



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 7th February, 2014

No.1

WELCOME TO TERM 1, 2014!

Dear Parents,

I would like to wish students, families and staff a warm welcome to the 2014 school year. I invite you to join together in living out our school motto of "Strength through Gentleness."

As we go about our daily interactions this new year, let us help to build relationships in our community through



*Speaking gently
Looking lovingly
Smiling broadly
laughing heartily
Touching tenderly
Waiting patiently
Sharing honestly
Giving joyfully
Feasting gratefully
Praying humbly and above all
Celebrating with wonder*

As you have visited the school for your child's Mathematical Assessment Interview or to drop them off or pick them up at school, you will have seen our magnificent new Covered Area on the bottom court. This will be a wonderful addition to our facilities, providing not only shade but also protection in wet weather. We are now eagerly waiting for the completion of our toilet block and the replacement of the fence between our bottom and top courts. All of this work could not have taken place without the financial support of our families and friends through the fundraising efforts of the Parents and Friends and the contributions from the Catholic Education Office. Congratulations and thank you to you all!

This week all of our children have managed not only the transition back to a new school year but also the temporary changes that have been occurring on the Parish site as construction is taking place on our church roof. Thank you for managing the sometimes difficult entry and exit to the school. We will always try to keep you informed about any changes.

Next Monday, 10th February a crane will be on the church site again and pedestrian entry to the school in the morning from the car park and Old Northern Road will be via the Blue Wall. As always, parents driving through the car park are asked to be mindful of pedestrians and extra careful near the pedestrian crossings. It is expected that by the afternoon parents will be able to enter via the usual entry point near the Tuckshop Terrace.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton — Principal

R.E. NEWS



Welcome back everyone!

Next Friday we will celebrate the start of the school year with our Opening Mass out on the playground at **10.00am**. Recess will be later due to the Mass and therefore the children will have a short 'crunch and sip' fruit and water break at 9.30am. At this Mass, we will present our school leaders with their leadership badges. All parents are welcome to attend.

St Bernadette's School Prayer

Loving God

We follow in the footsteps of the Mercy Sisters.

Help us always to show 'Strength through Gentleness' in our words and actions.

Please bless the St Bernadette's community as we work to live our values of

-respect

-honesty

-tolerance

-forgiveness

-care and compassion.

St Bernadette - pray for us.

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - pray for us
Amen*

Mrs Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal:

Frequency of the School Newsletter

This year the school newsletter will be published every week. One week will be an 'Update' and the following week will be a full newsletter to coincide with our Student of the Week awards/Whole School assembly. An email will be sent to each family's designated email account via our website on Saturday afternoons. Our newsletters are full of very important information and all parents are advised to read it.

Congratulations to our 2014 Kindergarten Children

Our youngest children commenced their schooling at St Bernadette's so beautifully. Congratulations to the children and their parents. A big thank you to our Kindergarten parents and families who have been assisting their little ones to transition to school. A reminder to all our Kindergarten parents that from Monday, 10th February the Kinder children will end their school day at 2.45pm along with all the other students.

Anaphylaxis

At St Bernadette's this year there are a number of children who experience anaphylaxis - in particular a severe allergic reaction when they are exposed to peanuts and nut related products. If those children are exposed to these foods a severe allergic reaction can occur within 20 minutes of exposure and can rapidly become life threatening. Accidental exposure to these foods can happen at eating times and in the case of one of our students, the allergic reaction can be triggered when another person has touched or eaten these foods and then that person touches them. As a community we can assist these children by making our school environment safe. We ask families to:

- NOT use peanut, nut and chocolate spreads when making and sending sandwiches to school.
- NEVER send nuts to school for your own child to eat
- remind children NOT to share their food with other children at school
- explain to your children the seriousness of food allergies for those children who are affected by them and that we can help to keep these children safe by the choices we make.



Should you wish to have more information about anaphylaxis this can be found at the Anaphylaxis Australia website www.allergyfacts.org.au.

Thank you for your assistance with all that you do to help us provide a safe environment for all the children at St Bernadette's Primary School.

