



Our attendance percentage to date is: 87.7%

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Now in the second week of Lent we are presented with a great challenge of Faith. As members of the Catholic Church we are called to "do unto others as I have done for you". During Lent the children are asked to remember how Jesus loved us so much that He gave his life for our salvation.

Sometimes they put me to shame with their selflessness. I guess that's another reason why Jesus had so much time for children. He loved their purity of heart and innocence.

During Lent, take the time to stop, reflect and love.

*Love and Light,*

**Mrs Lisa Gerrard,**

**Principal**

### [A gentle reminder...](#)

We all know there are times when our children come home upset with stories of how they were let down by other children during the course of the day. As parents, we want to defend our child and protect them from hurt feelings.

Some Dos, Don'ts and Think Before that need to be remembered:

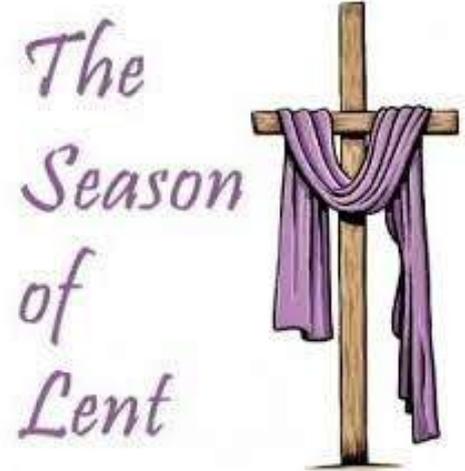
**Do:** Follow any incident up with your child's teacher as the first port of call. Then if you feel that you need to take the incident further please feel free to make an appointment to see Anthony Kensell or Lisa Gerrard. (For further information please see our complaints policy in the office foyer)

**Don't:** Approach any child that is not your own to discuss possible issues. Just as you would feel that it is not appropriate for another parent to reprimand your child, it is not okay for you to approach and try to discipline someone else's child.

**Just a reminder...**



**Think Before:** You ring another parent about their child's behaviour. Kids have an amazing way of being friends one minute and enemies the next! By the time we get involved the children have made up or moved on. I have seen these type of situations cause rifts between families over basically nothing.



Sunday, 24 Mar 2019: Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now,

but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished

so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

For reminders on upcoming activities and events around our school, please use the SkoolBag App. This will give you the most up to date information on what is happening each week.

**22/3** - Farewell Assembly for Mrs Hines. **Please note:** there will be an earlier start time of 2:15pm for this assembly only.

**23/3** - State Election BBQ and Voting

**8/4** - New Cross Country Carnival

**12/4** - Last day of Term 1

### State Election

As there is a State Election on Saturday March 23rd, our school hall will once again be hired as a place to vote.



As you have probably seen on SkoolBag, we will be having a BBQ and Cake Stall to raise money for



the new furniture needed in our learning spaces.

Please help out if you can by donating cakes etc or some time on the day. Every little bit helps

### Taking Enrolments NOW



Mrs Gerrard and Mr Kensell are accepting enrolment forms now. Please ensure you return your enrolment form quickly as we are beginning our Kindergarten Interviews for 2020.

If you know anyone who has a child that will be starting Kindergarten in 2020 we strongly encourage them to complete their enrolment forms to avoid missing out on a place in our wonderful school.

### St Patrick's Day Canteen Day



A huge thank you to our Kindy parents who provided us with some delicious green treats for morning tea. As you can imagine it was very well received and this generosity was greatly appreciated.

### School Fees

As you are aware, School Fees Account Statements for 2019 have been issued. If you have not received your statement for any reason, please contact the office immediately.

If you have any queries or are experiencing difficulties, please contact the school office. All conversations are strictly confidential.

A reminder that if you are planning on leaving our school you must provide a minimum of 10 weeks notice to avoid being charged school fees even though you left the school.

### Attendance

A reminder to parents that our morning school bell rings at 8:55am. If you arrive after this time your child must be brought into the office by a parent and signed in before they can go to their classroom. This ensures your child is not incorrectly marked absent on the class roll.

