

NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 2 WEEK 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3:

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May : Dance For kids performance every morning at 8:55am

Friday 17th May : Year 1 Canteen Day

Friday 17th May : Dance For Kids Lunchtime Disco

Friday 17th May: Afternoon Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Bernadette's Parents and Carers

Welcome to term 2. What a busy and exciting start to the term we have had!

Our SRC and Faith in Action Leaders visited Ronald McDonald House to support our fundraising initiative "Dance for Sick Kids" in week 3. They spent their time touring the House and playing with the children who are calling Ronald McDonald House home for now. They also took some photos to support the charity's promotional campaign.

Our stage 3 students made 1000 sandwiches to support the work of 'Eat up Australia'. Each week, Eat Up makes and delivers over 20,000 lunches to schools for kids who would otherwise go hungry. It was so exciting to see us on the Channel 7 News last Wednesday night, helping others.

I felt so proud of the students whose compassion not only reflects positively on themselves but also strengthens the fabric of our school community. Thank you for being shining examples of what it means to be caring and empathetic human beings.

Last week we launched our new reward system (see details in this newsletter). It was an exciting and fun assembly with teacher performances of role-play behaviour and actions, both desirable and not so desirable, as well as a look at our new reward system which celebrates students who consistently exemplify our school's expectations of being a safe, respectful and faith-filled learner. Our first awards will be handed out this week.

On Monday evening we had a wonderful turn out of parents for our reading evening. The teachers presented helpful strategies to support our parents who are assisting their children to learn to read. Thank you to those who attended and the staff who gave of their time to work with our parents.

Finally, I wish all the significant women in our student's lives - whatever your title - mother, grandmother, nonna - a very Happy Mother's Day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards

Michelle Yager

Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2.

This week during class discussions, the children have focussed on 'wearing our school uniform with pride'. As the weather cools down, we are moving to our winter school uniform. Having and wearing the correct school uniform is an important part of our school as it shows that we are proud of belonging to our St Bernadette's community.

We ask that all students be in their winter uniform by Monday, 8 May. Just a reminder that students should not be wearing nail polish to school.

The correct winter school uniform is:

Girls -

Winter tunic or maroon long pants

Long-sleeve shirt

Tab tie

Stockings or long socks

Black leather school shoes

Boys -

Long-sleeve shirt - tucked into pants, top button done up

Long pants

Tie

Black leather school shoes

Kind Regards

Rebecca Boidin

Assistant Principal



Sunday, 12 May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified

humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

Who do you know who has gone away and you don't see very often?

How do you keep in touch?

Jesus went back to his Father but he is still with us.

How do we keep in touch with Jesus?

We show Jesus is with us by the way we live.

How will you show others that Jesus is with you this week?

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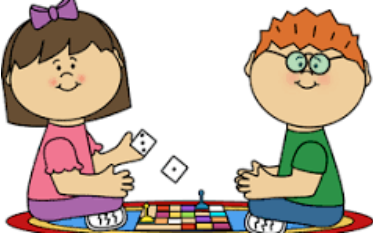


Term 2 Mass/Reconciliation Roster

Week/Date	Other Celebrations	Wednesday Reconciliation	Friday Mass
Week 1 29 Apr - 3 May	THURSDAY - (IN SCHOOL) Anzac Day		Whole School
Week 2 6 - 10 May	Thursday - (IN SCHOOL) Mother's Day	3 & 4	2, 3, 4
Week 3 13 - 17 May		5	5 & 1
Week 4 20 - 24 May	Friday - (IN SCHOOL) St Bernadette's Day	3	
Week 5 27 - 31 May		6	6 & K
Week 6 3 - 7 June			Whole School
Week 7 10 - 14 June		3 & 4	2, 3, 4
Week 8 17 - 21 June			Athletics Carnival
Week 9 24 - 28 June		5	5 & 1
Week 10 1 - 5 July		6	Whole School

Lunchtime Clubs

This term we have introduced some new lunchtime clubs for those children who are looking for a place to play and socialise off the playground. The clubs are a great way for students to make some new friends and learn new skills. They are announced at the beginning of play time and all are welcome.

Thank you to the staff who are providing these new opportunities for the students.

