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St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School FEBRUARY 2018 Newsletter



Principal's Message - Mrs Joanne Webster

IMPORTANT DATES

School Closure
Monday 5th March

Parents in Partnership Meeting
Friday 9th February at
2.15pm—3.30pm
All Welcome

Yr 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Begins Friday 9th February for the
term

Yr 5 1:1 iPad Information Night for
Parents and Children Tuesday
13th February at 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 14th February at
12.15pm

Commissioning Mass
for Teachers and Catechists
Sunday 18th February at 11.00am

Principal's Book Club
Thursday 8th March at 3.00pm
in Garvey Lounge

Term Dates
Last day of term Thursday 29th
March 1.00pm finish

Dear Parents and Families and All of St. Bernadette's School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 2018 School Year. Wednesday was a very positive start for everyone: students, families and staff. The children all seemed happy to be returning from school holidays and the families seemed happy to gather and reconnect with each other. A very special welcome to our Preps students and their families, and those who are new to the school community from other class levels. The Preps children began school for the very first time yesterday, and all seemed very excited to be here and have settled in well.

During January, the Capital building works were in full swing. The demolishing of all walls between the existing learning spaces, as well as exterior walls occurred. Lots of noise, dust and debris permeated the existing buildings and school grounds. Thankfully we have returned to a somewhat tidier state of school grounds in preparation for the 2018 school year. Magellan Projects, the builders assigned to the development, have and will continue to work hand in hand with the school to ensure the safety of all. Progress photos of the work may be found in the Year 5 and 6 entrance and the school website.

As we enter February and March we endure some of our hottest weather. As we are a Sunsmart school we ask you to ensure your child has a school hat to wear. You are also asked to provide an approved roll on sunscreen for your child, to apply before going outside to play, SPF 50, can help filter up to 98% of the sun's UV.

As the Principal, it is both a great honour and privilege to lead and serve the St Bernadette's School community. I look forward to working with you to integrate our faith and life, to promote opportunities and excellence in learning and teaching, to develop students who see themselves as lifelong learners, and to prepare students for active citizenship in the global world we live in. Most importantly, I look forward to continuing to build "community", a sense of belonging, connectedness, welcome and partnerships between students, families, staff and the wider parish, inspired by the Gospels and led by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Staff News

A very special welcome to new staff: Daniela Granata, Emma Scerri and Heidi Chapman-Foehn.

Class Teachers

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|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Preps Purple | Miss Olivia Rantino | Preps Yellow | Miss Cleo Limnios |
| 1F | Miss Lynda Ferrara | 1G | Mrs Jane Gilmartin |
| 2P | Mr Daniel Powell | 2S | Miss Lynette Sciberras |
| 3O | Miss Sarah Overman | 3G | Miss Daniela Granata |
| 4M | Mrs Leonie McCarthy | 4S | Miss Emma Scerri |
| 5K | Mrs Eliza Katz | 5H | Ms Rebecca Hunter |
| 6C | Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn | 6E | Miss Stephanie Elam |

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Leaders for 2018

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| Principal | Mrs Joanne Webster |
| Deputy Principal | Miss Jacqueline McGrath |
| Religious Education Leader | Miss Amanda Browne |
| Literacy P-2 Leader & Co Teacher | Mrs Daniela Torcaso |
| Literacy 3-6 & ICT Leader & Co Teacher | Mrs Bernadette Hitch |
| Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher | Ms Renee Cassar |
| Student Wellbeing Leader | |
| Mathematics 3-6 Leader, Science & Co Teacher | Ms Kim Nguyen |
| Student Diversity Leader | Mrs Carmel Mosele |
| Arts Leader | Mr Frederik Zeinstra |
| Family Engagement in Learning Leader | Mrs Eliza Katz |

Support and Specialist Staff for 2018

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| Art Teacher | Mrs Joanne Butler |
| Physical Education Teacher | Mr Ian Miller |
| Music, Reading Recovery & Strategic Literacy Support Teacher | Mr Frederik Zeinstra |
| Strategic Literacy Support Teacher | Mrs Nicky Harley |
| Reading Recovery Teacher | Mrs Julie Whatman |
| ICT Robotics & Co-Teacher | Mrs Christine Roberts |
| Science Teacher | Ms Kate Bucovaz |
| Italian Teacher | Ms Federica Falco |
| CELL Cluster Engagement in Learning | Ms Gill Baxter |
| Evodia Resource Manager | Ms Bernadette Fenech |
| Evodia Resource Assistant & Translator | Ms Thi Phan |
| Learning Assistants | Mrs Mary Balzan |
| | Mrs Alex Rossi |
| | Mrs Rosemary Romeo |
| | Mrs Rachel Phelan |
| | Ms Thy Nguyen |
| | Ms Marita Debattista |
| School Administration Manager | Mrs Kerrie Macuz |
| School Administration Staff | Ms Errica Mastrilli |
| | Mrs Joanne McNabb |
| | Mrs Sandra Attard Borg |
| Canteen Manager | Mrs Julie Curran |
| Canteen Assistant Manager | Ms Marita Debattista |
| Maintenance Officer | Mr Joseph Tabone |

