

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

FINAL 2019 Newsletter



Principal's Message - Mrs Joanne Webster

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 16th December**
Yr 6 Graduation Excursion to
Brimbank Park
7.00pm Graduation Mass
- Wednesday 18th December**
9.15am End of Year Mass
and
1.00pm END OF SCHOOL YEAR
- 2020**
School Year Begins 8.45am
Thursday 30th January Yr 1—6
and
Friday 31st January Prep
- Wednesday 12th February**
7.00pm 1:1 iPad Family
Information Evening
- Sunday 16th February**
11.00am Staff Commissioning
Mass
- Every Wednesday 2.30pm**
Assembly

As the 2019 school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the school community for their commitment to their children's learning throughout this year. Your support, participation and contribution to each other, to the children and to our community at large, is greatly appreciated.

The School Production, *Seussical the Musical Jr*, provided students and staff with an opportunity to showcase and celebrate this semester's learning. Each performance demonstrated the talents of the students in the Arts. A wonderful and joyous event to end the 2019 school year, for the St Bernadette's School Community.

On Monday 16th December, the students bring home their school reports, detailing their achievements, progress and future learning. This is an opportunity for you to sit with your child to celebrate their growth this year as a learner. Samples of learning for this semester are to be found on See Saw.

In the Pope's latest Apostolic Letter, he discusses the importance of the Nativity Scene. He writes:

The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realise that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him (n. 1).

Pope Francis encourages all of us to continue the custom of preparing the nativity scene in the lead-up to Christmas, not only in the home but also 'in the workplace, in schools, hospitals and town squares'.

'The Christmas nativity scene speaks to us of the love of God,' writes Pope Francis, 'the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition' (n. 10).

By encouraging our reflection on the Nativity scene, the Pope is encouraging us to bear witness to the love of Christ in all the ways we care for others, especially the poor and marginalised, and promote justice and peace.

You may like to come to the "Welcome Lounge" with your family and spend time reflecting on the Nativity Scene together.

May the peace and joy of Christmas and the gift of Jesus Christ, the Lord, be with you all.
May you have an enjoyable and restful holiday and may God bless you.

A Christmas Blessing God grant you the light of Christmas,
 which is faith;
 the warmth of Christmas,
 which is purity;
 the righteousness of Christmas,
 which is justice;
 the belief in Christmas,
 which is truth;
 the all of Christmas,
 which is Christ.



Staff News

Farewells for 2019—We thank staff who are leaving us:

- Miss Olivia Rantino who will leave us to join the school community of Corpus Christi in Werribee, closer to home.
- Ms Kate Bucovaz, who has moved to Geelong.

We all remember with love and gratitude your service to our school community.

Welcome for 2020—Class Teachers

Prep Purple Miss Daniela Granata
Year 1H Miss Monica Hughes
Year 2P Mr Daniel Powell
Year 3E Miss Stephanie Elam
Year 4P Miss Holly Phillips
Year 5K Mrs Eliza Katz
Year 6H Miss Rebecca Hunter

Prep Yellow Ms Melissa Szulik
Year 1T Miss Cecilia Tran
Year 2C Miss Michelle Camenzuli
Year 3S Miss Lynette Sciberras
Year 4S Miss Emma Scerri
Year 5C Miss Elise Casamento
Year 6R Mr James Reitmaier

Staff News Cont.

Leaders for 2020

Principal
Deputy Principal
Religious Education Leader
Student Diversity Leader and Co Teacher
Literacy P-6 Leader & Co Teacher
Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher
Mathematics 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher
Student Wellbeing Leader
ICT Leader
Arts Leader
Family Engagement in Learning Leader
Cluster Engagement Learning Leader

Mrs Joanne Webster
Miss Jacqueline McGrath
Miss Amanda Browne
Mrs Daniela Torcaso
Mr Sean Walshe
Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn
Mrs Karen Costabile
Ms Renee Cassar
Mrs Heidi Chapman Foehn
Mr Fredrik Zeinstra
Mrs Eliza Katz
Ms Gill Baxter



Support and Specialist Staff for 2020

Visual Arts Teacher
Physical Education Teacher
Music, Reading Recovery &
Strategic Support Teacher
Strategic Learning and Teaching Teacher
Strategic Literacy Support Teacher
Reading Recovery Teacher
Digital Technologies / Robotics Teacher
Language Teachers—Italian
Community Kitchen Teacher

Mrs Joanne Butler
Mr Ian Miller

Mr Frederik Zeinstra
Mrs Leonie McCarthy
Mrs Nicky Harley
Mrs Julie Whatman
Mrs Christine Roberts
Ms Federica Falco & Mrs Jane Gilmartin
Mrs Jane Gilmartin



