



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2, WEEK 4 - 24 MAY 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Parents have been appointed by God himself as the first and principal educators of their children (Pope John Paul II). A couple of years ago, a university study asked a randomly selected number of parents to respond to the question, "What does it mean to be a parent?" Here are extracts from three responses: "Responsibility for teaching about love and caring for others, responsibility for keeping them safe and secure, so their personalities can develop in a healthy way." "Something very special, close and loving; it means an enormous responsibility, it changes your life-course; once you start being a parent, it's an ongoing thing with worries and anxieties attached." "It's the most important job you'll ever have to do in your life. The social ramifications of parenting are so important, because the responsibility is yours to bring happy, well-adjusted people into adulthood ... and the joy and despair are often only seconds apart."

Your role as parents is truly a privilege, to have given life to a child and have accepted the responsibility, great though it is, of nurturing and providing for that child through those developmental years. As parents, you are the source of our child's affirmation. Children will believe what the people they love and trust believe, including how they feel about school and their own ability to learn. So, after praise and encouragement, encourage perseverance. A warm, supportive home atmosphere influences your child's confidence and motivation to become a successful learner.

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) is a whole school program, which our school has embarked on, that actively promotes positive behaviour. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work together to create a positive, supportive, productive and harmonious learning community. As always these expectations for our school family, revolve around our rules of "I am respectful", "I am safe" and "I am a learner".

With Mother's Day and Family Week celebrated recently, it is a special time to reflect, celebrate and give thanks for parents and families, especially all the families that make up our school family.

*Gracious God, Bless our families and provide for their needs.
Protect them from harm and bring Your peace to their hearts.
Help us to be the family You intend us to be.
May we be a blessing to one another and to others.*

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Wishing you God's blessings

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal



**Our attendance
percentage to date is:
90.7%**

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REMINDERS

TOMORROW
FRIDAY 25 MAY

***School Banking**
8:30am

*** No Class Mass**

*** Assembly**
2:30pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 5 AND 6

<u>WEEK 5</u>	<p><u>TUESDAY</u> <u>29 MAY</u></p> <p>*Stage 3 Girls Soccer * ICAS - Science</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>30 MAY</u></p> <p>* Linda's Lunches</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY</u> <u>1 JUNE</u></p> <p>*School Banking 8:30am * Whole School Mass Year 5 * Canteen - Recess Snack * Assembly 2:30pm</p>
<u>WEEK 6</u>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>6 JUNE</u></p> <p>* Linda's Lunches</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY</u> <u>8 JUNE</u></p> <p>* School Banking 8:30am * Athletics Carnival</p>	

LITURGY ROSTER

<u>SCHOOL</u> <u>MASSES</u>	<p><u>Friday 25 May</u></p> <p>No Class Mass</p>	<p><u>Friday 1 June</u> <u>Year 5 to lead</u> <u>Whole School</u> <u>Mass</u></p> <p>Justine M, Lucas R, Rick A, Brandon N, Samuel F</p>	<p><u>Friday 8 June</u></p> <p>No Mass due to Athletics Carnival</p>	
<p><u>WEEKEND</u> <u>MASSES</u></p> <p>* N.B. Winter Vigil Mass Time Change as of 2 June 2018</p>	<p><u>Saturday 26 May</u> <u>6:00pm</u></p> <p>Brandon N</p>	<p><u>Sunday 27 May</u> <u>8:00am</u></p> <p>Daniel M</p> <p><u>Sunday 27 May</u> <u>9:30am</u></p> <p>Bartosz L</p>	<p><u>Saturday 2 June</u> <u>5:30pm</u> <u>Corpus Christi</u></p> <p>Jeremy F</p>	<p><u>Sunday 3 June</u> <u>8:00am</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>Sunday 3 June</u> <u>9:30am</u></p> <p>Justine M, Xavier R, Brandon N</p>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, May 27 2018: **The Most Holy Trinity** - Year B

Matthew 28: 16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. © Greg Sunter

St Bernadette Award Recipients

On Friday May 11 we came together at a whole school Mass to celebrate St Bernadette's Feast Day which was on April 16th. Thank you to Year 6 who led our St Bernadette Mass so beautifully and we congratulate the following students on receiving the St Bernadette Award for 2018.

Kinder - Lily-Rose C

Year 1 - Anna M

Year 1 - Natalie H

Year 2 - Renee T

Year 3 - Marcus K

Year 4 - Hannah C

Year 5 - Jessie El-B

Year 6 - Timothy G



Social Justice at St Bernadette's - \$246.50 raised for Catholic Care!

Last week was Family Week. Bishop Vincent 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.

On Friday 18 May we had a Mufti Day and the children were asked to bring a gold coin donation on this day, which was donated to Catholic Care.

