



## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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### 90 Seconds with the Principal - Reporting on student progress, 3 Way Conferences and Celebration of learning

This week in our 90 seconds with the Principal, I discuss the format of the half-yearly reports you will soon receive outlining some aspects of the growth your child has demonstrated so far this year. I also discuss the difference between our Celebration of Learning where your child shares with you their achievements throughout the term and our Three Way Conferences which are formal interview opportunities between your child's teacher, your child and yourself.

**Bonus Trailer!** - As an added bonus to our 90 seconds with the Principal check out our talented Year 1 students performing 'The Three Bears Rap'. [\(Link\)](#)

### Parent University

As you know we have been working very hard on our school literacy goal of improving the quality of student writing. Our upcoming Parent University will be held on the 27th June from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. This will be following the Celebration of Learning from 4:30pm to 6:00pm on the 27th June. At the Parent University we will share information about how we are achieving our school goal as well as sharing ideas about helping your child at home with their writing. We look forward to seeing you then. Next term we'll share more information about our numeracy goal and ways parents can help their child at with developing knowledge, skills and understanding regarding multiplicative thinking.



### A Place for ALL

Last Sunday's Gospel, spoke of the Kingdom of God being like a mustard seed. The picture of a tiny seed that grows into a greatest of shrubs, providing shelter to the birds is a lovely image. Yet Jesus shared this parable with a farming community. For them, this is alarming message; birds attracted to the fields! So Jesus tells us, the Kingdom will bring all sorts of challenge into our life. This is the God

of our mess, calling us, through the words of Bishop Vincent to hear the Gospel with new ears. We need to respond to the needs of the world around us, reach out to those who have not felt welcomed or cared for. Giving the hand of love and friendship to those who may unsettle us in our thinking. Here's to us having the courage to plant more mustard seeds and to trust in the wisdom of God in how his Kingdom should grow.

Maria Boyd REC

### Confirmation

Keeping with the policies of the Diocese of Parramatta the Parish's Sacramental Programme is a parish based, family centred, school supported programme. This means the programme is run through the parish and is not conducted by the schools.

Children baptised in an Eastern Catholic Rite, such as the Maronite or Melkite Rites, received confirmation at baptism. They are welcome to participate in the Sacramental Programme as a form of catechesis but cannot be 're-confirmed'. If they attend the Confirmation Mass, they can receive a blessing. Baptised Catholics who have celebrated the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and Eucharist are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. ***Enrolment forms for Confirmation can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 16-17 June – 28-29 July 2018.*** Enrolment forms are not available from the schools or Parish Office.



*"We must never be preoccupied with the future. There is no reason to be so."*

St Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

- **Friday, 22nd June**  
Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout
- **Wednesday, 27th June**  
Celebration of Learning  
4:30pm—6:00pm  
Parent University  
6:00pm - School writing goal and helping my child at home with writing
- **Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July**  
Three way conferences—by appointment only  
teacher, parent, student  
4:30pm—6:00pm
- **Friday, 6th July**  
Last day Term 2
- **Saturday, 28th July— Sunday, 29th July**  
Confirmation—Enrolment forms can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 28th-29th July
- **Friday, 10th August**  
Annual school fundraiser—Bingo/ Disco night  
6:00pm
- **Wednesday, 19th December**  
Last school day for students

### Tuckshop-2-U

"In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online through Tuckshop2U, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier."

### **Celebrating Our Writing**

A part of our focus for writing this year is for the students to consider the purpose and audience for their writing. In the past week I have been able to share some of the amazing writing efforts of our students through our skoolbag app. Today, don't miss the excellent informative, persuasive and very entertaining texts created by our some of our Year 4 students published in today's newsletter.

### **Bingo/Disco Night 2018 - Friday 10th August**

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out with the planning and preparation for our Bingo/Disco night coming up on Friday 10th August. Very soon you will receive notes about the family tickets and requests for donations to go towards our prizes on the night. The parents organising gift wrapping would very much welcome additional support with this task on Friday 3rd August and then again with setting up and cleaning up on Friday 10th August.

### **Vinnies Winter Sleepout**

Tonight some of our Year 6 students and some very brave teachers are completing the Vinnies winter sleepout challenge, spending the night outdoors. I would like to extend my thanks to the teachers who will be giving up time with their own families to support our students in this very worthy cause.

#### **PRC Update**

Thanks again to our MTP Diocesan Parent Council representatives Anna Nicolas and Jodie Skinner. Last week they attended a meeting at Blacktown which focussed on post school options. Below is a summary of some of the key points from the meeting:

- discussed 'Plenary Council 2020' future Catholic Church direction for Australia. *Mrs Boyd will be keeping us informed about this in the future.*
- discussed the importance of schools building a relationship with their local, state, federal Government Ministers.
- In relation to post school options:
- invite speakers into school to talk about their jobs, especially to 'break down the thought' that there are specific male jobs / female jobs. Eg. a female firefighter, a male nurse, etc.
- ask a child what they are passionate about as opposed to what they want to be when they grow up.

