items. Thank you.



Jacob L - 10/3

Daniel F - 11/3

Joshua T - 11/3

Robert W - 12/3

Lauren C - 13/3

LEARNING MATTERS

THE PROCESS OF WRITING

As a school community, we continue to work on the writing process. We encourage students to think carefully about the **purpose** (why) and their **audience** (who) when writing.

Writing for a purpose allows the children to explore why they have made the topic and structural choices for their piece as that is what good authors do. Choosing a specific audience for their writing encourages decision making around word choice and layout for their work. For example, if I'm writing about my weekend I am recounting events so this is the structure I will use. This means my writing will all be in past tense and in chronological order of events. When thinking about my audience I must make decisions on the words I will use so that it will be interesting and easily read. So, if I'm writing for a younger audience I will choose less complex sentences and easier words to match their reading ability.

Over the past few weeks we have introduced a K – 6 Writing Process. This will assist students as they move through the grades to adopt a methodical process that will support them as writers.

We use a Plan, Do, Check, Share process.

PLAN – at this point the children generate ideas and plan what they are going to write about.

DO – here is where the children begin writing a draft independently.

CHECK – this is the editing time. Children have the opportunity to read over their work again, conference with peers and teachers to receive feedback on their writing. It is at this time spelling errors and grammatical errors are fixed and a final published piece is completed. Its also a time to cross check their work

SHARE – here the children share their work with their audience.

This process is not linear so the children will move in and out of each step as they are ready. This means that not everything they write is published but that they will publish when it suits their purpose and audience.

Happy writing!

Lisa Gerrard
Assistant Principal



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS IN WRITING

This year St Bernadette's is celebrating our 60th year as a place of learning. We are using this monumental milestone as a stimulus to write in our learning spaces.

Our Kindergarten to Year 2 students are writing and drawing about our school in the present. They have looked at what it's like at our school as they see it. Who you may meet (our staff), what you might do and learn if you came to our school.

Our Years 3 & 4 students are collating a montage of photos capturing how the staff and students have changed over the years. They have had a few chuckles over the changing fashions of the teachers and marvelled over the changes to our buildings and grounds during the past 60 years.

In Years 5 & 6 they are documenting our school's evolution and history. They have explored who were the founders and how various people in history shaped the school community we are today.

All of the children's work will be displayed in the hall for our Open Day on Friday.

So, you are all most welcome to take a walk back in time from our humble beginnings to the great school we are today.



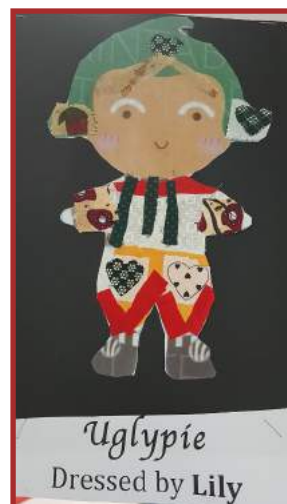
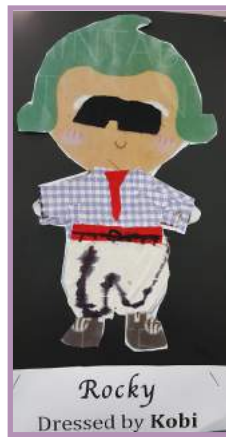
CHILDREN'S CORNER

YEAR 4 - Oompa Loompa Art Work

Year 4 have been reading the story 'Charlie And The Chocolate Factory'. During art lessons Miss Carly printed Oompa Loompas from the original movie. Then she gave us some coloured fabric. We needed to design clothes for them. The cutting was very difficult but we persevered and they ended up looking fabulous in their clothes. Finally we cut their bodies out and glued them on black cardboard. Then we named our Oompa Loompas. Some have very interesting names! We hope you enjoy looking at our Oompa Loompas!!!

By Olivia





EXTRA CURRICULUM

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018

We had a number of children attend our Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 23rd February at Blacktown Swimming Pool.

Once again our children represented both the Cumberland Zone and our school in a positive manner. They also displayed admirable support for each other throughout the day as the competition was tough!

Congratulations to our Diocesan Swimming team for 2018:

*Ian B, Marcus K, Heidi S, Cleo G, Brandon N, Orlando V, Kiara B,
Emily H, Damon K, Liam M, Erin B, Bartosz, Henry S.*

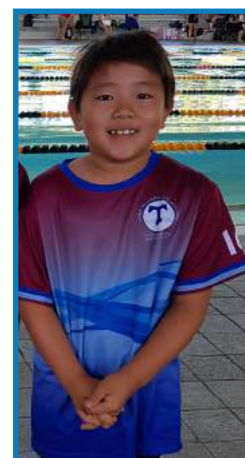
Congratulations to Marcus K and Heidi S who successfully qualified for the NSW MacKillop Trials which will take place shortly.

Marcus K (50m Freestyle)

*Heidi S (50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke,
50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly)*

An extra special congratulations to Heidi S who broke three records! Unbelievable!

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who took time out of their day to come and support the children. We couldn't do it without you!



P & F NEWS

PARENT CLASS CONTACTS

Many thanks to the following parents who offered to be the Parent Class Contact for their child's class.