Evodia Resource Centre

Manager
Evodia Resource Assistant & Translator

Ms Bernadette Fenech
Ms Thi Phan

Learning Assistants

Mrs Mary Balzan
Mrs Alex Rossi

Ms Marita Debattista
Mrs Rosemary Romeo

Mrs Johanna Hennessy
Mrs Cherie Saad

Mrs Rachel Phelan
Mrs Mary Semaan

School Administration

Student Administration & Communication, Manager
Student Administration & Communication
Finance & Human Resources

Mrs Kerrie Macuz
Mrs Sandra Attard Borg
Mrs Joanne McNabb

Ms Errica Mastrilli

Canteen

Manager
Canteen Assistant Manager

Ms Marita Debattista
Mrs Rachel Gilmore

Maintenance Officer

Mr Joe Tabone

School Counsellor

Ms Sarah Judde



School News

Last Day of the School Year

The last day of the 2019 school year will be on **Wednesday 18th December, 2019**. The students will be dismissed at **1:00pm** and this will be a casual dress day.

Parents in Partnership Team 2019

Thank you to every parent and grandparent and family member who has helped in the school for 2019. There are so many important ways that each of you contributes to our school. We value and appreciate each and every one of you! The mission of the Parent in Partnership Team is to build "community", a sense of belonging, inclusivity and respect for all. I would like to take this opportunity to again invite parents or carers to be a part of this team in 2020.

Orientation Afternoon

Again, this was an exciting and nervous time for all students as they made their way to their new learning spaces and met their class and teacher for 2020. The new Preps also came along and enjoyed some school time. All of these events remind us again of the partnership between home and school and how together we can expect excellent outcomes for every child in all aspects of learning.

School News

Dates to begin 2020

Staff are back on Tuesday 28th January for two days of planning and preparation for 2020.

The school office will open on Wednesday 29th January from 9am for uniform purchases and enquiries.

School starts for **Year 1-6** students on **Thursday 30th January at 8:45**. We shall have WELCOME TO SCHOOL time for all the parents after the bell rings and the children have gone to class. The delicious Coffee Van shall be on site and so will many of staff and members of the Parent in Partnership Team to chat and answer questions and talk about plans and dreams for the coming year. **Prep students begin on Friday 31st January at 8:45am**.

Fees for 2020

Family Fee \$1150.00

Levies \$ 275.00

Camps

Yr 6 \$ 270.00

Yr 5 \$ 270.00

Yr 4 \$ 180.00

Yr 3 \$ 10.00

Yr 2 \$ 10.00

Yr 1 \$ 10.00

Yr Prep \$ 10.00

Sacraments

Yr 6 \$ 20.00

Yr 4 \$ 20.00

Yr 3 \$ 15.00

Interschool Sports

Yr 5 & 6 \$ 30.00

Graduation

Y 6 \$ 20.00

Swimming

Prep—Y 4 \$ 90.00 (7 weeks)



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS FOR 2020

At this stage, these will be the school closure dates for 2020.

Term 2 Monday 27th April: Family School Partnership Seminar: Anne Henderson
Thursday 25th June: Learning Conversations

Term 3 TBC

Term 4 TBC

Parent News

Parents In Partnership Team Meeting Dates 2020

We took a minute to set out dates for meetings for 2020. They will continue on Friday afternoons, at 2pm. Dates are as follows:

February 21st
August 7th

March 20th
September 11th

May 8th
October 23rd

June 19th
November 20th

Fundraising Report for 2019

The Team would like to extend a warm thank you all those parents who were able to come along to team meetings this year. As well as heartfelt thanks to those who were able to help out with family night events and others like raffles and donations etc. It is truly appreciated. We hope the all of you have enjoyed them too.

Our fundraising efforts this year have raised more than \$3,700. We look forward to 2020 with another schedule of meetings, starting 2pm, Friday, February 21st.

Plus our first family night is Movie Night on Friday, March 13th - so save the date!!

Until then, thank you and have a safe and wonderful Christmas with your loved ones.



January & February Calendar - 2020

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27th January AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28th January	29th January 9.00am Office opens	30th January 8.45am School Begins Yr 1—Yr 6	31st January 8.45am School Begins Preps	1st February	2nd February
3rd	4th 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	5th 2.30pm Assembly	6th Yr 3 & 4 Swimming Begins	7th	8th	9th
10th	11th 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	12th 2.30pm Assembly 6H Hosting 7.00pm Yr 4-5 1:1 iPad Family Information Evening	13th	14th Yr 3 & 4 Swimming	15th	16th 11.00am Staff Commissioning Mass
17th	18th 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	19th 2.30pm Assembly 6R Hosting	20th	21st Yr 3 & 4 Swimming 2.00pm Parents in Partnership Meeting All Welcome	22nd	23rd
24th	25th 3.00pm Tuesday Tea Time	26th Yr 3 & 4 Swimming 12.15pm Ash Wednesday Mass 2.30pm Assembly 5K Hosting	27th	28th Yr 3 & 4 Swimming	29th	1st March