



# ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2, WEEK 2 - 10 MAY 2018

## NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Welcome to Term 2!

While our term has started of well, it certainly has been very busy already! We started the term with a Staff Development Day, where as a staff, we continued deepening our knowledge of writing and in particular, vocabulary. Each class was given a flower with the following words - *"To mum with gratitude and love."* This was used as a writing stimulus for the children. I hope you get the opportunity to read and enjoy what they produced, especially with Mother's Day approaching.

In two weeks, we have had Year 5 lead an ANZAC Day tribute, children represent our school at the Diocesan Cross Country, Years 3 and 4 go to the Rocks on an excursion, Mothers' Play Group began, we had a wrapping day and a Mother's Day Stall!

During this time we were also informed that Mrs Megan Baird will be acting Principal during my absence. While this appointment will begin next term, I have organized for Mrs Baird to visit our school prior, to come and meet our wonderful community.

Shortly our teachers, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and parents, will have the opportunity to take part in a survey called Tell Them From Me (TTFM). This survey is being administered in every school in our diocese. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's Primary School. More information about this survey will be coming soon.

Finally as a Catholic school, it is appropriate that we gather together in prayer to celebrate the feast day of St Bernadette (16 April) and to pray for another wonderful term of learning. With Mother's Day fast approaching, we also offer our prayers for all mums, especially the beautiful mums in our school community. *May God bless you with patience and grant you tenderness to care for your families and yourselves with great joy.*

*May you continue to feel the loving embrace of our God.*

Happy Mother's Day

Wishing you God's blessings

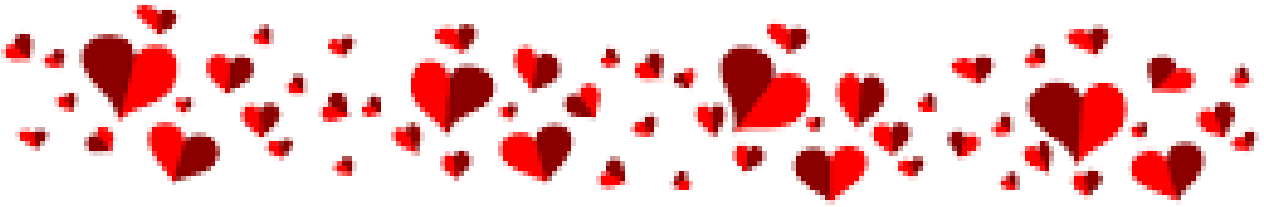
**Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini**  
Principal



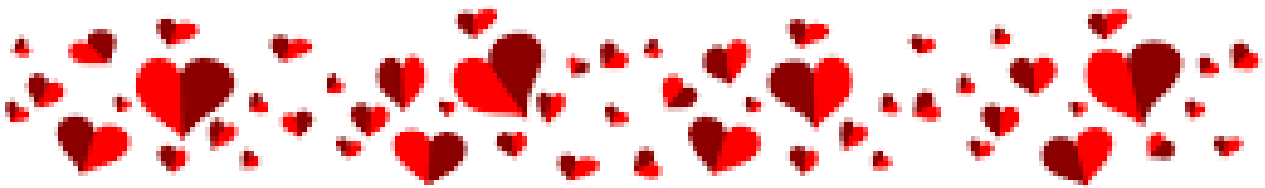
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percentage to date is:  
89.0%**

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## ***MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS***



All mothers, grandmothers and aunties are invited to a  
**Mothers' Day Celebration.**

**Date:** Friday 11th May

**Events:**

**9:00am** - Whole School Mass in honour of St Bernadette

**1:00pm** - Afternoon tea with other mums in the Hall

**1:40pm** - Visit your child's classroom

**2:15pm** - Assembly in the School Hall

**Mothers' Day raffle drawn**

*We hope you come along and join us for some or all of these events.*

***Happy Mother's Day***

## REMINDERS

**TOMORROW**  
**FRIDAY 11 MAY**

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**School Banking**  
**8:30am**


**\* Book Club**  
**orders are due**

**\* Mother's Day**  
**events see**  
**above**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 3 AND 4

<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b>	<p><b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> <b><u>15 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>* NAPLAN</b> <b>Language/Writing</b></p>	<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>16 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>* NAPLAN</b> <b>Reading</b> <b>* Linda's</b> <b>Lunches</b></p>	<p><b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> <b><u>17 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>* NAPLAN</b> <b>Numeracy</b></p>	<p><b><u>FRIDAY 18 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>*School Banking 8:30am</b> <b>* Class Mass and</b> <b>Reconciliation 9:00am</b> <b>Year 3</b> <b>* NAPLAN Catch Up</b> <b>* Mufti Day-Catholic Care</b></p>
<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b>	<p><b><u>MONDAY</u></b> <b><u>21 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>* P&amp;F Meeting</b> <b>7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>23 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>* Linda's</b> <b>Lunches</b></p>	<p><b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> <b><u>25 MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>*School Banking</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>* Class Mass</b> <b>9:00am Year 2</b> <b>* Assembly</b> <b>2:30pm</b></p>	

