



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3, WEEK 4, 16 AUGUST 2018

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

A Community of Learners

Over the past four weeks our teachers have been engaged in a great number of professional learning opportunities, both here at school and also offsite, at a variety of venues. We are very grateful for the opportunities these provide to enrich the professional lives of teachers and acknowledge the support we receive from the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). This support enables us to work as a community of learners to focus on the core 'business' of school - teaching and learning and our three school goals for 2018. These goals are based on previous whole school data and are:

- **Religious Education:** For all students to continue to improve their understanding of Scripture.
- **Numeracy:** For all students to improve their multiplicative thinking.
- **Literacy:** For all students to improve their use of vocabulary when writing.

Communication between school & home

It has been great to already have many opportunities to meet families with our 'cuppa with the Principal' chat and on

the playground before or after school.

In addition to these channels of communication, we regularly place important information and updates about school and community events

through:

- **Skoolbag app:** this is one of our main forms of communication with families, with information and reminders, alerts, events and school newsletters. The Skoolbag app also has a section for 'Events' - a link to our St Bernadette's School calendar.
- **Parent Newsletter:** our school newsletter contains important information about upcoming events and important information regarding teaching and learning at St Bernadette's.



Prayers please

Please pray for a speedy recovery for Mrs Mary Elliott our Religious Education Coordinator and Year 1 teacher.

And the McMaster family for Lily's grandfather who passed recently.

Peace and joy,

Megan Baird
Principal



Our attendance percentage to date is: 90.7%

SCHOOL NEWS

Safety for all at St Bernadette's

- If your child is late for school, please ensure that you accompany them to the office to sign them in.
- A number of parents are currently using the Parish carpark as a Kiss and Drop area and this is seriously jeopardising the safety of students and other road users. Should you wish to drop your child off, the only place to do this is on Cox Crescent. Thank you for ensuring a safe

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 3 and 4

**For reminders on all upcoming activities and events on around our school please use the SkoolBag App.*

LITURGY ROSTER

** The Liturgy Roster has gone home to the families of the children who participate in Altar Serving for our school and Parish.*

EXTRA CURRICULUM

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Arabella K-L - Kindergarten, Youssef E-H - Year 1, Caleb L - Year 1, Afreen M - Year 1, Eamon B - Year 3, Jacob L - Year 3, Isabella E-R - Year 4, Willem K-L - Year 4, Olivia N - Year 4, Kiara B - Year 5.

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!

Zone Athletics Carnival

32 of our finest track and field athletes. Our children represented their school with pride and were the subject of many complements.

Congratulations to the St Bernadette's Zone Athletics Team of 2018!

Lachlan B, Kiara B, Marcello B, Nicolas C, Raph C, Chloe D, Jessica E, Gabriel E, Samuel F, Orlando F, Ricardo F, Patrick H, Jessica K, Bartosz L, Rorie L, Zoey L, Ryan M, Aaliyah M, Justine M, Liam M, Oliver M, Amelia N, Lucas N, Brandon N, Olivia N, Angelique O, Heidi S, Joshua T, Diana T, Mia V,

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

James B - Kindergarten

Lachlan B - Year 1

Madison H - Year 2

Heidi S - Year 3

Isabella E - Year 4

Oliver M - Year 5

Ricardo F - Year 6

Lily P - 18/8

Damon K - 28/8

Benjamin G - 19/8

Isabelle E - 28/8

Christian P - 20/8

Ava M - 28/8

Yingxin L - 21/8

Youssef E K H - 25/8

Marie-Elise B - 27/8

Ryan R - 28/8



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, 19 Aug 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B Jn 6:51-5

At one time it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the *body* was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, *blood* was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated blood or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

© Fr Michael



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **15th August**

Our Year 1 to 6 students and our staff attended Mass with the parish on this most important feast day when, according to our faith, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heavenly glory.

"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life". St. Pope John Paul II.

LEARNING MATTERS

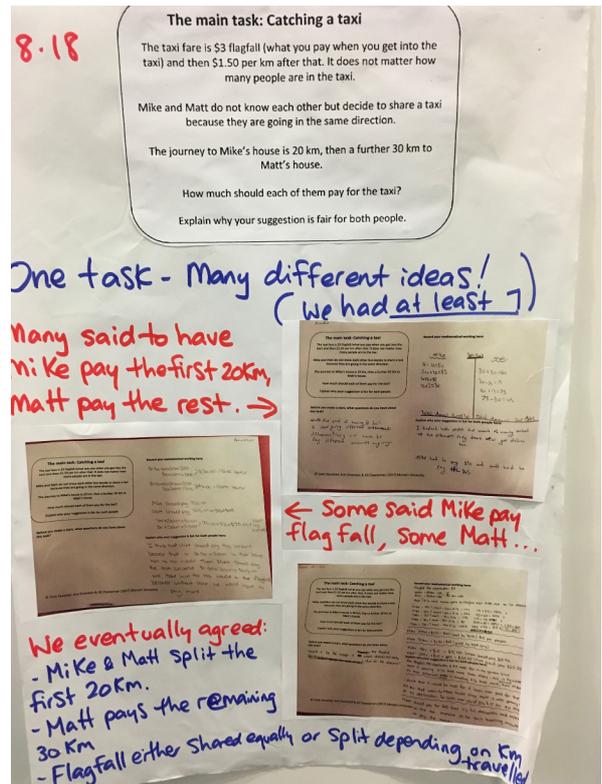
One problem - many methods

Here, Stage 3 students were asked to fairly divide a taxi fare between two passengers travelling different distances. The 'flagfall' also had to be shared.

There were all least 7 different methods in which to divide the cost, which led to a healthy debate amongst the children as to what was fairest.

Also important was the evaluation of the various methods of calculation. The efficiency of various strategies was discussed, which is very helpful in providing students with multiple methods to tackle problems.

Perhaps most importantly, it is the hard thinking along the way, and not only the 'answer' at the end which helps children deepen their understanding.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

In Year 2 We have been learning about Pro Hart. We learnt that he was a sheep farmer and miner in the Australian outback who taught himself to paint. Here are some of our own interpretations of Pro Hart's Dragonflies and Ants.



P & F NEWS

FATHERS DAY STALL 2018

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 29th August where the children will be able to purchase some lovely gifts for Father's Day. A note is going home today.

FATHERS DAY BBQ

You are invited to join the children for a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 31st August 2018 from 7:30am. A note is going home today.

**Our school Hot Food Canteen was held on Friday 10th August .
It was a great day and we raised \$266.90.
Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered their help on the day.**



COMMUNITY NEWS



Thank you for your generosity

A heartfelt thank you for your generous donations of canned goods for the Manning Foundation. The students showed great pride and compassion when completing our Tau cross on the playground and were excited to discuss what a difference these contributions can make in the lives of others. I'm so proud of our Community of Catholic learners and their call to never see a need without doing something about it - just like St Mary of the Cross MacKillop calls us to do.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



For the most up to date events on what is happening around our Diocese please visit the Diocese of Parramatta events page on their website.

Follow the link.

- **If your child is looking to join a local sports club. The following are recruiting for Baseball and Softball.**
- **Please contact the clubs directly for more information.**



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