

NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 10

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our last newsletter for term 3. A lot has happened this term and more great things are planned for next term. Our disco was a great success raising \$853.70! Sincere thanks to our Year 3 families for organising this fun event. Thanks also to DJ Louie and Matt for their sick tunes and great dancing. Our Heroes and Villains certainly enjoyed the night.

Our whole-school swimming program has been a great way to finish the term and I encourage all of our families to continue giving the children experiences at a pool so that they can continue to practise these important skills.

I wish all of our staff, students and families a safe, relaxing break (if you can take one), in readiness for the busyness of Term 4.



Love & Light

Lisa Gerrard

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

THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

With term 3 coming to a close, the children have been very busy completing inquiry projects and participating in our whole-school swimming program. Now more than ever, equipping our children with the ability to be safe and confident in the water is so important. I have had the pleasure of attending the pool on several occasions to monitor the program and to support our staff and children. It has come as no surprise to me that the children have approached the program with great enthusiasm, though also in a very mature manner.

To all of our families, enjoy the time with your children over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Anthony Kensell
Acting Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enrolments for First Reconciliation Program

Just a reminder that enrolments for the next First Reconciliation Program will be closed Wednesday 27th September. Due to preparations, late enrolments cannot be accepted.

For information on the upcoming First Reconciliation program please see this link and complete the online Nomination Form for enrolment: <https://form.jotform.com/stbernadettedvsp/23-24FRFHCNom>

First Reconciliation is for children in year 2 and above, who have been baptised, and not yet received the Sacrament of Confession and desire to receive the sacrament. Please read the dates carefully as all must be fulfilled to complete the preparation.

To discuss enrolment please email stbernadettedvsp@hotmail.com or phone the parish office 9871 4414.

Thank you and God bless,
From the St Bernadette's, Dundas Valley, Sacramental Program Team.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 24 Sep 2023

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16



Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgement.

The thought of judgement is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgement when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

What type of farm is mentioned in today's Gospel?

How did the farmer find workers for his vineyard?

When did the farmer pay the workers?

Why were some of the workers jealous?

Can you think of a time when you were cross because someone got more than you?

Can you think of a time when you received more than others?

How does it make you feel when someone is generous?

God is generous to us, we also need to be generous.

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Attendance

Attendance Rate: 76.4% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 76.4% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



Term 3 Principal Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded for their Christian Service to our school community.

- K - Charlotte & Gabriel
- 1- Amy & Zachary
 - 2- Giordeio & Angelena
 - 3- Cameron & Elle
 - 4- Vince & Ryad
 - 5- Ella & Tinaye
 - 6- Noah & Olivia

Term 4 Uniform

All students are to return in term 4 wearing their **full summer school uniform**.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Week 1, Friday, 13th October**. The class presenting at this assembly will be year 4.

Important Dates To Remember

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Family Fun Evening!



Our large fundraising event for 2023 is a Family Fun Evening!

Date: Friday, 3rd November 2023

Time: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Events: stalls, sausage sizzle, games and more

Your class contact person will be in contact with you to seek suggestions and assistance in making the evening a success. This event will be open to families, friends and members of the wider parish community. All money raised will be put towards a sensory play area for all to enjoy.

Community Of Learners



Stage 2 Excursion- Youth Eco Summit

Yesterday, stage 2 joined many other primary schools at Newington Armory to attend different workshops on different topics. After a Welcome ceremony the two classes went their different ways to attend a variety of experiences.

Year 4 learnt about future options in transport before exploring creatures of rockpools. Year 3 learnt about the importance of pollinators and how animals make and use shelters. Despite the heat of the day the students were well -prepared with hats and plenty of water. The teachers received compliments from the organisers about the excellent behaviour of our students. They all had a wonderful time and had learned a lot.







Representative Sport

MacKillop Athletics

On Monday, Jun competed at the MacKillop Athletics Championships. This is an outstanding achievement for Jun, having been successful at school, Zone and Diocesan levels. At these championships he competed against the very best sprinters in all Catholic schools in NSW, placing 4th in the 100m sprint. Congratulations to Jun on this fantastic achievement!

Rugby Union Competition

A couple of weeks ago, Lily-Rose captained her u10s mixed team for rugby union XVs in their grand final. Lily led her team to victory against Chatswood and are the U10 premiers for 2023 in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union Competition! This was a huge achievement and a brilliant performance from Lily and her team.

Lily is 1 of 2 girls in the entire team and made us all proud. Lily-Rose hopes to represent school in the rugby 7s next year when she's old enough to do so!