Did you know that if your child is 5 minutes late each day, that equates to 25 minutes per week and 250 minutes a term!

Every minute of school time is important. Please make an effort to be on time!

### Book Club:

A reminder that online orders for Issue 2 will close on 25 March 2019. Issue 3 will be available in Term 2.

### Thank You

Sincere thanks in advance for all of the parents who have offered to support our Cake Stall and BBQ for this weekend's State Election. All donations of yummy treats or time are appreciated.



## **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Kindergarten - Mia L

Year 5 - Orlando V

Year 1 - James B

Year 6 - Daniel B

Year 2 - Youssef E K H

Year 3 - Isla M

Year 4 - Lenita T S



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Premiers Reading Challenge 2019

The Premier's Reading Challenge is available for all NSW students in Years Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home-schools.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. This is a challenge for all students regardless of their current reading level.

Registration of new students who wish to participate in the challenge is now open. Students wishing to participate for the first time, please complete the section below and return to the school by Tuesday 26 March.

After students have been registered online, they will be issued with a user name and password to access the online reading record.

Students who have previously participated and already have their user name and password, can also access their reading record.

Reading lists, instructions, rules, etc can be accessed on the website. [LINK](#)

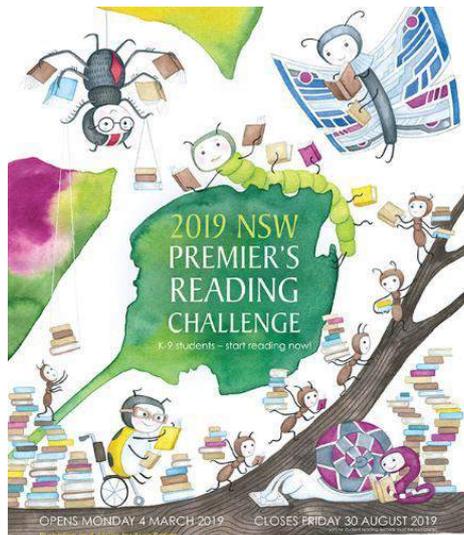
There is also a new PRC student site.

Check out the new site! [LINK](#)

All books read must be entered online by Friday 30 August, 2019.

Happy Reading!

*Mrs Halina Levenets*  
*Teacher Librarian*



[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



### Japanese Exchange Student Program

St Bernadette's Primary School will be hosting Japanese students from 30th July - 6th August 2019.



This is an opportunity to share your lifestyle and home whilst experiencing another culture.

- Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend
- Japanese language is not necessary.
- Students just fit in with your family routines - eat your food, they will need their own bed but can share a room.
- Families are paid \$50 per night or 2 students being hosted by one family \$45 per night.

Please enquire in our school office if you would like more information on the program and being a host.



### SRC Update

Every fortnight the SRC will give an update to our school newsletter. Soon we will have a Talent Quest where everyone can show our school their spectacular talents. Kinder to Six will be given the opportunity to try out for the Talent Quest.

The SRC have decided to bring back the suggestion box, where everyone can put their suggestions. You can put any sort of suggestions in it like things to improve our school - but nothing too big. Please make sure it's sensible ideas - don't waste paper!

*Zoey L, Amelia N, Daniel B and the SRC*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Yvonne C - 22/3

Samara C - 25/3

Anthony D - 28/3

Eva L - 2/4

Francesco M - 3/4



## LEARNING MATTERS



With the launch of Bernie Bright in week 5 of this term the staff have been engaged in driving the message of positive behaviour for learning in many aspects of school life. The focus for the last two weeks has been respectful behaviour both at assembly and in lining up in the morning, recess and lunchtime.

The focus for the next two weeks will be built around the school motto of "I am Safe".

With this in mind we will be targeting afternoon dismissal. Drive Through, Pickup, Bus and Walkers.

The children will be reminded of safe behaviour in all areas of the school and in the afternoon dismissal.