2018 Parent Class Contacts

KINDERGARTEN - Katherine Cicala

YEAR 1 - Brooke Tasovac

YEAR 2 - Brenda Gaynor and Jane Hallit

YEAR 3 - Claire Scott

YEAR 4 - Sarah Krason

YEAR 5 - Elena Modrin

YEAR 6 - Victoria Holland & Pip Martins



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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: goo.gl/2F77m9

Walk the Lenten Journey on your mobile phone

The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent

The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is *"Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."*

24 hours for the Lord: 9-10 March

From Friday 5:30pm until Saturday 5:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Commences with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concludes with Evening Prayer and Benediction. For event details: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 10 March

Byrd Consort Concert - With 'Recorder Collective' Easter Polyphony: Renaissance to Bruckner. Tickets via St Patrick's Cathedral Office ph- 8839 8411. Saturday 10 March at 3:00pm. Entry: \$12.00 Concession: \$8.00 All proceeds to go to the St Patrick's Cathedral parish. More details at: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>

Oakhill College Open Day: 11 March

We warmly welcome prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 11 March 2018 from 11:00am – 3:00pm, providing a great opportunity to meet our Principal, Brother Steve Hogan, staff and current students. Tours are guided by students showcasing subject displays, co-curricular activities and performances by one of the many College musical ensembles. Principal's Address at 11:30am and 1:30pm. Visit our website to register your interest www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Lenten Retreat for Young Adults: 10-11 March

Held at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. For event details: <https://goo.gl/YWfwkW>. Contact: Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com

Mount St Benedict: 15 March

Writing your own spiritual story – facilitated by Dr Peter Mudge. This day combines time for participants to reflect on writings from the desert monastics to Augustine, Benedict and Pope Francis, children's stories and poetry as inspiration for writing down stories from their own spiritual journey. No previous writing experience is necessary. Starts 9:00am on 15 March. Cost is \$30. Contact 02 8752 5390 or mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au for more information.

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference: 16-18 March

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. To register visit www.sisterhood.org.au

Individual Discernment Weekend: 17 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are hosting an individual discernment weekend retreat on 17 March 2018 from 4:00pm for women (aged 18-35) who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is will be a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks, accompaniment and the opportunity to have a live-in experience with the Sisters. Address: Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on email vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 18 March

Br Dr Kelvin Canavan fms -The bureaucratisation of Catholic schooling and the emergence of the Catholic Education Office. Meet at 2:00pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street). Admission is free and open to all. Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Lenten Concert Reflection: 18 March

'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney on Sunday 18 March, 3:00 - 4:15pm in the Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic singer-songwriter and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. To register, email concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au specifying 'Parramatta' and number of seats needed. Suggested donation \$10 at door.

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<https://catholicoutlook.org/e-edition/>

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COMMUNITY NEWS



OLMC OPEN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

10am – 2pm

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

expanding beyond what we know we can be

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



Rohan Primrose

VP Womens Football

vpwomens@roseleafootballclub.com

0418 475 171

Roselea Football Club is calling all 8 and 9-year-old girls to come play football this year.

Play in an all-girls team on Sundays from April to August.

For more info contact Rohan on 0418475171 or vpwomens@roseleafootballclub.com.

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IT'S NEVER BEEN CHEAPER TO PLAY!

**DURC ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
ZERO FEE INCREASES IN 2018**

SOCCER

U6-U9	\$170
U10-U11	\$180
U12-U17	\$225
U18	\$230
ALL AGE STUDENT	\$280
ALL AGE MEN/LADIES	\$320
OVER 35 AND 45	\$320

NETBALL

MODIFIED (7-9 YEARS)	\$170
JUNIOR (10-15 YEARS)	\$205
CADET (14-17 YEARS)	\$215
SENIORS	\$240

IT'S NEVER BEEN CHEAPER TO PLAY!

**FREE COME AND
TRY RUGBY**

Venue: Kingsdene Rugby Oval
Felton Rd Carlingford

Ages: U6's – U14's (2018)

Date: 6th & 13th March 2018

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Cost: \$20.00*

*Price includes Rugby Giftbag

FREE GIVEAWAYS!!!

How to Register

- **EMAIL** – Scan and send completed registration form to:
info@northrocksjuniorrugby.com
Credit Card Only
- **By Mail** - Scan and send completed registration form to:
North Rocks Rugby, PO Box 446, North Rocks NSW 2151
Credit Card or Cheque (Payable to North Rocks Rugby Club)
- **In Person** – Register & pay on the day

For more information please contact us by email:

info@northrocksjuniorrugby.com

or visit our website

www.northrocksjuniorrugby.com



REGISTRATION FORM

Parent Information

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Name
Email
Address
State Postcode
Phone (home)
Phone (work or mobile)

Child Information

Name
Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of birth
School
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Medical conditions, allergies, or special needs* of participant

Payment Details

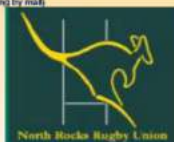
ONLINE, MAIL or IN PERSON on the program day.

Payment Type

☐ Credit card:
Cardholder's name
Card number
Expiry date
Signature
☐ Cheque (Cheque payable to the Australian Rugby Union when registering by mail)
☐ Cash/Money order

FREE

* Come and Try Rugby can modify activities to suit a player's physical capability, health status, skill level and experience. Please advise any special needs or medical conditions.





Carlingford Netball Club

Our Under 7s and Under 8s teams are looking for players (born 2010 & 2011- boys and girls) wanting to play netball in 2018 Winter season.

If you are interested please contact our Club Registrar Sue Oliver on 0419 406 004 or via email: gsoliver@bigpond.net.au



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



Carlingford Netball Club

Are you looking for a fun activity that can develop skills at the same time?

Carlingford Netball Club are running the NetSetGo skill development program again this year and would love some enthusiastic 5 – 7 year old's to join us.

This is an introductory program and provides an opportunity to learn about netball, develop some basic skills and improve gross motor abilities. The children have a lot of fun whilst making new friends.

When: Wednesdays 4.30pm – 5.15pm during Term 2 (commences 2nd May)
Where: Don Moore Reserve, Tiernan Ave North Rocks

If you would like more information please contact Sue Oliver on 0419 406 004 or via email: gsoliver@bigpond.net.au

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

