



St Bernadette's Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 4

Thursday 2 November, 2017

ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 4 WEEKS 5 & 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 8 November

Linda's Lunches

Friday, 10 November

Student Banking 8:30am

Year 3 Mass and
Reconciliation

Assembly - 2:30pm

Saturday, 11 November

Remembrance Day

Family Fun Day

Wednesday, 15 November

Linda's Lunches

Friday, 17 November

Student Banking 8:30am

Year 5 Mass & Reconciliation

Fagan Park excursion K-2

REMINDERS

Friday, 3 November

School Banking 8:30am

Whole School Mass

Canteen - French Food



Dear families of St Bernadette's,

"Whoever has fed, welcomed, visited, loved one of the least and poorest of men, will have done it to the Son of God", over the last few weeks the children have been focusing on mission in their religious education units. Our children are learning that when we help the poor, we are becoming better versions of ourselves. We learn to be less selfish, less comfortable and more loving.

We only have to turn on the television or read the newspapers to know that there are whole communities of people living in poverty every day of their lives. As Christians, we are each called to action. Tomorrow the children will be busking to support the work of the Manning Foundation and Catholic Mission.

Dear Lord,

Hear our prayers as we remember all those who are homeless, sick, despairing, desperate and depressed. May we continue to stand with them in solidarity and do all that we can to provide assistance and support. May we continue to hold them in our hearts.

Wishing you God's blessings

Mary Ann Gatt-Petrini
Principal



**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

**Our attendance
percentage to date is:
89%**

Every day 
COUNTS! 

**School success starts
with attendance**

LITURGY ROSTER

<u>MASSES</u>	<u>Friday 3 November</u> Sophia N, Nicholas C, William H, Jeremy F, Xavier R, Matias C (Whole School Mass)	<u>Friday 10 November</u> Riley C, William H, Marc B (Class Mass Year 3)	<u>Friday 17 November</u> Emily H, Liam M, Daniel M (Class Mass Year 5)
<u>WEEKEND ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>Saturday 4 November</u> 6:00pm William H, Jessica E <u>Sunday 5 November</u> 8:00am N/A <u>Sunday 5 November</u> 9:30am Xavier R, Liam M	<u>Saturday 11 November</u> 6:00pm Rick A, Marc B <u>Sunday 12 November</u> 8:00am William H, Liam M <u>Sunday 12 November</u> 9:30am Brandon N, Isabella E, Lucas R	<u>Saturday 18 November</u> 6:00pm Emily H, Marc B, Riley C, Sam F <u>Sunday 19 November</u> 8:00am N/A <u>Sunday 19 November</u> 9:30am Nicholas C, Daniel M, Justine M

RE NEWS

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE PREVIEW

Sunday, November 5 2017: *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*
 Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead. © Greg Sunter

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Yesterday was All Saints Day, November 1 and today November 2 is All Souls Day. During the month of November we turn our hearts to those who have fallen asleep in death. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the communion of Saints - the union of prayer and love between those on earth and the Saints in heaven. On All Souls Day we remember our relatives and friends who have died.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT ST BERNADETTE'S

Unfortunately our Busking afternoon last Friday has had to be postponed due to the rain. We have rescheduled for this Friday, 3 November at 2:00pm. Please remember to bring money to donate to Catholic Mission and the Manning Foundation this Friday.

SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 4 DATES FOR 2017

3 November	Whole School Mass
11 November	Family Fun Day
17 November	Fagan Park - K-2
8 December	End of Year Graduation Mass
13 December	Year 6 Dinner Dance
14 December	Last day for students
15 & 18 December	Staff Development & Pupil Free Days



PLAY EQUIPMENT

A reminder that all children are to be supervised by an adult, while enjoying the school play equipment.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:50am every morning. The school day starts at 8:55am. All parents are requested to support the punctuality of their children. Supervision on the playground commences at 8:30am each morning.


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.***

ATTENDANCE

Every Learner, Every Day, All Day! This week our attendance is still below our goal of above 90% attendance let's try and do better.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD			
KINDER Preston B	YEAR 1 Sonia B	YEAR 2 Miguel M	YEAR 3 Samuel F
			
YEAR 4A Liam M	YEAR 4L Sam M	YEAR 5 Travis V	YEAR 6 Takoda C

LEARNING MATTERS

Cyber Safety

This week our Stage 2 & 3 students had a visit from Officer Jim. He had some great insights and tips about keeping ourselves Cyber safe.

Some items he raised:

- How much time is spent on devices each day?
- Are you on Social Media sites before the legal age? (I found this one particularly interesting as a parent) e.g. Kik - 17+, Facebook - 13+, Twitter - 13+. Any of these can be found online through Google.
- Who do you give details about your name etc to?
- Is it safe to put pictures of yourself online? What could happen?
- Do you engage in chat online?
- Where are your devices stored overnight? Are you supervised when online?

While Officer Jim was asking these questions, he raised the children's awareness about keeping themselves safe online and how to be responsible when engaging in online activities.

It was definitely food for thought and a reminder of how easily a post or chat online to a person known or unknown can put our privacy at risk.

