

# NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 3 WEEK 2

## St Bernadette's Primary School Dundas Valley

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 2:

Friday, 28th July: 100 days of Kindergarten celebration

#### Week 3 :

Monday, 31st: Welcoming of our Japanese Exchange Students

Monday, 31st: Motiv8 after school program

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 3.

A sincere thanks to Kieran and the staff for making sure that Term 2 finished well.

By now you have experienced receiving semester reports via the Compass portal. It is important that you download these and keep a copy especially if you are leaving or if your child is moving on to another school. Once your child is no longer enrolled at our school you will lose access to these reports. We do keep a hard copy in your child's folder in the office should you require a copy.

Thank you to all those parents who completed our *Tell Them From Me* survey. We finally have access to the final report which we will be reviewing as a staff. Your comments are a valuable way for us to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our community.

During the course of this term we will be welcoming some of our CSPD board members to our school. These members are coming out to visit and hear feedback from all community members. So that I can best express your views during this meeting I will be sending out a Google Form asking the 3 questions we have been sent by the board, to be discussed during their visit. I will also be sending out an invitation for any parents who would like to discuss these items directly with the visiting members once the date for their visit has been confirmed.

Have a great fortnight,

Love & Light

Lisa Gerrard

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



## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students. We have sent home our NAPLAN results this week and all students should be proud of their achievements. Once again our School average is above the National average in all areas in both Year 3 and Year 5. We are very proud of you all.

Next week we welcome 30 students visiting from Japan. These students will be involved in English lessons during the day. They will be on the playground with the St Bernadette's community during recess and lunch. Stage 2 and Stage 3 will host our visitors in the afternoon session.

On Thursday we will provide a sausage sizzle lunch for all students and host a sports afternoon. Our Japanese exchange students will finish the week working alongside our students on Friday afternoon leading a cultural experience in Origami.

We look forward to welcoming our visiting students on Monday. We also would like to thank the families in the area who have volunteered to be host families. We have 3 families from St Bernadette's who have taken up this role. Without Host families we would not have been able to be involved in this worthwhile experience. I look forward to sharing more about this visit in the next newsletter.

Regards

Rebecca Boidin  
Assistant Principal

**Sunday 30 Jul 2023**

### **Gospel -**

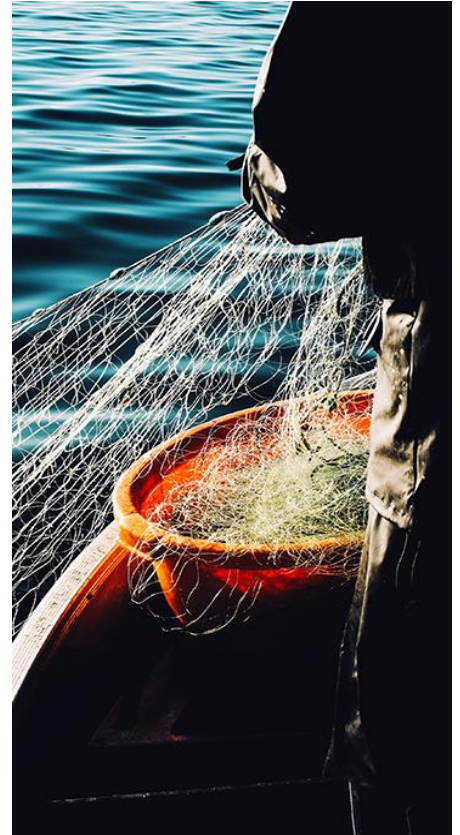
**Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



## **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### **The Language of Heaven**

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

## **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

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

In today's Gospel what precious things did the people find?

What did they do when they found them?

Why do you think they sold everything to buy their treasure?

Jesus says God's kingdom is like a treasure that makes you happy.

What makes you happy about being part of God's kingdom?

How can we share this happiness with others?

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Attendance**

Attendance Rate: 76.7% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 76.7% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



### **Next Assembly**

Our next assembly will be **Week 5, Friday 18th August** . The class presenting at this assembly will be Kindergarten.

### **Parent Committee Meeting:**

Our next Parent Committee meeting will be on Monday, 21st August 2023 at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the staffroom ( enter via the Hall ).

### **Roadworks in Cox Crescent:**

We received notice yesterday that there will be roadworks beginning on Monday, 31st July between the hours of 7am - 5pm on Cox Crescent. The duration of these roadworks will be up to 3 weeks. We have been advised that the council will be replacing the kerbs and gutters outside two properties towards the corner of Cox Crescent and Evans Road ( not the parish side ). We have been told that this shouldn't impact our drop off or pick up as there will be no road closure. We will monitor and advise by Compass if impacts of the work effects drive thru.

### **Gentle Reminder**

Our supervision begins at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm. Should you be dropping your child at school after the 8:55am bell then you need to escort your child into the office and sign in. If you are unable to collect your child before supervision finishes please contact the school office on 8846 2600.

If your child is attending Mass on Friday please ensure that they are at school prior to 8:50am as we have to be seated in the Church, ready to begin by 9:00am.