Parking in and around the school

Please adhere to the school and parish guidelines for parking within the school and parish car park

- Entry to the car park ONLY from Brisbane Road
- Drive with care and caution in the car park
- DO NOT park in the Kiss 'n Drop area
- NEVER double park at anytime in the school grounds
- DO NOT drive through the car park at the bottom of the driveway closest to Brisbane Road
- Comply with the requests of volunteer traffic monitors and teacher supervisors as they monitor the smooth running of the 'Kiss 'n Drop' and 'Car Pick Up' services
- Obey parking signage
- Be mindful and vigilant at each pedestrian crossing in the car park

When we all work together we will be able to look after the safety of our precious children.



Award System at St Bernadette's

The children at St Bernadette's are recognised for their behaviour, work habits and school performance in many ways within the classroom, at various assemblies and through various award opportunities.

- Each Monday we recognise our Birthday children for that week
- In weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 (in Term 1) children from each class will be recognised in the following categories:
 - Student of the Week
 - Social Skill
 - Merit certificates
- Behaviour leading to a Principal's Award—children then have a morning tea with Mrs Nettleton at the end of the term. A letter advises students of the date and time.
- At the end of each term two students from the entire student body are awarded the School Values Award.



Children will be acknowledged in newsletters to follow each of these awards so that our community can celebrate with the children.

Social Skill: Being a great friend at St. Bernadette's.

Our social skill for Weeks 2 & 3 is looking at the ways we can be a great friend at our school. Within our class groups we have been discussing our school values and how they help us to be a friend.

With the start of a new school year we are welcoming to all we meet and endeavour to make new friends not only in our class, our grade but across the whole school.

We can do this by: getting to know people, being a good listener, accepting people as they are, asking them about themselves, being a positive person and talking about the good things in our school and at home.

If we all take the time to meet new people, nurture our existing friendships, then we create a very friendly school community.

Kathy Watt



Cuppa n Chat

Monday, 3rd March (Week 6)
9am

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

Want to ask about what's happening
at St Bernadette's?

Coming Dates

WEEK 3

- Mon, 10 Feb**
- 8.30am Assembly
 - Kindergarten to 2.45pm from now on
- Tues, 11 Feb**
- Dance Fever
- Fri, 14 Feb**
- February Census Day
 - **10am Opening School Mass (Top Court)**
 - 1.40pm Whole School Assembly

STUDENTS ABSENT ON CENSUS DAY

Census Day is Friday, **14th February**. If your child is absent on this day, a signed written explanation giving a reason for the absence **MUST** be sent to the school by close of business on **14th February** with an anticipated return to school date. This can be sent via written note or emailed to the school email address BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au.

This is an audit requirement so your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

Could all children's action plans with an updated photo and medication please be brought into the school office. Thank you to all parents that have already sent their child's forms into the office.

If you have any queries, please see Mrs Fran Murphy in the office.

Staff List 2014

KB	Mrs Nicole Metwally
KG	Mrs Corena Laso
KW	Mrs Rochelle Borg
1B	Mrs Melinda Bullen
1G	Mrs Karen Orsini
1W	Mrs Leanne Napoli
2B	Miss Christina Teylan
2G	Mrs Shane Robinson
2W	Miss Katie Games
3B	Mrs Amy Macey/Mrs Cathy Hennessey
3G	Ms Lyn Sweetnam
3W	Mrs Dorothy Pickard
4B	Mrs Lisa Uno
4G	Mrs Marilyn Ryan
4W	Mrs Julie Ingegneri
5B	Miss Rhiarna Thomas
5G	Mr Peter Visser/Mrs Mary Doheny
5W	Mrs Helen Games
6B	Mrs Kathy Watt
6G	Mrs Amanda Thorpe
6W	Mrs Jenny Godwin
Teacher Release	Mr Tony Bye/Mrs Gaye Crammond Mrs Alexandra Buscall and Mrs Elizabeth Evans
Teacher Aides	Mrs Leanne Aylen Mrs Joanne Calabria Mrs Julie Medak
Learning Support Aide	Mrs Pam Hord Mrs Carmen Lang
Library	Mrs Gaye Crammond Mrs Karen Davis
Principal	Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Asst. Principal	Mr Peter Visser
Maintenance	Mr Len Bonavoglia
Admin Staff	Mrs Chris Fuoco Mrs Dawn Crake Mrs Fran Murphy

Welcome to our new Kindies!



Library—General Information

The library is an educational centre for both students and staff. It is a valuable resource where children can study as a class, group or individuals.

