



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
TERM 4, WEEK 6, 22 NOVEMBER 2018  
NEWSLETTER

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



Our attendance percentage  
to date is: 90%

## A Community of Learners

As a Community of Learners it's great to come together to celebrate learning, strive for personal excellence and celebrate our achievements. Over the next few weeks we will have a number of opportunities to gather together including our Christmas Concert and our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. Please join us in celebrating a terrific year of learning and teaching and growing together as a community of learners.



## School Disco Thank You!

What a tremendous night - filled with dancing, music and fun. Nights like these are not possible without the generosity of our parents so on behalf of all the students - thank you! Thank you also to our generous staff who were able to attend to assist with supervision on the night also. Photos of the event will soon be uploaded to our website.

## Cybersafety Information Night

A very informative night where many insights were shared about how to keep our children safe using social media. The **Think u know** team highlighted the importance of speaking to your children openly about who they are communicating with and how they must always keep their personal details offline.

For further information visit the [Thinkuknow.org.au](http://Thinkuknow.org.au) website.

## Positive Behaviour Support for Learning update



Our plans for launching our PBS4L are well underway for early in the new year. The staff and students have been working closely to decide on a school mascot and we thank Mrs Mapagu (Isla Year 2 and Aaliya Year 4) for volunteering her time to help us finalise the design. Staff and students are now planning for the launch day for PBS4L and implementation of school procedures commencing shortly.

## A Framework for the Work of Teachers

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has a Framework for the Work of Teachers. Under that framework, other than in the case of a genuine emergency, teachers are generally not expected to respond to emails from other staff, parents and students outside of normal working hours. Today you will receive a letter which is a directive from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

***Peace and Joy!***

***Mrs Baird  
Principal***

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sunday, 25 Nov 2018: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B**

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not *of this world*'? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldly lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not *from* this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth* as it is in heaven.'

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*We pray for the Morley Family who recently lost their Grandmother.  
May she rest in peace.*



**The Manning Foundation's volunteers are busy preparing for Christmas. This year marks a mighty milestone, our 30th Christmas party for the needy.**

**This is the 4th year we are reaching out to our school community with the opportunity to contribute to the success of the party with chip and soft lolly donations.**

**We ask for donations of:**

***Soft jube lollies (eg. jubes, snakes, jelly babies etc)***

***Large packets of chips.***



Items can be brought in and placed in the container near the office window in the breezeway from **Monday 18th November to Friday 30th November**

You can also support the Manning Foundation at the whole school Christmas celebration where there will be the opportunity for you to make cash donations to the charity.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Upcoming Activities Term 4

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.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



- Fagan Park for K - 2 - **23/11**
- Primary Swimming Carnival - **27/11**
- First Reconciliation Mass - **5/12**
- Reports home to parents - **12/12**
- Christmas Concert - venue confirmed - St Patrick's College, Dundas - **12/12**
- EOY Mass & Graduation - **14/12**
- Year 6 Dinner Dance - **17/12**
- P&F Free Ice Cream at lunch - **19/12**
- Last day of school for students - **19/12**
- Staff Development Day. No students at school - **20/12**
- Staff Development Day. No students at school - **21/12**

### Assembly Information

Our Week 6 Assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 23rd November from 2:15pm - 3pm.**

## P&F NEWS

### *"Around the world" Disco*

"Around the world" Disco was held Friday 16th November. All the children got really involved in dressing up as different parts of the world while dancing the night away. Special thanks to DJ Louie Raish for his amazing disco beats, Jim Morley for his lighting and organiser Claire Scott and her team for organising and wonderful decorating! The night was a great success with a profit of \$ 434.40 .

### *Lebanese Meal Deal*

Lebanese Meal Day will be held on **Friday 7 December 2018**. Please complete your order and make payment by 10am on Monday 26 November.



## EXTRA CURRICULUM

Our Primary Swimming Carnival will take place on **Tuesday 27 November 2018** at Merrylands Swimming Centre, 17 Burnett Street, Merrylands. The carnival will commence at **9:45am** and conclude at approximately 2:00pm.

All children involved in the carnival are to come to school first and travel to the pool with their class by bus. The buses for the children will leave school at **9:00am**.



## SRC UPDATE

Since our last newsletter a lot has happened. Our swimming carnival was washed out which was really disappointing but its great that we have a new day next week.

Last Friday night we had our school disco. We all had an amazing time dressed in our best outfits to fit in with the Around the World theme. Thanks to DJ Louis and the Mums and Dads who helped out and organised the night.

It's a busy time of the term and we look forward to the upcoming events:

Canteen Day - Yum!

Assembly

Swimming Carnival.

## **PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

The Principal Awards will be presented to the children for Week 6 at tomorrow's assembly.

The award recipients names will appear in the Week 8 newsletter.



Arabella K L - 23/11

Jeremy F - 26/11

Erin B - 27/11

Liam E - 28/11

Ryan M - 02/12

Heidi S - 04/12

## LEARNING MATTERS

### One Box - So much Mathematics

An important learning for children is that Mathematics is everywhere in the world around them. Perhaps even more important is the concept of how interconnected the different strands of Mathematics are.



Take this box for example. Mathematically we could explore:

- **3D Space** - what kind of object? What are its dimensions? How many faces, edges, and vertices? Could I use a net to create a copy? What would a cross section look like?
- **2D space** - what kind of shapes do we see? How many sides do they have? Are any sides equal or parallel? What might their area be? Is there any symmetry? Could I make the faces tessellate? What would happen if I rotate, translate or reflect a face? Are there any diagonals?
- **Angles** - What kind of angles can we see? What might the angle sum of the shapes be? Is this true for all 4 sided shapes?
- **Mass** - how much might it weigh? What if it was filled with something? What unit would I measure this weight with? Would the weight be different depending what I filled it with?
- **Volume and Capacity** - How much space might it take up? How much could it hold? What kind of things would fill it completely?
- **Multiplication & Division** - what if I had 3 rows of boxes with 4 in each row, how many is that all together? What if I shared the boxes between 6 friends - How many each?
- **Addition & Subtraction** - What if I had 6 of these and found 4 more - How many do I have now? What if I took 5 away - How many do I have now?

This is just a small sample of the possible ways one simple object can be a starting point to explore so many mathematical possibilities!

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Year 4

Year 4 have been looking carefully at the many different types of waste in our school. They have organised a campaign to solve many issues with the different types of waste. So far they have presented information on electrical waste and water waste explaining WHY we have a waste problem and HOW the students and staff can solve these problems. Here are just a few of the poster and fliers created by Year 4.

Stay tuned for more waste news!