## **Important Dates To Remember**

### **Week 2:**

Friday, 28th July : 100 days of Kindergarten Celebration

### **Week 3:**

Monday, 31st July : Motiv8 after school program

### **Week 4:**

Monday, 7th August : Motiv8 after school program

Friday, 11th August : Movie Night ( 5:00pm - 7:30pm )

### **Week 5:**

Monday, 14th August : Motiv8 after school program

Friday, 18th August : Canteen Day ( Run by year 4 )

### **Week 6:**

Monday, 21st August : Motiv8 after school program

Monday, 21st August : Parent Committee Meeting at 6pm

Tuesday, 22nd August : Book Week Parade at 9:30am

### **Week 7:**

Monday, 28th August : Motiv8 after school program

### **Week 8:**

Monday, 4th September : Staff Development Day ( No students at school )

Monday, 4th September : Motiv8 after school program ( Parents to drop kids at school 3:05pm for program )

### **Week 9:**

Monday, 11th September : Whole School Swimming program starts ( 2 week program )

Monday, 11th September : Motiv8 after school program ( Last session )

### **Week 10:**

Friday, 22nd September : Last Day of School & Swimming Program

## **Term 4**

### **Week 1:**

Monday, 11th October : Staff Development Day ( No students at school )

Tuesday, 12th October : First day back to school for students



## **Movie Night**

Get dressed in your favourite PJs and come along to our movie night on Friday 11th August.

We will be hosting two fun fundraising events this term. The first being a Movie Night. Two movies will be showing, one for Infants and one for Primary. We will be offering two different meal deals. The children will be supervised by teachers.

Available options are : Movie Ticket only: \$3

Meal Deal A + Ticket: \$7 (Cocktail Frankfurt on a roll x 2, Water, Bag of Popcorn, Gummy Bears)

Meal Deal B + Ticket: \$5 (Water, Bag of Popcorn, Gummy Bears).



Tickets and meal deals will be available to purchase via Qkr from Monday 31st .

This afternoon students will be bringing home a detailed note regarding this event.

## **Welcome**

As you may be aware, our counsellor Mrs Jeanette Mansour finished her time with us at the end of last term. She has moved on to take up a position at St Aloysius which is closer to home. We welcome our new counsellor Genevieve Carey. She will be at St Bernadette's Monday - Wednesday each week.

## **Premier's Reading Challenge**

There is just under one month left until the PRC closes. Please make sure you add all your books by Friday, 18th August 2023.





## **Representative Sports**

Over the last weekend of the school holidays, Lily-Rose and Liam played their first representative rugby tournament. Lily-Rose played in the under 10s and was selected to play in the girls series for the Barbarians. Liam represented the under 11s. They competed in the state championships representing Western Sydney Parramatta. Both displayed amazing sportsmanship and played with such determination and skill! They were playing in the big stadium at the Eric Tweeddale in Merrylands. 6 games of rugby over 2 days, huge effort !





## Book Week

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools spend one awesome week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. The Book Week theme this year is *Read, Grow, Inspire*.



This year we will celebrate Book Week with a visit from Australian children's authors Kate and Jol Temple on Friday 18th August (Week 5), the Scholastic Book Fair and a book parade in Week 6.

Stay tuned for more information!

## Family Fun Evening!



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

**Date:** Friday November 3rd

**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.



Daniel - 03/07  
Mia - 05/07  
Shant - 06/07  
Jamie - 06/07  
Tevita - 08/07  
Amy - 08/07  
Layla - 09/07  
Joseph - 12/07  
Christian P - 12/07  
Oliver O - 13/07

Siosiana - 17/07  
Tahlia - 19/07  
Henry - 19/07  
Felice - 22/07  
Ayden - 25/07  
Savanna - 25/07  
Jayden - 28/07  
Chloe K - 30/07

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

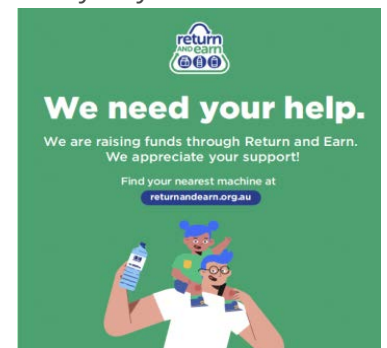
## Return and Earn

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.

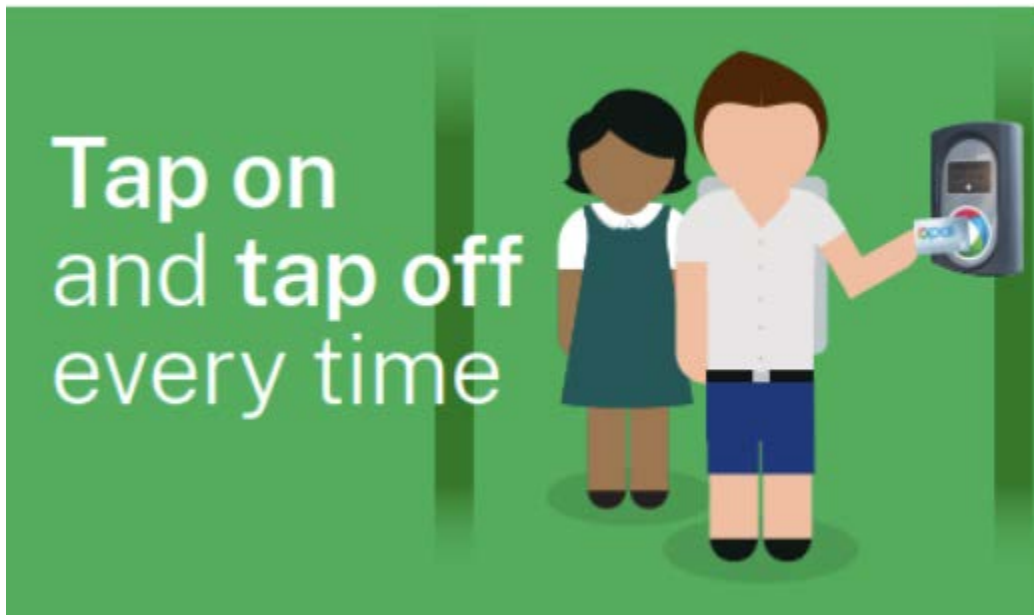


The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy. So start collecting those containers to help us out.

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.

# NSW CPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# 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**  
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**28<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



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