



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 28th February, 2014

No.4

Dear Parents,

Catholic Education is a partnership between the family, parish and school.

"Parents have a particularly important part to play in the educating community, since it is to them that primary and natural responsibility for their children's education belongs.¹ Catholic schools are called to assist parents in fulfilling their obligation for the Christian formation and education of their children." (The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium)

As parents and educators we have the privilege of nurturing the leaders of tomorrow – the young people who will form and govern the society of the future. It is vital then that we take time to reflect on what it is that we are handing on to our children. If our young children are to be the men and women capable of transforming society we need to consider what aspects of faith will sustain them? How successful will they be at integrating gospel values into their everyday interactions with others? We want our young people to be men and women of faith, hope and love.

As parents and educators we have the responsibility for nurturing in our children, an understanding of the Christian message of hope, reconciliation and peace – how successful are we at this? Will our children develop into young adults who 'show love for each other by clothing themselves with the values of respect, honesty, tolerance, forgiveness, care and compassion'? Will they be an influence for good in society - valuing uniqueness, respecting and accepting others? This responsibility is not something we take on alone.

"You have been entrusted to look after something precious: Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us"
(St Paul to Timothy 1:13-14;2:1-3)

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. 'Shrove' means being forgiven for wrong-doings. Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day. A long time ago this was a day for feasting and having a good time. People went to church to confess the bad things they had done and would be forgiven before the start of Lent. As rich foods such as eggs were forbidden during Lent, one way of using them up would be to make pancakes.
(<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>)

On Wednesday, 5th March it is Ash Wednesday and this marks the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent goes for forty days and is a time for Catholics to prepare for Easter. Lent is usually a time of fasting and repentance as well as a time for reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice for us.



On Ash Wednesday, Years 3 and 6 will attend the 9:15am Parish Mass and Years 4 and 5 will attend the 12 noon Parish Mass. They will receive the ashes on their forehead and hear these words "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel".

The Infant grades will have their own special liturgy in the Church at 11am with Fr JJ.

Mrs Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal:

Teaching and Learning

Last Wednesday evening saw the completion of our Parent Information Sessions. At each of the sessions from Kindergarten to Year 6 the teachers spoke to parents about their teaching of Literacy and Numeracy. In particular they explained the classroom strategies that are in place each and every day to ensure that as a school we are sharply focused on

“improving the outcomes for all students in their literacy and numeracy learning”.

In numeracy this looks like:-

Tracking all students through the Maths Assessment Interview followed by a consistent approach to teaching through warm-ups, rich learning tasks and reflections. In all grades teachers know the learning profile for every student in their class.

In literacy this looks like:-

Teaching a balanced 100 minute Literacy block every day in which the children experience explicit and focused reading and writing instruction based on the integration of rich literature. In all grades the teachers know the reading and writing levels of their children and plan differentiated tasks accordingly.

Throughout the year the teachers will be monitoring the learning growth of all the children so that they can ensure that learning programmes cater for the children's needs.

Children's Workbooks coming home on Friday, 14th March

In Week 7 the children will be bringing home their Mathematics workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. Some conversation starters might include:-



Show me a piece of work that you are really proud of in this book?

What new skills have you learnt in mathematics?

What was the learning intent for this piece of work?

Are there areas that you would like to improve in and why?

The children are extremely proud of their work and will be delighted if you are able to write a comment to them in their book. We encourage you to write this comment after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy receiving feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. Your comment also allows the teacher to see that you were able to take the time to walk through the book with your child. You are asked to return the book promptly on Monday 17th March so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Parent Maths Workshop

Come and Join us on **Wednesday 12th March**

7.00pm in the Year 5 Learning Space

This session will look at the development of our children's Mathematics skills.

The session will be a 'hands-on' workshop exploring PLACE VALUE.

Parent Maths Workshop—please return to the office

I /we(parents name/s) would like to attend the Parent Maths Workshop
on Wed, 12th March at 7pm in the Year 5 Learning Space.

Eldest child: Class:



Social Skill: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

Our social skill for the next two weeks is defining and acknowledging 'acceptance' of each other. Every person is unique and special and we all have feelings. I asked some Year 6 students what they thought the word acceptance meant. I would like to share these with you as a wonderful starting point for understanding and accepting each other at St Bernadette's.

'If you accept others' differences they are more likely to accept yours'.

'Treat everyone the same wherever they come from'.

'Not accepting differences means you miss out on making more friends'.

'If we don't accept differences we won't be able to show understanding of people who are different to us'.

