

NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 2 WEEK 8

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Week 8:
Friday, 21 June: Whole School Athletic Carnival

Week 9:
Wednesday, 26 June: Stage 2 Soccer Gala
Friday, 28 June: Backup date for Athletic Carnival






FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Bernadette's Parents and Carers

In week 6, I had the privilege of accompanying our stage 3 students and staff on their overnight excursion to Canberra. Our kids did a tremendous job of representing St Bernadette's and showed what outstanding students they are. I really enjoyed getting to know the students better and I was so proud of their engagement and intelligent questions and responses. I hope they made some fantastic memories!

Our teachers are in the process of finalising Semester One Reports, with some proofreading currently being done. Reports will be available for you to view and download from Compass in week 9 of the term and we'll notify you once they are ready.

Sometimes the A-E scale is confusing for parents as it is not graded in the same way that reports were constructed when we were at school. To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but is still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix Racer!
				

Student achievement in relation to their cohort will not need to be included in the Semester One 2024 reports but will be provided to parents and carers on request.

I am looking forward to my first whole-school athletics carnival at St Bernadette's which is being held on Friday at Barton Park. A huge shout out to all of the staff and parent volunteers who are preparing to make this carnival a success.

Warm regards

Michelle Yager

Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our teachers will be available for meetings at the end of the term to discuss the semester one reports in week 10.

Parent teacher interviews can be booked on the Compass portal. When you open the HOME page (phone use) PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE will appear. Click on *Click here for booking*. Select the time you would like to meet the teacher. If you are not booking using a phone, choose *more* and select *conferences*. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty.

The portal will be open for bookings on Friday, 21 June at 4:00pm.

Mathematics Grading for Semester One Reports

Now that all grades are working with a new mathematics syllabus, there have been some important changes to how grades are represented on semester reports. Previously, there were four focus areas reported on:

- Number & Algebra
- Measurement & Geometry
- Statistics & Probability
- Working Mathematically

The new syllabus has a strong central focus on Working Mathematically, which underpins all learning in the abovementioned focus areas. Due to this, there is no individual grade allocated by CSPD for Working Mathematically. Whilst this grade will not be present in your child's report, it is still a crucial area which your teacher observes and assesses progress in.

It is important to note that your child may not receive an overall grade indicative of the balance of the three grades received in Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, as well as Statistics & Probability. This can be due to the Number & Algebra focus area being more significantly weighted. It could also be due to their performance when Working Mathematically affecting the overall grade.

For example, a child may receive B grades in Statistics & Probability, as well as Measurement & Geometry, whilst receiving a C grade in Number & Algebra. Should they be achieving at stage level for Working Mathematically and receive a C grade, they may receive an overall grading of C for Mathematics.

If you have concerns over this, your child's teacher can explain this in more detail at parent teacher interviews.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Wellbeing at St Bernadette's

This term, some of our classes have been talking about emotional literacy. Emotional literacy is being able to talk about our emotions and how to deal with them. The classes have discussed how we all have emotions and that emotions are good, but what we do with our emotions is important. We have started to discuss how we can regulate our emotions so that we can be kind and respectful friends, while being a focussed learner. We will continue to talk about emotional literacy and how we can regulate our feelings. Keep an ear out for the words: zone of regulation. While we want to be calm and happy most of the time, we have discussed how it is okay to be in the red zone but we need to know how to not react and not hurt those around us. We will also start to explore empathy and keeping things in perspective throughout term 3.

GREEN ZONE

I am good to go....

Happy Calm Okay Ready to Learn

I can:

Continue learning The 5L's Work with my group

These signs are found in our classrooms - they help us regulate our emotions and give us ideas as to what we can do when we are feeling some big emotions.

BLUE ZONE

I am running

Sad Tired Bored Sick

I can try these tools:

Grab a drink Read a book Breathing exercises Tense and Relax Do some colouring in

YELLOW ZONE

I need to take caution....

Worried Excited Frustrated Cheeky or Silly

I can try these tools:

Ask for help Breathing exercises Grounding technique Tense and Relax Flip through the Feel good pictures Stress ball

RED ZONE

I need to stop....

Angry Yelling Mean Out of Control

I can try these tools:

Grounding technique Breathing exercises Flip through the Feel good pictures Tense and Relax Ask for help

Sunday, 23 June 2024



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. 'We find ourselves afraid and lost,' he said. 'Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.'

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. 'We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,' he said, before adding that this meant we are 'all of us called to row together.'

Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call. For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was 'in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.' Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us.

And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, 'once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.'

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Have you ever been in a boat when the waves were rough?

Have you ever been frightened about something?