Next terms Key Speaker will be Dr Justin Coulson a family psychologist and parenting expert - this event will be held on Monday 27th August, 7pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook. The presentation topic is on raising resilient children.

#### **Work Health and Safety**

A reminder that our school grounds, including the car parks are smoke-free areas.

### **School Holiday Combined Parishes (Westmead, Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill) Winter Camp**

Every year in the July school Holidays, students in SLS at MTP have the opportunity to attend a Parish camp. Mrs Wilkes and a team of teachers, social workers and other professionals and volunteers run this camp as part of the Youth Ministry offered by parishes in the Parramatta Diocese. These camps are run in various forms over the past 15 years and are an exceptional opportunity for students to explore their faith, meet new friends and experience the adventure that comes with camp activities! Accommodation will be in heated lodges (no actual 'camping' required).

Registrations are open now. This year, the camp is themed 'The Brave and the Valiant' and will run in the second week of the school holidays for three days/two nights.

We have funds to cover the cost of any student or family (if siblings in school years 5-10 attending other schools wish to attend) who wishes to attend but cannot afford the full price. If this might be helpful for your family, let me know and we can arrange for your children to attend camp anyway! Thanking Fr Walter for his financial support

And of course, you are welcome to invite family and friends! Registrations are open to anyone in School Year 5 - 10. We are always seeking student leaders in Years 11 or 12 (or school leavers) as well.

See the flyer attached for more details. Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Th3Sh5ux1zTMbjt1>

*Check out our great authors at Mother Teresa Primary!*

### **Illusion**

One dark and stormy night, Arav was studying upstairs in his room while his parents were away. Suddenly he heard the doorbell ring, so he rushed downstairs to check who it was. He opened the door, but all he saw was a small package lying on the ground. It wasn't just an ordinary package, but it had the word illusion written all over it. So he took it back upstairs and slowly opened it...

He jumped like a kangaroo when he saw what was inside. There were 3 flight tickets with a note. Arav carefully opened the note, and it said: This is an Illusion, or is it just your confusion? And beneath that it said: You May take 2 trustworthy friends along on your journey. Without a thought he called his 2 best friends, Ian and Nax...

"What's going on," Questioned Ian and Nax.

"Just come to my house and I'll explain everything!" Screamed Arav.

The minute he heard repetitive knocks on the door. He whizzed downstairs and opened the door for Nax and Ian. Then Arav showed the note and the tickets to them. They were shocked.

As Arav investigated the box, he found another note sticking between the sides. He opened it up and it told them all the flight details. The flight was today. So they got their Passports, rushed outside and called an Uber to the airport. When they reached the airport, they took their tickets and their passports out and boarded the plane. There was nobody there...

As the plane took off, they went to ask the captain where they were landing. When they got to the front, he wasn't there. They all tried to steer the plane, but it didn't budge. It kept going one direction, down. It seemed like the plane was heading for a small island. It was going to crash!

The plane somehow landed on a giant tree. It was a close one. They were all wondering how to get down. So they jumped to the vines and slid down.

"It's been a long time since I've felt the ground," said Nax.

Ian said the same thing. All Arav was thinking was how to get home. We explored the jungle like island until we found three giant quad bikes. So we hopped on and drove further inland. As we drove, we saw a plane, it's not ours but it is in good condition. So we got on and started it up.

" We are in the air now boys!" Screamed Nax.

In the plane was a compass. We use it to find our way home. When we are back in the airport we realise that it had only been two minutes since we left. They all thought when something enters the island, time stops. Luckily they got home in time, and Arav got to his homework straight away. Just the way his parents left him.

*~Arav G & Ian R*

### **Why I Want To Be Rich And Famous**

I would like to be rich and famous because

I would be able to have all the LEGO Sets I want. I also really want to be rich and famous for making AMAZING LEGO Designs. That is why I want to be rich and famous.

I would love to be rich and famous so I could buy A LOT of puppies. I would also be ecstatic to be rich and famous so I could buy Lots of LEGO sets. I would donate a lot of money to charity and a lot to my University fund.

There is another set of reasons why I want to be rich and famous. I want to be rich and famous for making creative LEGO designs so I can keep

LEGO Safe from Fraud companies. Online retailers like LEPIN are trying to sell their own versions of LEGO sets for cheaper prices. This is bad because LEGO has to pay movie companies like Hollywood to make models of their movies, however fraud companies like LEPIN just have to copy the LEGO sets and put them on the internet for sale. That is why fraud companies can afford to sell their own versions of LEGO for cheaper prices and why LEGO puts them at high but reasonable prices.

I would also want to be rich and famous to make my family proud(NOT saying they are not already proud of me). If I worked or was the boss of LEGO I would be able to get LEGO Sets for free. With my money I would organise to build the first Official LEGO Store in Australia and attempt to beat the record of the biggest LEGO store in the world set in Leicester square, London.