School News

Important School Information for Beginning of School Year

1. School Timetable

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| 8.45am | School commences | 10.00am | Brain Food Break |
| 11.00—11.15am | Eat lunch under supervision | 11.15—12.00pm | Lunch playtime |
| 2.00—2.30pm | Snack and recess | 3.30pm | Dismissal (Mon, Tue, Thur, Frid) |

WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL AT 3.00PM (Professional Learning for Staff)

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2. Assemblies will now occur each **Monday morning at 8:55am**. Assemblies are hosted by the students. Each grade has a turn to facilitate the Assembly, leading prayer, giving an exposé of the learning and teaching, announcing points and awards. All parents and families are welcome to attend. This will begin on Monday 5th February, 2018.

3. Communication:

- a. Monthly School Newsletters and School Calendar – this is distributed on the last Wednesday of each month. Please read it carefully and take note of important announcements and dates. It is a key part of our communication with families.
- b. School Website – provides a means for sourcing newsletters, current events and upcoming events.
- c. Flexibuzz – communicates the learning and teaching in the learning spaces enabling conversations about the learning to continue after the school day. Families require a passcode for this. These will be distributed in the next week.
- d. Level Newsletters –distributed at the end of week 1 of each term. (Week 2 for Term1) Details the learning and teaching focus for the term. Days for Specialist Classes and events happening in each year level.
- e. Sandwich boards at the entrance to the school, communicate the weekly events.
- f. Please also call Admin or ask the teacher if you have any other questions or concerns.
- g. Teaching Staff are available to meet with families before and after school or by appointment. Exceptions to this are on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons when teachers meet for Professional Learning.
- h. Emails: If you wish to communicate via email, please expect a response within 48 hours on week-days, this may be longer on weekends or holidays. If the matter is urgent please call the school.

4. We ask parents to ensure the school has up to date and current contact numbers. In the case of absence please notify the school on the morning of the absence. New guidelines from the State Government require schools to notify families if students are absent on the day, if not informed by parent. We will be looking into sending texts to families to remind them to do this. The success of this is determined by the accuracy of the contact details provided to us.

5. Canteen Information: The school canteen operates on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. We ask that you please consider being a VOLUNTEER to support our Canteen Manager Julie – contact us if you can help.

6. Whole School Masses: All families are welcome to attend whole school Masses. These will be detailed in the school calendar. These Masses provide opportunities for all-students, staff and families, to celebrate, pray, learn, reach out and get a sense of belonging and Catholic identity. **At these times the school office will be closed.**

7. IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES: Please put on your family calendar or on your fridge!!!

- a. **Preps Timetable:** There is no school for Preps on Wednesdays in February. From Monday 5th February they will be at school from 8:45-3:30.
- b. **Teatime Tuesday:** Teatime Tuesday begins this Tuesday 6th February at 3:00pm in the Garvey Lounge. The purpose of this informal weekly gathering, is for parents and carers of students, to get to know one another and gain a sense of belonging and community. We welcome all new parents and carers and we welcome back all existing parents and carers.
- c. **Year 5 1:1 iPad Information Night for Parents and children in Year 5:** This meeting is on Tuesday 13th February at 7:00pm. This is a compulsory meeting for all Year 5 students and families. Stay tuned for further information with regards to this.
- d. **Parents In Partnership Meeting:** All are welcome to attend. The first gathering will be on Friday 9th February from 2:15-3:30pm., finishing in time for pick up. This will be held in the Garvey Lounge. The purpose of this team is to continue to build 'community', a place of belonging, inclusivity and respect for all and to be a voice for the parents. An invitation is extended to all to be a part of this team. We meet on Fridays from 2:15-3:30. There will be two meetings a term. Fundraising is only a very small feature of this team.
- e. **Swimming** begins for the Year 2, 3 and 4 students on Friday 9th February. Notes were distributed last year. If you require another please see your child's teacher.

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- f. **Principal's Book Club:** Parents and toddlers are welcome to come along and listen to a story being read by the Principal, Mrs Webster and then take the book home to read and share with the family. Principal's Book club for this term will be on Thursday 8th March at 3:00pm in the Garvey Lounge. We look forward to seeing you there.
- g. **Meet 'n Greet:** We look forward to meeting with every family in Week 5 – February 26th – 2nd March. Stay tuned for an information letter about this important event. We wish to partner and engage with you and your child in the learning.
- h. **Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass** is on Wednesday 14th February at 12:15pm. All families are welcome.
- i. **Commissioning Mass** of Teachers is on Sunday 18th February at 11am Mass All families are welcome.

8. Fees for 2018:

A credit/debit form has been attached, as an option for payment of fees. If you had a payment plan in 2017 you will also need to complete a new form please.