<p data-bbox="326 562 493 611">Lego Club</p> 	<p data-bbox="891 562 1122 611">Board Games</p> 
<p data-bbox="347 936 472 984">Library</p> 	<p data-bbox="899 936 1114 984">Knitting Club</p> 

SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Attendance rate: 75%- To unpack this a little more, this means that 75% of our students have an attendance rate of 90% -100%.

Next Assembly

Our next assembly will be on **Friday, 17 May** in week 3, starting at 2:30 pm in the school hall. The class presenting will be year 6.

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 be signed in.

Enrolments for 2025

If you are looking at enrolling your child at our school for next year and have not yet contacted the school office for an application form, please do so as soon as possible as we have started the interview process.

Staff Development Day

Our next staff development day will be held on **Monday, 27 May** in week 5. This means that no children are to be at school on this day.

Reminder About Watches

A reminder that smart watches are **not** to be worn to school. They are expensive and can cause a distraction in class. If children are wearing these to school they will be treated like a mobile phone and be handed into the office once they come into school and they will be returned at the end of the day.

Winter Uniform Transition

From week 3 all students are to be wearing **full winter uniforms**. Below is a reminder of uniform requirements. Please be aware that there have been new additions to the girls' winter uniform

- **Girls' Winter Uniform**

- Winter maroon and grey dress (knee length). Long sleeve sky blue blouse with maroon tab tie. Maroon jumper / cardigan with school crest. Long grey socks or stockings. Regulation black school shoes. An alternative option is a long sleeve sky blue blouse with a maroon tab tie and Maroon long pants. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest. Regulation school bag with school crest.

- **Boys' Winter Uniform**

- Grey regulation trousers. Long sleeved sky blue shirt. Maroon and blue pinstripe pre-loop school tie. Grey socks with maroon and sky blue striped band. Regulation black school shoes. Maroon school hat / legionnaires cap with school crest. Regulation school bag with school crest.

Hair Requirements

We are noticing that a few students are not following school requirements for hair. A reminder that hair of collar length and longer, should be tied back with maroon/blue ribbon, scrunchie or headband.

All haircuts should not be extremes of fashion (no buzzcuts, lines, spiking, rat's tails or zigzags and hair is not to be coloured for boys or girls).

If your child has braids in their hair, either temporary or permanent, they should not have bright coloured weaves or extensions. Hair must be of a natural colour.

Ambrose Services For Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)

On Monday, 27 May 2024 Ambrose St Bernadette's Dundas is tentatively planning a full-day of care for students while teachers are having their staff development day.

If you require full-day care, would you please ensure you complete the form below and return it by **Wednesday, 22 May 2024**.

This offer is not just for existing families, but new enrolments for the day are also welcomed. Once enrolments have been received, a decision based on demand will be made and confirmed to families after Thursday, 23 May.

Regards

Ambrose Team 😊



Learning for life

Ambrose St Bernadette's Dundas: Pupil Free Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 27th May 2024 has been confirmed by the school as a Pupil Free Day. Ambrose St Bernadette's Dundas therefore has tentative full-day care planned on this day. If you require full-day care, please ensure you complete it and return the form by the due date. Based on demand this will be reviewed and confirmed after Thursday 23rd May 2024.

- **Opening Times:** 7:00am to 6:30pm
- **Fee** (per child for the day, prior to Childcare Subsidy deductions)
 - o \$70 for booking received by due date
 - o \$80 for booking received after due date
- **Booking Due Date:** Wednesday 22nd May, 2024

Please complete the request slip below and return to the service as soon as possible to tentatively secure your position. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Parents/Carers will be notified by Thursday 23rd May 2024 of the outcome of your request of care for the Pupil Free Day.

Please note: if your child normally attends before &/or after school care on a Friday and does not attend the pupil free day on Monday 27th May 2024, they will be removed from the roll and no fees charged for this day only.

Families new to St Bernadette's Dundas will be required to complete the enrolment process.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0419 115 221

Kind Regards,
Ashlyn Pillay
Service Coordinator

I will require care on the Pupil Free Day, Monday 27th May 2024 at St Bernadette's Dundas I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the pupil-free day fee will be charged.

Child's Name:	<input type="text"/>	School Class:	<input type="text"/>
Child's Name:	<input type="text"/>	School Class:	<input type="text"/>
Child's Name:	<input type="text"/>	School Class:	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Carer Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>

Office Use Only

Received by:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Parent Notified:	<input type="text"/>		

Faith In Action: Helping others soar in 2024

Our whole school mission activity for term 2 is to support and raise funds for **Ronald McDonald House**, Westmead. We will be doing this by participating in ***Dance For Sick Kids***.

