



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2, WEEK 2, 9 MAY

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Our attendance percentage to date is: 86.4%



Welcome to Term 2!

I hope that you had an enjoyable break and a blessed Easter with friends and family.

This Sunday we celebrate our Mums! Mother's Day always makes me reflect on the strong female role models in my family that supported my choices and career path. As women we are responsible for raising the strong females of the future. The next female Prime Minister, Nobel Prize winner..... This is nothing new to us as parents who want the best for our children always. A piece of advice that I was given by a very strong, independent female in my life was, *"Be who you are not who you think you have to be!"*

I wish all of our Mums a Happy Mother's Day. May your breakfast in bed be as enjoyable and joy filled as the gorgeous little people who made it for you. For some of us it is a bittersweet day filled with the amazing Mums we can no longer physically celebrate with but they remain present as ever in our hearts.

Love & Light

Lisa Gerrard

Principal



Sunday, 12 May 2019: Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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St Bernadette's Feast Day - 16 April



St Bernadette Soubirous, a young, poor, illiterate, sickly girl had the courage, in spite of opposition from all sides, to pass on the message given to her during the apparitions by Our Lady. This message was given for all of us. The Message of Lourdes is Prayer, Penance, Conversion and living as God would want us to. Bernadette is not a saint because she saw Our Lady but because she lived the Message of Lourdes.



We wish all of our beautiful mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

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.

13/5 - Coffee with the P&F

15/5 - Stage 1 Excursion

Prayers please

Please pray for the family of our previous councillor Mrs Leanne Redmond, who lost her battle with cancer early last week. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



Naplan Online

This year, for the first time, NAPLAN testing will be online. This means that all tests (excluding Year 3 Writing) will be done online using the school's Chromebooks.



The children have had lots of exposure to the demonstration site, which presents questions in the format they can expect in the tests over the coming weeks. The children also sat the practise test, which was an omnibus format including elements of Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

NAPLAN online will take place over a 2 week period, commencing on Tuesday, 14 May with Writing. There will be a catch up day for Writing on Wednesday. The remaining tests will be held up until early week 4, allowing the later part of the week for catch up tests for any absent students.

Please contact Mr Kensell via the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Mothers Day Thank you from our Principal

Celebrating Mother's Day as a community is a big job that takes a lot of organisation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alexis Bonita and Katherine Cicala for rising to the challenge and



overseeing our Mother's Day Stall. I thank also the many volunteers who once again have donated their time generously to wrap presents and man the stall.

Election Day BBQ

Once again we are having a BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday May 18th. Thank you to all of those who have offered help by supplying edible goodies to sell on the day.

We still need volunteers to help serve on the BBQ and/or cake stall. If you're able to volunteer time on the day please return your note to the school office.



The feedback from the community was really positive last time so we look forward to another successful day.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club orders for Term 2 are now open and orders will close on 20th May 2019. We are now only accepting online orders. Please use the link to register and start your order www.scholastic.com.au/loop LOOP is also available as an app, for both apple and Android devices.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stevania F - 20/4

Matthew M - 28/4

Alvin J - 22/4



Jasmine I - 30/4

Lachlan B - 24/4

Terrence T - 7/5

Lucas N - 27/4

Shane F - 9/5

Youran D - 27/4

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Kindergarten - Layla S

Year 4 - Francesco M

Year 1 - Amelia N

Year 5 - Charles C

Year 2 - Isabelle A

Year 6 - Kiara B

Year 3 - Brandon T

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the following businesses and people who donated prizes to the Mother's Day Raffle

Genesis Gym

Rush Hour Australia North Parramatta

Elias Pharmacy Fairfield

Rashays Top Ryde

Yu Family

Kim family

Vaiente Family

Julie McMaster

Dooleys Restaurant

Event Cinemas Top Ryde

Forcast Clothing

Jun Family



Plumbing Assist

Scribbles and Giggles Childcare Centre

Mahoney Family

Vanity Nails Carlingford Court

Pearl Nails Carlingford Court

The Container Cafe Dundas Valley

Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Future You in Dundas

Cheng Family

Volcano Pizza Dundas Valley

El Khoury Hanna Family

LEARNING MATTERS



Congratulations to the Bernadette house for being the first house to enjoy a reward in recognition for their behaviour and encouragement of each other since the launch of the PBS4L programme. They were able to enjoy an afternoon of free choice activities. I wonder which house will be recognised this term for their wonderful behaviour? As you can see in the photos the children enjoyed their afternoon.



The first two weeks back we have been focusing on moving around the school safely and quietly and also toilet behaviour.

In the next two weeks our focus will be: *'We care for property and the environment'* and *'We are safe with equipment and belongings'*. We will be reminding the children of such lessons as how important it is to pack away toys/equipment when you have finished with them, how to use devices in an appropriate manner, how to respect the environment that you are living and playing in. These are simple reminders and lessons which can easily be reinforced at home.

SRC UPDATE

Welcome back to school everyone,

A lot of things have happened in the time between the beginning of Term 2 and the end of Term 1!

Now going back to the end of the last term, the Talent Quest that we had on the last day of school was such a massive success that us SRC's think that we could have one every semester!

