

NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 10

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 11:

Tuesday, 9th April : Mission Marketplace
Wednesday, 10th April : Whole School Photo
Day
Thursday, 11th April : School Assembly at
2:30pm
Friday, 12th April : Last day of Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Bernadette's Parents and Carers,

Already we have reached the final newsletter for the term. It is difficult to believe that we have only one week remaining in Term 1. Time flies when you're having fun!

Over the weekend we celebrated Easter. Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his crucifixion and marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. Easter is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. The Easter story was shared and reflected on during our whole school liturgy yesterday, as we remembered the love and sacrifice of Jesus, and the hope that his resurrection brings.



Holidays are a fantastic time to unwind, spend some quality family time together and take a break from the routines of life. It is also a great time to re-establish some good habits such as reading together as a family. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and helps them to further understand the written word across a variety of learning areas. Wishing all of our families a safe and happy holiday break.

As Term 1 concludes it is fitting to thank those who have made St Bernadette's a very special place for our students this term. Thank you to our parish for their support, to parents and carers who demonstrate a strong partnership with our school, to the staff whose commitment to our students is evident daily and to our students for the way they support each other to learn and to develop friendships. It has been a great term of learning and growth!

God Bless,

Michelle Yager

Principal

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

Gospel

John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

In today's gospel, why did the disciples lock themselves in a room?

How did they feel when they saw Jesus?

Who did not believe it was Jesus when he was told that Jesus had appeared?

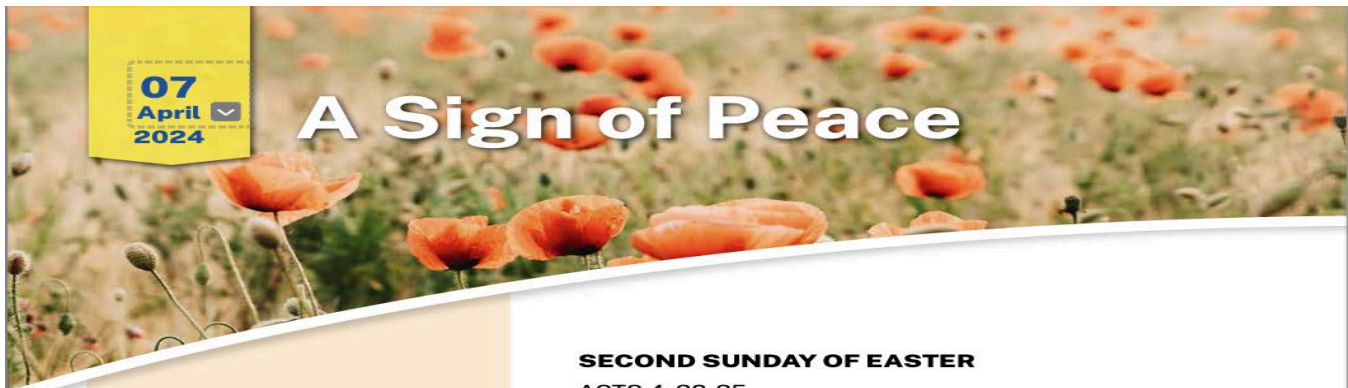
Why did Thomas stop doubting?

When can you sense Jesus is with you, even though you do not see him?

How can we recognise Jesus in other people?

We pray that we will always have the gift of faith and recognise Jesus in those we meet.

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A Sign of Peace

THIS WEEK...
"You call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace."
Pope Francis

PRAYER
*Lord of love, come to our aid!
Grant us peace, teach us peace.*
Amen



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
ACTS 4: 32-35
1 JN 5: 1-6
JN 20: 19-31

My Lord and My God! What a powerful statement. This is a declaration of faith, one that comes after Thomas had to see the marks of Christ's wounds to believe it is Him. I couldn't imagine the confusion at that time after Jesus was crucified. I am sure anyone's faith would have been rattled too. Like it does whenever we face the profound and significant loss of anyone deeply important to us.

But we hear a sense of relief and belief when Thomas utters those words "My Lord and My God".

Faith, at its core, is the unwavering belief in something despite a lack of concrete evidence. In the case of Thomas, his journey from skepticism to profound faith exemplifies the transformative power of unwavering belief, illustrating how even the most committed doubters can find profound faith when presented with powerful confirmation.