## LITURGY ROSTER

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<p><b><u>Friday 11 May</u></b> <b><u>Whole School</u></b> <b><u>Mass Year 6</u></b></p> <p>Xavier R, Lucas R, Liam M, Daniel M, Isabella El R</p>		<p><b><u>Friday 18 April</u></b> <b><u>Class Mass &amp;</u></b> <b><u>Reconciliation</u></b> <b><u>Year 3</u></b></p> <p>Daniel M, Jeremy F, Rick A</p>	
<b><u>WEEKEND</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<p><b><u>Saturday 12 May</u></b> <b><u>6:00pm</u></b></p> <p>Rick A Jessica E</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday 13 May</u></b> <b><u>8:00am</u></b></p> <p>Bartosz L</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 13 May</u></b> <b><u>9:30am</u></b></p> <p>Xavier R, Lucas R, Daniel M, Sam F</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday 19 May</u></b> <b><u>6:00pm</u></b></p> <p>Justine M</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday 20 May</u></b> <b><u>8:00am</u></b></p> <p>Liam M, Rick A,</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 20 May</u></b> <b><u>9:30am</u></b></p> <p>Xavier R, Lucas R</p>

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, May 13 2018: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B Mk 16:15-20

**The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.**



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Sadly this feast sometimes loses out as an 'in-between' event, bookended by the 'greater' feasts of Easter and next week Pentecost. However, the significance of this feast is important to reflect on as it provides the foundation of our new relationship as a people with our eternal God.

The Ascension of Jesus into the arms of his Father is not the end of a life's story, but simply the beginning of new life. Pope Francis points this out in that the Ascension "does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way." Jesus' legacy to us is a new relationship, and for Pope Francis this legacy is the heart of the Joy of the Gospel. © SVDP goodworks

## St Bernadette

Tomorrow, Friday May 11, we will be having a whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Bernadette which was during the school holidays (April 16). The students have been learning about the type of person that St. Bernadette was; about her desire to learn, her obedience and her devotion to Mary and God.

At tomorrow's Mass one student from each class will be receiving a 'St Bernadette Award'. These students display many of the virtues and qualities of St. Bernadette and this has been recognised and acknowledged by their peers. You are all invited to come and help us celebrate St. Bernadette's feast day and to congratulate the recipients of the awards.



**Mary Elliott**  
**Religious Education Co-Ordinator**



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

***Our thoughts and  
prayers go out to the  
Laird Family (Tara)  
on the recent  
passing of her  
grandfather in  
Hong Kong.  
May he rest in  
peace.***

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday 21 May**

3:30pm-5:00pm

First practice in the church

**Sunday 27 May**

3:30pm-5:00pm

Final practice in the church

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Next week is Family Week. Bishop Vincent has called for all schools during this important week to pray for families and to fundraise for Catholic Care.

Catholic Care serves the community of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta by overseeing the provision of such social services and programs as:

- \* Aboriginal and Community Building
- \* Family and Community Support - *Blacktown Family Support Service, Penrith Family Support Service, The Elizabeth Project, Family Counselling & Parenting Education (After Hours Family Counselling), Catherine Villa Supported Accommodation and Catherine Villa Family Support*
- \* Disability, Mental Health and Ageing
- \* Counselling and Education - *Financial Counselling, Responsible Gambling Counselling, Relationship Education [including Pre-Marriage Education], Relationship and Family Counselling and Solo Parent Services.*



On Friday 18 May we will be having a Mufti Day where children may wear play clothes and enclosed shoes eg joggers. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day, which will be donated to Catholic Care. Thank You

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL DATES

**Term 2 : Friday 8 June** - Athletics Carnival (weather permitting)

**Friday 6 July** - Term 2 concludes

### ATTENDANCE

Remember for your child to succeed at school, they have to be at school everyday, all day long. Our goal is to have 90% of students present everyday. Help us achieve this important goal.

### EXCURSIONS

As a number of classes are about to attend excursions, it is important that your Excursion Fee payments are kept up to date. As always if you have any problems please speak either to the principal or our financial secretary Mrs Hala Hadad.