We raised \$246.50, thank you for your generosity.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Final practice in the church – **Sunday 27 May**
3:30pm-5:00pm

We would like to encourage all children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on June 10 to attend the Feast of Corpus Christi procession on Saturday 2nd June starting 4:00pm in St Bernadette's Catholic Church followed by the Corpus Christi Vigil Mass commencing at 5.30pm.

Congratulations to Mrs Elliott and Mrs Onorato on the birth of their grandchildren, respectively - Damien and Harper.



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL DATES

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

Friday 6 July - Term 2 concludes

KINDERGARTEN 2019

Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2019 are coming to a close. 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children should be wearing their full winter uniform now.

SUPERVISION

Please note that playground supervision begins at 8:30am.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

A reminder that all children are to be supervised by an adult while enjoying the school play equipment after school.

HEALTH

There have been a number of students with confirmed cases of conjunctivitis. Symptoms include; eye feels scratchy, red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking. If your child has any of these symptoms, we ask that you please ensure your child stays home until their eyes have cleared up. This is a highly contagious infection and we do not want it spreading to other children or staff. Please follow the link to the NSW Health Website for more information. We thank you for your co-operation. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/childhood.aspx#con>

PRINCIPAL AWARDS **Congratulations!**

<u>TERM 1 WEEK 10</u>	Kindergarten Lachlan B	Year 1 Tyana N	Year 2 Mikaella M
Year 3 Emily B	Year 4 Olivia N	Year 5 Jaiden Y	Year 6 James M
<u>TERM 2 WEEK 2</u>	Kindergarten Max C	Year 1 Tara L	Year 2 Anthony D
Year 3 Eamon B	Year 4 Antonio S	Year 5 Aaliyah M	Year 6 Lucas R

SKOOLBAG UPDATE

Our school's app, SkoolBag, is being updated from Monday 21 May, with some improvements to give you more control over the content and notifications you receive.

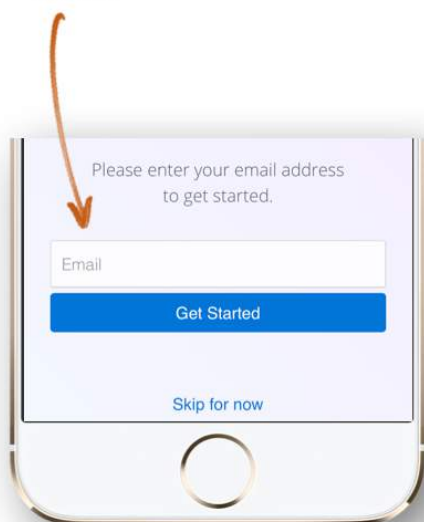
You do not need to download an update, however, you will notice some changes when using the app.

Save Subscription Group Settings across devices

You will be invited to set up a username and password when opening the app. These details will be saved to allow for quick access in the future. Your account details allow you to log into the SkoolBag app on different devices and see the same groups and subscription settings. After logging in, you will be prompted to subscribe to groups.

Important update to the way you use our SkoolBag Communication App

When you next open your SkoolBag app, you will be prompted to create a SkoolBag login with your email address.



Once logged in, you will be able to personalise and save your notification preferences. All of your recent, unseen notifications are now accessible by clicking on the bell icon in the upper toolbar of your app.



Notices sent to the whole school will still be shown on the 'Home' screen, however information that relates to specific groups of users only (e.g. year groups and sports teams) will now be shown in the 'Groups' section. You can modify your subscription group preferences at any time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Madison H
24/5

Antonio S
25/5

Amelia N
28/5

Jessica M
29/5

Stefan S
31/5

Eloise S
1/6

Miguel M
4/6

Mia V
6/6

LEARNING MATTERS

Year 3 and 4 Excursion to The Rocks

By Patrick H

On Monday the 7/9/18 Year 3 and 4 went on an excursion to The Rocks. The Rocks is located in the city and a guide showed us around and her name was Vickie. It took us an hour to get to The Rocks and a hour back to school.

Firstly, we ate our recess with Year 3. Then we were put into costumes. I was a convict and a lot others were also convicts but some were soldiers. After we were dressed up, we walked around The Rocks. We had to go up quite a few stairs but it was worth it. When we were up there Vickie told us some facts about the Aborigines and the first settlers and showed us some drawings. Then Miss Steph took a picture of our class. Then we went back down a lot of stairs and looked at a convict picture carved on a stone. It was really cool and it had real chain stuck on to each foot.

After that we went across a road to go and eat our lunch and go to the toilets. Then we went back to get all of our bags. It was time to say goodbye to The Rocks and Vickie. Finally, we went all the way back to the bus and then we came back to school. When we got back to school we watched a little bit of a movie then it was time to go home.

In conclusion, it was a fantastic excursion! I liked when I was put into convict clothes and when our tour guide told us some interesting facts, but my favourite part was when we saw the convict carved into the stone. I wish I could have stayed a lot longer or go another time because it was so good and the best excursion ever!!!







