

## NEWSLETTER 2023 TERM 2 WEEK 8

# St Bernadette's Primary School Dundas Valley

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Week 8:

Friday 16th June :Stage 3 Soccer Gala

#### Week 9:

Friday 23rd June : Canteen Day

Friday 23rd June : Afternoon Assembly

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Thank you for the welcome that I have received this week at St Bernadette's. It is a privilege to return to St Bernadette's albeit for a brief period of time. In the last two days I have had the opportunity to meet numerous children in the playground, meet the teaching and support staff and visit children during learning time in their learning spaces.

Even in these initial days at St Bernadette's I have been impressed by the spirit that is evident within the school, the pride the children demonstrate in their school and the commitment of staff as they work with parents to improve all aspects of each child's learning.

The way in which the children have presented themselves and talk so proudly about their school reflects the pride they have in themselves in being a member of St Bernadette's.

I very much look forward to meeting the children and families of St Bernadette's in the coming weeks.

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes  
Acting Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you to the parents who were able to complete the Tell Them from Me Survey. This survey has now closed and we are waiting for the report to be generated. Once this comes through the Leadership Team will discuss the results as part of our next steps in improving student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's Dundas Valley

Have a wonderful week,

Rebecca Boidin  
Assistant Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Sunday 18 June 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

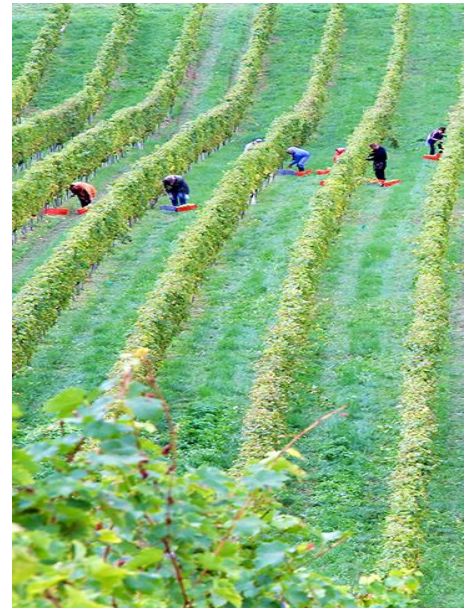
#### **Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



## **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

### **Guts in a Knot**

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

### **CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS**

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

Who has been on a farm?

What is it like at harvest time?

How is the crop gathered or picked?

Jesus says that we are like the workers at harvest time – he sends us into the field to announce the Good News.

What is the Good News about Jesus?

What good things can we do in Jesus' name?

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### **Term 2 Reconciliation & Mass Calendar**

Week/Date	Wednesday Reconciliation	Week/Date	Friday Mass
Week 1 26 April	ANZAC Day Liturgy	Week 1 28 April	2, 3, 4 St Bernadette Liturgy
Week 2 3 May	3	Week 2 5 May	Whole School
Week 3 10 May	6	Week 3 12 May	K, 6 Mother's Day Liturgy
Week 4 17 May	5	Week 4 19 May	1, 5
Week 5 24 May	4	Week 5 26 May	
Week 6 31 May		Week 6 2 June	Whole School
Week 7 7 June		Week 7 9 June	
Week 8 14 June	3 & 6	Week 8 16 June	K, 6
Week 9 21 June	4	Week 9 23 June	2, 3, 4
Week 10 28 June	5	Week 10 30 June	1, 5



### **First Holy Communion**

On Saturday 17th June Chloe, Andy, Oliver, Saacha and Jun will receive their First Holy Communion. We pray that the gift they receive on this special day will continue to be the nourishment that keeps them spiritually strong and healthy. We give thanks for all those who helped the children prepare for First Holy Communion, and for those who assist them in their growth in faith through their prayers and actions, especially their parents.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Attendance**

Attendance Rate: 76% - To unpack this a little more, this means that% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.



### **Semester One Reports**

Our reports will be released digitally this year, no paper reports will be sent home. All reports will be 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.

### **Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Monday 26th June - Thursday 29th June 2023.

To make your booking go to:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter our school code: **s73rj**

Select the year level of your child.

Select a suitable time.

**Bookings will not be accepted after 11am on Thursday June 22nd June 2023.**

All booking details will be confirmed via email to you. Please keep this email in a safe place as you will not receive a reminder. Each interview will take approximately 10 minutes. Should you require a longer meeting, please make another appointment when you meet with the class teacher.

These interviews will be conducted in the school Hall. If you are unable to attend please contact the school as soon as possible.

## **Next Assembly**

Our next assembly will be **Week 9, Friday June 23rd**. The class presenting this assembly will be Year 6.

## **PBS4L**

Our next SEL lesson will look at the topic Challenging Myself & Persevering. Students will learn it is important to challenge themselves and that persevering is doing something despite it being difficult and sticking to it even if you're not successful straight away. A growth mindset is what we need to achieve our goals!