### KINDERGARTEN 2019

Enrolment interviews are well underway for Kindergarten 2019. If you have a child or know of a child that will be starting Kindergarten next year, please collect and return an enrolment package as soon as possible so that they do not miss out. Enrolment packages are available on the school website and at the school office.



## **NAPLAN**

We wish our children in Years 3 and 5 the very best during their NAPLAN assessments next week. The NAPLAN assessments measure our student's performance on a range of basic skills at a given time.

NAPLAN dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 15th May:** Language Conventions and Writing

**Wednesday 16th May:** Reading

**Thursday 17th May:** Numeracy

**Friday 18th May:** A 'catch up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

So, my advice to the children in Years 3 and 5 is to have a good night's sleep the night before, eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school, listen to all the instructions given to you by your teacher and just try your very best.

Good luck.

## **PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Parents are to supervise their children closely while playing on the Play Equipment. All children are not to play on the equipment before school.

## **DRIVE THROUGH**

- \* During the afternoon drive-thru, your car must have your family's name clearly displayed inside the front windscreen. It is impossible for teachers to know every family in the school and it is very difficult to see faces through windscreens. Please make sure the sign in your car is visible in Cox Crescent only. Do not drive down Evans Road with this sign showing.
- \* Please do not do any U-Turns from the drive-thru line in Cox Crescent.
- \* Please be mindful of local residents and do not park in driveways including the parish driveway. At all times adhere to the traffic signs around the school. The rangers will target illegal parking behaviour and parking breaches especially in a school zone with a fine.
- \* Please be patient and wait for the car ahead to move before you do so.
- \* Please do not overtake and pull in front of other cars waiting in the cue.
- \* Please do not leave your car when using Drive Through.
- \* No parking in NO STOPPING zones as it may block the crossing, which is a finable offence.
- \* Children are not allowed in the school car park on their own after school. Please make sure your children are with you.
- \* When parking in the church car park please reverse park into the space, so that your car is facing inwards. In both instances, you should have a clear line of sight. As we all know children are very unpredictable, so let's try and be proactive in being safe conscious at school.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

### **ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE WEARING THEIR WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM BY MONDAY 14 MAY**

The wearing of full, correct school uniform is compulsory and all items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name.

To demonstrate school pride uniforms should be kept neat and tidy -

- \* shirts tucked in and buttoned
- \* ties correctly worn
- \* shoelaces tied and shoes polished
- \* for safety reasons only plain stud / sleeper earrings may be worn to school
- \* hair of collar length and longer, should be tied back with maroon/blue ribbon, scrunchie or headband
- \* haircuts should not be extremes of fashion
- \* predominantly white sport shoes are to be worn only on sport days, with black shoes to be worn on all other days
- \* children may only wear school tracksuit pants on sports day
- \* school hats offer some protection from the sun, while the wearing of hats in Term 2 is not compulsory, it is advised.

#### **GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM**

Winter maroon and grey dress (knee length). Long sleeve sky blue blouse with maroon tab tie. Maroon jumper / cardigan with school crest. Long grey socks or stockings. Regulation black school shoes. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest.

#### **BOYS WINTER UNIFORM**

Grey regulation trousers. Long sleeved sky blue shirt. Maroon and blue pinstrip pre-loop school tie. Grey socks with maroon and sky blue striped band. Regulation black school shoes. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

<i>Leah N - 7/5</i>	<i>Shane F - 9/5</i>	<i>Tania C - 11/5</i>	<i>Liam M - 12/5</i>
<i>Kayla H - 21/5</i>	<i>Diana T - 22/5</i>	<i>Isla M - 23/5</i>	

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## YEAR 1

My mum is special because she hugs me and kisses me. She takes me to the doctor to make me better. My mum cooks me dinner. She drives me to the shops so that she can buy everything we need. Stefan

My mum is special because she takes care of me. Mum cooks delicious food. First, she thinks of what I like to eat, then mum makes a shopping list. Next, she gets healthy food for me. After that, mum unpacks the groceries. Finally, she washes her hands and gets everything ready. Mum sets up the table. Olivia

My mum is special because she cooks me yummy food. First, mum drives to the shops to buy food. Then she buys food. Next, she washes her hands. After that, she cooks me a very healthy dinner. Alex

My mum is special because she helps me with homework. Also, she buys me yummy food. First, she buys me the healthy food. Mum goes to buy the food. Then mum spends money to buy it and then she drives back home. When she gets the food, then she goes to wash her hands and then she puts it on the table. Yvonne

My mum is special because she does everything for me. Mum makes me good breakfast and dinner and tucks me into bed and I go to sleep well. Eamon