The Library is open Monday to Thursday from 8.30 to 2.45pm. The library is supervised at lunchtime 1.20 to 1.40pm and the children may visit Monday to Wednesday. The Library is closed at recess.

Borrowing limits for children vary according to the child's grade:

Kindergarten	1 book at a time
Year 1 and 2	2 books at a time
Year 3 and 4	3 books at a time
Years 5 and 6	4 books at a time



Students visit the library once a week for Library lessons and borrowing, but may borrow more often if they are avid readers. They must however return books before new ones can be loaned.

- ♦ Students are encouraged to choose a suitable book themselves as this develops their tastes and skills. However this does not always occur. Please contact me if you are concerned.
- ♦ Borrowing is encouraged over the school holidays (excluding Christmas) for recreational reading.
- ♦ A Library bag is required by the children when borrowing.
- ♦ All books should be returned after 2 weeks.

Late Books

After the due date (i.e. 2 weeks after the book was borrowed) the book is overdue.

Books may be renewed if students need more time to finish reading the book.

Overdue notices are issued to students once per term.

Long term overdue notices are issued as a message to parents.

Lost or Damaged Books

If you think a book has been lost or damaged, please contact the library.

We will:

- check the shelves to ensure that the item has not been returned. (It may not have been scanned or incorrectly scanned.)
- ask to check with your child's classroom teacher to make sure it is not in with the classroom books or reading books.
- request payment to replace the book.

Premiers Reading Challenge

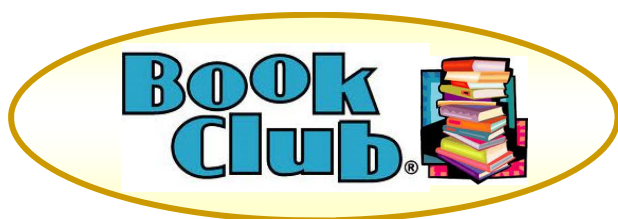
All students are encouraged to participate in the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.

The 2014 Challenge begins in March and finishes on September 1st, 2014.

Many of the books listed can be borrowed from the **St Bernadette's School Library**.

Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club is run by the P&F once a term. The children have the opportunity to purchase books for information and recreational reading. Reward points from Book Club are used to purchase books for the classroom libraries.



Book club catalogues were sent home yesterday. All orders need to be returned to the office in an envelope clearly marked 'Book Club' by Friday, 14th February. Unfortunately orders cannot be accepted after this date. Thank you.

Child Protection

A reminder for parents who are required to 'UPDATE' their child protection and for 'NEW' parents to the school.



It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> and **MUST** be completed every two years.

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 3 Term 1

Parent helpers please arrive at 10.25am for recess and 12.45pm for lunch

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	Joanne Long
	Lunch	Joanne Long
Friday	Recess	
	Lunch	

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Parents are invited to attend an Information Night in the coming weeks. A note was emailed to parents on Friday with the dates in Week's 3, 4 and 5.

A survey note was also given to every child on Friday for parents to complete and return on Monday 10th February.

Please see table below for your child's grade details:

GRADE	DATE	VENUE
Kindergarten	Wednesday 19 th February at 7pm Followed by P&F AGM at 7.45pm in the Library.	Yr 5 Learning Space
Year 1	Thursday 13 th February at 7pm	Library
Year 2	Tuesday 18 th February at 7pm	Library
Year 3	Thursday 20 th February at 7pm	Library
Year 4	Wednesday 12 th February at 7pm	Library
Year 5	Monday 17 th February at 7pm	Year 5 Learning Space
Year 6	Wednesday 26 th February at 7pm	Year 6 Learning Space

Sport Uniform Days—Term 1

Kindy: Mon & Tue
Year 1: Mon & Tue
Year 2: Tue & Thurs
Year 3: Tues & Thurs
Year 4: Tue & Wed
Year 5: Mon & Tue
Year 6: Tue & Wed



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 11th February between 8.00am and 10.00am.



*R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **Grace family** (Aidan in 4G) following the recent passing of his Grandmother. May she rest in peace.*

*R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **Kumulia family** (Ryan in 5B) following the recent passing of his Grandmother. May she rest in peace.*



2014 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee accounts were sent home this week and are due for payment by **Friday, 7th March, 2014**.

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY. If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Please allow 2 days for all BPay and POSTBILLPAY payments to reach our account.

Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2014 school fees please contact Mrs Chris Fuoco on 9634 2898 or email cfuoco@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Supervision

We start at 8am with the morning supervision of the students. School commences **PROMPTLY** at 8.30am.



In the afternoons, all the children are supervised on to buses, at Tuckshop, across roads, to after school care or while waiting for the Car Pick Up Service.

School finishes at **2.45pm** - your collection of children at this time is very much appreciated.

STUDENT EXEMPTIONS: Parents please note ...

Application for Exemption From Attendance at School

Schools in the Parramatta Diocese have been informed that when families request to take their child(ren) out of school during term time it is necessary for them now to complete an **Application for Exemption From Attendance at School** form (**PRIOR** to taking your child out of school). This form can be downloaded from the school website (**PARENTS/NOTES FROM SCHOOL/ADMINISTRATION FORMS/STUDENT ATTENDANCE**). On completion, the form is to be sent to the school office so that a **Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School** can be issued to parents. Parents are advised that when this certificate is issued they will need to have this with them during the period of exemption that has been granted. This certificate is a legal document. All applications for leave must be sent to the office 3 weeks prior to departure.

If the absence is to attend a funeral, music or ballet exam then just a note of explanation to Mrs Nettleton is sufficient. Mrs Nettleton will then confirm the absence with a letter.

Birthday Cakes

If parents do need to send in a birthday cake for their child's birthday, teachers would prefer cup cakes.



This makes distribution in the classroom so much easier without the safety issues of bringing a knife into the class to cut the cake. Thank you.

Term Dates 2014

Term 1

January 28, 29, 30
January 31
February 3

Staff return and Administer MAIs
Years 1 to 6 Commence
Kindergarten commence followed

Term 2

Mon 28 April to Fri 26 June

Term 3

Mon 14 July to Fri 19 September

Term 4

Tue 7 October to Fri 19 December



Family Calendar

Our family calendar for 2014 will be uploaded to the website for parents to view. It is very exciting that you will be able to see a whole year! We ask that parents regularly check this calendar to keep themselves informed of upcoming events. As usual, weekly dates will be advertised in the school newsletter.



Our congratulations to Mrs Bojanowski Kindergarten Blue teacher last year on the birth of a baby boy Thomas.

Our best wishes to the family.



ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

P&F Association Executive Committee 2014

President	Mr Jeff Younis
Vice President	Rachel Gibb
Secretary	Katrina Leonardi
Treasurer	Brenda Hughes
Executive Members	Bernadette Rushe
	Lucy Losurdo
	Damien Kelly
Parent Rep. Council	Karen Orsini
	Naffa Arraf
Grade Parent Coordinator	Alison Silvester
Hospitality	Katrina Leonardi
	Fiona Carrozzi
Book Club	Lucy Losurdo
	Ann Hishon
Maintenance	Naffa Arraf
Mothers/Fathers Day stalls	Adrienne McGovern
	Marian Dodd
Social Media	Stuart Thom
Donations/Sponsorship	Helen Stockdale
Delegates:	
Uniform Shop	Therese Qasabian
	Pam Waters

**Next P&F Meeting—
Wednesday, 19th February 7.45pm
In the Library.
All parents are invited!**

St Bernadette's P & F

Presents



Come and enjoy a great family movie night under the stars

When: Friday, 28th February

Where: On our grass area at school

Time: Picnic from **6:30pm**

Lebanese kebabs and hot dogs prepared by Inflames Charcoal Grill and the Lebanese food stall will be available to purchase food, as well as snacks including popcorn, lollies, drinks, coffee etc.

Movie will start at 7:30pm. BYO picnic rug

Cost: \$10 per family

Please return the bottom slip with your \$10 in an envelope labeled 'Movie Night' to your child's teacher by Monday 24th February.

Advertising Package Only \$100

If you would like to advertise your business on the big screen prior to the show, please contact Helen Stockdale on 0434 358 034 or helenstockdale@bigpond.com for further information. This is a great way for businesses to support the school and for school families to support your business.

Good Guys' Vouchers

Just a reminder that if you make a purchase at the Good Guys, to ask for your '**School Reward Vouchers**'. The school buys goods from them to help with A-thons, Fun Fairs etc.



