

# NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 4 WEEK 4

## St Bernadette's Primary School Dundas Valley

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Week 4:**

Friday 3rd Nov: Family Fun Event

**Week 5:**

Wednesday, 8th Nov : Kindergarten 2024

orientation morning (9:30am - 11:30am)

Friday, 10th Nov : Swimming carnival

**Week 6:**

Friday, 17th Nov : Kindergarten Excursion

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This has been another busy fortnight. As I'm sure you are all aware, my time as part of the St Bernadette's community will come to an end at the end of this year. I am to take on the new role as Principal of St Michael's Primary School in South Blacktown. CSPD are currently going through the recruitment process and I am sure that we will be able to welcome the new principal before the end of this term.

This Friday we will be enjoying our Family Fun afternoon. Sincere thanks to all of our families for their ongoing support and I look forward to this fun afternoon. As stated in previous communications all students that attend must be supervised by a parent or carer to ensure student safety.

See you all on Friday afternoon!



Love & Light

Lisa Gerrard

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

Sunday 05 Nov 2023

### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



#### Gospel **Matthew 23:1-12**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In his book *The Name of God is Mercy*, Pope Francis encourages us 'to return' to this chapter of Matthew's Gospel in order 'to understand what the Church is and what it should never be.'

Regarding what the Church should not be, the Pope offers the example of people who lose perspective and begin to see themselves as pure. They become obsessed with strict rules and complex regulations and have little humility, which leads to a lack of mercy towards others. Jesus characterised such people as attention-seekers who 'do not practise what they preach'. They get trapped in a world of their own making, lost in their own self-righteousness. They try to project an image of holiness that everyone else seems to see straight through.

Jesus insists that humility is central to Christian discipleship, and Pope Francis does much to encourage it. By his clothing, his apartment, and most of all by his gestures, the Pope exerts his authority humbly. Whether washing the feet of prisoners or smiling when children wander up to him on the sanctuary, Pope Francis shows us how to be the message. His actions, as much as his words, remind us that we're called to proclaim the Gospel by the way we live it.

## CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

Who are some great people that you know?

Why are they great?

Jesus says that the greatest people are those who serve others.

How do you serve others?

Jesus asks us to be humble. What does it mean to be humble?

How do we show that we are humble?

We pray that we will be humble and serve our family, friends and those in our school and parish communities.

### **Term 4 Mass/Reconciliation Roster**

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

## 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 5, Friday, 10th November**. The class presenting at this assembly will be year 3.

### Important Dates To Remember

#### Week 4:

Friday, 3rd November : Family fun event

#### Week 5:

Wednesday, 8th November : Kindergarten 2024 orientation morning (9:30am - 11:30am)

Friday, 10th November : Swimming carnival (Years 3 - 6)

#### Week 6:

Friday, 17th November : Kindergarten excursion

#### Week 8:

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

## **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.



If you need to purchase further vouchers for this event you will be able to do so at the event.

All money raised will be put towards a sensory play area for all to enjoy.

## **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 annual swimming carnival will take place next Friday, 10th November. Families of competitors are welcome to attend at Waves Fitness & Aquatic Centre, 44 Mileham Avenue, Baulkham Hills. Please be aware that there is a spectator entrance fee.

The primary children will travel to and from the venue by buses, which will leave at 9:00 am. Please ensure your child is at school on time to avoid disappointment. A reminder that this is generally a primary only carnival, with only very few infants children attending who are highly competent swimmers. All primary children are expected to attend, so if your child is yet to return their permission slip, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help time the races. Please meet Mr Kensell at the pool at 9:30 am to get organised. The races will begin at around 9:45 am, with the carnival concluding by 1:30 pm.

We are looking forward to a great day of competition and team spirit!

# Pancake Breakfast

This term Wednesday mornings will be Pancake Breakfast!!!

Due to the size of each pancake, from Week 5, each order will consist of two pancakes and your choice of toppings.

We also suggest that you bring a container for your pancakes to be served in. This way, you can save your uneaten pancakes and toppings for recess.

The FIAT team will add your choice of toppings for you when you pick up your order. Topping choices will be:

- ★ Butter
- ★ Sprinkles
- ★ Syrup

To participate, simply purchase vouchers for \$4 each through QKR between Thursday 10:00 am and Tuesday 10:00 am.

All proceeds from the sale of the pancakes will be donated to the Manning Foundation, a worthy cause that supports our parish and community.

Don't miss out on this tasty and FUN opportunity to support a good cause and start your day off right. We can't wait to see you there!

## Community Of Learners



This term in Science, Stage 1 is investigating Earth and Space. So during art last week, Year 1 created these artworks of the moon.

In addition to this, they have also been learning how to write imaginative stories and are beginning to make them super interesting by including an orientation, problem, solution and happy ending. We decided it would be a great idea to use our artworks as inspiration for our next writing piece.

Please enjoy some of their creative stories and artworks.

Georgia F

Once there lived a lonely cat. It was 4 years old with the moon and the moon says "Hi! How are you? And the cat says "How are you? one day the cat went bare ~~at~~ <sup>and</sup> sat on the fence and the cat did not see the moon glow. The cat was so frustrated and the cat just did not know what to do. It was so sad and wanted to be the moon's best friend. The next day the cat went bare on the fence and the cat saw the moon.

