

# NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 3 WEEK 10

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### **Term 4**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Bernadette's Parents and Carers

We find ourselves at the end of what has been a busy and productive term. Olympics day, agricultural visit, STEM MAD, movie night, book week, VOY, sports gala days, Grandparent and Father's day liturgies..... so much to celebrate!

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible work of the staff at St Bernadette's. Their dedication, passion, and perseverance have truly made a difference in the lives of our students and in the school community as a whole.

Mr Kensell has taken some well deserved long service leave to travel and enjoy time with his family. We will see him back in week 3 of term 4. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Boidin back after the holidays. She has been missed.

I hope that our parents and students find time to rest, recharge and spend time making memories this holiday break. I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming term and achieving even greater things.

Warm regards

Michelle Yager  
Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Sunday 29 September 2024

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

#### Gospel

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

#### REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

As so often in the Gospel, Jesus takes the way we are tempted to think and flips it on its head: 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

Pope Francis suggests that Jesus invites us 'not to hinder those who do good, because they contribute to the fulfilment of God's plan.' This includes the Church, the Pope points out, noting that 'we need to be vigilant about closure in the Church' and falling prey to the devil's temptation 'to divide and exclude people.'

The Pope reminds us that unless we are 'humble and open communities' there is a risk that the Church or groups within it can easily 'give the impression of being the "top of the class" and keep others at a distance.' He warns against cliques that form around certain priests, closed-circle pastoral groups, and so on, which 'runs the risk of turning Christian communities into places of separation and not of communion.'

'The Holy Spirit does not want closure,' the Pope affirms. 'He wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.'

After all, Jesus exhorted us to rein in our own attitudes rather than worrying about the attributes of others. As the Pope notes, 'the risk is to be inflexible towards others and indulgent towards ourselves.' Therefore, he suggests that 'instead of judging everything and everyone, let us be attentive to ourselves!'

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## CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

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

In today's gospel the disciples tried to stop someone doing miracles in Jesus' name.

Has anyone ever made you feel bad because you were doing something good?

How did that make you feel? Was it confusing?

How did you decide what to do?

Jesus said that anyone who is not for him is against him.

How can you show that you are for Jesus?

When you do good deeds, is it because you are a follower of Jesus or because you might get a reward?

We pray that we will be loyal followers of Jesus.

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## FAITH IN ACTION: HELPING OTHERS TO SOAR IN 2024

We are so excited to announce that we raised \$1,211.00 from the sales of the cheese toasties this term. All proceeds will be donated to *Flanno For a Farmer*. Farm Angels have asked me to pass on a **BIG THANKS** to the entire school community. They are very impressed by the power of a cheese toasty!!

Thank you very much for your generous donations. Our shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child* are now full. On Friday, 18 October (week 1 of term 4 ) we will be holding a **crazy hair/silly sock day**. We encourage all students to dress in their school uniforms but come to school with wacky hair and/or socks.

We ask that donations for this are made via **QKR, which is now open**. The money raised from this will enable us to purchase tracking codes for each of our shoeboxes. This way, we are able to follow our shoebox gifts and discover which country they arrive at and when.



Proverbs 19:17: **The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the LORD.**

Thank you  
Miss Carly and the FIAT

# OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

## Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be on Friday, 18 October in week 1, starting at 2:30pm in the school hall. The class presenting will be year 2.

## Missing Readers

We are missing a number of readers from our collection. Could you please look around your house to see if you have any school home readers. These are valuable teaching resources and we greatly appreciate it if you could locate and return them. Thank you.



## School Fees

Thank you to all our families who have settled their school fees account or continue to pay fortnightly/monthly installments. Please note that term 3 fees were due by 28/08/24. 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. Kindly contact our office for a copy of a leaving form that must be completed.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

## Evaluation of the Swimming Program

After two weeks of swimming lessons, we are asking for your feedback on the program. Your responses in the Google form will provide valuable insights and help us to determine the effectiveness of the program. Please use the link below:

[2024 Evaluation of Swimming Program](#)

## Clothing Pool Donations

Over the holidays, if you are clearing out clothes and come across donatable school uniforms, we would very much appreciate them for our clothing pool which is running very low on stock. Donations can be left in the school office.

## Principal Award Winners

Congratulations to these students who were awarded for their Christian Service to our school community:

Kindergarten:	Ivy Daoud and Joseph Nader
Year 1:	Madeleine Elias and Oliver Jin
Year 2:	Thomas Naser and Matias Perisic
Year 3:	Aniyah Kviz and Giordeio Cicala
Year 4:	Riyanshi Peru and Ethan Lindstrom
Year 5:	Scarlet Joukhadar and Daniel Roperti
Year 6:	Lily-Rose Collins and Tinaye Makoni

## PBS4L



# MUSIC BINGO AND TRIVIA NIGHT

 **Get Ready for our Music Bingo and Trivia Night!** 

 **When:** Saturday, 16 November 2024

 **Time:** 6:00 PM

 **Where:** St Bernadette's Primary School Dundas Valley

Test your knowledge, have fun with friends, and enjoy a night of friendly competition! From pop culture to history, sports, and more, there's a category for everyone to shine.

