



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2, WEEK 6, 7 JUNE 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Throughout the past month I have been meeting the families who are seeking enrolment for their children for 2019. This is always a time of excitement.

During the enrolment interview, parents are invited to share why they would like to enrol their children at St Bernadette's and what they have heard about our school. Some of their responses include:

- * To educate their children about God in a community that promotes Catholic values.
- * To give their children opportunity to be in a small, friendly community.

These reasons are something to be proud of, and are a great acknowledgement of you and our staff, who work so hard to provide the best instruction they can for the benefit of your children. Our school certainly has a great reputation in the community.

It is indeed an honour to share with families their dreams for their children. Each family has thought a great deal about where their child will begin their educational journey and it is a great privilege that they have entrusted St Bernadette's Primary School with this task. This commitment continues the faith journey of their child that began when they were baptised.



This faith journey continues again this Sunday when a number of children from our school will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. We hope these children have special memories of their First Holy Communion Day. May Jesus fill their hearts with His love on that day and may these children continue to learn about and appreciate their faith.

Wishing you God's blessings

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal



**Our attendance
percentage to date is:
91.3%**

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REMINDERS

TOMORROW
FRIDAY 8 JUNE

***NO School
Banking**

*** No Class Mass**

*** Athletics
Carnival**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 7 AND 8

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| <u>WEEK</u> <u>7</u> | <u>MONDAY</u> <u>11 JUNE</u> * Public Holiday | <u>TUESDAY</u> <u>12 JUNE</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>13 JUNE</u> * Linda's Lunches | <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>14 JUNE</u> * Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6 | <u>FRIDAY</u> <u>15 JUNE</u> * School Banking 8:30am * Class Mass Year 1 * Canberra Excursion Years 5 & 6 |
| <u>WEEK</u> <u>8</u> | <u>MONDAY</u> <u>18 JUNE</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u> <u>19 JUNE</u> * Stage 3 Boys Soccer | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>20 JUNE</u> * Linda's Lunches | <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>21 JUNE</u> | <u>FRIDAY</u> <u>22 JUNE</u> * School Banking 8:30am * Athletics Carnival BACKUP * Assembly 2:30pm |

LITURGY ROSTER

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| <u>SCHOOL</u> <u>MASSES</u> | <u>Friday 8 June</u> No Class Mass Athletics Carnival | <u>Friday 15 June</u> <u>Class Mass</u> <u>Year 1</u> Brandon N Samuel F Jeremy F | <u>Friday 22 June</u> No Class Mass Back up Athletics Carnival Date |  |
| <u>WEEKEND</u> <u>MASSES</u> * N.B. Winter Vigil Mass Time Change as of 2 June 2018 | <u>Saturday 9 June</u> <u>6:00pm</u> Liam M Samuel F | <u>Sunday 10 June</u> <u>8:00am</u> Lucas R <u>Sunday 10 June</u> <u>9:30am</u> Daniel M Jeremy F | <u>Saturday 16 June</u> <u>5:30pm</u> Jeremy F Jessica E | <u>Sunday 17 June</u> <u>8:00am</u> Bartosz L. <u>Sunday 17 June</u> <u>9:30am</u> Xavier R Isabella El R |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, June 10 2018: **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

Mk 3:20-35

Sunday's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in 1st Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus. © Greg Sunter

Mary Elliot
Religious Education Co-Ordinator

First Holy Communion

This Sunday June 10 many of our Year 3 students will be making their First Holy Communion at 11:15am.

Please keep all of these children in your prayers at this special time.



Our condolences go to Ella M, Anthony D and Jessica K on the loss of their great grandmother.

We pray for their family and for anyone in our community who has experienced loss or is suffering or ill.

May God's divine love provide these people with strength and courage especially at this time.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL DATES

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

Friday 6 July - Term 2 concludes

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Athletics carnival is being held at **Barton Park, 114 Gladstone Street, North Parramatta**. Please come along bring a picnic and cheer for your children. Please note all children are to come to school first and travel by bus to the carnival. Children may go home with their parents after the carnival but please inform their class teacher so that they can be marked off on the class roll. No child is allowed to go home with another parent unless a note has been sent to school prior to the carnival.

SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that supervision at the school commences at 8:30am when the first teacher starts duty.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

A reminder that all children are to be closely supervised by an adult while enjoying the school play equipment after school. Children should not be riding scooters and bikes on the school grounds. This activity is best done either at home or a park, not at school.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Our P&F also fund \$10 per student for this overnight excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government and the P&F for their support of this event.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS Congratulations!