As a reminder:

**Drive through:** Children will sit quietly in the hall until they are called. Parents must have the family name clearly displayed and not leave their cars. Children will be called by the supervising teacher to the vehicle. Children must not go to the back of the car to place bags in the boot.

**Pick up:** Parents are asked to wait in the undercroft area for the children. Children must be collected from the undercroft. Children may not go to the bottom playground without a parent and no child is to use the equipment without a parent supervising. No child will be allowed to leave via the bottom gate without a parent.

**Bus:** Children who catch buses will be walked from the school and the supervising teacher will wait until all children have caught their bus.

**Walkers:** Children who walk home from school will be dismissed at bell time and encouraged to walk in groups.

With your support we hope to minimise the risks and promote a safe environment for our school.

**PBS4L Team**

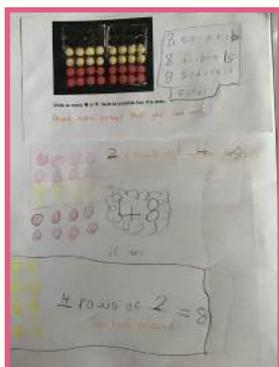


## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Year 3

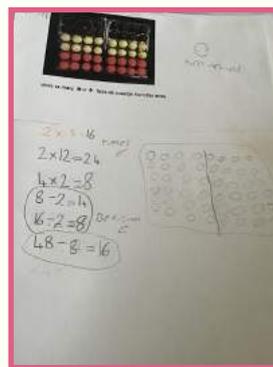
A photo of a packet of cupcakes was displayed for Year Three and they were asked what multiplication or division facts could they see in the picture. This is what some of the children came up with.



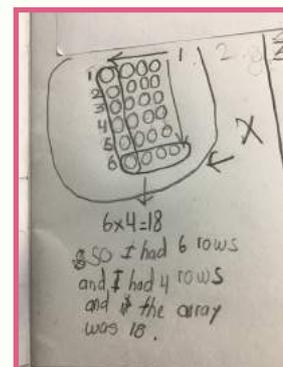
Kayla was able to draw the turn arounds



Raph could see many number facts

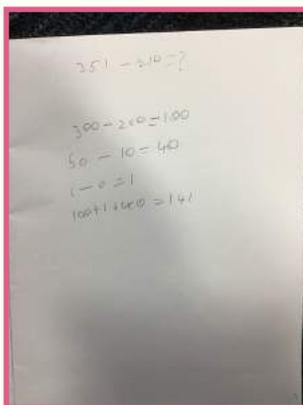


Isabelle remembered the turn around, or commutativity of numbers

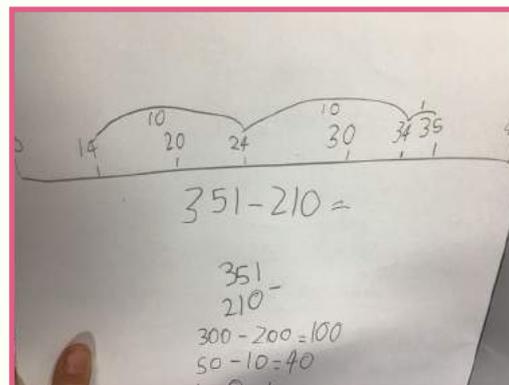


Gabriella could label the rows and columns on the array

Year Three have also been trying different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.



Ian is showing the split strategy



Isla is showing the jump strategy

## P & F NEWS



St Patrick's Day Green Canteen was a held on Monday 18th March . There were many yummy green items for all the kids to enjoy . A huge thank you to all of the Kindergarten parents who provided food for the day and the ones who volunteered their time to help make the day a huge success. \$501.65 was made on the day .