This is why I want to be rich and famous. How about you?

**THE END!!**

*By Christian T in Year 4*



# The Brave And The Valiant

Winter Camp 2018

Mangrove Mountain Retreat

Monday July 16 -  
Wednesday July 18

Cost

\$205 (early bird)

\$220 (normal registration)

School Grade 5-10

register online at

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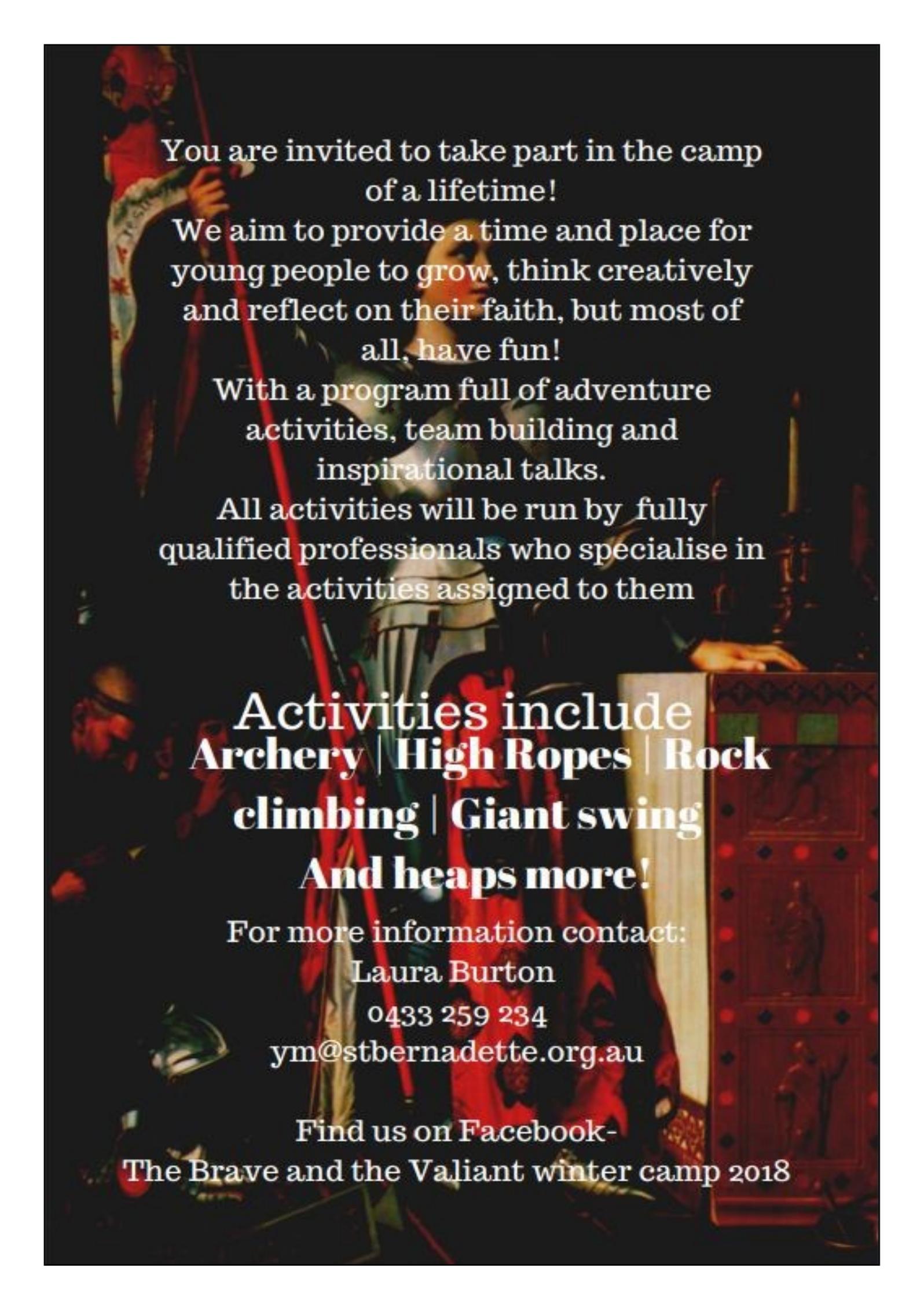


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**The Brave and the Valiant winter camp 2018**



**BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!**

**8-15 JULY 2018**

## **NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE**

Tuesday July 10, 2018  
10 am – 2 pm  
Parliament of NSW

**FREE FUN ACTIVITIES  
ALL WELCOME!**

Join us for a fun day filled with activities for the whole family including: **Didge & Dance**, **Aboriginal Art & Crafts**, **Wiradjuri Language Workshops** and **Storytelling**. Join us for the whole event or just drop in for a little while.

**Sausage sizzle on the day!**  
(\$3 per sausage sandwich)



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