

NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 2 WEEK 10

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10:

Friday 30th June : Last Day Of Term 2

Term 3

Week 1:

Monday 17th July : Staff Development Day (**No Students at school**)

Tuesday 18th July : First Day Back for Term 3

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

As Term Two draws to a close I would like to thank our parents and staff for your dedicated commitment to the education of the children throughout the term. Much has been accomplished through class learning programs, out-of-class activities such as excursions, sports activities, parent group initiatives and celebrations of our faith, just to name a few. Without the enthusiasm of staff, children and parents and many hours of hard work, these events would not be able to take place. My congratulations go to all who have contributed to such a successful term. The children are also to be congratulated for their efforts to demonstrate being safe, respectful, learners throughout the term.

This time of year is also an opportunity to reflect on the learning that has happened over the first half of the year. Last Friday we sent home student learning reports designed to provide parents with information about their child's achievements in all Key Learning Areas. Whilst these reports are important records of student learning their true value is only realised when they are coupled with a meeting with your child's class teacher. The parent/teacher interviews, being held throughout this week, are a vital component in the school/home partnership to support a student's learning. These interviews provide an opportunity to celebrate successes but also to discuss future goals.

I also take this opportunity to say thankyou to the staff, children and parents who have been so welcoming in these past few weeks during Mrs Gerard's leave. St Bernadette's is a very caring and welcoming community and I extend my best wishes to you all as you continue to promote the development of all aspects of the children's learning.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
Acting Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy term and the students have done themselves proud. Congratulations to our FIAT team on their successful Cheese Toastie mornings, which will continue next term. Congratulations to all the students who have competed at sport days throughout the term and congratulations to everyone for their academic success throughout the semester.

I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 18th July.

Regards

Rebecca Boidin
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday 02 Jul 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

In today's gospel what did Jesus ask his disciples to do? (welcome people)

How could they have made people feel welcome?

Why do you think making people welcome was so important to Jesus?

How does it make you feel when you are welcomed?

Jesus asks us to welcome people. How can we do this?

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Grandparents Day

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, takes place in Week 2 of Term 3. This occasion holds great significance as we honour not only these remarkable individuals but also all grandparents and the elderly.

*We warmly invite grandparents to join us on **Wednesday 26th July** for a morning of thanksgiving and fun. We would like to express our appreciation for the love grandparents have for their grandchildren and the wisdom and traditions they pass down through generations.*

Our celebration will commence with a Liturgy of the Word in the Hall, after which we will have Open Classrooms with some fun activities.

We would love the grandparents to bring along an item of family significance. This object could be a photograph, memento, postcard, travel folder, map, letter, ticket, invitation, or even an heirloom. We warmly invite any grandparent who feels comfortable to share the story of their family with the children in their grandchild's class.

We look forward to welcoming you on Grandparents' Day. Your presence will contribute to a truly special day.



SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance Rate: 73.9% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 73.9% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



Semester One Reports

Our reports were released on Friday 23rd June digitally, no paper reports will be sent home. All reports are accessible only via our Compass Parent Portal. Please ensure two things:

- That you have downloaded the Compass App and have created an account.
- Download the reports and save them to your desktop etc, as once your child leaves St Bernadette's you will no longer have access to these documents.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns using this app.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Week 1 Term 3, Friday 21st July**. The class presenting at this assembly will be Year 2.

A Gentle Reminder:

The Term 2 Principal Awards will be presented in Week 1 Term 3 at assembly.

Boys Soccer Gala Day

Our Stage 3 boys competed at the Parramatta Diocesan Boys Soccer Gala Day last Friday. Miss Maria was very proud of the boys, who played their hearts out at all times, showing outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit.

A big thank you to Ray's brother Fynn, who gave of his time to coach the Year 5 boys, as well as Miss Stephanie & Miss Tiberio who gave up their lunchtimes to coach the boys. Thanks also go to Eamon's sister Olivia, who coached the Year 6 boys on the day.



Cheese Toastie Breakfast

Wednesday mornings



Congratulations to Chloe X, Nicholas F, Aiden H and Tinaye M on winning a free cheese toastie in the Baby Yoda competition.

Cheese Toastie Breakfast will be back in term 3, starting from Wednesday morning Week 2 (26th July). As this is the day of our Grandparents Day celebrations, families are invited to enjoy a Cheese Toastie Breakfast together. Vouchers may be purchased for \$3 each through QKR between Thursday 20th July 10:00 am - Tuesday 25th July 10:00 am.