Whilst Thomas' words could be seen as the most powerful in this week's reading I'm actually drawn to another statement. One that I believe is what we need to think about deeply when we are serving those who come to us. "Peace be with you".

Not only are these words a beautiful gesture of greeting and a lovely thing to hope for someone, but these were the first words the resurrected Jesus chose to say when he stood with His disciples. He could have chosen anything, and yet He chose peace.

This sign of peace is a desire for tranquillity, harmony, and well-being to the person. It is a gesture of goodwill, comfort, an experience of inner calm and serenity. It is to convey a sense of spiritual peace, hope, and faith. So when we approach those we serve, may peace always be the first thing we say, think, offer and embrace for them and for ourselves. Peace be with you.

What experiences of peace have you had when supporting someone in distress?

Reflection by Corinne Lindsay

Term 1 Mass/Reconciliation Roster

Week/Date	Other Celebrations	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
Students return to school Thursday 1 February - no Reconciliation/Mass			
Week 2 5 - 9 February		6	6 & 2
Week 3 12 - 16 February	Monday - (IN SCHOOL) Beginning School and Commissioning	Ash Wednesday	
Week 4 19 - 23 February		5	5 & 1
Week 5 26 Feb - 1 Mar			Cross Country
Week 6 4 - 8 March	CSW- More information to come	4	3 & 4
Week 7 11 - 15 March		6	6 & 2
Week 8 18 - 22 March		5	5 & 1
Week 9 25 - 29 March	Monday - (PARISH) The Annunciation Of The Lord	Holy Week	Good Friday
Week 10 1 - 5 April			Whole School
Week 11 8 - 12 April		4	3 & 4

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports Day Change:

In Week 11 Mission Marketplace will be taking place on Tuesday, therefore our usual class sports day will be moved to Monday 8th April.

Please make sure all students wear sports uniforms to school on Monday instead of Tuesday.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be **Week 11, Thursday 11th April**. The class presenting will be Year Kindergarten. Principal Awards will be presented at the assembly .

The assembly starts at 2:30pm in the school hall.

Lateness To School

It is a school requirement that when a student is late to school a parent or carer is required to walk the child into the school office to be signed in.

End of Term Reminder



As we draw to the end of the first term, now is the time to look around your house to see if you have any **school library books or home readers**. These are valuable teaching resources so we greatly appreciate it if you could locate these and return them.

Thank you

School Photos

Our school photos will be on **Wednesday, 10th April (week 11)**. All students are to wear their **whole school summer uniform, not sports uniform**.

If you are wanting to purchase school photos please do so by www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the school code shown below.

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Enrolments for 2025:

If you are looking at enrolling your child to our school for next year and have not yet contacted the school office for an application form, please do so as soon as possible as we will be starting the interview process very soon.

Do you have uniforms that your children have outgrown ?

Our parent helpers are keen to receive any of your children's outgrown Winter school uniforms in preparation for the Second hand Uniform Sale in Term 2. Please send uniforms to school this week and next.

Second Hand Uniform Open Date

A second hand uniform sale will be held next term in Week 1 on Friday 3rd May 2024 from 9am to 10am in the canteen. This is a chance to snap up a bargain item that you may need for when the children move into their Winter Uniform.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all our families that supported our Term 1 Fundraiser.

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in our Easter Raffle.

Main Prizes	Minor Prizes	Class Prizes
Morgan Two Sienna Kindy Tahlia Five Ryan Five	Mia Six Tri Three Alexander Five Evelyn Kindy Lilah One Lilah One Ethan Three Christine Staff Olivia Four Gabriel One Jayden Five	Liam Six Tahlia Five Elle Four Gianni Three Zachary Two Gabriel One Daniel Kindy

We were able to raise \$1684 which will go towards the reimagining and reconstruction of our playground equipment.

Winter Uniform Transition:

When students return to school in term 2 we allow a transition of uniform for the first two weeks of term to be in either full summer school uniform or full winter school uniform, not a mix of both.

From week 3 all students are to be wearing **full winter uniforms**.