## **Athletics Carnival**

Last Friday we were at last blessed with a beautiful day for our annual athletics carnival. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents, carers and family come along to enjoy the day with their children. A big thank you to all of those who volunteered, your support is crucial to the success of the day and is always very much appreciated.

As always the children competed with great spirit and supported each other, regardless of age group or house colour. There were some excellent performances on the day and many children will qualify for the Cumberland Zone Athletics coming up on Tuesday, 8th August (Term 3). All of the children gave all events their all, though there was a clear winner on the day - congratulations to Francis!

Bernadette - 368

MacKillop - 414

Clare - 502

Francis - 588

The junior and senior age champions will be announced at our next Friday assembly.













## **Representative Sport**

This week, Eamon N represented the Parramatta Diocese at the New South Wales Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country. This is an outstanding achievement, having been among a small number successfully selected from all of the schools in our Diocese. Congratulations to Eamon on this amazing achievement!

## **Volunteers Training**

We require any parents wishing to help at any of our school events such as Canteen days, to have completed the online training with parramatta diocese. Please follow the link below to the training module.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/about/student-safety/volunteer-and-contractor-training>

The purpose of this module is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when delivering services to students.

On completion of the module training you will automatically receive an email confirming your status.

Once you have completed this training it will be valid for 2 years.

## **Grandparents Day**

On Wednesday 26th July (Week 2, Term 3), we would like to acknowledge and celebrate our grandparents.

We are inviting you to send a photograph of your child/children with their grandparents to be included in a tribute. Please only send ONE photograph per family. Photographs should be emailed to Mrs Brooker at [cbrooker@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cbrooker@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday 27th June (Week 10). Photographs received after this will not be able to be included.

## **Important Dates To Remember**

### **Week 8:**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June : Stage 3 Soccer Gala ( Jamison Park )

### **Week 9:**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June : Cheese Toasties

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June : Reports live on Compass

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Assembly run by year 6

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June : Canteen Day ( Organised by Year 1 )

### **Week 10:**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June : Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June - Last day of Term 2

### **Term 3:**

#### **Week 1:**

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July : Staff Development Day ( No students at school )

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July : First day back of Term 3

#### **Week 2:**

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



## **Birthdays**

Ansh - 11/6

Eamon - 13/6

Bonnie - 14/6

Matias - 16/06

Isabelle - 17/06



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

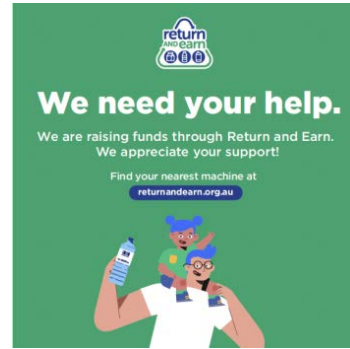
your containers and contribute to the school at the same time.

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.

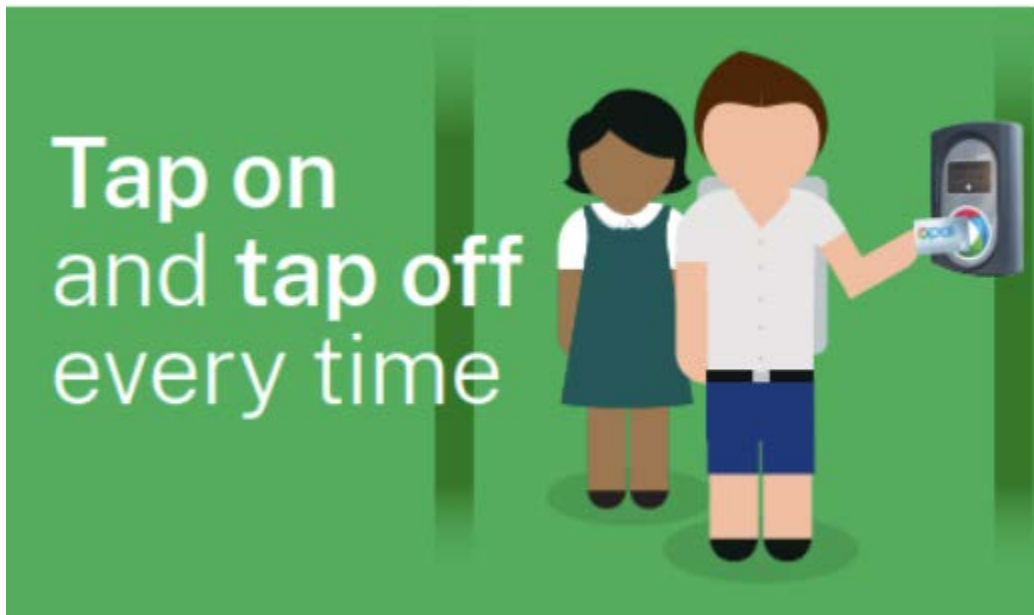
The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy. So start collecting those containers to help us out.

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.



**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**

[motivesports.com.au](http://motivesports.com.au)





# 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**



**CSNSW  
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/](https://csnsw.sport/) portal before**  
**28<sup>th</sup> 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)



**LEAGUE  
STARS**





# **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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