What do you do when you are frightened?

Do you think Jesus can help when you are frightened? How?

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY - THE FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

We warmly invite grandparents to join us on **Wednesday, 26 July** to celebrate Grandparents' Day on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Our celebration will commence at 9:15 am in the school hall. There will be:

- Liturgy of the Word
- Open classrooms with some 'olden days games'
- Morning tea

We would like to remind you to send a photograph of grandparents with grandchildren to sbdvleadership@gmail.com by Friday, 5 July (week 10) for inclusion in a movie tribute.

We look forward to welcoming you to Grandparents' Day.



TERM 2 MASS/RECONCILIATION ROSTER

Week/Date	Other Celebrations	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
Week 8 17 - 21 June			Athletics Carnival
Week 9 24 - 28 June		5	5 & 1
Week 10 1 - 5 July		6	Whole School

FAITH IN ACTION: HELPING OTHERS TO SOAR IN 2024

We will be continuing our support for Ronald McDonald House, our whole school mission activity for term 2, by collecting pantry donations. A lot of food and other supplies are needed to keep the pantries at Ronald McDonald House well stocked for sick children and their families.

Collections have begun. Each class has a different item to collect as per the table below:

Class	Items to Donate
K	Dried pasta eg, penne, spaghetti, etc
1	Tea/coffee/sugar sachets
2	Savoury snacks eg, popcorn, rice snacks, pretzels
3	Muesli bars eg, granola bars, protein bars
4	Biscuits (sweet and savoury)
5	Tinned food eg, tuna/ salmon, vegetables/fruit, spaghetti and baked beans
6	Long-life milk eg, full cream, skim, lite, almond, oat, lactose-free
Staff	Baby food jars and pouches

Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

'The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action' - Mother Teresa

Miss Carly and the FIAT

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance rate: 73% - To unpack this a little more, this means that 73% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% - 100%.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be on **Friday, 28 June** in week 9, starting at 2:30 pm in the school hall. The class presenting will be year 4.

Lateness to School

It is a school requirement that when a student is late to school, a parent or carer is to walk the child into the school office to sign them in.

Enrolments for 2025

Our kindergarten enrolment interviews for 2025 are now complete and all offers have been sent to prospective families. Our kindergarten class for 2025 is currently full and we have a few applicants on our waitlist. We are excited to be welcoming returning sibling families as well as many new families into our school community.

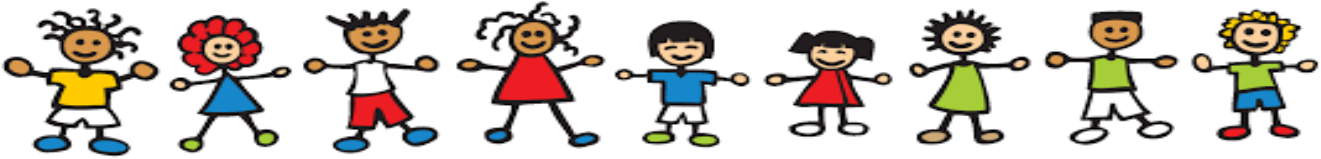
Book Borrowing Reminder

We ask you to please encourage your child to borrow every week from our library. Even if they have their own books at home, it's always nice to bring home a book from our school library to share with the family. Would you also kindly remind your child to pack their library bag for borrowing on their library day each week.

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2024

Introducing **BOOK WEEK 2024!** Book Week will be held in week 5 of term 3 (19 - 23 August). More information will come in term 3 regarding Book Week events. Always a highlight of our year, Book Week introduces a whole new world of inspirational reading for children (and adults!) of all ages. This year's Book Week theme is **Reading is Magic!** You can see the shortlisted books which we will be exploring [here](#).

AS A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS



Stage 3 Canberra Trip

In week 6, our stage 3 students were fortunate to be able to visit Canberra as part of their learning with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. This is an important excursion for our students who get first-hand experience of the democratic system and understand the process of voting and elections in our country. We were fortunate enough to meet our local Member of Parliament, Dr Andrew Charlton, who spoke to our children about the electorate of Parramatta. Some fun was also had with visits to the Dinosaur Museum and Questacon, where the children could be very hands-on in making discoveries about various elements of the scientific world.

This excursion is also made possible by financial assistance from the Australian Government through the PACER rebate. The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) Program provides a travel subsidy for year 4–12 students across Australia to visit Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial and other national institutions as part of their civics and citizenship education. The PACER program is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. This rebate is \$30 per student and was deducted from the total cost of the overnight excursion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who came along on this excursion: Mrs Yager, Miss Steph, Miss Carly, Miss Leanne and Mr Kensell, as they give up a night away from their families and are on duty 24/7. It is a big responsibility to take students away overnight and they did so graciously.