Next week (week 3), **May 13-17**, we will dance to make a difference during National Families Week to support sick kids and their families.

Each morning we will gather under the COLA and start the day with a dance. We would love to see you there and feel free to join in with us!

Monday: Macarena Dance

Tuesday: Cha Cha Slide Dance

Wednesday: Watch me Nae Nae Dance

Thursday: Nutbush Dance

On Friday we will have a **MUFTI DAY** with a dance theme so students can come dressed as a ballerina, hip hop dancer or even a rock'n'roll groover. In the morning, we have organised a special dance performance for us to watch by **Vibz Performing Arts School, West Ryde**. We will also have a free lunchtime disco for all students, with **DJ Louie!!** We will conclude *Dance for Sick Kids* with a whole school dance at assembly, led by Mrs Yager.

Next week is an exciting and fun way for our school community to come together, stay active and make a difference to the lives of sick kids and their families. Please use the link or the QR code below to donate to this great cause. These links will take you straight to our school fundraising page, ***St Bernadette's Bright Stars***. Thank you to those who have already donated. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.



<https://www.danceforsickkids.com/s/17563/19077>

Thank you for your support.

Miss Carly and the FIAT

St Bernadette's Dundas Valley

PBS4L Individual Reward System

Rationale

St Bernadette's PBS4L Individual Reward System celebrates students who consistently exemplify our school's expectations of being a safe, respectful and faith-filled learner. By reinforcing positive conduct, promoting a culture of mutual respect and aligning with our educational goals, this system not only acknowledges individual achievements but also cultivates a supportive and inclusive environment where all students can thrive.

This reward system will contribute to the cultivation of a positive school culture by celebrating achievements and fostering a sense of belonging and pride among students. By publicly acknowledging and rewarding students who embody our school's values, we reinforce the importance of these behaviours and create a climate where positivity and mutual respect thrive. This, in turn, enhances overall student well-being and contributes to a more conducive learning environment.



St Bernadette's PBS4L Individual Reward System



	Criteria taken from the matrix
5 Safe awards = Safe Certificate 10 Safe awards = Safe Badge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ protect our bodies★ keep our hands and feet to ourselves★ in the right place at the right time doing the right thing all the time★ safe with equipment and belongings★ move safely and quietly around the school★ stand up for others
5 Respectful awards = Respectful Cert 10 Respectful awards = Respectful Badge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ use our manners and speak kindly★ listen attentively★ wear our uniform with pride★ care for people and accept their differences★ care for property and the environment
5 Learner awards = Learner Cert 10 Learner awards = Learner Badge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ take responsibility for our decisions and actions★ encourage, support and share ideas★ always try our personal best
5 Faith in Action awards = Faith Cert 10 Faith in Action awards = Faith Badge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Showing compassion for others★ Displaying care for the environment★ Putting others before themselves★ Seeing a need and doing something about it★ Showing forgiveness★ Being a good friend★ Inspiring positive change in the world
Excellence - St Bernadette's All Star Recipient of all 4 Badges	

News From SRC

St Bernadettes has had a variety of reward systems such as tokens, star jars and more. This year we are including a new reward to recognise individual student excellence. This is a new badge system - let me elaborate.

There are 4 main reward categories of which the students must show to earn said rewards. These are Safe, Respectful, Learner and Faith In Action.

If a student is displaying one of these qualities, they may receive a card from a teacher with the name of the action they have been performing. Once a child has 5 cards of the same category, they receive a certificate at the nearest assembly. When they receive 10 reward cards, they will receive a badge with the name of the reward category that they completed.

These badges can be worn daily to school. I encourage all students of our school to try their hardest in all areas of school to receive these new rewards. Thank you so much for reading. I wonder who will be the first to receive one of these new rewards? *By Ella Merheb, SRC.*

A Community of Learners

Year 1 looked at Australian artist Ken Done's colourful artwork. Ken Done likes to create artwork of Australian landmarks. Year 1 students created their own version of the Great Barrier Reef using blue paint and oil pastels.





Stage 2 Science - Earth and Space

Last week, our stage 2 children experienced an exciting launch day for their term 2 science unit on earth and space. This involved a visit from Skyworks Planetarium, where the children learned about constellations as well as the sun, earth and moon's relationship to one another and how these affect our seasons.