Below is a reminder of uniform requirements, please be aware that there has been new additions to the girl winter uniform :

GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM

Winter maroon and grey dress (knee length). Long sleeve sky blue blouse with maroon tab tie. Maroon jumper / cardigan with school crest. Long grey socks or stockings. Regulation black school shoes. An alternative option is a long sleeve sky blue blouse with a maroon tab tie and Maroon long pants. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest. Regulation school bag with school crest.

BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM

Grey regulation trousers. Long sleeved sky blue shirt. Maroon and blue pinstripe pre-loop school tie. Grey socks with maroon and sky blue striped band. Regulation black school shoes. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest. Regulation school bag with school crest.

Important Dates To Remember:

Term 1

Week 11:

Monday, 8th April : Sports day for all grades

Tuesday, 9th April : Mission Marketplace

Wednesday, 10th April : School Photos (**Summer school uniform for all students**)

Friday, 12th April : Last day of Term 1

Term 2:

Week 1:

Monday, 29th April : **Staff Development Day** (No students at school)

Tuesday, 30th April : First Day Back To School For Students

Friday, 3rd May : Second Hand Uniform Shop Opened (9am till 10am)

Week 2:

Wednesday, 8th May : Mother's Day Stall (more information to follow)

Thursday, 9th May : Mother's Day Liturgy / Assembly at 9am

Hair Requirements:

We are noticing that a few students are not following school requirements for hair. A reminder that hair of collar length and longer, should be tied back with maroon/blue ribbon, scrunchie or headband.

All haircuts should not be extremes of fashion (no buzzcuts, lines, spiking, rat's tails or zigzags and hair is not to be coloured for boys or girls).

If your child has braids in their hair, either temporary or permanent, they should not have bright coloured weaves or extensions. Hair must be of a natural colour.

Reminder About Watches :

A reminder that Smart watches are **not** to be worn to school. They are expensive and can cause a distraction in class. If children are wearing these to school they will be treated like a mobile phone and be handed into the office once they come into school and they will be returned at the end of the day.

ANZAC DAY



On Thursday 2nd May, Year 6 students will lead the St Bernadette's School Community in commemorating ANZAC day with a prayer service at 11.30am. **Parents are invited to attend and we would like to particularly invite parents, grandparents and significant people in our community who have served our country, to be honoured guests at our ANZAC liturgy.** If you are a serving or retired member of the armed forces and would like to attend please contact the school via email.

Mothers' Day is coming!

We will begin our celebrations with students invited to purchase items from our Mother's Day stall on Wednesday 8th May (more information to be sent home next week).

On Thursday 9th May we will celebrate Mothers' Day at St Bernadette's Primary. Our celebrations will start with a special Mothers' Day Liturgy and Assembly at 9am, followed by a Mothers' Day cuppa and an opportunity for our mums to do an activity with their children in their open classrooms.

We hope you can join us.

Faith In Action: Helping others soar in 2024

[Mission Marketplace: Week 11 Tuesday 9th April 11.30am -1.20pm](#)

Students and staff are very excited that Mission Marketplace is just around the corner. By now, your child would have brought home an information note about the event and a slip that listed what they are required to bring for their stall. We are truly thankful for your donations and support of this event.

At Mission Marketplace students will roam the stalls and using the tokens purchased on QKR, they will participate in a variety of fun activities and/or eat some yummy food. QKR is open and you are able to purchase these tokens for your child now. Please ensure the tokens are purchased before APRIL 7.

We would love for you to join us at Mission Marketplace so that you can see this service in action. Students know that this event will be a lot of fun but they also know that we are holding it to raise money for Caritas Australia and help our wider community.

"This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Miss Carly
FIAT Coordinator

Representative sport

Jayden E recently attended the Parramatta Diocesan Cricket Trials. This is a highly competitive sport with a very high standard required to be successfully selected. He was successful and will now play for the Parramatta team at the MacKillop Trials later in the year. Congratulations to Jayden on this outstanding achievement!



School Student Broadband Initiative - free NBN service opportunity

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with no internet at home a free National Broadband Network (NBN) service. Originally a 12-month commitment, the initiative has been extended meaning:

- The period in which a family can nominate to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families.