Important Dates To Remember

Week 10:

Friday, 30th June - Last day of Term 2

Term 3:

Week 1:

Monday, 17th July : Staff Development Day (No students at school)

Tuesday, 18th July : First day back of Term 3

Week 2:

Monday, 24th July : Motiv8 after school program starts

Wednesday, 26th July : Grandparents Day (More information to follow closer to event)

Friday, 28th July : 100 days of Kindergarten Celebration



Birthdays



Aniyah - 19/06

Cameron - 23/06

Evie - 23/06

Elena - 26/06

Penelope - 27/06

Jocelyn - 28/06

Nerso - 29/06

Isabella - 29/06

Maddison - 30/06

Just a reminder that any treats sent in are kept to a minimum and individually portioned.

Return and Earn

Want to know how you could help the environment AND earn some money for the school?

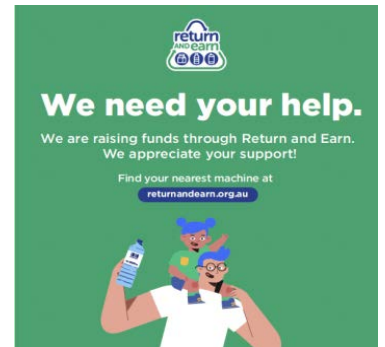
St. Bernadette's has become a registered charity with Return and Earn so now you can recycle your containers and contribute to the school at the same time.

Here is how you do it:

- Collect the empty containers.
- Take them to the Return and Earn Machine **located at Victoria Road, Rydalmere.**
- Put the containers into the machine.
- At the end press DONATE.
- Then find St. Bernadette's Dundas and press that button.

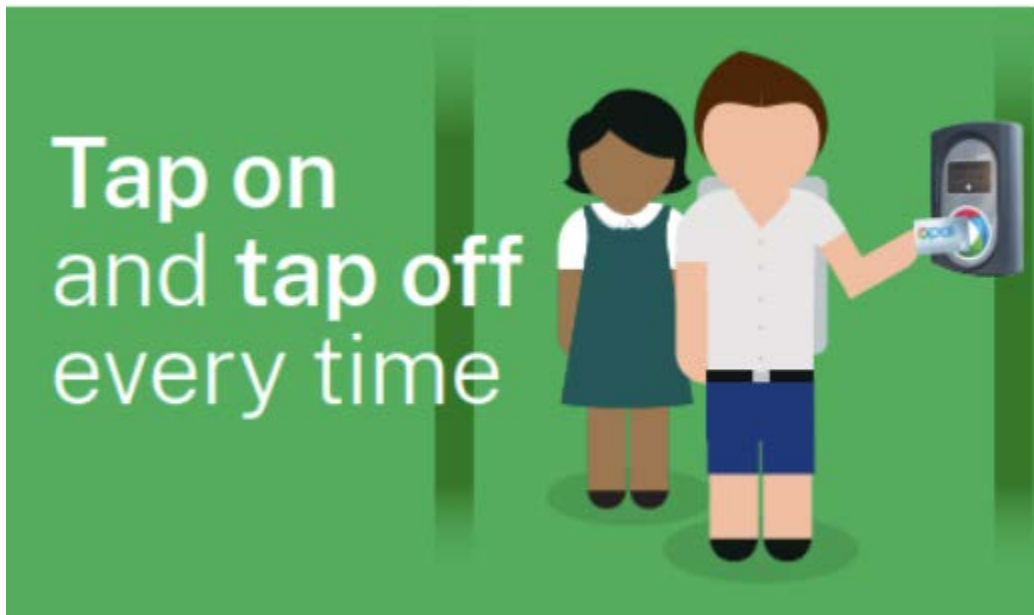
The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy. So start collecting those containers to help us out.

Thank you.



Which drink containers are eligible for a 10c refund?





Tap on and tap off, every time you travel by bus

Our school is partnering with the local school bus operator, Busways, to support a new Tap On and Tap Off education campaign encouraging students who travel by bus to correctly use their school Opal cards. Busways is implementing this campaign throughout Term 3, 2023. This campaign will focus on a simple message – tap on and tap off every time you travel by bus.

Why is tapping on and off on the bus important?

The use of Opal cards is the primary way bus operators and Transport for NSW analyse demand for bus services. When students don't use their Opal cards, their trip is not recorded. Therefore, buses may appear underutilised. Tapping on and off provides better data to plan better bus services.

How can you help?

If your child travels to school by bus, please ensure your child has a valid Opal card (either a School or Child/Youth Opal card). Visit Transport for NSW website to apply for a school Opal card. Students may see onboard bus posters and Busways Community Relation Officers at afternoon loadings. Together let's get students into good habits of tapping on and tapping off with their Opal card. Thank you for your support with this campaign.



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CITY COUNCIL



Youth School Holiday Program

3 to 14 July 2023

Young people aged 12 to 25 can sign up to a range of free workshops, classes, and sports program these school holidays. Be sure to book your place now to avoid missing out.