NSWPSSA Golf

Throughout week 9, Eamon competed at the NSWPSSA Golf tournament. As part of the MacKillop team, Eamon was already recognised as one of the best golfers in all NSW Catholic schools, which is very impressive! To top that off, the MacKillop team won the gold medal for their net score! Congratulations to Eamon on this tremendous achievement!





Emily - 15/09
Gianni - 16/09
Dimitri - 22/09
Sienna - 24/09
Monika - 25/09
Caitlyn - 25/09
Charlotte - 25/09
Ollie - 27/09
Valentina - 28/09
Ryan - 28/09
Sherry - 28/09
Michaela - 04/10
Ethan - 05/10
Orlando C - 06/10
Kayla - 08/10

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

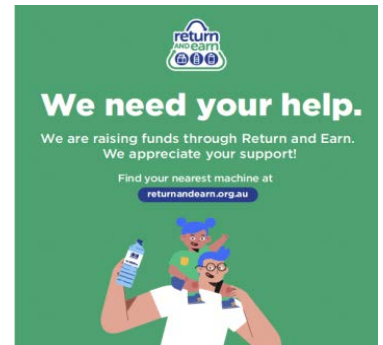
Return and Earn

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.



Beat the boredom during the school holidays with our FREE activities for children aged 5 to 12 years.

Children of all abilities are welcome.
No experience in the sport required!

LEARN MORE



<https://bitly.ws/HEXe>



BASKETBALL SKILLS & GAMES FOR CHILDREN AGES - 4-12



>>>>> THIS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- BASKETBALL GAMES AND SKILLS WITH OUR ELITE COACHES
- 8-WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12
- LOCATION - ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ON THE BASKETBALL COURT (COX CRES, DUNDAS VALLEY NSW 2117)
- CLASSES RUNNING SATURDAY MORNING, STARTING IN TERM 4
- ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

WE ARE ONLY OFFERING LIMITED SPOTS. TO ENROL, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

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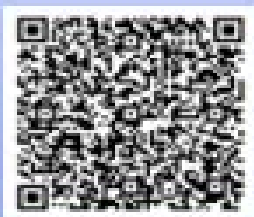


CRICKET



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& REGISTER



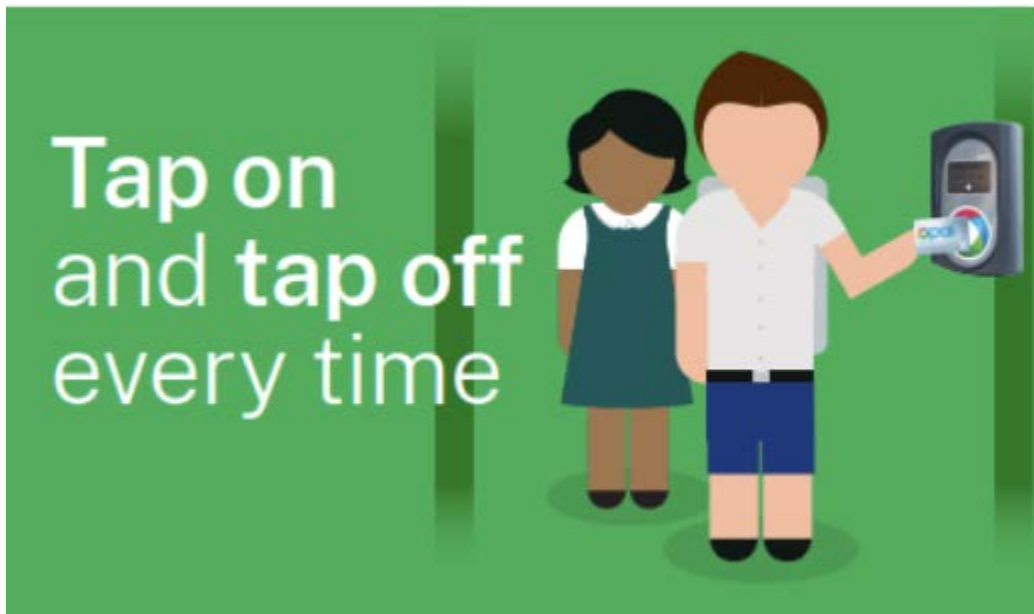
or VISIT: ***play.cricket.com.au***

SEARCH: ***Dundas United***

CRICKET BLAST SKILLS (beginners)
THURSDAY AFTERNOON - *age 5-9 mixed*

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR COMPETITION
- *under 9's to under 16's mixed*





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.

WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations Now Open



**Parramatta City Athletics
Barton Park, North Parramatta
6pm Fridays**

**Visit parramattacityathletics.org.au
for more information and to register**

REGISTER TODAY!



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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