



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 14th March, 2014

No. 6

Dear Parents,

Give Up, Take Up, Lift Up!

In his Lenten message for 2014, Pope Francis takes inspiration from the words of St. Paul (**Cor 8:9**), and asks us to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty."

By taking an active approach to the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we recognize that to be evangelists, we must first be evangelized ourselves.

Prayer is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Through prayer, we raise our hearts and minds to God in thanksgiving and praise. Prayer is our "vital and personal relationship with the true and living God." Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to the risen Lord

During Lent, we place special emphasis on prayer and contemplation on the Passion and Death of our Lord through expressions of popular piety such as the Stations of the Cross and veneration of the Crucified Christ. Lent brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

This Lent, we have urgent reason to focus prayer and attention on peace in the Holy Land, as our leaders work to resolve the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Lord God, we turn to you in these trying hours when conflict is a daily reality for our sisters and brothers in Israel and Palestine. We promise you to work to our utmost for peace and reconciliation in the region. But we know we cannot do it alone. We very much need the strength of your presence in our midst if we are to overcome the obstacles before us. So our prayer at this moment is that you add your support to our efforts, that you show yourself as a tower of strength in those moments when the barriers seem impassable. Together we can become beacons of hope for just and peaceful societies in the land so very dear to the peoples of your covenant. Amen

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



The season of Lent

The three practices of Lent are;

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

*The
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Prayer: The children in class have been praying special Lenten prayers as they draw closer to God in preparation for Easter.

Fasting: Many children have chosen to give up a favourite toy, game or food treat for the duration of Lent as they begin to realise the suffering so many people in our world experience every day.

Almsgiving: Is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. St Bernadette's is always so generous in their support of Caritas Australia and our Project Compassion appeal.

*God of the Wilderness you were with Jesus
in his struggle to seek the right path
Be with us as we face the seductions that
our world offers as the path to happiness.*

*Teach us through your Word and the
example of others to grow through
challenge and live life to the full.*

Amen



Mrs Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal:

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

As usual we had a lot of interest in our school Open Day from new families. Congratulations to our 14 School Leaders who hosted guided tours around the school and to Mrs Evans and members of the Year 4 Percussion and Recorder band who entertained our visitors at both sessions.

2015 KINDERGARTEN SIBLING ENROLMENTS

If you are intending to enrol any sibling/s of students already at St Bernadette's for Kindergarten in 2015, please submit an enrolment form at the the school office. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MATHEMATICS WORK BOOKS

This weekend the children have brought home their Maths work books. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss their work. It is important to look at the quality of the work as well as discuss with your child the mathematical task that they were engaged in. Remember to praise and encourage your child for their efforts so they will continue to learn with enthusiasm. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book, after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have had the opportunity to 'walk' through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned on Monday so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

NAPLAN

Early next term, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will join students across Australia in participating in the National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which is an annual assessment for all students in Australia.

All students at St Bernadette's are well prepared for these external assessments through the high level of teaching and learning that happens every day at school from Kindergarten to Year 6. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. The best way that you can support your child to prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN is one part of their school programme and to encourage them to do their best on the day. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher

The dates for NAPLAN 2014 are:

	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

EASTER EGGS AT SCHOOL

In keeping with our policy for ensuring a safe environment for all our students, most especially those who have food allergies, parents are asked to support us by ensuring that lollies/chocolates/Easter eggs are not brought to school by the children, as gifts for their friends/buddies or to share with others. Thank you for your cooperation.

Healthy Habits

Class teachers regularly remind the children to wash their hands before eating and after they use the bathrooms. In our classrooms the children have access to running water or hand sanitizer to keep their hands clean. Children also have access to tissues as they need them.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Thomas Runac 3B
Yves Rahme 3B
Larissa Carroll 5B
Amelia Sing 6G
Kyle Chapman 6B
Callum Willard 6B
Ewan Stennett 6B
Samuel Hennessey 6W

LOST PROPERTY

A pair of reading glasses have been found and handed into the office.

Drink Bottles. We have an assortment of drink bottles with no names. If your child is missing their drink bottle they can collect them from the office. There are also many lunch boxes in the lost property baskets. The lost property baskets are located near the library.
Fran Murphy



Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Matthew Barone	Lana Formosa	Ysabella Jaucian
KG	Roman Younan	Isla Guy	Mia Papandrea
KW	Ella Hammersley	Ashton Pulvirenti	Emily Nguyen
1B	Jasmine Azzi	Brady Stockdale	Lara McDermott
1G	Claudia Homs	Lucas Geaitani	Angelina Zaiter
1W	Isla Clark	Brayden Leuzzi	Tess Ellis
2B	Isabella Muscat	Paul Homs	Blake Noonan
2G	James Forder	Natalia Barone	Aaliyah Symin
2W	Thomas Silvester	Kayla Zaiter	Alexandra Parington
3B	William Oxford	Caitlin Ransome-Haberley	Tayla Milicevic
3G	NFP	Charlotte Morrison	Natalie Gibbons
3W	Alexandra Stennett	Alec West	Jacob De Guzman
4B	Bianca Gomes	Joseph Geaitani	Dominic Wadih
4G	Oliver Silvester	Olivia Russo	Connor O'Reilly
4W	Nicholas Dowd	Lara Parington	Sarah Carrozzi
5B	Andrea Esquerre-Pinto	Gabriella Puglisi	Charlotte Bourke
5G	Caitlin Zwaine	Christian Barakat	Daniel De Guzman
5W	Sarah Michell	Grace Michell	Scarlett Lopez
6B	Callum Willard	Stephanie Calabrese	Max Martin
6G	Amelia Sing	Jiannah Bechara	Elizabeth Gauci
6W	Samuel Hennessey	Paige Iwatani	Sabrina Losurda

On Wednesday the 12th, students from the Australian Catholic University Physiotherapy Unit came to talk to Year 6 students about back care. They demonstrated the correct way to have good posture and look after our backs. They taught us about the different parts of the spine such as, the IV disc, the vertebrae, the spinal cord, ligaments and nerves. The students also showed us how to carry our bags properly so we are prepared for high school and to lift things without damaging our backs. As a demonstration they used jatz biscuits and marshmallows to show the IV discs and vertebrae. We thank the students of ACU for teaching us this session.



Amelia Sing and Lauren Calabria

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Calabria family (Lauren in Year 6W), following the recent passing of her grandfather.
May he rest in peace.



Celebrating Talent

Congratulations to Anthony Foong (2W) on achieving a silver medal at the South Coast Taekwondo Championship last weekend.

Well done to the girls in Dynamite Netball on making the grand final in the 10 years indoor netball. They were fantastic in a narrow 3 point defeat. Well done to Sarah Oxford, Sophie Burnett, Sophie Noonan, Danika Gibb, Isabella Leonardi, Andrea Esquerre – Pinto, Ashleigh Bayssari, Mia Bayssari, Lucy Cartwright and Maddy Ellis.

U10 Oakhill College Cricket Team.

We finished our season last weekend on 8 March.

Nine of the 12 players in the team are St Bernadette's children - Jake Collyer, Fintan Hogan, Will Jamison, Adrian Leuzzi, Daniel Mayer, James Ransom-Haberley, Mitchell Pagett, Liam Rushe, Oliver Silvester.

Congratulations to the whole team for a successful season where everyone showed a massive improvement in batting, bowling and fielding. We saved our best performance for the last game of the season where we bowled out our opponents for just 58 runs, and then hit the winning runs with over 10 overs remaining. In the game Oliver Silvester also got a hat trick bowling (very unique in cricket in general, and especially at this age group)

2014 Under 7's Indoor Soccer - Premiers - "The Leopards" - Alexandra Duke, Blake Noonan, Harry Rushton, Matthew Carozzi, James Forder, Zach Hughes, Paul Homs, Thomas Cartwright, Lachlan Munro. Congratulations on a great achievement of winning the grand final for your division.

Congratulations to Samuel Hennessey one of our School Leaders who represented St Bernadette's last Thursday at the annual Education Mass at St Patrick's Blacktown. Sam along with students from all primary and secondary schools in the Parramatta Diocese was part of a procession before the start of the mass. Thank you Sam, you did us proud. Jenny Godwin



Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

Enrolment forms for COSHC, which will commence at St Bernadette's when we return to school in Term 2, can be collected from the school office.

Please note that current parents who have children already using the service and other parents interested in enrolling their child in Before and After School Care from Term 2, are invited to a Parent Information evening on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014 at 7:00pm in the school library.

Lollipop's Playland

Lollipop's - a local playland and café - is supporting St Bernadette's. For every dollar spent at Lollipop's on entry fees or a party, they will donate 10 cents to our school.

The Hills Leisure Centre,
10 Hudson Avenue,
Castle Hill Ph: 9680 8868
www.lollipopsplayland.com.au/castlehill

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



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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.

Year 4 Parents

You are invited to Morning Tea at Flower Power on Thursday 27th March after school drop off.

Hope to see you there
Rachael, Kim & Sarah



TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 8 Term 1

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	Monique Bains
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	Lynley Walker
	Lunch	Michele Robertson
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	Jennifer Parsons
Friday	Recess	Lena DeGuzman
	Lunch	Lena DeGuzman

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 11th March between 8.00am and 10.00am. Winter uniform is available to purchase from Week 8 — Tuesday 18th March.



Year 2 Mums

Please join us for our Welcome Dinner
Pimarn Thai

Friday, 21st March at 7.30pm
Please RSVP to either Kim Elhayek (2G) or
Maria Gomes (2W)
Yr 2 Grade Parents