

NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 4 WEEK 6

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6:

Friday, 17th Nov : Kindergarten Excursion

Week 8:

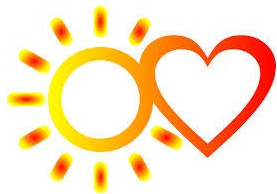
Friday, 1st Dec : Year 1 & 2 Excursion

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Week 6 newsletter. Can you believe that we only have four weeks left of our school year? Since our last newsletter we hosted our major fundraising event for 2023, our Family Fun Afternoon. What a great way to finish the week.

Sincere thanks to all of the classes for their great variety of stalls and activities. The children were really excited to spend their vouchers and enjoy all of the treats. Thanks also to the amazing staff who gave up their time to run the tableau activities. With the vouchers and the sponsors' donations we raised a total of **\$7,637.15**. This will be put towards our Sensory Garden which we hope to begin in 2024. Thank you all again for your generosity and support for this event.

Love & Light



Lisa Gerrard

(on behalf of the St Bernadette's staff & students)

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We have begun the process for the 2024 SRC and FIAT Leadership positions. There are a couple of changes this year and these are highlighted below.

Student Representative Council

At the end of each year, the Year Five and Year Four children are invited to **self-nominate for the SRC**. Upon nomination, each child is required to write a speech, clearly identifying why they should be accepted as an SRC member and how they will contribute if elected. The speeches are delivered to our current Year 3, 4 and 5 students. The students from Year 3, 4 and 5 then vote anonymously. Teachers will also vote.

There will be a total of **7 students elected** from the nominees. One SRC for each class, K-6. The SRC will meet fortnightly with their designated class.

Faith in Action Team (FIAT)

At the end of each year, the Year Five and Year Four children are invited to **self-nominate for the FIAT**. Upon nomination, each child is required to write a letter to Mrs Brooker, clearly identifying why they should be accepted as a FIAT member and how they will contribute if elected. Mrs Brooker will discuss the applications with the Principal, AP and FIAT coordinator and the FIAT students will be chosen by the four staff members based on their application letter and service within their time at school.

There will be a total of **7 students elected** from the nominees. One FIAT member for each class, K-6. The FIAT students will meet fortnightly with the FIAT coordinator and will visit their class to update them on any items associated with our initiatives.

Both the SRC and FIAT teams will work closely together in 2024 to build their leadership skills and to continue to give voice to the students' ideas.

The SRC speeches have occurred this week and the FIAT letters have been sent to Mrs Brooker, we are now in the process of finalising both teams and the community will be informed next week.

Kind Regards,

Rebecca Boidin
Assistant Principal



Sunday 19 Nov 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

In today's gospel how many servants did the master leave in charge?

How much money did he give them?

What happened when the Master returned?

Why was the Master pleased?

Jesus asks us to be good and faithful in little things.

What little things that we do show that we are good and faithful?

We pray that we will do our best with little things this week.

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Term 4 Mass/Reconciliation Roster

Week/Date	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
Students return to school Wednesday 11 October – no Reconciliation/Mass		
Week 2 16–20 October	6	6 & K
Week 3 23–27 October	5	5 & 1
Week 4 30 Oct–3 Nov	ALL SAINTS Whole School Mass	No Mass
Week 5 6–10 November	4	Swimming Carnival No Mass
Week 6 13–17 November	3	2, 3 & 4
Week 7 20–24 November	6	5 & 6
Week 8 27 Nov–1 Dec	5	Whole School
Week 9 4–8 December	Christmas Liturgies & Christmas Concert	
Week 10 11–15 December	Year 6 Graduation	

Pancake Breakfast

These pancakes are so good!

Get your pancake breakfast on Wednesday mornings!



FIAT NEWS

We are so proud to announce that through Cheese Toastie and Pancake Breakfasts this year, we have raised \$2000 for the Manning Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated.

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance Rate: 74.7% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 74.7% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Week 7, Friday, 24th November**. The class presenting at this assembly will be year 3.