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| KINDERGARTEN Ella M | YEAR 1 Christian P | YEAR 2 Benjamin G | YEAR 3 Chloe D |
| YEAR 4 Daniel F | YEAR 5 Gianluca B | YEAR 6 Anne-Maree E B | Well Done! |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Brandon T - 8/6 | Willem K L - 9/6 | Ansh T - 11/6 | Samuel M - 11/6 | Eamon N - 13/6 |
| Rick A - 16/6 | Isabelle A - 17/6 | Bartosz L - 17/6 | William B - 18/6 | Daniel M - 19/6 |

LEARNING MATTERS

All Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta students from Kindergarten to Year 12 are invited to create an artwork to celebrate the Year of Youth and its theme; for young people and the Church to **'open new horizons for spreading joy.'** This theme is based on Pope Francis' call at World Youth Day 2016:

'My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists.'" Pope Francis, World Youth Day Vigil with Young People, 30 July 2016

Artwork Theme: "Spreading Joy"

Students may use Pope Francis' address at World Youth Day 2016 for inspiration or select one of the following scripture verses to base their artwork on:

'And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy.' (Mk 4:16)

'So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.' (Mt 28:8)

'When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.' (Mt 2:10)

'And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.' (Acts 13:52)

A note will go home with further information for those students who are interested in entering this competition.

Mary Elliott
Religious Education Co-Ordinator



CHILDREN'S CORNER

YEAR 6

This term, Year 6 have been experimenting with persuasive writing. Inspired by some classic infomercials of the past, we have created some fantastic advertisements of our own! Here are some snippets of our great advertising, some in the form of posters, some as scripts for commercials. You will be sold by these masterpieces of persuasion!

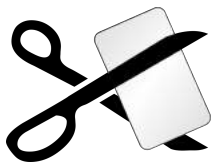
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Evercut Scissors!

Have you ever had an art assignment, but your scissors just won't go through the cardboard?
Well, not anymore!

Introducing the Evercut Scissors!
They can go through every type and size of paper, including cardboard!



But wait, there's more!

For only \$19.99 more, you can get a pair of kitchen scissors!

It can even cut through plastic bottles!
(Customer) "I've never needed another pair of scissors!"

Liam E

Bebel Shoes

P1: Are you tired of old, broken down shoes?

P2: Yeah, I am.

P1: Well you're in luck, because Bebel comes to the rescue.

We guarantee these shoes will never need to be replaced.

P2: Really?

P1: Yeah really in fact these shoes are scientifically proven for your well-being, these shoes are not detrimental to your health.



P1: These shoes will never get dirty either, from Bebel you can even get white shoes and they'll never get dirty.

James M

Payless Paper

Hey have you ever wanted some incredible blue paper? Well I am giving you 60 pieces of it. When you put a colour on it, it changes the colour of the ink to every colour you can think of!

But wait there's more!

I will even throw in 86 pieces of orange paper.

Have you ever been writing and then your paper rips?

Well, the orange paper will never rip. You have more chance of smashing a brick than ripping our extraordinary orange paper.

Josh T

Regreat

(Walks on stage with product)

Have you been eating too much fast food,
or felt a little bit fat?

Well, we have the solution: **REGREAT!**



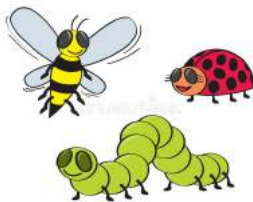
It is made with the finest materials with the
greatest durability.

With spikes to remind you not to eat
something, but it doesn't pierce skin!

Jerome B

Insects Galore!

When you sign up to this incredible deal you
will receive an astounding surprise each week.
Imagine getting a different part of an insect and
a magazine each week. Kids can build their
insects and be more excited in insects than they
have ever been!!!



Each week the surprise builds as the insect
takes shape. The magazine is highly educational
and will give kids an introduction to the insect
world.

Lucas R

Fake Sicker & The Parent Tricker

Lauren: Hey Kids! (Whisper) Go Ask Your Mum
or Dad for a snack so they don't hear this ad.

Lauren: Are they gone? Good! Have you ever
wanted to stay home from school?

People: YES!!!

The Fake-Sicker & Parent Tricker

Lauren: Well, on a detrimental day or a day
where you just don't wanna go to school, you
can use the (Holds Up Product) The Fake Sicker!