My mum is special because she does the dishes and she cleans. First, she sleeps. Then she cooks. She takes me to the doctors. Next, she goes to the shop. Charlize

My mum is special because she makes me better when I am sick. She drives me to the doctor and she gets some medicine from the Chemist Warehouse. She takes me home and I go to bed. When I'm better I go to the cinemas to see films and I go to Subway for lunch. Christian

My mum is special because she is nice and cares for me and she loves me so much. Isabelle

My mum is special because she tucks me in every night and she always kisses and hugs me before I go to bed. Preston

My mum is special because she cooks my dinner and she plays games on the iPad. She is nice to me. Also, she takes me to Castle Hill and plays with me and she takes me to a movie. Tara

My mum is special because she helps me with homework. My mum helps me do shopping to buy me my favourite food. After my dinner I do homework. Youssef

My mum is special because she cooks me desserts and because in the night she plays songs on her phone. My favourite song is Trolls. My mum loves me and I love her. I love mum. Eleanor

My mum is special because she always asks me what I want to eat. She goes to the shop to buy dinner for my family. Samara



**My mum is special because she makes food when my dad picks me up from school. She folds my clothes and she tucks me in bed. Tyana**

**My mum is special because she does the washing and she makes my clothes smell nice. She folds and irons them too. She also cleans the house. Elena**

**My mum is special because she hugs me and kisses me and she takes me to my favourite places. She takes me to the pub. When I go to the pub with my family my mum buys me chips and gravy and she gets me a coke. I share my meat with her because she always is super duper hungry. Sometimes I am full and only eat a little bit. She takes me everywhere. She hugs me 30 times and she kisses me 35 times. I love my mum a lot. Eva**

**My mum is special because she has bonding time with me and we go on a picnic. Mum packs the food in a bag and then we go to the park. Lachlan**

**My mum is special because she is pretty and loves me. When she smiles she looks like a pretty flower. She has lovely dark brown hair just like me. I know she loves me because she works really hard to get more money for our family. Angelina**

**My mum is special because she is a nurse. She looks after people. Ansh**

**My mum is special because she kisses me and keeps me safe and makes me cupcakes. Natalie**

**My mum is special because she is beautiful and she cooks dinner for my family. She takes me to school. Alvin**

**My mum is special because she plays with me. She loves me. My mum is sweet, takes me on walks and my mum washes the dishes. Afreen**

**My mum is special because she makes me food and she buys food and she cooks. Caleb**

**My mum is special because she helps me with my homework when I need it. My mum packs my bag. My mum always packs me fresh and yummy lunches. Ella**

**My mum is special because she buys me a big robot that can transform into a battle station for my birthday. My mum took me to Taronga Zoo. Then we got an ice cream. Richard**

**My mum is special because she makes dinner for me. First, my mum goes to the car with me and my family but not with my dad because he is at work. My mum goes to the shop. She thinks about what food we like to eat. Then she spends money buying the food. My mum goes home and washes her hands. Then we eat dinner with my whole family except Isabella. Anna**



## LEARNING MATTERS

### 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.

The PBS4L team have been leading the staff on focusing on positive learning behaviours. In the upcoming weeks we will be focusing on ensuring behaviour in different areas and settings in the school reflects our three school rules. This will be shared with the children so that these expectations are clear and consistent.

