

NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 2 WEEK 10

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10:

Friday, 5 July : Last day of term 2

Term 3

Week 1:

Monday, 22 July : Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 23 July : **First day back for students**

Thursday, 25 July : Yr 6 & FIAT students Excursion

Friday, 26 July : Grandparents day liturgy at 9:15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Bernadette's Parents and Carers

Here we are - the final days of term 2! Where did the term go?

This is the last newsletter for term 2 and semester 1. We have had a wonderful 2024 so far, full of exciting events, wonderful achievements and joyful moments as a school community. I thank everyone; students, staff, and parents, for the wonderful contribution you have made to the positive, productive and happy culture of our school.

We've had a very busy term at St Bernadette's. We participated in an extremely moving ANZAC service led by our school leaders who have done an exemplary job all term. We have had students participate in gala days, STEM, athletics and zone cross country. We've had beautiful whole-school assemblies, a Mother's Day liturgy and open classrooms. We celebrated St Bernadette's Day and Harmony Day. We enjoyed wonderful parent-run community events such as our school disco and canteen days. I am so proud of all of our outreach and Faith in Action projects and events this term. We danced for sick kids, filled the pantry at Ronald MacDonald House and made 1000 sandwiches for kids who are in need.

Staff have completed a number of high-quality and impactful professional learning sessions throughout the term. Teaching and learning across all classes and all stages have been focused on supporting our students to be the very best learners and young people that they can be. We have amazing instructional leaders, learning support and EALD staff who work tirelessly and passionately to support our students every single day.

Monday, 22 July is a staff development day so we look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Tuesday, 23 July.

Happy holidays and stay safe, warm and well!

Warm regards

Michelle Yager

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy term and the students have done themselves proud.

The SRC students have been meeting this term with both Mrs Brooker and me and have been doing work on the *7 Habits of a Good Leader*. The SRC students have been regular visitors to their designated grades and have started to share the skills of a good leader with their classes. They have also been good listeners and have been discussing ways to make St Bernadette's a better place than it already is. Congratulations to our Faith in Action Team (FIAT) on its successful fundraising drive for Ronald McDonald House, starting the term dancing and finishing the term collecting food for their pantry. The parent and student community is amazing with its support of our FIAT. Our 14 student leaders are wonderful ambassadors and are truly amazing leaders in our community.

Congratulations to all the students who have competed at sports days throughout the term and congratulations to everyone for their academic success throughout the semester.

As you all know, I will be taking leave during term 3. I look forward to reading the fortnightly newsletters and keeping up with what is happening at St Bernadette's. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, a wonderful term 3 and I look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Miss Rebecca Boidin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

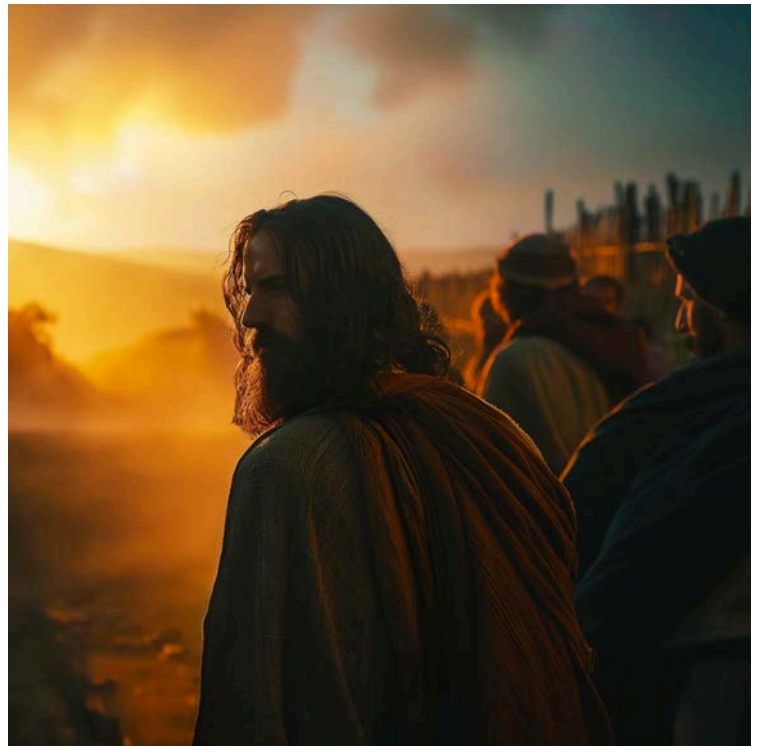
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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TERM 2 MASS/RECONCILIATION ROSTER