We can all learn from these wonderful insights, every person has something wonderful to offer at St Bernadette's, we play an important role as an accepting community.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill:
For helping others in need at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Lucas Heyes	Trishitaa Kapoor	Xavier Bounassif
KG	Noah Dinsmore	Katie Wong	Lily Procter
KW	Katie Chan	Antonio Wadih	Grace Zwaine
1B	Zoe Baroni	Alyssa Khoudair	Jake Ruiz-Diaz
1G	Dean Guy	Catherine Irwin	Luca Pagliarini
1W	Landen Besters	Indiana Thom	Ailish Lincoln
2B	Sarah Bolton-Wade	Christopher Dodd	Lauren Ballesty
2G	Aprille Exton	Liam Collyer	Benjamin Hope
2W	Grace Zeaiter	Thomas Heyes	Matthew Carrozzi
3B	Hayley Goodlace	Drona Kapoor	Michelle Zeaiter
3G	William Patrick	Paris Valletta	Kaden Govender
3W	Ella Lincoln	Oscar Palmason	Emma Mizzi
4B	Piper Laurie	James Ransome-Haberley	Samantha Kelly
4G	Anika Battisti	Nicholas Cushway	Veronica Dodd
4W	Lauren Ho	Lachlan Daly	Keira Conlin
5B	Nordel Manuel	William McDermott	Nicole Homs
5G	Adam Byrnes	Jessica Runac	Caitlin Zwaine
5W	Alexander Jephtha	Daniella Zeaiter	Thomas Manieri
6B	Max Martin	Isabella Dodd	Marcus Jamison
6G	Andrew Mizzi	Sadhbh Hogan	Olivia Carrozzi
6W	Sarah O'Sullivan	Charlie Zeaiter	Aidan Robinson

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Jacob De Guzman (3W)** and **Daniel De Guzman (5G)** for completing the Huskisson Miniman Triathlon last Saturday, 20 February 2014. This was Jacob's and Daniel's first triathlon and they look forward to joining another one soon.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Daniella Francis 3B
Elizabeth Gauci 6G



Coming Dates

WEEK 6

- Mon, 3rd March**
 - 8.30am Assembly
 - 4W Elizabeth Farm & Hambledon Cottage Exc.
- Tues, 4th March**
 - Shrove Tuesday**
 - Dance Fever
 - 1.10pm Choir
- Wed, 5th March**
 - Ash Wednesday**
- Fri, 7th March**
 - Yr 2 Manly Sea Life Sanctuary Excursion

Litter Management



St Bernadette's is joining a growing number of schools that are developing simple and effective strategies to reduce litter and the school's impact on the environment.

We have realised that we can dramatically reduce the amount of litter in the school by:

- having children bring a reusable lunch box and drink bottle each day
- having all students sit down to eat morning tea and lunch in a dedicated area before playing. This simple strategy has not only meant that the children take greater responsibility for their litter but that they spend less time cleaning up litter that they have dropped while they are walking around eating. This strategy has also resulted in less food wastage.
- introducing recycling composting bins for the children to place fresh food scraps into and then using these on our school gardens
- requesting that parents try to minimise the amount of packaging that they send to school in the children's lunch boxes
- asking children to take home clean rubbish eg paper, plastic wraps, foils
- encouraging children to bring drinks to school in a drink bottle rather than bringing tetra packs (an audit of tetra drink packs disposed of in our garbage bins reveals that most of these drink packs still contain 25%- 50% of their contents when they are thrown in the bin)

Other Items of Interest

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 4th March between 8.00am and 10.00am.



Is yours' up to date?

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, going on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 6 Term 1

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	Anne Marie Sullivan
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	Mel Kouchoo
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	Teena Vicaretti
	Lunch	Teena Vicaretti
Friday	Recess	Janetta Ripoll
	Lunch	

Thank you for your help and support in the Tuckshop.
It is very much appreciated.

Good Guys' Vouchers

Just a reminder that if you make a purchase at the Good Guys, to ask for your 'School Reward Vouchers'. We put the vouchers towards prizes for school events.

Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Tuesday 25th February 2014

2014 Age Champions
11 Years Girls – Grace Michell

2014 Age Runner-Up
11 Years Girls – Sarah Michell

New Zone Records
Grace Michell
11 Years Girls Butterfly



<u>CHILDREN WHO WILL REPRESENT AT DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL</u>		
EVENT	NAME	PLACE OVERALL
100m Freestyle	Grace Michell	2 nd
	Sarah Michell	4 th
50m Freestyle	Flynn Batty	3 rd
	Grace Michell	1 st
	Sarah Michell	2 nd
	Annalise Besters	4 th
	Caitlin Gething	3 rd
	Paige Iwatani	3 rd
	Kailyn Joseph	1 st
50m Breaststroke	Caitlin Gething	4 th
	Paige Iwatani	4 th
	Kailyn Joseph	1 st
	Grace Michell	1 st
	Sarah Michell	2 nd
	Douglas Sullivan	5 TH
	Finn Towner	3 rd
50m Backstroke	Paige Iwatani	5 th
	Grace Michell	1 st
	Sarah Michell	2 nd
	Kailyn Joseph	1 st
50m Butterfly	Caitlin Gething	2 nd
	Paige Iwatani	3 rd
	Kailyn Joseph	1 st
	Grace Michell	1 st
200m Individual Medley	Grace Michell	2 nd
	Sarah Michell	4 th
Junior Girls Relays	Flynn Batty, Rebecca O'Brien, Macy McCutcheon, Caitlin Gething.	3 rd
Junior Boys Relay	Douglas Sullivan, William McDermott, Daniel De Guzman, Ryan Charker.	3 rd
Senior Girls Relay	Sarah Michell, Paige Iwatani, Sarah O'Brien, Grace Michell.	1 st
Senior Boys Relay	Kyle Chapman, Dylan Martin, Marshall Poynter, Lachlan Baguley	3 rd

Congratulations to all of our team members who placed in the top four in their events. They will be representing the Hills Zone and St Bernadette's at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 28th February at Blacktown Swimming Pool, Boyd St, Blacktown. Best of luck to all.