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### AUTUMN VACATION CARE 2019 PROGRAM AND BOOKING FORMS

FOR ST MONICA'S ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ST BERNADETTE'S OFFICE FOR ANY FAMILIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OR NEED VACATION CARE, THESE AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### APRIL 2019

<b>MON 15 APRIL</b>	Taekwondo, arts/craft, soccer & youth hub.
<b>TUES 16 APRIL</b>	BJJ, table tennis, cricket & cooking.
<b>WED 17 APRIL</b>	Kick Boxing, bollywood dance, outdoor games & youth hub.
<b>THURS 18 APRIL</b>	Outdoor games, kids fitness, table tennis & dodgeball.
<b>FRI 19 APRIL</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY. CLUB CLOSED.</b>
<b>MON 22 APRIL</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY. CLUB CLOSED.</b>
<b>TUES 23 APRIL</b>	BJJ, table tennis, cricket & cooking.
<b>WED 24 APRIL</b>	Kick Boxing, bollywood dance, outdoor games & youth hub.
<b>THURS 25 APRIL</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY. CLUB CLOSED.</b>
<b>FRI 26 APRIL</b>	Taekwondo, boxing, soccer & youth hub.

Program is designed for children aged 5-12 years old and runs from 9.00am-4.00pm. **Cost is \$30.00 per child, per day.**  
 Note: parents can pay \$20.00 for care between 4.00pm-6.00pm.  
 Please pack a hat, recess and lunch for your child.

**SAVE TIME AND BOOK ONLINE!**

(02) 9635 8242  
 parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au  
 107 George Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Come dance with us on from the 16th-18th of April!  
 Date: 16th, 17th & 18th April  
 Location: Top Ryde Studio  
 Time: 9:00am-4:30pm  
 Levels: Junior 5-9yrs, Senior 10+yrs  
 Price: \$89.00 per day, \$249.00 for all 3 days  
 Special Offers:  
 Early Bird- Register and pay before 29th March and receive 10% off! Bring a Friend who isn't a member of WSDA and both receive 10% off!

## HOLIDAY CAMP TIMETABLE

JUNIOR (5-9)	SENIOR (10+)
9:00-9:45am Stretch	9:00-9:45am Stretch
9:45-10:00am Morning Tea	9:45-10:00am Morning Tea
10:00am-10:45am Ballet Technique	10:00-10:45am Tricks and Tumbles
10:45-11:30am Tricks and Tumbles	10:45-11:30am Ballet Technique
11:30-12:15pm Hair and Make up Lesson	11:30-12:15pm Hair and Make up Lesson
12:15-1:00pm Lunch	12:15-1:00pm Lunch
1:00-1:45pm Jazz	1:00-1:45 Contemporary
1:45-2:30pm Contemporary	1:45-2:30pm Jazz
2:30-2:45pm Afternoon Tea	2:30-2:45pm Afternoon Tea
2:45-3:30pm Musical Theatre/Hip Hop (will alternate each day)	2:45-3:30pm Hip Hop/Musical Theatre (will alternate each day)
3:30-4:30pm Dance Movie Time	3:30-4:30pm Dance Movie Time

**Details:**  
**Uniform:** Students can wear any dance leotard of their choice. Ballet stockings and ballet shoes will be required for Ballet Technique class (if your child already has them)  
**Lunch:** Please ensure your child has a packed lunch and plenty of water for Holiday Camp. If you wish to leave your child some money for lunch, WSDA staff are happy to take students to the food court if needed.  
**Special Note:** If your child isn't enrolled in a certain dance style at WSDA, they will still participate in all classes at the Holiday camp, allowing them to gain in experience in multiple dance styles.

**CONTACT US TODAY TO BOOK IN FOR WSDA HOLIDAY CAMP**

**0401 958 105**  
 wsda@outlook.com  
 wsdanceacademy.com

Bring along  
some cash!

DEMOCRACY TASTES  
BETTER WITH SAUCE!



# ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL



Bacon & Egg Rolls  
Sausage Sizzle  
Coffee and Cakes Galore!

Saturday 23rd March  
From 7:30am



RAISING FUNDS FOR  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

St. Bernadettes Primary  
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