



Our attendance percentage to date is: 86.7%

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PBS4L Update:

You have probably noticed a couple of large signs at both the front and back entrances to the school. This is our PBS4L mascot *Bernie Bright*.

On Friday 1st March, 2019 St Bernadette's will come together and launch our new positive behaviours in school for learning framework. As a community of learners we will make our commitment to following our school rules to be safe, respectful learners.



PBS4L Launch Day - Friday 1st March

All are welcome!

9:00am Mass

10:00am Open Classrooms

10:30am Recess

11:00am Commitment Ceremony

11:30am Tabloid Sports

1:00pm Sausage Sizzle & Bottle of Water

2:00pm back to classrooms and pack up

Our Inquiry Project:

As designers, we need to create a learning space that helps us learn.

As our first whole school Inquiry Project comes to an end the children have explored what makes a great environment to Learn.

Here is what Year 2 came up with:

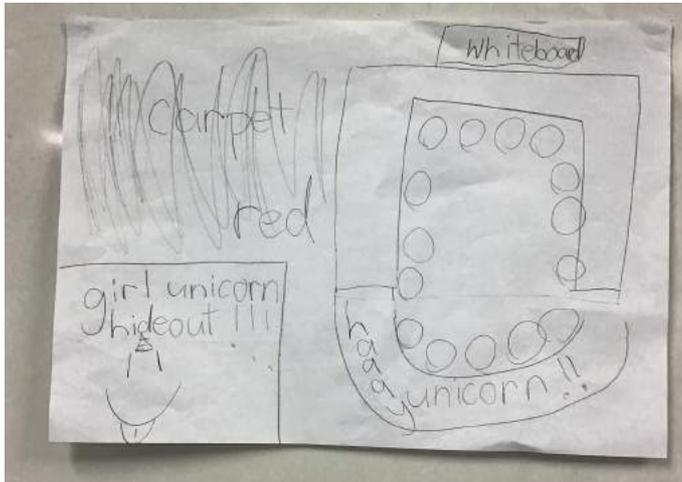
Designed by Ella, Yvonne, Samara, Tyana, Charlize & Eva

As designers, how can we create a learning space that helps us learn?

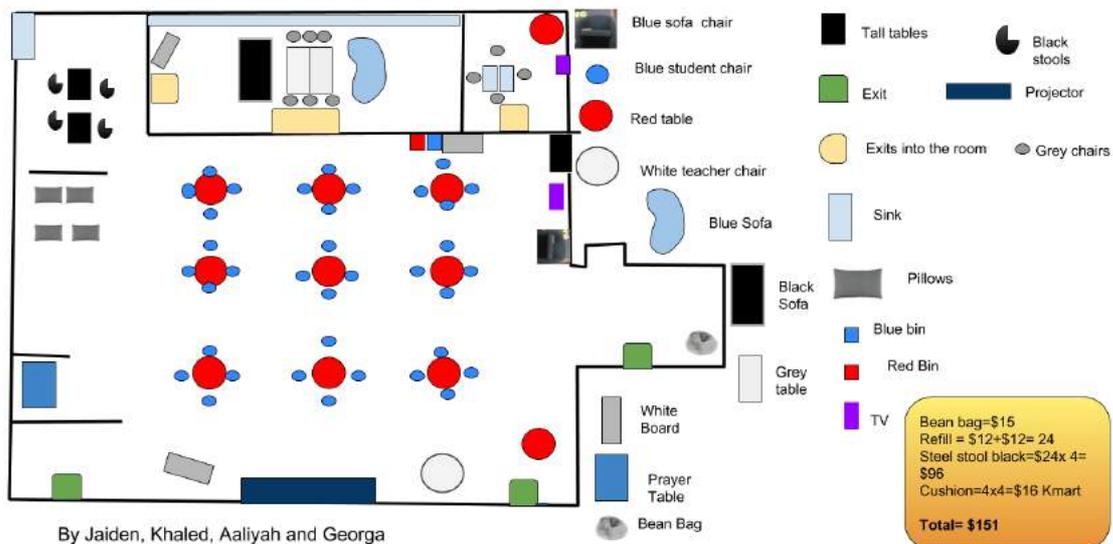
Knows	Need to Knows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 children 26 chairs 13 tables 2 reading group tables with 4 chairs 1 teacher desk 2 tub shelves 2 doorways 2 low shelves 5 cupboards 1 TV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the tables be in groups or a C shape or a U shape or in a O shape? We need to leave space in front of the TV. Do we need any extra furniture like large cushions or bean bags or stools or a lamp lounge? Where do we place the individual tables? Is it a good idea to leave the teacher desk where it is?