Fence

Once upon a time lived a old black cat with it's owner. They had a lovely life. But the cat's owner disappeared. The cat was so sad that he would look at the moon because it reminded him of his owner. One night the moon lost it's light so the cat couldn't see. The cat was crying in tears. Suddenly his owner came back. The moon even got it's light back. The cat was so happy to see them then the cat lived happily after all.



Iskander

Once upon a time there lived a black cat and one day he got stolen and they put him in a bag and he scratched the bag and fell in to the sewer. But he went left right left left and then he found all million bags of gold infinity. Money Money and diamonds. He got back home with all the money and shade his owner the cat came back happy ever after they end.

Rox x40

Once upon a time there live a black cat that had one friend the moon and he loved talking to the moon. and one day he went outside and the moon's light went off. The cat sat inside in tears. Then she got fire works in her paw and put fire on it in the chimney and it raced to the moon and the moon exploded then had light then live happy with the moon.



Jackson - 26/10  
Harrison - 26/10  
Ella T - 31/10  
Nicholas W - 02/11  
Chance - 02/11  
Gabriel - 03/11  
Jasmine - 03/11

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

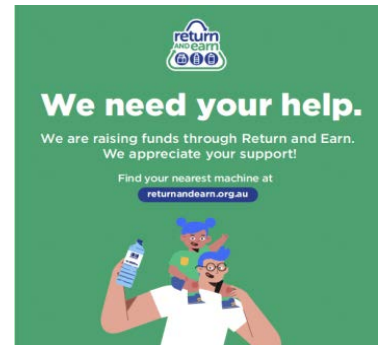
## Return and Earn

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.

1st Carlingford Scouts



# FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES

**Saturday 2nd December**

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Pickup Saturday, 2nd December  
8:00am – 1:00pm  
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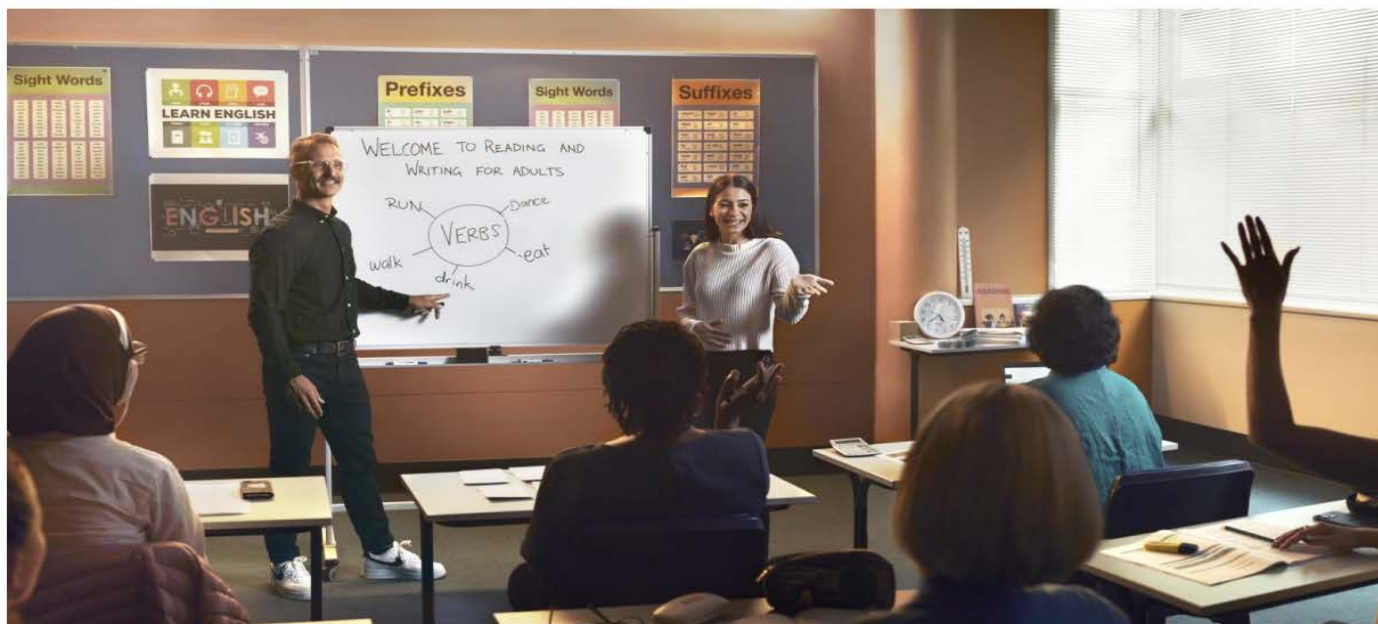
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See Street, Meadowbank

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9am – 4.30pm

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### VISIT US:

J block, level 2  
Room 2.53

\*courses are free for all students who meet the eligibility criteria.

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**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](http://www.juniorsport.com.au)

**CONTACT:** 1300 903 227 or [info@juniorsport.com.au](mailto:info@juniorsport.com.au)



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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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