Week/Date	Other Celebrations	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
Week 10 1 - 5 July		6	Whole School

FAITH IN ACTION: HELPING OTHERS TO SOAR IN 2024

On Monday, I had the pleasure of delivering our donated pantry items to Ronald McDonald House, Westmead. They were overwhelmed with our school's generosity. In fact, they commented that our donation is the largest that they have ever received from a school!

While we were unpacking the car loaded with pantry items, I witnessed many families walking to and from Ronald McDonald House to the hospital. I knew that our donations were going to help these families. I have found, among its other benefits, that giving liberates the soul of the giver. ❤️

Thank you so much for your donations and your continued support. Your generosity is truly appreciated.



FAITH IN ACTION: HELPING OTHERS TO SOAR IN 2024 (cont)

In term 3, we have two worthy causes that we are looking forward to supporting. In the first part of the term, **we will be selling cheese toasties to raise funds for 'Flanno for a Farmer'**. This charity provides financial and emotional assistance, food hampers, care packs, and personalised support to thousands of farming families across Australia every year.

In the second half of term 3, **we will be taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child'**. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for us to bless children in need across the world by filling shoe boxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse distributes the boxes in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

More information about these mission activities will come in the following weeks. Thank you so much for supporting our mission activities thus far. It has been wonderful experiencing the joy that our students feel by supporting these very worthy causes.

Miss Carly and The FIAT

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - THE FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE



We warmly invite grandparents to join us on **Friday, 26 July** to celebrate Grandparents' Day on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Our celebration will commence at 9:15 am in the school hall. There will be:

- Liturgy of the Word
- Open classrooms with some 'olden days games'
- Morning tea

We would like to remind you to send a photograph of grandparents with grandchildren to sbdvleadership@gmail.com by Friday, 5 July for inclusion in a movie tribute.

We look forward to welcoming you to Grandparents' Day.



FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) - HIGHLIGHTS OF TERM 2

This week, Student Representative Council (SRC) members went around the school and asked our community, 'What was your highlight of the term?' Answers were varied but here's what we learned!

Kindergarten students enjoyed playing with their buddies and friends and learning new things during class time.

Year 1 liked participating in our fundraising events and our St Bernadette's feast day.

Year 2 appreciated their science discoveries this term and some outdoor activities.

Our stage 2 (years 3 and 4) members enjoyed our sport-related events, along with some fundraising and receiving Holy Communion.

Stage 3 thoroughly fancied their overnight excursion to Canberra, helping people in need, and our sporting events.

Some of our school staff members answered too!

Mr Kensell expressed his shock that we've had two carnivals with smooth-sailing weather and Mrs Haddad and Miss Boidin showed their appreciation for the continuous generosity of our families when it comes to fundraising. Miss Boidin also stated that her term highlight was working with her wonderful SRC members!

Miss Carly loved raising money for *Dance For Sick Kids* and *Eat Up Australia* and Miss Leanne enjoyed teaching RE to our stage 3 students. Our principal, Mrs Yager, said that her favourite parts of this term were attending the Canberra camp and being a part of making sandwiches for hungry children.

We have had an amazing term, with so many enjoyable activities and opportunities to help those in need. We will certainly have an even better term after the holidays!

We want to thank, again, all those families who showed continued support for our fundraisers, your assistance really made a difference! To conclude, we hope everybody has a fun and safe holiday, we will miss you!

SRC

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

On Monday, our Principal Award recipients for term 2 joined Mrs Yager for a special morning tea. These students have been named and honoured for displaying consistent positive behaviour.



SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

In an extraordinary turn of events, we had a beautiful day for our annual athletics carnival! It was great to see all of the children competing and enjoying their events, which were managed by a huge turnout of parents. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents, as a day like this cannot be a success without your generous support.

There were some outstanding performances throughout the day, with our age champions announced at last Friday's assembly.

Congratulations to our 2024 age champions!

Junior Boy: Saacha

Junior Girl: Monika

Senior Boy: Ayden H

Senior Girl: Lily-Rose

While all the children gave it their all, Clare was the winning house on the day. We are looking forward to more sporting news after those children selected for the zone carnival compete in term 2.