Also going back to term 1, we had our school Cross Country where some of our St Bernadette's students made it to the Diocesan level. We congratulate everyone who participated in our school Cross Country, however, we specially congratulate those who made it to Diocesan. We hope that when those students went to the Cross Country Zone, they brought pride to our school and did well

Coming back to Term 2, this week, we recently had the Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday and the Mother's Day Raffle on Thursday. The SRC hope that your kid's got your mums something special for Sunday, or even better, won something special for you! We also hope that your kids treat you on Sunday!

Recently, a lot of people on the playground, have been asking, 'When are the soccer nets coming?'

Well, they have arrived recently and will soon be hung up, however, the teachers say to not swing on the poles holding the nets, since that's how the last ones broke. However, that still doesn't mean we can't have fun while playing soccer!

Lately, the SRC have been discussing about bringing back the Chess Club. If your child is interested in joining the new and improved Chess Club, there will be a sign-up sheet appearing by the canteen near the suggestion box. If they are new to chess and want to learn it, they will sign up on one of the sides on the sheet, which is for learners. However, if they are experienced in Chess or know how to play, they will be on the other side that is for experienced players.



Along with this, we are also going to have a sign-up sheet about the songs and if your child wants to have a specific song played for the bell, they go to the sign-up sheet and write their name and the song that they want to have as the bell. If the specific song has already been written down, they can put a tally next to it. Then at the end of the fortnight, we will count up the tallies for the songs and the winning one will be the one we will be played during morning, recess and lunch bells.

Lastly, we hope you all have a great long weekend and that you all enjoy sleeping in on Friday! Oh, and having fun!

Kind regards

Lauren, Melanie, Will and the rest of the SRC members

EXTRA CURRICULAR

NSWPSSA Swimming

At the end of Term 1, Heidi S competed at the NSW Primary School Swimming Championships. This very high level of competition sees the best swimmers in NSW competing for a place in the national championships later in the year.



Heidi competed in all strokes and achieved some amazing results:

50m Breaststroke - Gold medal

200m Individual Medley - Gold medal

Butterfly - Silver medal

Due to this remarkable performance, Heidi will now compete at the national championships in Melbourne later this year. Because of the expenses related with traveling for this event, Heidi has been issued raffle tickets from the NSW team.

If you would like to purchase a ticket to support Heidi and her family they are available in the school office, with great prizes on offer.

Congratulations to Heidi on this wonderful achievement!

Diocesan Football Trial & Touch Football Trial



Last month Kiara B attended the Parramatta Diocesan Football (Soccer) and Touch Football trials. Kiara was successful in both trials and she will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the upcoming MacKillop Football and Touch Football trials. The Football trial will be held in Canberra on the 10th May and the Touch Football trial will take place in Penrith on the 31st May.

Congratulations Kiara and we wish you the best of luck for both events!

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 26 children represented St Bernadette's at the Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park. This year I had the privilege of being out on the course, which allowed me to see all of our runners as they passed my checkpoint late in the race.

All of the children did so well to complete the grueling course and of course their behaviour was exemplary as we have come to expect from the children of St Bernadette's. Thank you to the parents who kindly gave their time to drive children to and from the event and also to those who helped as officials on the day.

Special congratulations go to Kiara B, Heidi S and Amelia N (reserve) who have qualified to represent St Bernadette's at the NSWPCS carnival on Friday 14 June!



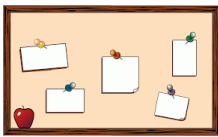
P & F NEWS

A special thank you message from our P&F President:

A big warm thank you to our P&F secretary Alexis and P&F helper Katherine on putting together a successful Mothers Day Stall. The work that goes into organising an event such as this is extremely time consuming and demanding. On behalf of the school community and myself, I would like to thank you for all the hours that you have put in, not only in the preparation beforehand, but also in the running of the Mothers Day stall.

Nancy Assad, P&F President

A huge thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time to help with the mothers day stall and wrapping. The children all loved picking out the perfect gift for their mums and grandmas. A total of \$1100.00 was made from the stall.



Have you seen our notice board? The P&F now have a notice board outside the school canteen to help keep you updated on the latest P&F news. Please take a moment to check it out if you are on the school grounds.

The P&F are hosting a Coffee & Chat session on Monday 13th May. Please feel free to join them at 8:30am outside the school canteen.



COMMUNITY NEWS

A logo for 'rushhour.net.au' featuring the text 'BOOTCAMP 24 hr CROSSFIT GYM' in white and orange on a black background. To the right is a stylized eagle logo with 'Rush Hour Australia' and 'FITNESS 1930' written on it.

A yellow poster for 'Marist College Eastwood MARKET DAY'. It features a school crest at the top, followed by the text 'SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019 9.30AM-2.30PM' and '44 HILLVIEW RD, EASTWOOD'. Three red circles contain details: 'FOOD: Asian, BBQ, Hot Chips, Souvlaki, & Indian'; 'FUN: Chocolate Wheel, Bubble Soccer & Rock Climbing'; and 'STALLS: White Elephant, Vintage Clothing, Art, Books, Devonshire Tea, Cakes & more!'. An ATM icon is in the bottom right corner with the word 'AVAILABLE' below it.

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"Come, follow me," Jesus said.

MARK 1:17



"Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us."

POPE FRANCIS, WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

God is calling YOU to be His priest!

Contact Fr John Paul Escobar, Director of Priestly Vocations, Diocese of Parramatta
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