



# St Bernadette's Primary School

## Newsletter

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**Term 4, Week 6**

**Thursday 16 November, 2017**

### ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 4 WEEKS 7 & 8

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, 22 November**

Linda's Lunches

**Friday, 24 November**

Student Banking 8:30am

Year 1 Mass

Assembly - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, 29 November**

Linda's Lunches

PDCPSSC Awards Evening

**Friday, 1 December**

Student Banking 8:30am

Year 2 Mass 9:00am

Year 2 incursion

Canteen - Party Food  
for Lunch

#### REMINDERS

**Friday, 17 November**

School Banking 8:30am

Year 5 Mass & Reconciliation

Fagan Park Excursion - K-2



Dear families of St Bernadette's,

Last weekend we celebrated Family Fun Day with music, picnic lunches, fun games, home made cakes, BBQ, delicious pasta, cold drinks and gelato! There was dancing and singing. It was a real joyous occasion. It was an opportunity to get together before the end of the year and celebrate our beautiful school, by being together in community. Events like these take lots of planning and work and so to all the organisers and helpers, I sincerely thank them for their time and support. It is deeply appreciated.

Family Fun Day was a perfect name for the day. It was a time to celebrate as a family - the St Bernadette Family. It was a day to simply be together and enjoy being together. It is in our families that God teaches us how to love and bless others.

Here are some thoughts from the children about the Family Fun Day-

*We personally loved the food. The gelato was so good, it melted in our mouth. The activities were 'eggstremely' awesome, 'eggsspecially' the Egg and Spoon Race. It was awesome when the egg cracked. There were so many games and food to choose.* **Ariane and William**

*I liked the Tug of War and racing and thought it was really fun.* **Sophia**

*I thought the activities and stalls were attractive.* **Melanie**

*I liked the food and how everyone got together. I also liked the DJ.* **Daniel M**

*There were lots of events like the sack race, tug of war and soccer.* **Orlando F**

*I thought it was impressive with lots of games and ice cream available to help cool us down after playing soccer.* **Willem**

*I liked the ice blocks and playing with my friends.* **Alvin**

*I liked the fairy floss and dancing.* **Elena**

*The Family Fun Day was amazing. There were activities such as the egg and spoon race, the three legged race, bean bag races and the sponge and water race. There was also one race that combined all of these together! This race by far was the most fun out of all of them.*

*There were many stalls that helped raise money for our school. The stalls were absolutely divine. There was delicious pasta by Grace. There was also a cake stall with cupcakes galore! There was creamy gelato and heaps more! We are so grateful for this amazing event.* **Anne-Maree and Lauren**

And Kindergarten just loved everything!

Wishing you God's blessings

**Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini**  
Principal



**Our attendance  
percentage to  
date is:  
89.1%**

# LITURGY ROSTER

<b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 17 November</u></b> Emily H, Liam M, Daniel M (Class Mass Year 5)	<b><u>Friday 24 November</u></b> Nicholas C, Jonathan F, Matias C (Class Mass Year 1)	<b><u>Friday 1 December</u></b> Xavier R, Christian P, Bartosz (Class Mass Year 2)
<b><u>WEEKEND ALTAR SERVERS</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 18 November</u></b> <b>6:00pm</b> Emily H, Marc B, Riley C, Sam F  <b><u>Sunday 19 November</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> N/A  <b><u>Sunday 19 November</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> Nicholas C, Daniel M Nathan M, Justine M	<b><u>Saturday 25 November</u></b> <b>6:00pm</b> Jonathan F. Jeremy F  <b><u>Sunday 26 November</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> Lucas R  <b><u>Sunday 26 November</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> Sam F, William H Jessica E, Xavier R	<b><u>Saturday 2 December</u></b> <b>6:00pm</b> William H, Matias C  <b><u>Sunday 3 December</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> Daniel M  <b><u>Sunday 3 December</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> Liam M, Nicholas C

## RE NEWS

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, November 19 2017: *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*  
Mt 25:14 -30

***Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.***

The parable of the talents is one of the longer and more elaborate stories of the New Testament. It has tales of success for the servants who received five and two talents. But for Jesus' listeners, and for us as readers, it is the exchange between the master and the unfortunate "wicked and lazy" retainer, who simply handed back what he had been given, which is at the heart of the parable. In Matthew's words, there is no excuse for doing nothing with what is given us, and so the unprofitable servant is summarily dismissed and sent packing. But there is a more subtle reminder for all. What a failure it is not to make a difference or a contribution by our lives, not to be open to the possibilities that the unexpected in life presents to us, the gift that can lie in any moment or happening. If we are not open to possibilities, then very quickly we begin to take our own value, our potential and our relationships, for granted. © St Vincent de Paul society Goodworks

### ST FRANCIS AWARDS

Congratulations to all students who received a St Francis award at our last whole school Mass. These students display many of the virtues and qualities of St. Francis and this was recognised and acknowledged by their peers and celebrated as a whole school community.



Kindergarten: Ansh T  
 Year 1: Gabriel El R  
 Year 2: Marie-Elise B  
 Year 3: Brandon N  
 Year 4A: Samuel J  
 Year 4L: Gianluca B  
 Year 5: Leah N  
 Year 6: Matthew B & Madeleine R



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All of the Year 2 students are in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare for the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be held on November 29 at 6:30pm.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AT ST BERNADETTE'S

### Busking Day

*Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."  
Ephesians 4:27-28 - "give generously to others in need"*

On Friday, November 3 we were privileged to hear and witness the talented St Bernadette buskers. Thank you to all who participated in the busking afternoon and to all of you who donated to the Manning Foundation and Catholic Mission Australia.



We raised **\$932.00**, a tremendous effort!

This event is always a success due to the involvement of our wonderful school community so thank you kindly for your support.

### Manning Foundation Christmas Party Appeal - November 24



All families are encouraged to bring in lollies and chips next Friday, November 24 (Week 7), as a way of sharing with others less fortunate at Christmas. **We are asking for large bags of chips and soft lollies (such as snakes, jelly babies, jubes, etc).** These will be shared at the Annual Manning Foundation Christmas party held for approx. 200 adults who are in need of some Christmas cheer. Thank you for your continual generosity.

## SCHOOL NEWS


### TERM 4 DATES FOR 2017

17 Nov	Fagan Park - K-2	
8 Dec	End of Year Graduation Mass	
13 Dec	Year 6 Dinner Dance	
14 Dec	Last day for students	
15 & 18 Dec	Staff Development & Pupil Free Days	

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are to wear their school hats when playing on the playground.

*Please note that all children should be wearing black school shoes and not joggers with their Summer School Uniform.*

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD			
<b>KINDER</b> Tyana N	<b>YEAR 1</b> Anthony D	<b>YEAR 2</b> Sereno C	<b>YEAR 3</b> Kobi M
			
<b>YEAR 4A</b> Daniel M	<b>YEAR 4L</b> Melanie M	<b>YEAR 5</b> Angelique O	<b>YEAR 6</b> Thomas P

# Annual Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 1 November, St Bernadette's travelled to Waves Aquatic Centre for our annual Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with great weather and were impressed with the new venue.

Our children swam their hearts out and cheered their lungs out, at all times displaying the great school spirit we can always expect from them. I am proud to pass on that a regular swimmer from the centre personally complimented us on the beautiful behaviour of the children, as well as their enthusiastic and encouraging team spirit. It is great to have this affirmation about the wonderful children of St Bernadette's.

All teams put in a huge effort on the day, although there can be only one winner, which was the Claire house. Congratulations to the winning house!

There were also some outstanding individual efforts on the day. We congratulate the Age Champions for 2017:

**Junior Girls: Heidi Shumack**

**Junior Boys: Ian Baek**

**Senior Girls: Erin Baek**

**Senior Boys: Takoda Cheng**

We look forward to further success at the 2018 Zone Swimming Carnival!