Parish News

LAST CHANCE FOR THE GRACES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE (with optional extension to Medjugorje) from 24th April to 8th (or 17th May) with *Harvest Pilgrimages*. There is also an option to see Rome then Medjugorje from 6th to 17th May. You have the convenience of an experienced tour guide as well as a Chaplain (Fr Eugene). Most meals included. Please book Freecall on 1800819156. WE NEED 4 OR 5 MORE TRAVELLERS FOR THIS TRIP TO GO AHEAD. The cut-off date is the end of this month.

UNIFORM ROSTER FOR 2014



Would all parents wishing to help in the Uniform Shop, please complete the form below and return it to the office by **MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY**. If you volunteer, you will be helping between 8am and 10am on a Tuesday morning. Two volunteers per morning are required. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years.

I,(Name, please print) Mobile Number

c/o Eldest child in Class:

☐ am available *1st, *2nd, *3rd, *4th or *5th Tuesday in the month.

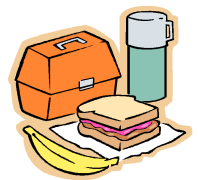
(*please circle) in month/s:

☐ am available any Tuesday, please roster me as appropriate.

***For any queries, please contact Therese Qasabian -
Uniform Roster Co-ordinator on 9659 8171***

Please return this sheet to the school office if you would like to help in either the Tuckshop or Uniform Shop next year. Thank you

Tuckshop Roster for 2014



If you are interested in being a parent helper to serve in the Tuckshop either at recess or lunchtime, please fill in the form below and return to the office by **MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR 2014

I,(Name, please print) Mobile Number.....

☐ am currently on and will help on this day next year

please nominate week and day of the month:(eg. third Monday)

☐ am currently on and would like to change to

☐ am currently on but I am not available to help next year.

☐ am not on the roster but would like to help next year on

☐ am able to help between 10.15 and 11am '**recess**' duty

☐ am able to help between 12.45 and 1.45pm '**lunch**' duty

Eldest child's name: Class:

St Bernadette's Playgroup

welcomes families with children 0-5 years to attend playgroup. Come along and meet other young families from the school and parish. Children take part in craft activities, music time and lots of free play where they can make new friends.

Where: Lourdes Centre, 31B Brisbane Rd, Castle Hill.

When: Monday and Thursday 10am – 12 noon

Contact: Carolyn Lincoln 0411547285



ACTIVE BOOST IS BACK FOR 2014

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Where: St Bernadette's Primary School

When: 3rd Feb Oct – 7th April
(Every Monday in Term 1)

Time: 3.15 – 5pm

Call Tarsha 0411 183 652 or complete a [rego](#) form distributed through your child's class.

activeboost.com.au



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REGISTER NOW FOR 2014 SEASON

ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB is looking for two players who are turning 7 years in 2014 to play in a 7 year old team in the 2014 winter competition. For further information, please ring Registrar – Karen Maher on 9680 2103.

Many thanks
Kym Holden

Secretary | St Bernadette's Netball Club

Oakhill College Enrolments 2015

Applications for enrolment into Year 7 2015 will close on Friday, 21st February 2014 and enrolments for girls into Year 11 2015 will close on Friday, 9th May 2014. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 and/or daughters in Year 11 at Oakhill College in 2015 and who have not yet submitted a form, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates.

Contact: Mrs Maryanne Maree (Registrar) 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au.

THE HILLS

LUNAR

FESTIVAL | 8 FEB 2014 | 5-10PM | NORTH ROCKS



2014
YEAR OF THE HORSE

馬年快樂



CELEBRATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Saturday, 8 February 2014 | 5-10pm | Don Moore Reserve
Tianan Avenue (off Barclay Road) North Rocks

Come and enjoy The Hills Lunar Festival that commences with a spectacular Lion Dance at 5pm.
* FREE activities including lantern making, cookie decorating and calligraphy.
* Demonstrations by fruit carvers, Chinese dancers and fire based circus group.

* A lantern and Bonsai display.
* Food stalls.
* Golden Koaale Film Festival. Films include: One Dimension, A New Year - The Same Day, Entrance Exam and the feature film - Finding Mr Right.
* Fireworks display to conclude the festivities.

FIREWORKS AT THE HILLS LUNAR FESTIVAL

Saturday 8 February | 10pm approx.

PLEASE NOTE

As a part of The Hills Lunar Festival at Don Moore Reserve, there will be a fireworks display at approx. 10pm. Please make sure your pets are secured at this time.

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