Important Dates To Remember

Week 6:

Friday, 17th November : Kindergarten excursion

Week 8:

Friday, 1st December : Year 1 & 2 excursion

Friday, 1st December : Year 6 Dinner Dance

Week 9:

Thursday, 7th December : Whole school Christmas Concert (more details to follow)

Week 10:

Wednesday, 13th December : Year 6 Graduation Liturgy (more details to follow)

Friday, 15th December : **Last day of school for students**

2024 Calendar

Term 1:

Week 1:

Monday, 29th January : SDD (no school for students)

Tuesday, 30th January : SDD (no school for students)

Wednesday, 31st January : **First day back for years 1 - 6**

Wednesday, 31st January : Kindergarten 2024 MAI testing day

Thursday, 1st February : **First day of school for kindergarten students**

Premier's Reading Challenge

433,502 students across NSW took part in the PRC this year, with over 313,000 students completing the Challenge. Students read a combined total of 8,658,738 books!

Congratulations to the following 29 students who completed the Challenge:

Kindergarten

William K
Lilah M
Harrison P

Year 1

Jaiden C
Jessica D
Morton L
Riwon L

Year 2

Kayla B
Jack D
Jayvis H
Chloe K
Junhee L
Ethan L
Angelena N
Oliver O
Tri P
Brandon T

Year 3

Saacha C
Oliver C
Nolan J
Taniil W

Year 4

Lachlan B
Ryan D
Gabriella F
Phineas Y

Year 5

Jasmine I
Caitlyn O

Year 6

Youssef E
Christian P



NSW Department of Education

**2023 NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge**
Start reading now!

Artwork by Ulla Huht

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**
Challenge opens
Monday 27 February
Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 August



A special mention to the following students who will receive a **Gold** certificate, which is given to students who have completed the Challenge four times. They will receive their special certificate at a school assembly later this term.

Lachlan B

Jasmine I

Christian P

Leaving School

Please notify our office as soon as possible, if you know that you may be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of this year. As you know, you are required to give ten weeks' notice if you are leaving.

Please contact our office for a copy of a leaving form that must be completed.

Swimming Carnival

Our primary children enjoyed a successful swimming carnival at Waves Aquatic Centre last Friday, 10th November. The children competed with great enthusiasm and showed excellent team spirit throughout the day.

There were some outstanding performances on the day, with our junior and senior age champions to be announced at Assembly on Friday 24th November.

Congratulations to **Clare** which was the winning house on the day!



Scarlett. T - 08/11

Melanie - 09/11

Georgia - 09/11

Caleb - 12/11

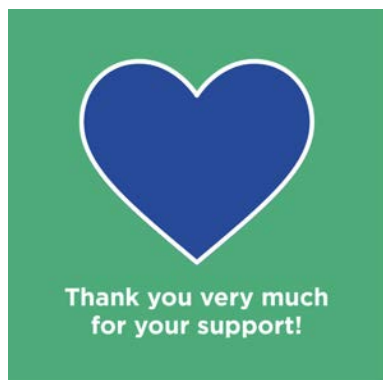
Zachary - 13/11

Lilah - 14/11

Nolan - 19/11

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

Return and Earn



Thank you to all in the community who have been returning and earning for our school by depositing their empty containers at Rydalmere Return and Earn.

So far we have managed to raise a fantastic **\$277.70**, and the funds continue to come in.

This is an addition to all of the containers which Miss Maria deposits to her local centre on your behalf.

With the festive season coming up please make a big effort to save all of those empty containers and bottles and drop them into the Return and Earn centre at Rydalmere.



Motiv8sports will be back in Term 1 2024 for a 8 week After School Sports Clinic.