**Anthony Kensell**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**









## ~ Children's Corner ~

### Year 2

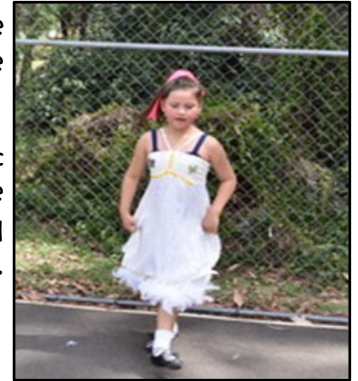


### BUSKING DAY

There are many reasons why I LOVE Busking Day. Watching all the creative children, eating all the delicious food and watching all the amazing dance moves.

It was really nice how all the families were watching us and it felt wonderful how we were all together for the same reason, to raise money for the poor. I really enjoyed busking day because I got to see all my friends and I got to perform for everyone by doing my Irish Dancing. Raising money for the poor made me feel so happy inside.

It was the best day ever!!! **By Lenita**



There are many reasons why I liked Busking Day. The first and most important reason is because we donate money to the poor. The second reason is I had lots of fun making the food. The third reason is that I got lots of snacks. I think the only boring part of the day - was packing up.

**BUSKING DAY IS THE BEST. By Christian**

I liked busking day because there were lots of fun games. There was a bean bag game, ball game and many more. There were very yummy foods, such as lollies, jelly and lots of other foods. I liked the cookies the best they were so good. My final reason is that I got to see my mum and she gave me money so I could give money

to the other buskers. This money went to the poor. Busking day was so much fun and it felt nice to give to others. **By Lucas**

I like busking day for many reasons. First is the food. I baked with Chloe and Tania and on the day it seemed that we were sensational. The cookies were scrumptious!!!!

Secondly the music, WOW!!! Natalie is in Kindergarten and she had wonderful dance moves. She dressed like a princess. Anthony played the drums, he was sooo professional.

Number three. The dinosaur puppet show was so good, but scary (but fun).

Lastly the day was so special because all these wonderful things were for one reason and that was to raise money for the poor and that was the most important reason of them all for a great busking day. **By Emily**



## LEARNING MATTERS

### Multiplicative thinking

At St Bernadette's, our Mathematics goal for 2017 focuses on improving the children's capacity when working with multiplication and division.

Supporting this goal was the Professional Development all staff have undertaken throughout the year. This learning was titled "Multiplicative Thinking" and was provided by Professor Ann Downton of Monash University.

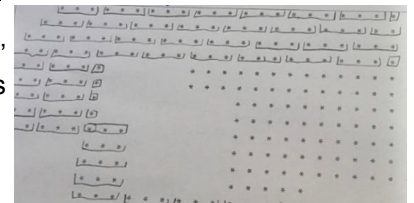
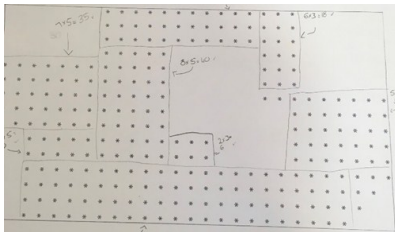
Over the course of 6 meetings, staff have gained a deeper understanding of multiplication and division, supported by Geraldine Caletta, a Mathematics Teacher Educator from the Catholic Education Office.

In between the meetings the teachers introduced challenging tasks to the children that provided them opportunity to develop their multiplicative ability in a number of areas.

### Some of the key learnings for the children were

#### Working towards more efficient strategies to multiply and divide.

In the carrot patch task, children were asked to calculate how many 'carrots' were yet to be picked. For many children, adding and skip counting was initially their preferred method. This is known as 'additive thinking'.



Many children worked towards partitioning areas of the patch, making arrays and applying their understanding of multiplication to solve the problem more efficiently. This is known as 'multiplicative thinking' and is a more efficient strategy.