STAGE 2 BOYS SOCCER

Our stage 2 boys competed at the Diocesan Soccer Gala day last week. We had enough players to field both a year 3 and a year 4 team and both played very well and in the spirit of the game. Miss Maria and Miss Alanson were very impressed by the skills on display and were proud of the way our boys played.

Congratulations to the year 4 team who won their pool and were awarded medals in a grandiose ceremony conducted by Miss Maria at last week's Friday afternoon assembly!

A big thank you goes to Harrison and Cameron's dad Alex (year 3 team) and Jackson's dad (year 4 team). These volunteer parents did an amazing job of preparing the boys for the day!



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Lily-Rose who has been selected to play for the district in the state rugby championships. She will be travelling to Mudgee in the school holidays for this event. Such a wonderful achievement!

Lily-Rose will also be trialling in the Mackillop Rugby 7s trials on 14 August at Santa Sabina College. She will be travelling to Japan in just over two months to play for Australia in The Heroes Cup!



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS (cont)

Congratulations also to Liam M who recently attended the MacKillop Rugby Union Trials, where he represented the Parramatta Diocese. This is a very high-level competition, where the strongest players are selected to be a part of the MacKillop team. Liam was successful and will now play as part of the MacKillop team at the NSWPSSA tournament, taking place at Wagga Wagga in August. We congratulate Liam on this outstanding achievement!



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance rate: 75% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 75% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% - 100%.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Friday, 26 July in week 1, starting at 2:30 pm in the school hall. The class presenting will be year 5.

Lateness to School

It is a school requirement that when a student is late to school, a parent or carer is to walk the child into the school office to sign them in.

Book Borrowing Reminder

We ask you to please encourage your child to borrow every week from our library. Even if they have their own books at home, it's always nice to bring home a book from our school library to share with the family. Would you also kindly remind your child to pack their library bag for borrowing on their library day each week.

CBCA Book Week 2024

Introducing **Book Week 2024!** Book Week will be held in week 5 of term 3 (19 - 23 August). More information will come in term 3 regarding Book Week events. Always a highlight of our year, Book Week introduces a whole new world of inspirational reading for children (and adults!) of all ages. This year's Book Week theme is **Reading is Magic!** You can see the shortlisted books which we will be exploring [here](#).

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We are once again welcoming students from Kaichi Primary School from 21 - 24 August. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in and we are hoping that some of our families would be able to assist in hosting the students. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact the number below.



St Bernadette's Primary School Host Families Needed

St Bernadette's Primary School
will be hosting Japanese students from
21st - 24th August 2024.

Share your lifestyle & home whilst experiencing
another culture.

- **Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend**
 - **Japanese language is not necessary.**
- **Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.**
 - **Families are paid \$50 per night.**

If you can assist in hosting a student or would like
more information, please contact.....

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 10:

Friday, 5 July: Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1:

Monday, 22 July: Staff Development Day (no students at school)

Tuesday, 23 July: Students First Day Back For Term 3

Thursday, 25 July: Year 6 and FIAT Students Excursion

Friday, 26 July: Grandparents Day Liturgy and Open Classrooms

Week 2:

Friday, 2 August: Year 6 Fundraiser (more information to follow)

Friday, 2 August: 100 Days of Kindergarten

Week 3:

Thursday, 8 August: Feast Day of Mary Mackillop Fun Day (see flyer included)

Week 4:

Friday, 16 August: School Movie Night (more information to follow)

Week 5:

Monday, 19 August - Friday, 23 August: Book Week (more information to follow)

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all our families who have settled their school fees account or continue to pay fortnightly/monthly installments. If your school fees are still outstanding and you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Officer for a confidential discussion on options available to you.

Please notify our office, as soon as possible, if you know that you may be leaving St Bernadette's. 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.

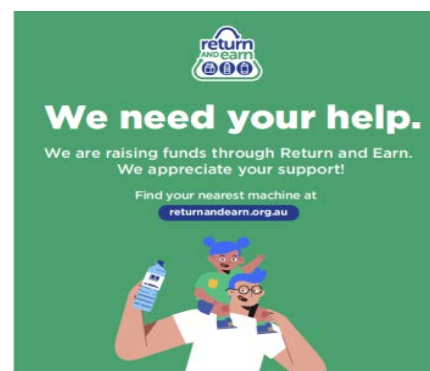
We thank you for your ongoing support.