We hope you enjoyed the myriad of photos from the trip that were posted on our FaceBook page.

Stage 3 Teachers and Leadership Team



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We are once again welcoming students from Kaichi Primary School from 21 - 24 August. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in and we are hoping that some of our families would be able to assist in hosting the students. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact the number below.



St Bernadette's Primary School Host Families Needed

St Bernadette's Primary School
will be hosting Japanese students from
21st - 24th August 2024.

Share your lifestyle & home whilst experiencing
another culture.

- **Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend**
 - **Japanese language is not necessary.**
- **Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.**
 - **Families are paid \$50 per night.**

If you can assist in hosting a student or would like
more information, please contact.....

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 8:

Friday, 21 June: Whole School Athletics Carnival at Barton Park

Friday, 21 June: Parent Teacher Interviews open for bookings (open at 4:00pm)

Week 9:

Friday, 28 June: Reports Live on Compass from 3:30pm

Week 10:

Monday, 1 July - Thursday, 4 July: Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 5 July: Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1:

Monday, 22 July: Staff Development Day (no students at school)

Tuesday, 23 July: Students First Day Back For Term 3

Thursday, 25 July: Year 6 Excursion (TBC)

Friday, 26 July: Grandparents Day Liturgy and Open Classrooms

Week 2:

Friday, 2 August: Year 3 Canteen Day (more information to follow)

Friday, 2 August: 100 Days of Kindergarten

Week 3:

Monday, 19 August - Friday, 23 August: Book Week (more information to follow)

Week 4:

Friday, 16 August: School Movie Night (more information to follow)

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all our families who have settled their school fees account or continue to pay fortnightly/monthly installments. If your school fees are still outstanding and you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact our Finance Officer for a confidential discussion on options available to you.

Please notify our office, as soon as possible, if you know that you may be leaving St Bernadette's. As you know, you are required to give ten weeks' notice if you are leaving. Please contact our office for a copy of a leaving form that must be completed.

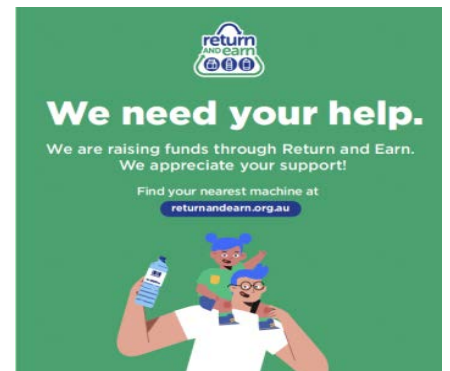
We thank you for your ongoing support.

RETURN AND EARN

Would you like to know how you could help the environment AND earn some money for the school? St Bernadette's has become a registered charity with Return and Earn so now you can recycle your containers and contribute to the school at the same time.

Here is how you do it:

- Collect the empty containers.
- Take them to the Return and Earn Machine **located at Victoria Road, Rydalmere.**
- Put the containers into the machine.
- At the end press DONATE.
- Then find St Bernadette's Dundas and press that button.



The money raised will go towards purchasing games and other resources for the students to enjoy. So start collecting those containers to help us out. Thank you.



We would like to wish all the following children a very Happy Birthday

Alex - 11/06
Micaela - 13/06
Bonnie - 14/06
Matias - 16/06
Aniyah - 19/06
Cameron - 23/06
Daniel C - 23/06
Evie -23/06

Just a reminder that any treats sent in are kept to a minimum and individually portioned.

NSWCPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 14th August 2024

**Venue: Santa Sabina
College**

Eligibility: 11 Years - 12 Years

*Please check for
mandatory size/weight
ratios on the website

**Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal before
2 August 2024**



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**BOOKINGS OPEN
JULY 3, 2024 AT 7PM**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTER NOW



Let's get the kids active and moving these holidays with Active Parramatta's free School Holiday Program.

Classes include AFL, Frisbee, Netball, Hip Hop, Skateboarding, Golf, Tennis and Hula Hooping plus more.

Spaces are limited so you don't want to miss out



Active Parramatta



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St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary School, Dundas Valley is a community-focused, Catholic parish school catering for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school strives to build a Christ-centred community where faith is integrated with daily life.

We provide learning and teaching experiences which enable the children to deepen their faith understandings, investigate, solve problems and explore their learning.

We recognise the importance of creating a learning environment that provides opportunities to develop 21st century learning.

Technology is integrated into the learning at St Bernadette's in all Key Learning Areas.

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