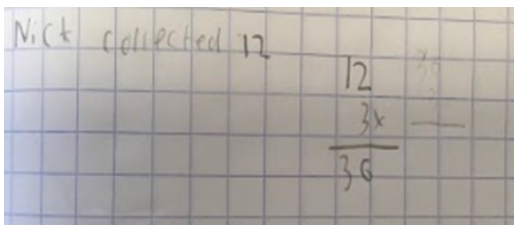
#### "Times as Many"

The concept of 'times as many' can be a difficult one for children to grasp. The following problem challenged their understanding of mathematical language.

**Problem:** *Marcus collected 3 times as many cards as Nick. They collected 36 cards altogether. How many cards did Nick collect?*

For many children, the 'times as many' concept was not initially grasped. What was perceived were the numbers 36 & 3.

In this example, the student has not taken into account the amount each child receives, being 3 parts for Marcus, 1 for Nick. Instead, they have mistaken 3 times as many to be the total parts between the 2 children.



By making tables and applying trial and error and using counters to allocate to both children in the correct ratio, children developed a deeper understanding of the concepts. Children also learned to apply the multiplication facts they already knew to work towards the unknown.

The concepts of allocation and rate, working with ratios and using arrays to efficiently multiply and divide were also explored. We look forward to the continuation of this learning in the future, with a view to build a deep conceptual understanding of multiplication and division in the children of St Bernadette's.

## EXTRA CURRICULUM

### REMEMBRANCE DAY



#### WE REMEMBER

Remembrance Day, also known Armistice Day, is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War 1 to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Last Friday we commemorated this event by remembering all those who have died in wars, with a special service of prayer, reflection and silence. Thank you to Mr Kensell and Year 5 for organising this moving Remembrance Day ceremony for our school. Special thanks to Mr Loo and Mr Paterson, two of our defence force families, who were able to attend the liturgy in their uniforms for this special occasion.

### P&F NEWS

Our Fun Family Picnic day was held on Saturday 11 November. There were loads of great games like sack races, tug-of-war, and egg and spoon race, followed by Dancefever and Captivate performances. It was fantastic to see the school community come together to enjoy all that was on offer.

The P&F would like to thank the families who joined in the fun, parents who helped out on the day and all of the bakers who made treats for the cake stall. Particular thanks go to the following who organised and co-ordinated events on the day: Caroline Burbridge, Suzy Cipollone, Carmelina Bua, Grace Tallaridi, Bec Phelan, Sam Pernitsch, Louis Raish, Brenda Gaynor, Cathy Nagy & Beth Nilan.

Thank you to the Tallaridi, El Khoury-Hanna and Mazzarerro families for their generous donations to catering and the cake stall. Our raffle prizes were kindly donated by HC Distributors, Sydney FC, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic and Archery Centres.

Thank you!





## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Special edition of Catholic Outlook

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your parishes and schools from Monday 4 December.

### Health Carers and the Assisted Dying Bill 2017

The proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on the 16 November. A similar bill has passed the Lower House in the Victorian Parliament. Such changes will place at risk the most vulnerable patients as well as undermining the relationship between patients and Healthcare Professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect. Rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia all Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals are asked to let your Members of Parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care.

There is an open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide and a petition which has been organised by concerned healthcare professionals. You are asked to add your name to their petition by going to the link: [www.healthprofessionalssayno.info](http://www.healthprofessionalssayno.info)

### Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv statement on Manus Island

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

### Concert at St Finbar's, Glenbrook: 12 November

From 3pm, The Mystery of the Earth concert is a choir and organ, exploring our connection to the earth and beyond. This will be a wonderfully relaxing concert performed by Academy Singers, an experienced and well-known choir, directed by the esteemed Paul Terracini and accompanied by organist Amy Johansen. Amy will play music by Haydn and Mendelssohn. Choral music by Bainton, Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Whitacre and young Australian composer Ban van Tienen. Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Child \$10. Enquiries on 4754 1780.

### St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 18 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com) Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

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TARA L - 18/11  
CODY M - 24/11  
JEREMY F - 26/11  
ERIN B - 27/11  
CHRISTIAN M - 10/11  
LIAM E - 28/11  
BRANDON N - 15/11