When: TUESDAY afternoons - 8 weeks starting Tuesday Feb 6th

Time: 3.05pm - 4.35pm (pickup)

Where: Held on school grounds

Cost: \$110 for 8 weeks or \$60 if you use your NEW \$50 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

For more event information and to book please see the link below.

https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8_event/2023-11-15-term-1-tuesday-st-bernadettes-dundas-valley-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic-6-2-26-3/

Spots are limited to 80

COMMUNITY NEWS

1st Carlingford Scouts



FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday 2nd December

PRE-ORDER NOW



Early bird sale ends 16th November
Pickup Saturday, 2nd December
8:00am – 1:00pm
20 Boundary Road, Carlingford, 2118

carlingford-1st-scout.square.site



HANDBALL COMP



TERM 4 | SUN 26TH NOV | \$25 +GST

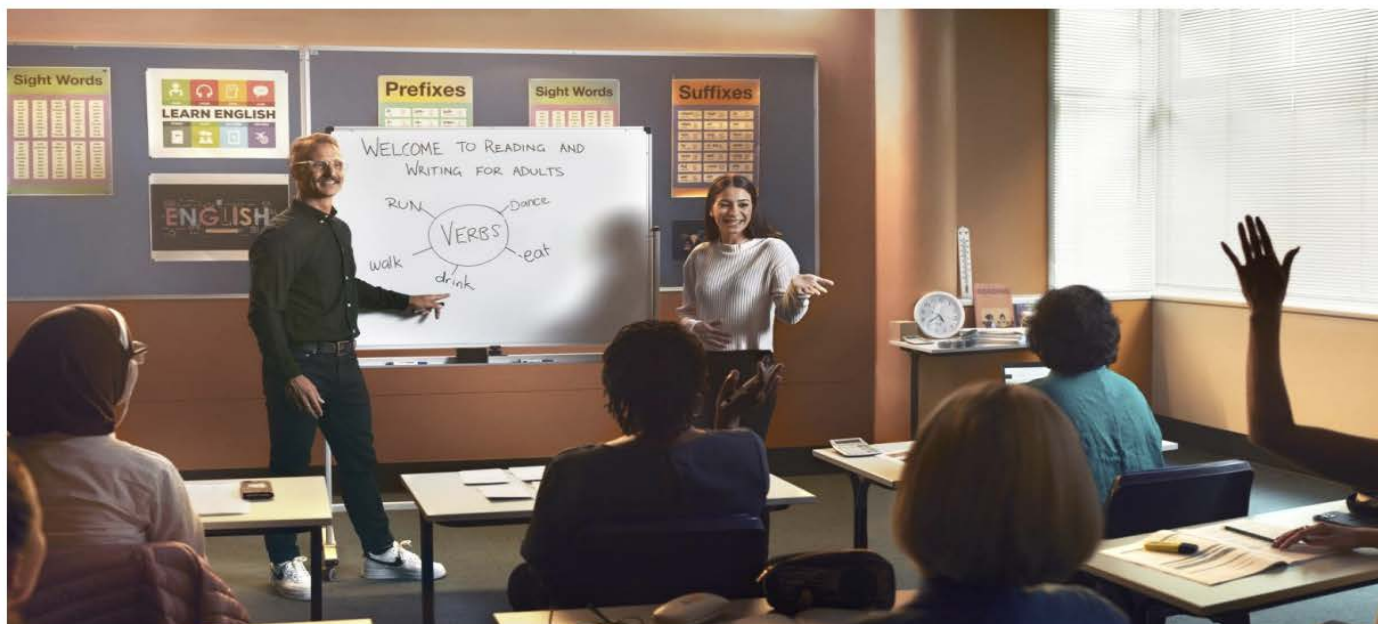
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8-week multi-sport program for kids aged between 4 to 12

Sports include: Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Hockey, Touch Football,
AFL, Netball & Volleyball

Learn sport skills, meet new friends, qualified coaches, all sport equipment supplied

WHERE: Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, 31 Alexander St, Dundas Valley, NSW 2117

DATES: Friday 20th October 2023 - Friday 8th December 2023
(8x Friday afternoon weekly sessions)

TIME: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

COST: \$100, use your Active Kids Voucher to receive \$50 off

HOW TO REGISTER: www.juniorsport.com.au

CONTACT: 1300 903 227 or info@juniorsport.com.au



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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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