Special thanks to Mrs Therese Younis who looked after our team in the stands on the day and to all of the parents who represented our school as timekeepers during the carnival, your assistance is very much appreciated.

Mr Anthony Bye
 Sports Coordinator.

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



P&F MOVIE NIGHT

POSTPONED DUE TO WET WEATHER

NEW DATE:
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

NEW TIME:
Picnic dinner from 5.30pm
Movie will start at 6.30pm



*** It's not too late to purchase tickets if you would like to attend*

Thank you to our Movie Night Sponsors



PARISH & SCHOOL WORKING BEE

SAT. 15TH MARCH
9—1PM



Please find an hour or two to join us as we work to ensure the gardens are well maintained and safe for all our children. There are always plenty of tasks including weeding and trimming/pruning of trees and bushes, so we really appreciate any time you can spare. Morning tea and a sausage sizzle will be provided

Flyer to be sent home next week. Mark this date in your calendar!

Thank you and look forward
to your support.



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY

KINDERGARTEN 2015

THURS. 13TH MARCH 2014

9AM & 1.30PM

Do you have a child due to start school next year?

- Enrolment packs will be available on Open Day or after that date from either the school office / via email or via our website.
- School office: 9634 2898
- Email: BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au
- Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>
- All enrolment forms are to be returned to the school office.



Parents please note the earlier date this year for our Open Day!
Please let your family and friends know this date.

REMINDER: for student absences

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.

Our congratulations to the Papandrea family
on the birth of a baby boy, Eli, brother to Mia
in KG. Our best wishes to the family.



Did you move house, get a new mobile, change job/work number etc over the holidays? If so, please let us have your new details.



Email addresses: Please regularly check your inboxes as information from the school will be forwarded to parents via this method. Also, some emails are being returned to the school so please check that your inbox is not full or that your email system is sending emails to spam. If you are not receiving emails from the school please advise Mrs Dawn Crake at the school office. Thank you.



St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy. Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, tel 0430 431 884.

For further information: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Mount St Benedict College OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 10—2PM

Prospective Parent Information Evening for Year 7,
2016

Monday 10th March 7pm
449C Pennant Hills Road
Pennant Hills
Phone: 9980 0444
www.msb.nsw.edu.au

Preparing Music for the Easter Triduum

These workshops organised by the Office for Worship include ministerial chants for clergy (priests and deacons), cantors and choir, with particular focus on the new translations and chants for the Unveiling of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Exultet (Easter Vigil).

From 7.30pm-9pm on these dates:

13 March at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta

20 March at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith

27 March at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown

RSVP on the Monday before the workshop you want to attend: Office for Worship tel (02) 8838 3414, liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au

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 & two players who are turning 11 years in 2014 to play in an 11 year old team in the 2014 winter competition. For further information, please ring Registrar – Karen Maher on 9680 2103.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Celebrating 125 years

Mercy Forum

Saturday March 8, 2014

Edith Angel Hall
10am-1pm

'Four Women, Four Voices, One Mission'

Do you want to be inspired? Have you ever thought about the impact you could make on the world? What will your legacy be? Living life is about the footsteps we leave behind, the doors that we open and the conversations and actions we initiate to provoke a change. On Saturday March 8, International Women's Day, you are invited to hear the stories of four dynamic ex-OLMC women who have made a difference in the world. Come along to learn about the power of Mercy in action and be inspired to share the Mercy spirit. Women and men are warmly welcome to attend. Come and share a cup of tea and a light lunch to celebrate our 125 Year birthday at the College of our hearts always.

Please RSVP your attendance here:
www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/125yearsRSVP

MERCY COMPASSION JUSTICE DIGNITY EXCELLENCE HOSPITALITY STEWARDSHIP SERVICE

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Girls: FREE Registration to any girl joining one of our boys teams (save \$155.00!!)
Reserve list player: 4 games free, then \$15 per game
Speak to a current Westbrook Player, Family, Coach or Committee Member now!
 * Effective from 22/2/14 for 2014 season. Conditional that new player has not played club football in 2013, and fully registers for season. Does not include Girls or Reserve list player

Experience AFL In The Hills

Auskick
5-8 years olds

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Under 9-12s Modified rules

Youth
U13-17s Competition

REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.westbrook.org.au
EMAIL QUERIES: Westbrookbulldogs@gmail.com or CALL 0419 565 326