Here is Year 1 came up with:



And here is what Year 6 designed:



I congratulate all of our students and teachers who put their designing heads together and came up with some great ideas!

Love and Light,
Mrs Lisa Gerrard
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, 24 Feb 2019: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Gospel Lk 6:27-38 Love your enemy.

REFLECTION

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.



Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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[Sacramental Program 2019](#)

First Holy Communion

Lesson times for Thursday are 4:20pm and 6:20pm. Lessons held on Friday are at 4:30pm. All lessons are held in St Bernadette's Creative Arts Room (Hall).

Dates:

14th & 15 February

21st & 22nd February

28th February & 1st March

7th & 8th March

14th & 15th March

21st & 22nd March

For more information regarding the Sacramental Program for 2019 please contact St Bernadette's Parish on 9871 4414



SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

Reminders on upcoming activities and events around our school, please use the SkoolBag App. This will give you the most up to date information on what is happening each week.

22/2 - Diocesan Swimming Carnival

1/3 - PBS4L Launch Day

5/3 - Pikelet Day

6/3 - Ash Wednesday



Lunch Club

Jeanette Mansour, our School Counsellor, will resume facilitating Lunch Club in the Library each Wednesday. Students are welcome to attend as needed. The focus of Lunch Club is an alternative to the playground, for students who prefer a contained environment. Board games and Twister are provided. The School Counsellor supervises and facilitates student interactions.

Lunch Club will commence in Week 5.

If parents wish to discuss this with the Counsellor, please contact the school on Wednesdays, when she is here.

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Book Clubs LOOP

Book Club 2019

Book Club ordering for 2019 will be going online!

You will still receive a catalogue to look through and select books from, however you will need to go online to place your order and make payment using Book Clubs LOOP. No longer will we be accepting cash orders in the school office. The books will still be delivered to school for free and distributed out to the children.

Attached at the back of this newsletter is a guide on how you can place your order online and make payment for the coming issues.

Safety Reminders

I have had a number of complaints this week about people not being considerate when parking in the Church Car Park and at the front of our school. These acts include:

- Parking and obstructing our neighbours driveways
- Doing three point turns once a child has been dropped off or picked up in front of the school.
- Parking in the middle spaces in the Church Car Park.



So I put the reminders in again in the hope that we can work together to keep our children safe.

Carpark Reminders

Just a gentle reminder for all those parents who park in the Church car park before or after school. Here are a few basics rules.

- All cars must **reverse into the car spaces** so that you have a clear view when driving out as people are going to their cars.
- Please **only park in marked car** spots to ensure good visibility.
- Please **don't park in the centre spaces** of the car park where the bollards are placed as cars parked here cannot move easily and block visibility of other drivers.
- **Please don't move the bollards.** These have been placed to make your children as safe as possible.
- Please don't just stop in the middle of the road if there are no spots. This causes a bank up of cars that causes angst among parents. You may need to go around the block and try again or park on the street and walk into the school to pick up your child.