Lisa Gerrard
Assistant Principal



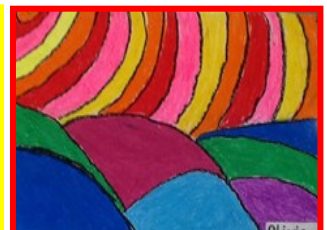


~ Children's Corner ~

Year 3



Year 3 have been looking at the colour wheel, in particular warm and cool colours. Warm colours are made with orange, red, yellow and combinations of these. As the name indicates, they tend to make you think of warm things, such sunlight and heat. Cool colours are typified by blue, green and light purple. They have the ability to calm and soothe. Where warm colours remind us of heat and sunshine, cool colours remind us of water and sky, even ice and snow. Year 3 have created a landscape using warm colours for the background sunshine and cool colours for the hills in the foreground. We think they look great !!



P & F NEWS

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

A huge thank you to the P&F Association, in particular Beth Nilan for the beautiful lunch for teachers last week.



Canteen

French Food will be served in the canteen on Friday, 3 November.



Family Fun Day

our *End of Year*

Get Together

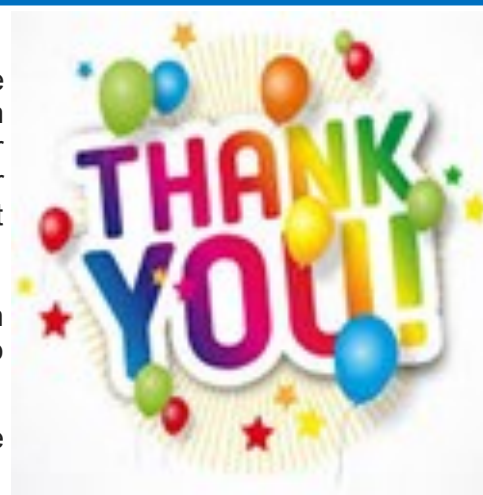
Saturday 11 November

SCHOOL DISCO

The school disco was held on Friday 20 October. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time! Thank you to Lauren Chehade, Souzan Nakhoul and Margaret Flitcroft for organising the food, decorating the hall in a fabulous summer theme and providing prizes throughout the night for great dancing!

Thank you to Jim Morley for providing lighting and Louis Raish for his brilliant DJ skills. Thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the night. A profit of \$590 was made.

Also thank you to Lollipops Playland Parramatta and Code Red Rosehill for donating heaps of prizes for the disco.



MATILDA E - 4/11
CHRISTIAN R - 4/11
LUCY F - 4/11
LUCAS R - 8/11
CHRISTIAN M - 10/11
CALEB B - 12/11
BRANDON N - 15/11


AROUND THE DIOCESE

Represent our Diocese: Share your Wisdom

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

Pre-marriage preparation

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Couples will be guided on the website to the most appropriate form of preparation, i.e., the Pre-Marriage Weekend Course (Friday evening & Sunday) or Prepare/Enrich, an individual couple preparation with face to face feedback sessions. Both preparations are designed to strengthen and enrich the couple's relationship and work on building a rewarding life together. Bookings may be made and dates chosen by visiting our website www.parracatholic.org/pmp or enquiries may be made to our office on 8838 3460 or email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au.



**FUTURE SCHOOLS!
FUTURE READY!
WHERE TO NEXT?**



Monday, 13 November 2017

The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta
welcomes

Mr Mark Holyoake
DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE – CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA

Term 4 PRC Meeting

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)


Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at
<https://goo.gl/forms/m7vK9Tv210A0ogLf2>



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www.floralexpressions.com.au

Employment

The position of Admin, Youth, Networking & Events Coordinator at the newly-opened Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations (CCCMR) in Blacktown is available. Details at: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au> or emailing Rev Dr Patrick McInerney on patrickmcinerney@columban.org.au

Mass in the African tradition: 5 November

Join us as we celebrate Mass in the African tradition. Very Rev Peter G Williams will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Contact Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472. Sunday, 12th November 2017, 1:30pm-4:00pm at the Institute for Mission (IFM), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. To reserve your place, please RSVP to nfs@parra.catholic.org.au or 8838 3460. For more information about the event, visit www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

COMMUNITY NEWS



CITY OF PARRAMATTA



November in the City

We have three fantastic major events happening this month alone, in the lead up to summer. [Grandparents Day](#) is this Sunday, [Loy Krathong](#) - Sydney's premier Thai festival - on 11 November, and [Christmas in Parramatta](#) just sneaking in on Thursday 30 November.

If you know a teenager who loves art, make sure they come along to [GENEXT Goes West](#), an initiative of Parramatta Artists Studios and the MCA. Riverside Theatres has plenty on offer, such as [Diving for Pearls](#), [Stage and Screen](#), and [Sharp Short Dance](#) ([win tickets!](#)).

Plus you have the chance to make a difference in Parramatta by helping establish a social enterprise. The five finalists of Pitch for Good need your support so read on to find out more.

Parramatta Loy Krathong **4:00pm-10:00pm, Saturday 11 November**

The magical energy, sounds and flavours of Thailand will be on display at Loy Krathong, with enchanting lighting treatments, kids workshops, cooking demonstrations, delicious food and a photo booth. Make or purchase a krathong and participate in the ancient Thai ritual of floating your worries away on Parramatta River, bringing you a prosperous future.

Don't miss the fireworks spectacular at 9:00pm!