



# ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3, WEEK 2, 2 AUGUST 2018

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

### Welcome

Welcome to a new and exciting term. I have been moved by the warm welcome I have received as Principal to St Bernadette's this term from all members of the community, our students, parents, carers and the wonderful staff! It was great to meet parents and carers on the playground last week and at the Year 2 Mass and I'm looking forward to meeting you all over the next year. I would like to thank our hard working teachers who have spent a great deal of time in the holidays planning and preparing for learning and ensuring that the classrooms are ready for the term. This has meant we've had a very smooth transition back to school for all of our students.

### Prayers please

Please pray for a speedy recovery for Mrs Mary Elliott our Religious Education Coordinator and Year 1 teacher and Mrs Mary-Ann Gatt-Petrini's family on the recent loss of her sister.



### Every child, every day, transforming lives

St Bernadette's Primary school is a very special place to learn. Most importantly, by living out our motto '**Come to Learn, Live and Love**' we can work together to have a safe and happy school where all learners, no matter what their age, can feel cared for and are engaged in their learning. Be assured that our policies and procedures for being learners at school will remain as they were in previous years. Our big three school rules/expectations are "I am safe", "I am responsible" and "I am a learner" and these will continue to guide us as a community of learners.

For the remainder of the year, we will also continue to focus on great first wave teaching in Religious Education, literacy and numeracy. Every child, every day, transforming lives means that every day matters. You can help achieve this goal by ensuring your child never misses an opportunity to participate in the exciting learning at St Bernadette's Primary.



**Our attendance percentage to date is: 92.9%**

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### **Strengthening Home & School relationships - communication**

Last week, you may have noticed that our Parent Calendar is now available “live” on our Skoolbag App in the “Events” section - directly underneath “Notices”. This means that as new events are planned or existing events are changed, parents are informed immediately. If you haven’t already done so, please download the Skoolbag app (free) from the App Store. Instructions are included in this newsletter. Follow the link

A reminder that if, at any time, you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to contact the school and speak with the teacher/s, Assistant Principal and/or Principal, to identify your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

### **Safety for all at St Bernadette’s**

Our procedures for the safe arrival and dismissal of students to and from school remain unchanged. In the morning, student supervision commences at **8.30am**. In the afternoons, students are dismissed and make their way to their designated area. Please follow all road safety rules in and around our school. Many thanks for your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe.

### **Staffing update**

During the recent school holidays, Mr Frank Pagano, our Grounds and Maintenance officer, tendered his resignation and accepted a full time position at Catherine McAuley College, Westmead. I’m sure you’ll join with me in thanking Mr Pagano for all the wonderful work he’s done at St Bernadette’s over the years. His expertise and passion will be sorely missed. Mr Blissenden, Principal at St Mary’s Rydalmere and I are working to organise a replacement for Mr Pagano and I will update you via Skoolbag when this appointment is made.

*Mrs Megan Baird*  
*Principal*

# **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

<i>Kindergarten Emmet C</i>	<i>Year 1 Alex J</i>	<i>Year 2 Sonia B</i>	<i>Year 3 Tracey L</i>
<i>Year 4 Charlie C</i>	<i>Year 5 Mia V</i>	<i>Year 6 Rachel K</i>	<i>Congratulations!</i>

## REMINDERS

*For reminders on all upcoming activities around our school please use SkoolBag App to get the most up to date information on what is happening each week. [Link](#)*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR WEEKS 3 and 4

<b>WEEK</b> 3	<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> <b><u>6th August</u></b>  Mother's Group 9:30am in school hall	<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> <b><u>7th August</u></b>  Zone Carnival	<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>8th August</u></b>  Linda's Lunches	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> <b><u>9th August</u></b>  Happy Helpers Manning Foundation Winter Appeal	<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> <b><u>10th August</u></b>  Canteen Hot Food P&F
<b>WEEK</b> 4	<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> <b><u>13th August</u></b>  St Pat's Sports Years 4-6  Mother's Group 9:30am in school hall	<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> <b><u>14th August</u></b>  ICAS Maths	<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>15th August</u></b>  Band Resumes  Linda's Lunches	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> <b><u>16th August</u></b>  Newsletter	<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> <b><u>17th August</u></b>  St Pat's Sports Years 4-6  Year 1 Mass 9:00am

*\* Please see events section of SkoolBag for current reminders and important information*

