

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

April 2018 Newsletter



Principal's Message - Mrs Joanne Webster

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day of Term

Thursday 29th March Finish
1.00pm

Term 2 Starts

Monday 16th April 8.45am

St Bernadette's Feast Day Mass

9.15am Monday 16th April

Yr 4 Eucharist Retreat Day

Yr 4 Reconciliation

Yr 4 Parent Workshop 3.40pm

Thursday 19th April

Tablet Sports

Lunch for Students

Friday 20th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 25th April
No School

First Eucharist

Saturday 28th April 6.30pm

First Eucharist

Sunday 29th April 11am

Bahay Tuluyan Social Justice

Group Conference

Friday 4th May



Dear Families,

This week marks the end of Term 1. So much has occurred in the life of the school over the last nine weeks.... new preps, election of students for student leadership, family movie night, St B's Got Talent, First Eucharist Family Night, Melbourne Markets, Swimming, Swimming Carnivals, Year 5 and 6 Camp, Catholic Education Mass at St Patrick's, National Day Against Bullying and Violence, Tea Time Tuesday, building works and the list goes on!

All of which have contributed to the learning and the teaching; the building of friendships, relationships and resilience; celebrations of learning- performing and visual arts; continuing the building of community and most importantly faith formation. I thank each of you for your contribution and participation in these many events that continue to foster partnerships in and around the school this term.

As Easter draws near and we rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are grateful for each other, for all we have; our families, our friends and our school community... God's love and joy at work here amongst us. I wish you all a peaceful, safe and Holy Easter with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you refreshed and renewed for Term 2.

Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.
Amen.



Staff News

We would like to announce that Ms Renee Cassar is expecting her first child. We congratulate her and Matt on this wonderful news. Miss Federica Falco, the Italian Teacher will begin Maternity leave at the end of Term 1. At this stage, we have been unable to acquire an Italian Teacher, after advertising the position twice. We will evaluate this position in the coming weeks.

Next term, Mrs Christine Roberts and Mrs Jane Gilmartin will enjoy Long Service Leave in the first week. Mrs Jane Gilmartin will be replaced by Rebecca Chiodo and Mrs Christine Roberts will be replaced by Ms Laura Fragopolous.

I also write to let you know that Mrs Thy Nguyen, a Learning Assistant at our school and a parent, has resigned her position due to health issues. Thy has spent the last three years working in our junior school, as well as leading the Parent in Partnership Team. She has been a parent at the school since 2013. We thank her for her commitment to building our school community, for the great love she has shown to the students, the staff and the families, all demonstrated through her warmth, vitality and enthusiasm. May God bless her and walk with her, and her dear family, at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their diligence, commitment, enthusiasm and continued efforts to support the students with their learning: academic, spiritual, social, emotional and physical throughout Term 1.



School News

Last Day of School for Term 1 is Thursday 29th March. The students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. THIS WILL BE A CASUAL DRESS DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

The First Day back for Term 2 is Monday 16th April at 8:45. We look forward to seeing you then, rested and re-energised for the term ahead.

St Bernadette's Feast Day.

Monday 16th April, is the feast day of St Bernadette. To celebrate and acknowledge this day, a whole school Mass will be held on this day, at 9:15 in the church. All families are invited to celebrate our namesake with us on this day. To continue the festivities around "St Bernadette" and to launch our School Houses for the year, on Friday 20th April, the students will have a tabloid sports day and free lunch provided by the school. Mark these dates in your diary. More information to follow. Families are also invited to this day.

Prep Enrolments 2019

Enrolments for Preps 2019 are now open. Enrolment applications are available from the School Office. A non-refundable \$50 Enrolment Fee is payable with each new family's application. Parents are also asked to provide copies of: Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate and Certificate of Immunisation Status for Primary School Enrolment. Interviews and school tours will be conducted with the children and parents, from late April to early June. If you have any queries please call our school office on 93118872.

Capital Works

The building works continue with all stumps in position and framing of the new Admin area almost in place. In the next couple of weeks, the steel works will begin to form the structure for the refurbished learning spaces and discovery centre. To accommodate the delivery of the steel works, the closure of the footpath along the Willey Street end will occur. Access to the footpath on the opposite side of the road will be available. When we return from school holidays we may be lucky enough to have the frame for the new building in place. Progress photos may be seen in the foyer of the Year 5 and 6 building.