## EXTRA CURRICULUM

### DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

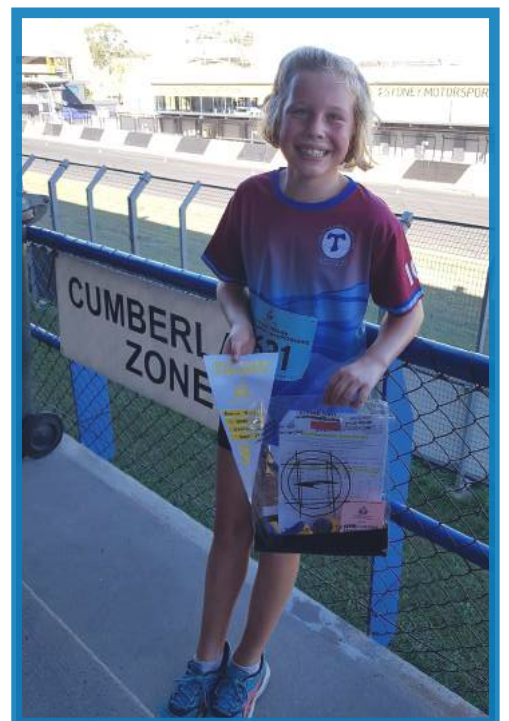
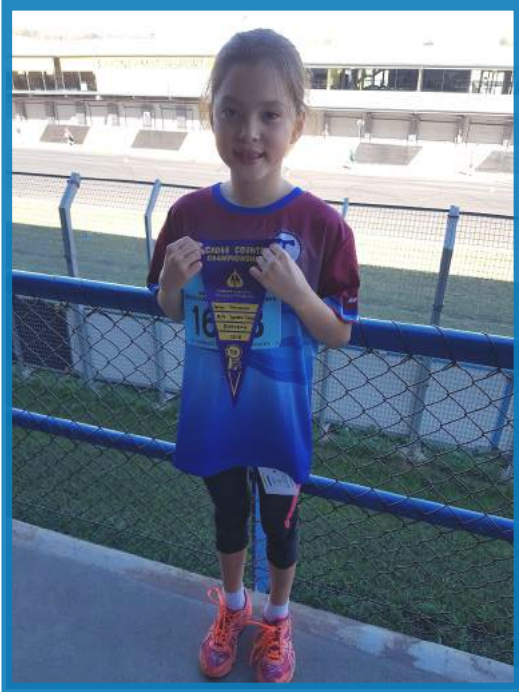
On Tuesday 1 May, St Bernadette's sent a squad of our best endurance runners to the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Sydney Motorsport Park. It was great to see so many of our parents there to cheer the children on as they raced around the long and difficult course. Our thanks go to the parents who generously offered to drive children to and from the carnival.

As always the children represented our school with great pride and showed great team spirit. All of the children ran their hearts out and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We had some excellent results on the day, with Amelia N & Heidi S qualifying to compete at the MacKillop Trials in June!

Kiara B	Angelica B	Chloe D	Jessica E
Kayla H	Rorie L	Zoey L	Aaliyah M
Amelia N	Olivia N	Heidi S	Sofia S
Eamon B	Gianluca B	Marcello B	Raphael C
Gabriel El-R	Jeremy F	Orlando F	Ricardo F
Patrick H	Khaled H	Ryan M	Liam M
Francesco M	Kobi M	Oliver M	Lucas N
Orlando V	<i>Congratulations to the St Bernadette's Diocesan Cross Country Competitors</i>		









## **NSWPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Recently Heidi S participated in the NSWPSSA Swimming Carnival held over two consecutive days - the 11th and 12th April at Sydney Aquatic Centre.

Once again, Heidi did extremely well, placing second in the 50m Freestyle and fifth in the 50m Butterfly against some of the best swimmers in NSW.

**Congratulations Heidi! We are very proud of you!**



## **DIOCESAN FOOTBALL TRIALS**



Last month Kiara B attended the Parramatta Diocesan Football trials held at Cook Park. Kiara had a successful trial and was selected to represent Parramatta Diocese at the upcoming MacKillop Football Trials.

She will now head to Canberra on the 11th May for further trial games in the hope of being selected in the MacKillop team.

**Congratulations Kiara and we wish you the best of luck!**

## **EASTER RAFFLE**

Thanks to the generous donations from the families of St Bernadette's, as well as such amazing support in ticket sales, the Easter Raffle was a great success! It raised \$1040, which will now be spent buying a gift for the school, which is a traditional legacy left by the outgoing Year 6 class. We have some great ideas for the gift, which will be revealed later in the year.

## **P & F NEWS**

### **MOTHERS' DAY STALL**

Thank You to all those parents who helped with the wrapping and/or selling of Mother's Day gifts this week. It was lovely seeing people chatting, cuddling babies and of course wrapping and selling presents. It is a lovely way to connect with each other, as well as organise a fundraising event for our school. Your assistance was very much appreciated. Special thank you to Margaret Flitcroft for co-ordinating this event.

**Our next P&F Meeting is on Monday 21 May at 7.30pm in the  
School Hall.**

**All are welcome.**

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

### **Catholic Outlook Survey**

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### **CatholicCare has a new website**

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

### **Volunteers Required**

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

### **We want to hear YOUR voice!**

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

### **Formation 2018**

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au).



### **Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 20 May**

Professor Carole Cusack, Dr Bernadette Tobin AO, The Honourable Deirdre Grusovin AM - Humanae vitae after 50 years. Visit the ACHS website [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au) for more information.

### **The Parramatta Catenians: 24 May**

The Parramatta Catenians invite you to celebrate their 200th dinner meeting at a special dinner event with guest speaker, Mr Andrew Scipione, NSW Police Commissioner Emeritus. To be held at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House, Parramatta Park on 24 May from 6:45pm. Contact Peter 0427 276 443 for more information, RSVP by Friday 11 May.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Mother's Group - 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 in the School 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.