## LITURGY ROSTER

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>FRIDAY 3/8</u></b> <b>Whole School Mass - Year 3</b> Lucas R, Justine M, Liam F, Mary T		<b><u>FRIDAY 10/8</u></b> <b>Class Mass - Year 1</b> Xavier R, Liam M, Emily B	
<b><u>WEEKEND</u></b> <b><u>MASSES</u></b>	<b><u>SATURDAY 4/8</u></b> <b>5:30pm</b> Bartosz L, Justine M, Isabella E R	<b><u>SUNDAY 5/8</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> Brandon N, Rick A,  <b><u>SUNDAY 5/8</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> Daniel M, Miguel M, Lucas R	<b><u>SATURDAY 11/8</u></b> <b>5:30pm</b> Rick A, Bartosz L ,	<b><u>SUNDAY 12/8</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> Liam M  <b><u>SUNDAY 12/8</u></b> <b>9:30am</b> Brandon N, Isabella E R , Xavier R, Lucas R

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, 5 Aug 2018: **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Year B



**John 6:24-35**

***Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.***

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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### **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is remembered on Monday August 6. In Mark 9:2-10 Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet.

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### **Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross**

The Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross, Australia's first saint, will be celebrated on Wednesday August 8. She had a strong love for God and was committed to helping those in need. Saint Mary of the Cross, together with Fr Julian Tenison Woods established the first free Australian Catholic school. She co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph. Saint Mary of the Cross was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010.



*Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart*

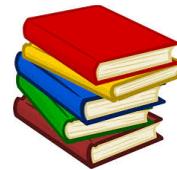
## SCHOOL NEWS

### **CENSUS DAY:**

The 2018 August Census will be conducted on Friday 3rd August 2018 as per advice from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (AGDET) and Catholic Schools New South Wales (CSNSW). The August Census collects information on students and staff. Therefore, if, for any reason, your child/ren are absent from school on Friday, August 3rd, please send written notification to the school office by 10:00am. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

### **BOOK CLUB:**

All Book Club orders will be due back on Monday 6 August, 2018.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*John P - 4/8*

*Ella M - 13/8*

*Megan L - 4/8*

*Xavier R - 14/8*

*Addison-Rose P - 10/8*

*Lachlan B - 15/8*

*Rorie L - 12/8*

*Enjoy your special day!*

## **INVITATION TO WHOLE SCHOOL MASS**

### **AND**

## **"CUPPA WITH THE PRINCIPAL"**

*This Friday, we come together as a Community of Catholic Learners for our whole school Mass at 9:00am.*

*Following Mass, we will have our first "Cuppa with the Principal".*

*An opportunity for our parents and carers to meet me and have an informal chat over tea or coffee.*

*I look forward to seeing you!*

**Mrs Baird**  
**Principal**



## EXTRA CURRICULUM

### NSW PSSA Girls Football in Kiama



Last term, Kiara B set off to Kiama to compete at the NSW PSSA State Carnival for Girls Football, which ran over three consecutive days. Kiara was a member of the MacKillop team. Her team played extremely well together and ended up coming in fifth place at the conclusion of the carnival.

Kiara enjoyed herself immensely and gained a lot from this invaluable experience. While she was unsuccessful in moving forward this time, she can be very proud of the fact that she was one of the top two hundred girls in NSW participating.

**Well done Kiara!**

### **Premier's Reading Challenge 2018**

Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in record time. They completed 15 books from the PRC Reading List and 5 free choice books, a total of 20 books.

**Rick A - Year 4**

**Hannah C - Year 4**

To all the other students who are still reading, the reading challenge closes on Friday 31 August.

All reading records must be entered online onto the PRC website by this date.

Enjoy your reading!



**The new PRC student site is now LIVE!**

Check out the new site! You can click on the image above that is on the PRC website, or click on this link.

(Please note: the PRC Student Site requires Internet Explorer 11, Edge, or a current version of Firefox or Chrome).

Anyone can search for books on the user-friendly search function, by Challenge Level or Genre. Students can also log in and access their reading log, and create a saved book list of titles you would like to read.

# LEARNING MATTERS

## **Staff Professional Development in Religion Education, Mathematics and Project Based Learning**

As a community of learners, the staff of St Bernadette's are always striving to improve learning outcomes for all children. One of the most valuable means to do this is through Professional Development. This year we are undertaking a range of Professional Development, both on and off site to develop our capacity as teachers in many curriculum areas.