Visual Arts Exhibition Catholic Education Week



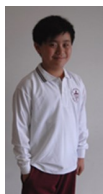
Each year St Bernadette's School enters art pieces created by the students to the Visual Arts Exhibition as a part of Catholic Education Week. We thank Mrs Joanne Butler the Visual Arts teacher, for submitting these pieces for judging. Each year and for the best part of the last five years, St Bernadette's students have been awarded prizes. This year the Year 5 Art piece "Why I love...." was presented the Highly Commended Award. We acknowledge the work of our students under the expert guidance and practice of Mrs. Butler. Congratulations to all.

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to wear Winter Uniform from **Monday 30th April**, up until this time, a transition period exists whereby students may wear either summer or winter uniform.

The Winter Uniform is:

Boys



Burgundy windcheater, dark grey school pants, long sleeve white shirt with logo, black school shoes, white or grey socks

Girls



Burgundy windcheater, dark grey tunic or dark grey school pants, long sleeve white shirt with logo, black school shoes, burgundy stockings or long white socks

Sports

Windcheater, long sleeve polo top, tracksuit pants, lace up runners

Optional Coat: Black rain jacket with logo



School Closure Days for the 2018 Year

The School Closure Days for this year are:

- * Thursday 14th June: School Conference: Berry Street Professional Learning
- * Friday 15th June: School Conference: Berry Street Professional Learning
- * Thursday 28th June: Learning Conversations
- * Friday 31st August: Berry Street Professional Learning
- * Monday 5th November: Professional Learning: Report Writing
- * Monday 3rd December: 2019 Planning Day: Kath Murdoch

Student News

St B's Got Talent Term 1: Year 5 and 6

And what talent there was! Our audition rounds 1 and 2 saw:

- Elizabeth singing a solo.
- Lily H, Angelle, Emily, Madelyn, Jereh and Vincent's group presented a play, 'Revenge of the Stuffed Animals'.

then we saw

- Vincent come back to do a juggling act.
- Meshak performed a drumming routine.
- Lily N sang a solo.
- Tavishi mesmerized us all with her Indian dancing.
- Daniella and Eden performed a song while Siena danced along.
- Patrick and Jerome performed together as drummer and pianist.
- Tina and Catherine performed a well-rehearsed number and finally we were all taken aback with Jonathan, Neo and Andy's card tricks and illusions



Our finals took place on Wednesday the 21st March in the Passive Play area, -a perfect venue with many children coming to watch. It was like going to an outdoor live concert! Our six-finalists performed admirably with our winner being Tavishi, Elizabeth in second place and Meshak coming third. Many thanks for the parental support, teacher support, Year 3 and 4 SRC judges, Ms Cassar, Mr Zeinstra, Andres and Joseph Tabone. We are sure we will see these young and talented people do many more exciting things. Our next St B's Got Talent will be for the Year 3 and 4s in Term 2.

National Day Against Bullying and Violence.

On Thursday March 22nd, as a school community, we gathered in a circle of unity in the school yard to take a stand against bullying and violence.

Throughout the week leading up to this, as learners we had inquired into bullying behaviours and bystanders. We now have a common understanding that bullying is repeated negative behaviours, targeting others, either face to face or online.

Bystanders can make positive choices to support victims and stand against bullies.

At St Bernadette's we live by our school values of welcome, respect, empathy, inclusion, honesty, equity, faithfulness and collaboration. **At St Bernadette's, we have a zero tolerance to bullying!**

Everyone present on that day had written a pledge to build a safe community, free from bullying.

On this day the students wore the colour orange as a stand against bullying. The colour orange is associated with joy and sunshine. Orange represents enthusiasm, fascination, happiness, creativity, determination, attraction, success and encouragement. Our orange pledge flags have been displayed around the school to demonstrate our commitment and remind us of our community's zero tolerance to bullying.

To remember our pledges, the students were given wristbands stating, **Bullying No Way! Take a stand together!**



District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, five of our students competed in the Western Division Swimming Championships at St. Albans Leisure Centre. The students who competed were Erica Nguyen, Elisha Trieu, Minh Chau Vo, Jonathan Tieu and Jarrett Tieu.