The Government has invested \$8.8 million to support NBN Co's implementation and delivery of this targeted affordability measure. This includes an additional \$4.3 million from the 2023-24 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) to extend the free services to 31 December 2025.

More information is available [here](#).

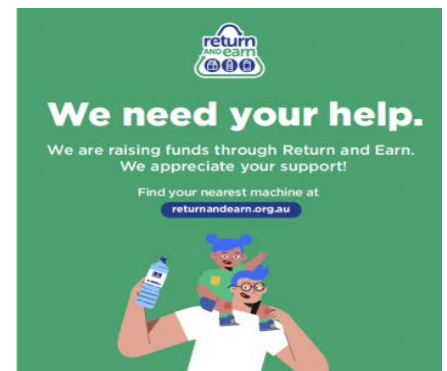
Return and Earn

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.



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.

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.



We would like to wish all the following children a very Happy Birthday

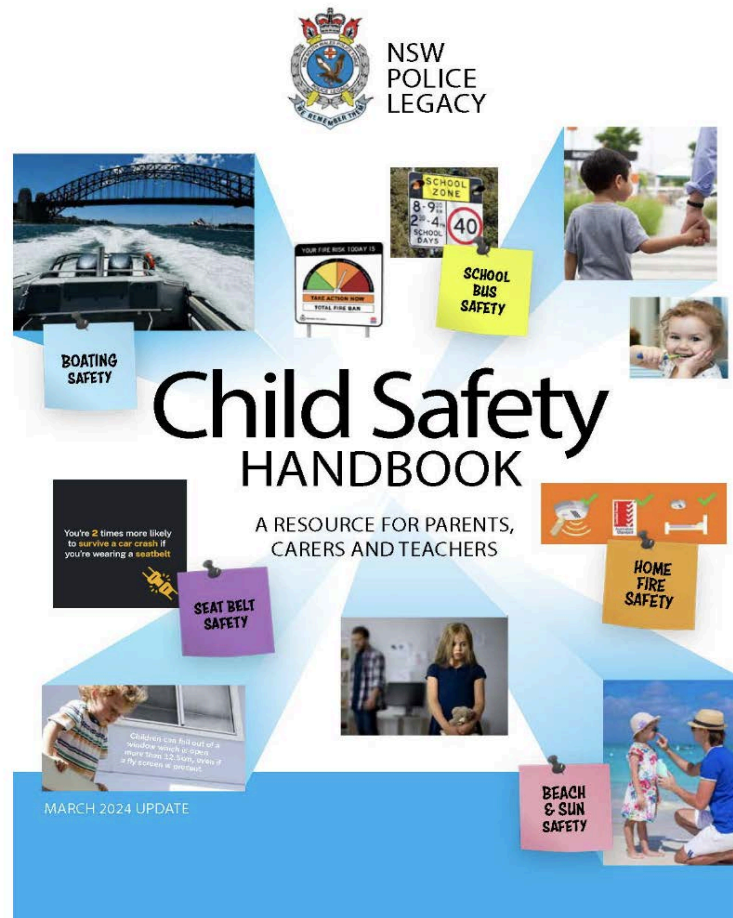
Chioma - 28/03

Nicolas L - 07/04

Ivo - 07/04

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Here are additional links where the digital handbook can be viewed:

NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

We kindly request you forward the Child Safety Handbook via email communication to all parents/carers and teachers of your students.

The handbook is also available to download for free on all the App stores.

Suggested wording that can be included in your newsletter or other communication with parents is available on the child safety hub website and also includes imagery and links - <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/downloads/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email childsafetyhub@amgroup.net.au



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Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2026/2027 Families

This Open Day is repeated from March 2024 for those who were unable secure the limited places available.

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Phone: +61 2 94891077 **Fax:** +61 2 94895722

Web: normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

Monday 8 April 2024

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Friday 5 April 2024 is essential!

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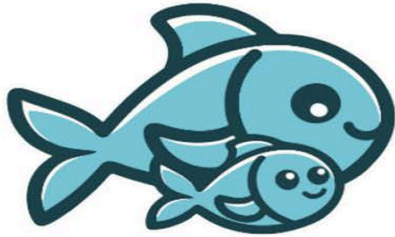
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