### **Religious Education**

Recently, several of our teachers attended a lecture by Dr Edward Sri, a theologian who is working with the Diocese to deepen teacher understanding of the Gospels.

### **Mathematics**

Our infants Teachers are involved in K-2 Numeracy, supported by CEDP Teacher Educator Geraldine Caleta. This course provides teaching ideas and methods to implement in the classroom and will run throughout Term 3.

Our Stage 3 teachers will soon be attending the Stage 3 Multiplicative Thinking course, based on the research of Professor Peter Sullivan. In between sessions the Stage 3 children will be exposed to challenging tasks which aim to strengthen their conceptual understanding of multiplication and division.

Across the school, teachers continue to implement strategies learnt at last year's intensive Whole school Multiplicative Thinking Course.

### **Project Based Learning**

Our Stage 3 teachers were visited this week by the ARIE Team (Advanced Reasoning in Education) from Texas, who specialise in Project Based Learning. This was a valuable opportunity for feedback and ideas to move forward in this area.

Our Stage 2 teachers will be attending a 3 day intensive workshop on Project Based Learning in Week 3, also run by the ARIE team. This will help to embed these practices throughout the school.

We look forward to having the staff who have attended these Professional Development courses having the opportunity to share their learning with the whole staff at upcoming in school meetings.

**Anthony Kensell**



## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### Year 3

*During the long weekend of June many of the children in Year 3 completed their First Holy Communion in a beautiful ceremony.*

*They would like to share some of their thoughts of that special day.*

**Eamon B** - I felt so excited because I was just about to receive Jesus' body and his blood to drink.

**Emily B** - While I was receiving the bread i felt like my gift from the Holy Spirit was wonder and awe.

**Lenita T** - I felt nervous and EXCITED at the same time because that day I was about to receive Jesus for the first time and I want to treasure it in my heart forever.

**Jacob L** - I felt nervous because I was having the only son of God and I felt happy because I was having Him for the first time.

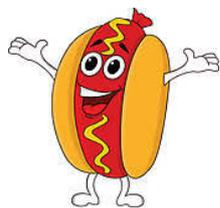
**Marie-Elise B** - On my First Communion Day I felt very special.

**Jada N** - On my First Holy Communion I had so much fun, my lips felt tired because of all the smiling.

**Sereno C**- On my First Holy Communion I was so excited and amazed by Jesus Christ.

**Miguel M** - My opinion of the day is that it was exciting because I did two new things in front of the church - I read and I had communion.

## P & F NEWS



### CANTEEN HOT FOOD DAY

**Friday 10 August, 2018**

Hot food items will be available to purchase from the canteen at lunch time on Friday 10 August, 2018.

There will be Hot Dogs, Jumbo Vegetarian Sausage Rolls, Jumbo Sausage Rolls, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Party Pies and Sausage Rolls, Chocolate and Strawberry Milk.

A note and price list has gone home and it can also be found on SkoolBag. If you are able to assist on the day, please complete the form and return it to the school office by 7 August, 2018.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Manning Foundation collection - We need your help!**



On Thursday August 9th, we will be taking action as a Catholic community of learners to help those who need our compassion and big hearts. We ask for your generosity in donating canned chunky soup, tinned spaghetti and baked beans so that we can make a difference in the lives of others. These will be collected from this Monday with a culminating event on Thursday August 9th at school. Thank you in advance for living out the message of the Gospel and never seeing a need without doing something about it.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses**

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory. Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au) or 02 8838 3456 or [parracatholic.org/office-for-worship](http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship)

### **Campion College Book Sale: 11 August**

The Library at Campion College Australia will be holding a book sale with a large number of second hand books for sale. Subjects include theology, literature, history and philosophy. Saturday 11 August from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Campion College Australia, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie, NSW 2146. Inquiries via 02 9896 9307 and [k.doughty@campion.edu.au](mailto:k.doughty@campion.edu.au)

### **Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 17 August**

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via [www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au](http://www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au) – More details at: [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)

### **Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August**

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10:00am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via [johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org) or 0420 310 771

### **Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 19 August**

Senator Susan Ryan AO - Catholic Social Justice and parliamentary politics. Visit the ACHS website [www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au) for more information.

### **Migrant and Refugee Week: 20-26 August**

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. For more information please visit: [parracatholic.org/socialjustice](http://parracatholic.org/socialjustice)