Fees

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| <i>Family Fee</i> | 1060.00 |
| <i>Levies</i> | 250.00 |
| <i>Camp</i> | |
| Yr 6 | 240.00 |
| Yr 5 | 240.00 |
| Yr 4 | 160.00 |
| Yr 3 | 10.00 |
| Yr 2 | 10.00 |
| Yr 1 | 10.00 |
| Preps | 10.00 |
| <i>Sacraments</i> | |
| Yr 6 | 20.00 |
| Yr 4 | 20.00 |
| Yr 3 | 15.00 |
| <i>Interschool Sports</i> | |
| Yr 5 & 6 | 30.00 |
| <i>Graduation</i> | |
| Yr 6 | 20.00 |
| <i>Swimming</i> | |
| Preps—Yr 1 (8 weeks) | 80.00 |
| Yr 2—Yr 4 (7 weeks) | 75.00 |



9. Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF): The Victorian Government provides a Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. **Families who hold a valid means tested concession card (eg. Health Care Card) or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.**

An annual payment of \$125 is made to the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the eligible student. Families who were eligible for CSEF in 2017, need not reapply. For our new families, if you believe you are eligible and have not previously applied, please contact the office.

Please return this form to the office by WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018.

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10. For students with Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis please ensure your plans are up to date for the beginning of the school year.

11. School Grounds are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am—3.45pm and Wednesday 8.30am—3.15pm. A Before & After School Program co-ordinated by Camp Australia, is available to families who require their children to be at school before or after this time

12. The school encourages parents and carers to volunteer their support and assistance to the students and school. In recent years, regulations around this help have become more rigorous to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, and as a part of the Child Safety Policy (this may be found on the school website). Therefore, Volunteers at St Bernadette's School are required to:

- a. Hold a current Working with Children Check, naming the school as an organisation they volunteer at. (If you require assistance to apply for this please ask at the office)
- b. Read & Sign Volunteer Code of Conduct
- c. Sign In/Out – Wear Volunteer Lanyard;
- d. Never work in isolation with students;
- e. Never speak aggressively to, or discipline students;
- f. Maintain confidentiality;
- g. Never take photos or videos without permission;
- h. Never post photos, videos or comments on social media relating to their interaction as a volunteer

13. There will be a School Closure Day on Monday 5th March. This year the school undertakes a process of review. The professional learning on this day is to begin this process.

We look forward to having you partner with us this 2018 school year.

May God guide us and watch over us in the year ahead and may we live and know our school motto:

God Loves Us – Let Us Love God.



February Calendar - 2018

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| JAN 29th Week 1 | JAN 30th | JAN 31st | FEB 1st | FEB 2nd | FEB 3rd | FEB 4th |
| | | 3.00pm School finishes | Preps 8.45-1.00 | Preps 8.45—1.00 | | |
| 5th Week 2 Preps 8.45—3.30 8.55 Assembly—All Welcome 2.35 Whole School Meditation | 6th Preps 8.45—3.30 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time | 7th PREPS TESTING—by Appointment 3.00pm School finishes | 8th Preps 8.45—3.30 | 9th Preps 8.45—3.30 Yr 2, 3 & 4 Swimming 2.15 Parents in Partnership Meeting—All Welcome | 10th | 11th |
| 12th Week 3 Preps 8.45—3.30 8.55 Assembly 6E Hosting All Welcome 2.35 Whole School Meditation | 13th Preps 8.45—3.30 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time 7pm Yr 5 1:1 iPad Family Information Evening | 14th PREPS TESTING—by Appointment 12.15 Ash Wednesday Mass 3.00pm School finishes | 15th Preps 8.45—3.30 | 16th Preps 8.45—3.30 Yr 2, 3 & 4 Swimming | 17th | 18th |
| 19th Week 4 Meet 'n' Greet Preps 8.45—3.30 8.55 Assembly 5K Hosting All Welcome 2.35 Whole School Meditation | 20th Meet 'n' Greet Preps 8.45—3.30 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time | 21st Meet 'n' Greet PREPS TESTING—by Appointment 3.00pm School finishes | 22nd Meet 'n' Greet Preps 8.45—3.30 | 23rd Meet 'n' Greet Preps 8.45—3.30 Yr 2, 3 & 4 Swimming | 24th | 25th |
| 26th Week 5 Preps 8.45—3.30 8.55 Assembly 4M Hosting All Welcome 2.35 Whole School Meditation | 27th Preps 8.45—3.30 3.00 Tuesday Tea Time | 28th Preps 8.45-3.00 3.00pm School finishes | 1st MAR Preps 8.45—3.30 Yr 1 & 2 Hands on Science Incursion | 2nd MAR Preps 8.45—3.30 Yr 2, 3 & 4 Swimming Yr 1 & 2 Hands on Science Incursion | 3rd MAR | 4th MAR |
| NOTE: NO SCHOOL Monday 5th March | | | | | | |