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Drive Through

For those who haven't used this process before here are some handy hints:

- Cars line up in front of the school ready for a 3:10pm start.
- Drivers are asked to avoid the following: queueing across driveways and the crossing on Evan's Road.
- Drivers are asked to remain in their car at all times to avoid getting fined for parking.
- Drivers are asked not to ask children to move behind vehicles to put bags into the boot etc.
- All children must enter the car from the curb side and seatbelts must be fastened prior to driving.
- Please be patient and try to not overtake other cars once your child is in the car. This can cause accidents that can easily be avoided.
- Drivers are not to do three point turns across Cox Cres as this is unsafe and causes unnecessary congestion.

School Gates

Our school supervision begins at **8:30am**. Any students arriving by bus prior to this time will sit in the breezeway until the teacher comes to collect them. Children needing care prior to 8:15am, parents should consider after school care.

The bottom gate will now be locked until the teacher on duty comes to open it at 3:05pm. This gate will be locked again at 3:20pm once all students have been picked up from the pick up area.

Patience is a virtue that we need to embrace.

Parent Information Night

Thanks so much to all of the talented staff that we have at St Bernadette's for giving up their family time to come and share their routines etc. As usual we had a large group of our parents attend and we thank you for your support.

Enrolling Now!

On the 8th March at 10:15am we are having an Open Day where any families looking to enrol their children for 2020 are invited.

Enrolment Forms are available at our Front Office or via our Website. So get in early to reserve your place. We will begin our interview process early in Term 2.



St Patrick's College Visit



Next week we welcome some of the staff and students from St Patrick's College Dundas. They are coming along to share some of the great things that St Patrick's have to offer our students

should they choose to continue their learning journey there. Their Open Day is on Monday March 4th beginning at 4pm.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Kindergarten - Catherine V

Year 1 - Megan L

Year 2 - Anna M

Year 3 - Anthony D

Year 4 - Angelica B

Year 5 - Olivia N

Year 6 - Melanie M



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eamon B - 23/2

Kiara B - 3/3

Rex B - 24/2

Adam H - 3/3

Angelica B - 26/2

Ryad B - 5/3

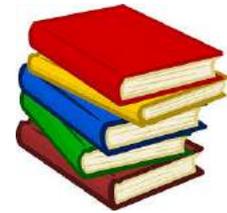
Ray M - 26/2

Isabella W - 27/2

Alex J - 3/3

LEARNING MATTERS

As teachers we are often asked, "how can I help my child at home?"
I thought this article may be an interesting read.

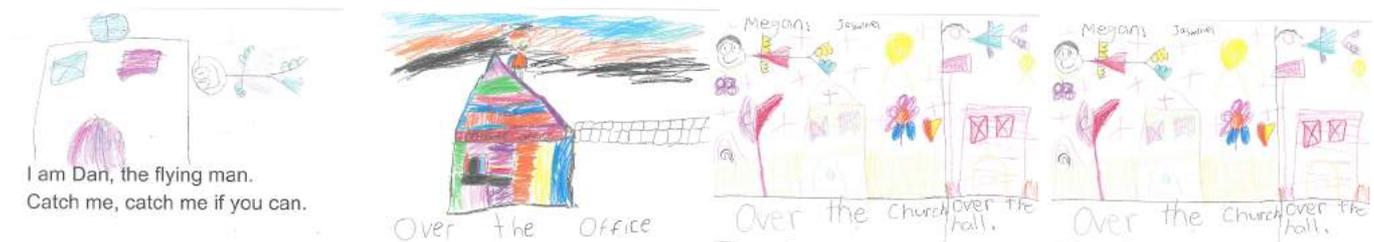


http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying reading the book Dan the Flying Man by Joy Cowley.
The children have set to work as authors and illustrators, creating a story book about Dan flying over St Bernadette's. Here is an excerpt from their book.



Well done Year 1, using your imaginations and creating a wonderful book for all of our students to enjoy reading!

P & F NEWS

The AGM was held on 18.02.2019 and a new P&F committee was selected:

President- Nancy Assad

Vice President- Souzan Nakhoul

Secretary- Roseanne-Alexis Bonita

Treasurer- Adeline Surjo

We thank the previous committee for all their hard work and dedication to our school community, and we look forward to an exciting 2019 with you all!