BodyStrong Bootcamp

Monday 3 July 2023, 11am to 12noon
Body Strong Transformation Centre,
1/41 Maple St, Greystanes

Netball

Tuesday 4 July 2023, 10am to 12noon
Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High
School, 53 Rowley Rd, Guildford

Futsal

Tuesday 4 July 2023, 12noon to 2pm
Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High
School, 53 Rowley Rd, Guildford

Tennis

Wednesday 5 July 2023, 1pm to 4pm
Civic Park Tennis Courts,
Parkland Ave, Pendle Hill

Chess

Thursday 6 July 2023, 2pm to 5pm
Toongabbie Community Centre,
244 Targo Rd, Toongabbie

Futsal Friday

Friday 7 July 2023, 3pm to 5:30pm
Auburn Youth Centre,
Wyatt Park Sports Complex, Church St, Lidcombe

BodyStrong Bootcamp

Monday 10 July 2023, 11am to 12noon
Body Strong Transformation Centre,
1/41 Maple St, Greystanes

Basketball

Tuesday 11 July 2023, 10am to 12noon
Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High
School, 53 Rowley Rd, Guildford

Futsal

Tuesday 11 July 2023, 12noon to 2pm
Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High
School, 53 Rowley Rd, Guildford

Lawn Bowls

Wednesday 12 July 2023, 10:30am to 11:30am
Club Merrylands,
65 Newman St, Merrylands

Arts and Craft

Thursday 13 July 2023, 10:30am to 12noon
Auburn Centre for Community,
44A Macquarie Rd, Auburn

Pizza Making

Friday 14 July 2023, 1pm to 3pm
Auburn Youth Centre,
Wyatt Park Sports Complex, Church St, Lidcombe



Bookings are essential as places are limited.

To make a booking, please scan the QR code or visit
www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/holiday-youth

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Dear Parent/s
WE WOULD LOVE TO INVITE YOUR CHILD TO BE PART OF
AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 MULTI-SPORTS CAMP THESE HOLIDAYS.

When we use the word camp we don't mean sleepover.
Our Motiv8sports events run from 8.30am to 3.30pm and are designed
for K(Prep) - Grade 6 children.

At Motiv8sports there is a reason why the word motiv8 comes before the word
sports. The sports we perform are really important but our primary focus is creating
a sports dreamland where children are not only safe but motiv8ted by our team of energetic
coaches to get in and have a go. Sportsmanship, building resilience, forming new friendships and learning about
teamwork is all part of the Motiv8sports experience.

THE MOTIV8 GAMES are held only once every year and provide campers from across Australia the chance to win Gold.
The Motiv8 Games is a futuristic version of the Olympics with a rock concert style atmosphere. This 2-day multi-sports
event will give campers the opportunity to participate in a long list of non-contact team sports, individual events, showdowns
and team building challenges. This years Motiv8 Games will include 8 x 75 minute sessions including: Future Sports,
Elimin8tors, Tour De Force, The Octathlon, Colosseum, Copa America, Hour of Power and Showdown City.

We take pride in providing the best school holiday camps on the planet. Please scan the QR code below or call
the number listed to learn more about our staff, supervision and safety.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OF OUR CAMPS THESE HOLIDAYS.

THE KINGS SCHOOL
Thurs 6th - Fri 7th JULY
8.30am - 3.30pm DAILY

PARRAMATTA MARIST
Mon 10th - Tues 11th JULY
8.30am - 3.30pm DAILY

Scan the CODE or
CALL COACH BRAD - 0402 200 479

motiv8sports.com.au



NSW CPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 2nd August 2023

**Venue: Santa Sabina
College**

**Eligibility: 11 Years - 12
Years**

*** Please check for
mandatory size/weight
ratios on the website**

**Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal
before 21st July
2023**



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sport**

NSW CPS Golf Tournament (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 7th August 2023
Venue: Blackheath Golf Club

18 Hole

- Students must have a golf link number and a handicap
- Eligible for selection into the MacKillop and Polding Golf Teams pathway
- 8 Years - 13 Years

9 Hole

- Golf link number and handicap not necessary
- Not eligible for further pathways
- Participation event
- 8 Years - 13 Years



Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal before
28th July 2023

HOLIDAY CLINICS



DATE: 5/7/2023
AGE: 5-12 years
TIME: 10.00am - 1.00pm
COST: \$49
WHERE: Morrison Bay (Field 1 and 2)



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St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary, Dundas Valley is a community focused, Catholic parish school catering for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school strives to build a Christ centred community where faith is integrated with daily life. We provide learning and teaching experiences which enable the children to deepen their faith understandings, investigate, solve problems and explore their learning. We recognise the importance of creating a learning environment that provides opportunities to develop 21st century learning. Technology is integrated into the learning at St Bernadette's in all Key Learning Areas.

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