



# St Bernadette's Primary School Update

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Term 1, Week 3

Thursday, 11 February 2016

## Reminders

Thursday, 11 February  
First Holy Communion  
Lesson 4:20pm or 6:20pm

Friday, 12 February  
Census Day  
Year 6 Mass &  
Reconciliation at 9:00am  
First Holy Communion  
Lesson 4:20pm

## Upcoming Events

Monday, 15 February  
P&F AGM - 7:00pm  
P&F Meeting - 7:30pm

Tuesday, 16 February  
Zone Swimming  
Lunch orders due  
8:30am-12:00pm

Friday, 19 February  
Mufti Day  
Year 5 Mass &  
Reconciliation - 9:00am  
Assembly - 2:30pm  
First Holy Communion  
Lesson - 4:20pm

School Banking  
every Thursday at  
8:30am in the  
canteen

**ATTENDANCE - Is a major focus of the Catholic Education Office this year.**

For your information here is an extract from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta regarding compulsory school attendance.

"There are many ways in which families can support their children to be prepared for learning at school. For example, by making school attendance a high priority in your family; by ensuring children get enough sleep, a good diet and regular exercise, by encouraging reading from an early age; by sharing the learning journey through an active involvement in your child's school...

Of course, in order for students to learn at school, they need to show up. In fact, it is illegal for school-aged children not to attend school. Even more troubling though, is the learning a child will miss if they do not attend school. **If a student misses as little as eight days each term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of learning.**

Children need to arrive to school and class on time. Lateness to school or leaving early from school must be recorded as a partial absence...


It is important to understand that the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC), on behalf of the State Minister of Education, may take further action in cases where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school."

*At times your child may be unwell or unable to attend school, but these absences should not be a regular occurrence.*

*At times your child may be late to school or may need to leave early, but again this should be the exception.*

*It is vitally important for your child's learning, confidence and social development that they are at school on time, all day and every school day.*

**Absences** - Children are required to attend school all day of every day that school is open. However if your child is absent, it is a legal requirement that parents inform the school of the absence. Please refer to the following for further information.

REASON FOR ABSENCE	PARENT / CARER REQUIREMENT	
E.g. illness / another reason preventing attendance.	A note to the teacher informing the date of and reason for the absence. This needs to be forwarded within 7 days of the absence.	
Going on a holiday that is 1 to 9 days long.	A note to the principal PRIOR, explaining dates and reason for the absence.	
Going on a holiday that is between 10 to 100 days long.	Complete PRIOR to the absence, an <b>Application for Extended Leave - Travel Form</b> .	Available on the school website and from the school office.
Taking part in an Elite Sport event or working in the entertainment industry.	Complete PRIOR an <b>Application for Exemption from attendance at school Form</b> .	Available on the school website and from the school office.

LITURGY	Upcoming Masses
Friday 12 February - 9:00am	Ashleigh H, Alexander A, Nathan M
Weekend Altar Servers Saturday 13 February - 6:00pm	Matias C
Sunday 14 February - 8:00am	Bartosz L
Sunday 14 February - 9:30am	Xavier R, Alexander A, Charlotte G
<i>Mary Elliott - Religious Education Co-ordinator</i>	

**SCHOOL FEES** - Statements have been posted. If you have not received your account or you are facing financial difficulty (this includes families receiving concessions in 2015 as these arrangements are now no longer valid) please contact Dianna at the school office.

**CHILD PROTECTION:** A reminder to all parents that the mandatory online training module must be current to volunteer at school events. Link to the Child Protection online training is accessible from the school website homepage.  
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>



**Thank you!** To all the parents who helped prepare and sell pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



Owen S - 13/2  
 Raphael C - 13/2  
 Veronica M - 14/2  
 Caleb B - 15/2  
 Chloe D - 15/2  
 Erin M - 16/2  
 Orlando F - 17/2

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