Upcoming Pikelet Day - 5 March 2019. A note has gone home to all families.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 12th February, St Bernadette's was represented by 19 excellent swimmers at the Cumberland Zone Carnival. The weather has hot, the competition was hotter though hottest of all was the amazing performance of our swimmers!



Records tumbled, champions were crowned and our children cheered heartily for all of our competitors.

Through outstanding team spirit and behaviour on the day, our team lived up to the excellent reputation which we have come to expect from St Bernadette's.

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming Team for 2019!

Ian B, Isla M, Kiara B, Liam M, Sienna B, Melanie M, Tania C, Brandon N, Takara C, Olivia N, Raphael C, Ryan R, Patrick H, Heidi S, Damon K, Mia V, Marcus K, Orlando V, Zoey L



On what was a hugely successful day, the following children qualified to represent St Bernadette's at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd February at Blacktown:

Ian B (1st 100m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Butterfly, 1st 200m Individual Medley - **Junior Boys Champion**)

Raphael C (1st Junior Boys Relay)

Damon K (1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Butterfly - **Senior Boys Champion**)

Marcus K (4th 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle **New Zone Record**, 1st 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Butterfly - **Junior Boys Runner Up**)

Liam M (3rd 50m Backstroke)

Ryan R (1st Junior Boys Relay)

Heidi S (1st 100m Freestyle **New Zone Record**, 1st 50m Freestyle **New Zone Record**, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Breaststroke **New Zone Record**, 1st 50m Butterfly **New Zone Record**, 1st 200m Individual Medley **New Zone Record** - **Junior Girls Champion**)

What a fantastic performance from our swimmers! We look forward to more success at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival!

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN DAY

St Patrick's Marist College DUNDAS



Monday,
4th March
4.00pm to 6.00pm

ENROLLING NOW
FOR YEAR 7, 2021

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

Educating young people in the
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PH: 8841 7900 Address: 171 Kirby Street, Dundas NSW 2117 Website: www.stpatsdundas.catholic.edu.au

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 12 March 2019 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 22nd MARCH 2019

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Become a Bennies Girl



Mount St Benedict College

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

Open Day

Sunday 3 March, 10am - 2pm
Bookings online

www.msb.nsw.edu.au



Carlingford Netball Club

Come and play with us in 2019

We are a family friendly netball club and this year celebrating 40 Years in our community!

Carlingford Netball Club cater for the following age groups:

- NetSetGo accredited 10 week program for 5-7 years
- Under 7-9yrs Modified netball – played Friday nights
- Juniors Competition for 10-15yrs – Saturday mornings
- Senior Competition – Saturday afternoons
- Local Competition played at Pennant Hills Park
- Club Training at North Rocks netball courts



Online Registrations close 10th February

Simply go to our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au to register and follow the prompts or contact our Registrar for further information via email at registrar.carlonetball@gmail.com

We can also register a whole team of friends if you would like to play together !

PLAY NETBALL WITH DUNDAS UNITED

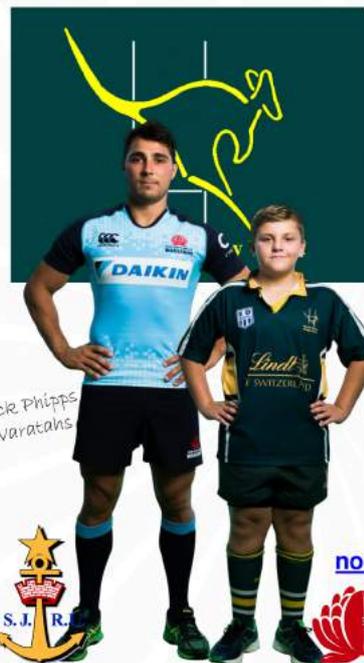
LOOKING FOR ALL AGES

To enquire please contact Jorja Cambourn
0412 318 589
or email durregistrarnetball@gmail.com



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Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.



3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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