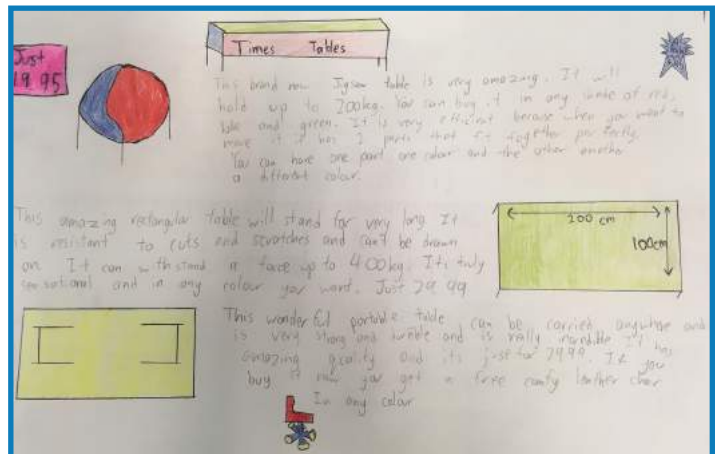
People: WOW!!! What Does it do?!

Lauren: Great Question! This PHENOMENAL
Product Gives You Symptoms like

- Red Nose
- Scratchy Voice
- Coughing
- Runny Nose
- Fever
- Gagging
- and cold feet

People: Wow!!! PRICE CHECK!!!!

Lauren C



Plates

Hey mums! Are your plates getting dirty all the time? Are you tired of cleaning them continually?
Well, I have what you need!

I have a set of the best plates and bowls just for you! These plates are unbreakable,
easy to clean, and today these remarkable plates are 30% off!

But wait there's more! These awesome plates come in a variety of colours. Is Red your
favourite colour? Well, they come in red - or will yellow plates match your decor?



John P

EXTRA CURRICULUM

Girls Soccer Gala Day

Last Tuesday 29th May we had a number of girls from Years 5 and 6 represent our school at the annual Girls Soccer Gala Day held at Jamison Park Penrith.

Once again our children played exceptionally well, improving as the day progressed. They represented St Bernadette's in a positive manner and displayed true sportsmanship by congratulating their opponents and thanking the referees at the conclusion of each game.

Congratulations Year 5 and 6 Girls!

A special thank you to David Bonora for coaching the Year 6 team and Miss Steph for coaching the Year 5 team.



Premiers Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge in record time. They completed at 15 books from the PRC Reading List and 5 free choice books, a total of 20 books.

Ian B - Year 1, Chloe D - Year 3, Patrick H - Year 4,
Zoey L - Year 4, Takara C - Year 5, Amelia N - Year 5,
Erin B - Year 6

To all the other students who are still reading, the reading challenge closes on Friday 31 August.

All reading records must be entered online onto the PRC website by this date.

Enjoy your reading!



P & F NEWS



On Friday 1 June, we held our Canteen Snack Day and it was a great success.

We made a total of \$195.00.

A big thank you to all of the parents who helped on the day.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pilgrimage from Prague to Dubrovnik in September-October School Holidays

A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

Positions Vacant

- Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
- Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices. More details at: www.ccss.org.au
- Parish Bookkeeper – St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. More details at: www.john23rd.com
- Casual Housekeeper - Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. More details at: Natalie Acton nacton@goodsams.org.au

CatholicCare Sydney

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CatholicCare Careline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

The Pope Francis Movie: 10 and 16 June

Playing at the Sydney Film Festival this 10 and 16 of June – Pope Francis: A Man of His Word. Wim Wenders' (Buena Vista Social Club) new documentary is a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a traditional biography. Selected for the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Tickets at: www.sff.org.au

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

Catholic Women Speak: 21 June

On June 21, Catholic women from the Diocese of Parramatta will be given the chance to share their views on the opportunities and barriers to their participation in the Catholic Church at 'Catholic Women Speak,' a special consultation session organised by the Council for Australian Catholic Women. RSVP by June 18, 2018 via director.opw@catholic.org.au or Andrea 0487 388 873. Starts from 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta (enter via Ross St).

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

COMMUNITY NEWS



Catherine McAuley Westmead

School Open Morning

9:15am – 11:00am

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. This is the last school tour until November.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9:15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9:00am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

**St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas are now taking enrolments
for children currently in Year 5 wishing to enrol for 2020.**



PANAMÁ
15-30 JAN 2019

Please return your World Youth Day Panama Raffle tickets whether they are **sold** or **unsold** to school by
Friday 29th June, 2018.



No1 Draft Pick School Holiday Camps have it all – instructions on how to play with a strong fundamental base with skills competitions and fun competitive games.

Our school holiday camp program has just launched for this coming July. Feel free to book your spots in now. Meet new people and learn new skills with our great coaches.

Two venues available - Sydney Olympic Park and Concord High School. To register and for further information, click on the link below.

<http://www.no1draftpick.com/events/category/school-holiday-camps/>