All of our students returned to school with stories of success. Our 4X100M Freestyle Relay team finished runners up. Minh Chau Vo, Jonathan Tieu and Jarrett Tieu have qualified to represent our school in the Western Region Swimming Championships. This will be held next Tuesday 27th March at Kardinia Aquatic Centre, South Geelong. What an achievement for all!



Student News Cont.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is coming to St Bernadette's and we are excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. There is a list of many books for the children to choose from.



All children that meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier. For more information and to view the booklists about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

To get started please return the participation slip that was sent home earlier this week and visit the library to get a Challenge list book and then you're ready to go! Happy Reading!!

Parent News

Parenting Ideas

At school in the last few weeks, the St Bernadette's school community has been learning about bullying in light of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This month's article by Michael Grose is titled 'What Bullying isn't, and what to do when it happens'. Michael unpacks what bullying is and isn't for children. If you think your child may be getting bullied, Michael provides a series of steps that families can take to work with the school to support their child.

Cyber Safety at St Bernadette's

Cyber safety is a very important issue for our students at St Bernadette's. We recognise the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. We believe that explicitly teaching about safe and responsible online behaviours is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school. We encourage all parents and carers to explore the links provided as they offer excellent advice for students and parents in promoting responsible use of digital technologies.

Bullying: No Way! This website has a link for Parents and Carers and offers tips on what you can do to prevent and respond to bullying. <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Think U Know This website has an excellent Parents Portal which provides practical resources to help parents and carers work with their children to manage use of digital technologies at home. <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

Assembly Term 2

Assemblies in Term 2 will return to the **Wednesday 2:30pm** timeslot. It will continue to be hosted by our very talented students. All families are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there in Term 2!

Parents In Partnership Team

Our March team meeting involved great discussions around school news and updates, Information sharing regarding the website and Fundraising - Family Movie night debrief, Easter Raffle update, plus a way forward with brainstorming and organising future event.

Dates for 2018 meetings have been set for the year, they are: May 11th, June 8th, September 7th, October 26th and November 30th. Currently, the agenda for the next meeting includes: Principals update, Information Sharing, the topic is Flexibuzz and Fundraising.

Parish News

Easter Mass Times

Monday 26th Monday of Holy Week 9.15 am & 7.00 pm Polish Mission

Tuesday 27th Tuesday of Holy Week 9.15 am & 7.00 pm Polish Mission

Wednesday 28th Wednesday of Holy 9.15 am Week & 6.25 pm Rosary followed by Novena & 7.00 pm Mass

Thursday 29th Holy Thursday 10.00 am School Easter Liturgy 7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm

Friday 30th Good Friday 10.00 am Visits to the Blessed Sacrament (in English) & 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Today is a day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Saturday 31st Holy Saturday 3.00 pm A Blessing of the Food (Polish) & 7.00 pm Mass of the Resurrection



April Calendar - 2018

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2nd HOLIDAYS	3rd HOLIDAYS	4th HOLIDAYS	5th HOLIDAYS	6th HOLIDAYS	7th HOLIDAYS	8th HOLIDAYS
9th HOLIDAYS	10th HOLIDAYS	11th HOLIDAYS	12th HOLIDAYS	13th HOLIDAYS	14th HOLIDAYS	15th HOLIDAYS
16th - Week 1 Return to School Term 2 @ 8.45am St Bernadette's Feast Day Mass 9.15	17th 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time	18th 2.30 Assembly 1F Hosting All Welcome 3.00pm School finishes	19th Yr 4 Eucharist Retreat Day Yr 4 Reconciliation 3.40 Yr 4 Parents Eucharist Workshop	20th St Bernadette's Feast Celebration Day Tabloid Sports Lunch for students	21st	22nd
23rd—Week 2	24th 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time	25 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	26th	27th 9.15 Yr 3 Class Mass Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sports Bye St Bernadette's	28th 6.30 First Eucharist	29th 11.00 First Eucharist
30th—Week 3	1st May 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time	2nd 2.30 Assembly 6C Hosting All Welcome 3.00pm School finishes	3rd	4th 9.15 Y 2 Class Mass 11.00 Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sports St B's V's Corpus Christi (Home) Bahay Tuluyan Social Justice Group Conference	5th	6th