To complement the learning this term, the children will be experiencing coding each Tuesday afternoon, where they will apply what they have learned in their Monday science lessons in a practical context.

Each Tuesday, the children have loved using the Ozobots with line coding and next week they will have their first experience of block coding using an online app that connects to the robots. We have been very lucky to have Mrs Usher, a Digital Technologies Teacher Educator from our Diocese, to support our school in this area. She will join us every Tuesday throughout term 2. We are all very excited about the fantastic scientific learning the stage 2 children will experience this term!





Diocesan Cross Country

St Bernadette's was represented by a squad of 23 children at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival this week. The course was modified to suit the weather conditions, with many of our children braving wet and cold conditions to complete their event. This did not dampen their spirits however, with Miss Maria reporting great team spirit from the grandstand. As always everyone put in a big effort and represented our school with pride.

Congratulations to our Diocesan Cross Country Squad for 2024!

Nerso
Kayla
Antonio
Penelope
Cameron
Harrison B
Lachlan B
Jaiden E
Saacha
Oliver C
Ryan
Jayden

Nicole
Lucian
Ayden
Nolan
Chloe K
Ethan L
Terrence
Chloe X
Chloe Y
Lydia Y
Andy



A special mention to Andy, who finished in 7th place and successfully qualified to compete at the NSWCCPS Cross Country in June. What a fantastic effort!



Representative sport

Recently, Ayden and Liam attended the Parramatta Rugby Union Trials. It is a great achievement to be selected to attend these trials, where only players of an above average ability are considered. Congratulations to Liam, who was successfully selected to be a part of the Parramatta team and will now compete at the MacKillop Rugby Union Trials at Forbes in June. Congratulations to Liam on this outstanding achievement!.

Host Families Needed For Japanese Exchange Students



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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
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Important Dates To Remember:

Week 3:

Monday, 13 - Thursday, 16 May: Dance for Kids Performance (at 8:55 am)

Friday, 17 May: Year 1 Canteen Day (More details to follow)

Friday, 17 May: Lunchtime Disco for Dance for Kids

Friday, 17 May: Afternoon Assembly at 2:30 pm

Week 5:

Monday, 27 May: **Staff Development Day** (No students at school)

Friday, 31 May: School Disco (more information to follow)

Week 6:

Thursday, 6 June: Stage 3 Canberra Trip

Friday, 7 June: Stage 3 Canberra Trip

Week 7:

Monday, 10 June: **King's Birthday (public holiday - no school)**

Week 8:

Friday, 21 June: Whole School Athletics Carnival at Barton Park (more information to follow)

Week 9:

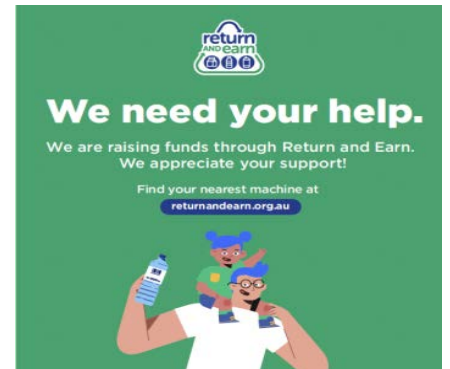
Friday, 28 June: Back-up date for Whole School Athletics Carnival at Barton Park

Return and Earn

Want 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

Joshua - 08/04

Sam - 12/04

Scarlet J - 12/04

Jackson - 14/04
Jessica - 16/04
Jyron - 18/04
Christiaan - 25/04
Tyra - 25/04
Morton - 27/04
Jayvis - 28/04
Soane - 29/04
Jayden L - 30/04
Ruby - 04/05
Maweri - 06/05
Terrence - 07/05
Liana M - 08/05
Amara - 09/05
Liam - 12/05
Harper - 12/05

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

eSafety parent webinar Wellbeing and digital technologies



Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar

LUNCH AND LEARN!

Thursday 23 May from 12.30pm – 1pm

This Term 2 webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in secondary school

This 30-minute webinar provides an overview of strategies to protect, respond to and support your child online. This webinar will focus on the digital skills to protect and support young people's mental health and wellbeing online. Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.



CLICK TO REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1215418181488532309>



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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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PLEDGE TO DRIVE SO OTHERS...



National
Road Safety
Week 2024

5-12 May



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St Bernadette's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary, 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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