RETURN AND EARN

Would you like 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.



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

Annabelle - 24/06

Penelope - 27/06

Jocelyn - 28/06

Nerso - 29/06

Isabella - 29/06

Maddison - 30/06

Daniel R - 03/07

Mia G - 05/07

Jamie - 06/07

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 team sports, individual events, showdowns and team building challenges. Like all Motiv8sports events our primary focus will be to create a sporting arena that allows us to teach children about teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience all while motivating them to be extraordinary versions of themselves.

WHAT SPORTS WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE?

Over the course of 2-days campers will represent their allocated country earning points towards their overall country tally. We will put our participants to the ultimate 2-day test consisting of 8 incredible 1 hour sessions including: FUTURE SPORTS, ELIMINATORS, TOUR DE FORCE, THE OCTATHLON, THE COLOSSEUM, COPA AMERICA SOCCER TOURNAMENT, HOUR OF POWER & SHOWDOWN CITY.

CAN MY CHILD ATTEND?

The Motiv8 Games is designed for Kindy/Prep to Grade 6 students and no previous sports experience is required. Each camper will be treated like a superstar and although we encourage a competitive mindset we never stop teaching our campers about our Motiv8sports values. Children attending our camps are treated like superstars and our safety/supervision is second to none. We take sport, creativity and maximum participation to new levels with our innovative array of trademark sports and creative activities. All camps are non-sleep over events. Each camper will also have the chance to win prizes, medals and points for the team as they attempt to win the Motiv8 Games.

Please take the time to visit motiv8sports.com.au and see for yourself that we are experts in sports education and entertainment. We have access to world class training, guidance and assistance from Motiv8sports Australia.

**DON'T MISS OUT - THE GAMES ARE COMING
AND IT'S TIME TO CHASE GOLD.
BOOK NOW!**

 Visit for more details
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THE MOTIV8 GAMES EVENT DETAILS

Parramatta Marist School
Tues 9th - Wed 10th July
8.30am - 3.30pm DAILY

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Office of Sport

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Action-Packed Adventure Camps These School Holidays!

The Office of Sport will be running a number of exciting Adventure Camps these upcoming July school holidays at our Milson Island Sport & Recreation Centre.

We would appreciate if your school could help promote these camps to your students and their parents. To assist with promotion, we have developed [this poster](#) and [digital tile](#) that can be used in newsletters or on your social media and website.

Designed for kids aged 9-12, the camps will provide kids with hours of non-stop sport, outdoor recreation activities and entertainment. Excitingly, we are now offering one and two day booking options to ensure maximum flexibility for parents!

Some of the activities and inclusions* included in the camp are:

- Kayaking & Canoeing
- Archery & BMX Trail Rides
- Obstacle Course & Pool Games
- Sports Sessions + More!
- Lunch & Snacks

**Activities may change dependent on weather and other conditions*

Our facilities and location are designed specifically for sport and recreation camps, and our staff are amongst the highest trained and qualified in the industry. Our program officers and chefs will ensure the kids are kept safe and well-fed while on camp!

Spots are limited and fill up fast, so we encourage parents to book their child in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

For more information on our Centre or the camps, [please click here](#) or call 13 13 02.

Dates & Times

- Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 July - 8:30am to 4:00pm
- Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 July - 8:30am to 4:00pm

More Information & Bookings



Office of Sport

13 13 02 or sport.nsw.gov.au

The Office of Sport acknowledges and celebrates the Traditional Custodians of the Lands and waters of NSW where we work, live and play.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their strengths, knowledge, and continuing connection to Country.

<https://comms.sport.nsw.gov.au/link/id/zzzz6673cb861ed3a687Pzzzz5ba82d8d67d2d705/page.html>

NSWCPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 14th August 2024

**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
2 August 2024**



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**BOOKINGS OPEN
JULY 3, 2024 AT 7PM**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTER NOW



Let's get the kids active and moving these holidays with Active Parramatta's free School Holiday Program.

Classes include AFL, Frisbee, Netball, Hip Hop, Skateboarding, Golf, Tennis and Hula Hooping plus more.

Spaces are limited so you don't want to miss out



Active Parramatta



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St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary School, 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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