Year 3 have remembered some facts from the excursion:

- The First Fleet arrived in 1788.
- Some convicts had to be in Australia for life
 - When they arrived convicts had to do jobs
- Elizabeth Harvey was the youngest female convict.
She was 13 years old.
She stole a silk gown.

CHILDREN'S CORNER **KINDERGARTEN**

FASHION WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN



EXTRA CURRICULUM

SURVEY

Our teachers, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and parents, 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. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The survey is available from 21 May until 4 June. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the following URL: www.tellthemfromme.com/9brkb

NSWCPS MacKillop Girls Football Team

On Friday 11th May Kiara B headed down to Canberra as a member of the Parramatta Diocesan Girls Football Team to participate in further trial games against four other Dioceses.

The weather was horrendously cold and the opposition were tough, however, Kiara had a successful trial and was selected in the NSWCPS MacKillop Girls Football Team.

Congratulations Kiara!

Kiara will now head to Kiama in mid-June to compete at the NSW PSSA State Carnival which runs over three days. This competition is also a trial for selection into the NSW Girls Football Team. Best of luck Kiara!



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2018

You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 31 August 2018 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.

- * Any books read from September 2017, count towards the 2018 challenge.
- * K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.
- * 3-4, 5-6, students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
- * In a series on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.
- * K-2 students, you can read books or have them read to you in your home language.
- * 3-4, 5-6, students, you must read all PRC books in English. You may read Personal Choice books in your home language.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

It was wonderful seeing so many mums, aunties and grandmothers at our assembly last week. Thank you for coming and taking the time to have a 'cuppa' with other mums, visiting your children's class room. This means so much to them. A special thank you to the children and teachers of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, who took part in the assembly and helped us celebrate Mother's Day with joy.

Special thanks also to Mr Kensell, the Graduation Committee and Year 6 parents for organising the Mother's Day raffle. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

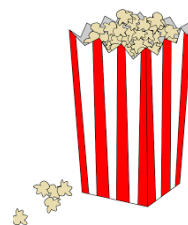
The Mother's Day Raffle was a huge success and raised \$1656.00! This money will go towards the Year 6 Graduation Dinner Dance, which is held at the end of the year. Thank you to those who bought raffle tickets and we hope the winners are enjoying their wonderful prizes.

On behalf of St Bernadette's and Year 6, thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their generous support of and donations to our annual Mother's Day Raffle.

Baan Chiang Thai Restaurant, Rydalmere	Ryde Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Ryde
Becki's Hair, West Ryde	Taronga & Western Plains Zoos
Bunnings, Rydalmere	Vanity Nails, Carlingford
Bush's Meats, Carlingford	Zanardi Jewelers, Parramatta
Cake Salon, Ermington	Bedwani family
Cosmopolitan Patisserie, Telopea	Bua family
Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater	Lewandowski family
Genesis Gym Parramatta	Likobo family
Jessie's Beauty, Eastwood	Nakhoul family
Kate's Beauty	Owen family
Lush Cosmetics, Parramatta	Tallaridi family
Marley & Flo, Carlingford	Taouk family
Platform Pilates, Ermington	Redolfi Family
Platinum Hair, Carlingford	

CANTEEN SNACK DAY

**Canteen will be open at morning tea
on Friday 1 June for the children to purchase a snack.
More information to come.**



SCHOOL BANKING

A reminder for students that school banking is every Friday morning at 8:30am.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Plenty of stock available for winter uniform:

Trackpants in all sizes - \$5 each

Jackets in all sizes - \$10 each

Tunics in most sizes - \$10 each

Boys long sleeve and girls blouses in most sizes - \$5 each

Boys pants - \$10 each

Please text Cathy on 0416 048 169 with your requirements.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Last year you may remember our school took part in the Woolies Earn & Learn promotion. Thanks to our communities generous support we recently obtained a number of netballs, soccer balls and a giant Connect Four game for the children. Many thanks to Alison Dellas and Cathy Nagy for collating all the stickers.



COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

We have earned a total of 16434 points. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to order wonderful equipment for our children to use.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal is focusing on Diocesan works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. Your donation supports our growing number of seminarians and the good works they do in the community of feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick and conducting catechises in state schools. Donations can be made via the envelopes or online www.yourcatholicfoundation.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.

Positions Vacant

- Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
 - Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices
- More details at: www.ccss.org.au
- Casual Housekeeper - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills
- More details at: Natalie Acton nacton@goodsams.org.au

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6:00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ACU Short Course on Death and Catholic funerals during July

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Experienced priests (including Fr Peter Williams) and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Register at: www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses or 02 9701 4751 for more information.

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 meet 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.

SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM



Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills. **This seminar will be held on Tuesday 5 June.**

Venue: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor)

Time: 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start to 9:00pm. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Casual Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community 1 x Casual position – Parramatta Local Government Area (000066R9)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is \$22.46 - \$26.95 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Applications close Sunday, 3 June 2018