Gather your team of up to 10 and join in the fun! Great prizes will be available!

A note will be going home with more information and registration in week 1.

Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter. We can't wait to see you there!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Tuesday, 15 October: **Staff Development Day (no students at school)**

Wednesday, 16 October: **First day back to school for students**

Friday, 18 October: Crazy Hair and Silly Sock Day

Wednesday, 30 October 2024: PBS4L Mufti Recognition Day (more information to come)

Saturday, 16 November: Music Bingo and Trivia Night



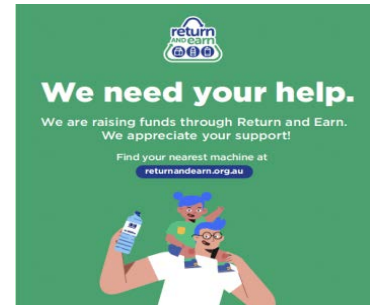
# RETURN AND EARN

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.



# BIRTHDAYS



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

Emily - 15/09  
Gianni - 16/09  
Dimitrios - 22/09  
Sienna - 24/09  
Caitlyn - 25/09  
Monika - 25/09  
Charlotte - 25/09  
Ryan - 28/09  
Valentina - 28/09  
Sherry - 28/09

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS



The poster features a light green background with a decorative border. At the top left, there are icons of a cow, a pig, a chicken, and a sheep. At the top right, there is an icon of a paint palette with a brush. The title 'Spring Carnivale' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Below the title, the text 'A School Holiday Community Event' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'A' in red and 'School Holiday Community Event' in green. Below this, the date and time 'Wednesday 9th October 10 am to 12 pm' are written in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Wednesday 9th October' in green and '10 am to 12 pm' in red. In the center, a list of activities is displayed: 'Farm Animals', 'Crafts', 'Face Painting', 'Games & Activities', and 'Food', all in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, there is a logo for 'Hope Connect' featuring a stylized circular design with green and blue elements. Below the logo, the address '16 Shortland Street, Telopea' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The bottom of the poster is decorated with green grass and several pink tulips, with two butterflies (one pink and one blue) flying around them.

*Spring Carnivale*

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**Wednesday 9th October 10 am to 12 pm**

**Farm Animals**  
**Crafts**  
**Face Painting**  
**Games & Activities**  
**Food**

  
**Hope Connect**  
**16 Shortland Street,**  
**Telopea**



**FAMILY  
FUN  
DAY!**

**Free activities  
for children up  
to 12 years**

**at the  
Parliament  
of NSW**

Visit Australia's oldest  
Parliament to learn about  
democracy in NSW, and  
join in the fun for young  
citizens, future leaders  
and their families.

**Friday  
11 October  
9.30am – 3pm**



Visit our heritage rooms

Learn how to vote  
and make a law

Give a speech for an  
election campaign

Participate in a  
committee role play



Make craft animals  
and objects



Enjoy live music and more...



**FREE ENTRY**

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

**LOCATION**

Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or  
E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)





## **Community Day**

**Saturday 12th October  
10am - 12pm**

With over 20 years experience  
in the disability sector,  
and 100% staff retention in the last 2 years,  
we offer high quality services with  
consistent therapists!

Pop in for a free coffee, activities,  
give aways and meet the team!

For more  
information call  
1300 856 617

See you there!

**Occupational Therapy**

**Speech Pathology**

**Psychology**

**Behaviour Support**

Unit 6/22 Lexington Dr

Bella Vista NSW 2153





## Spring School Holiday Activities at the Quaycentre

- Netball - Captain's Class
- Basketball My Hoops
- Soccer in the Park
- Soccer in the Park - Girls only
- All Day Multi Sports Camp
- Table Tennis Hot Shots

Visit [quaycentre.com.au](http://quaycentre.com.au)



Scan for  
more details.





### *September/October School Holidays!*

The Motiv8sports Big Battle 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.

What is included:

- AWESOME sports and activities, led by our legendary Coaching Team!
- FREE jersey milestone upgrades
- Collectors Pin
- BRAVEHEART or GOLIATH team headband
- Prize giveaways
- NEW 1st time members – Receive your Rookie jersey for \$10

For more information dates and location click the link below or call Coach Brad on 0402 200 479

<https://motiv8sports.com.au/locations/parramatta/?motiv8event=camp>



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## **Open Day**

### **For Prospective Year 7 2026/2027 Families**

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

**Address:** 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076  
**Phone:** +61 2 94891077 **Fax:** +61 2 94895722

## **Tuesday 15 October 2024**

Registration by 10:00 am on  
Monday 14 October 2024 is essential!

Register at:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/normanhurst-boys-hs-open-day-iiii-15-october-2024>

**Web:** [normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au](http://normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au)  
**Email:** [office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au)



# **MUSIC BINGO & TRIVIA NIGHT**

Think you're the ultimate trivia champion? Prove it at our Trivia Night showdown! Bring your A-game and compete for glory!

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**

**START AT 6 PM**



**JOIN DJ LOUIE FOR  
ROUNDS OF TRIVIA  
AND MUSIC BINGO**

**GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOGETHER  
TABLES OF UP TO 10  
MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**



**ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**





# **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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