



# St Bernadette's School

Friday, 28th March, 2014

No.8

Dear Parents,

Lent is a time for strengthening our faith; a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. It should be a time when we make time to be quiet and pray. We should spend time discovering our strengths and our weaknesses.

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



Just as Jesus spent forty days in preparation for his work of redemption, so we too prepare for our own redemption. We are called to look at ourselves - at how we relate to others.

Will you take up this challenge this Lent?

The symbol of the cross reminds us that we all have to face some hard times in our lives. When we accept these challenges as Jesus accepted his cross ... we are following in his footsteps.

Let us pray:

Jesus you came to help us to see what you could see  
in the world.

Your love for the poor, the downhearted, the  
outcast, the lonely, the weak, and the marginalised  
was enormous.

During this time in Lent, lend us your eyes, your  
heart and your mind so that we may see, feel and  
think as you do.

May we be always generous in our resolve to reach  
out to others with

***respect, honesty, tolerance, care, forgiveness  
and compassion.***

Amen

Leanne Nettleton  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



This week, as we celebrated the feast of the **Annunciation** we had the opportunity to reflect on the words of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. We hear these words each day at 12 noon when we pray the Angelus, "*Be it done unto me according to thy word*". We remember how Mary was obedient and accepted God's will for her. We are reminded to be accepting of God's will for each of us.

**HOLY WEEK:** This year we will be commemorating the events of Holy Week at a special liturgy on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** (Week 11) at **11.10am** out on the playground. Parents are invited to join us in prayer as we recall the events that led to the crucifixion of our Lord.

**ST BERNADETTE'S DAY:** We will celebrate our special school feast day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** (last day of term). The day will begin with a special *prayer on the air* with all classes joining in singing and praying as we read about the life of Bernadette Soubirous. Each class will have the opportunity to visit a sacred space for some quiet reflection time throughout the day. As a fun way to celebrate our school feast, Mrs G from Dance Fever will host an outdoor disco and every student will receive a free *Zooper Dooper*!

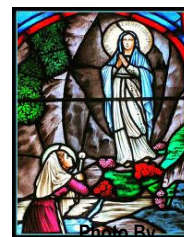


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Finally in the afternoon, we will hold a special assembly where students from each grade will share some work that they have done in class on St Bernadette. A special St Bernadette award will be presented to students who have displayed the school values consistently this year. Parents are invited to join us after lunch at **1.40pm** on Top Court for our Assembly. We hope you are able to join us.

Mrs Jenny Godwin  
Religious Education Coordinator

## From the Principal:

### ANZAC DAY AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Samuel Hennessy and Emily Matthews who have been selected as 2014 ANZAC Ambassadors for Castle Hill RSL. Samuel and Emily were selected on the basis of YouTube presentations that they posted in a competition conducted by the RSL. Both students will be keynote speakers at the launch of the RSL's ANZAC DAY Primary Schools Educational Kit on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. Samuel and Emily will each present a 3 minute speech on 'The importance of the ANZAC tradition and why it is important to young people'. The St Bernadette's community is very proud of Samuel and Emily and congratulate them both on this wonderful achievement.



### Quality Catholic Schools Survey

The closing date for those families who have received the Catholic Schools survey is **Monday, 31 March**. As the survey provides the school and the diocese with very useful data and feedback we would be most appreciative if all surveys from St Bernadette's were completed by this time. Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to the survey.

### 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 school office. This information will assist us in preparing for next year's intake of students. Completed forms to be returned by Friday, 11th April 2014. Thank you.

### NAPLAN

The dates for NAPLAN 2014 are:

	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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

### Urgent Health Alert

A student at St Bernadette's is undergoing treatment which results in a lowered immune system (chemotherapy), which means that this student is more prone to getting ill from infections. A major concern is that if this student develops measles or chickenpox, he/she could become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have the measles or chicken pox, I would ask that you please:

1. Do not send them to school
2. Notify the school office as soon as possible of the circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all the children at St Bernadette's safe and healthy. Mrs Nettleton

## Some reminders for our Car Park

### Kiss and Drop:

Parents remain in the car. Children alight from the vehicle on the footpath side of the car and then walk down the stairs to the silver gate via the blue wall.



**Car Pick Up Service:** Commences at 3:00pm. Please DO NOT enter the car park before this time and DO NOT park in the top car park waiting for Car Pick Up to commence. These car spaces are needed for Tuckshop Terrace Pick Up. Numbers must be clearly displayed on the front windscreen of cars when using Car Pick Up.

Thank you to all those families that follow the agreements of the use of our car park. It is up to every family to assist in keeping the car park safe for our children.

## 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.



## Cross Country & Picnic Day

On Wednesday, 2nd April we will be holding our Cross Country & Picnic Day at Fagan Park. Notes have been sent out to all families with full details. Please return to the class teacher if you have not already done so. Please make sure children have their school hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks on the day.



## Social Skill: Being responsible for our words and actions

Over the past month we have been developing friendship skills, helping those in need and accepting each other at St Bernadette's. The words we speak and our actions towards each others relates to the way we communicate. Within our classrooms we have been reminding the children of the following skills:

- **Think before you speak.**
- **Speak clearly and don't shout.**
- **Have a sense of humour.**
- **Consider your gestures and eye contact with others.**
- **Listen with understanding (put yourself in the place of the other person).**

If our thought at the beginning of each day was to express kind words and kind actions to all we meet, we would have a positive outcome for the well being of each individual in our community.

Mrs Kathy Watt

## Congratulations to the following

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Social Skill: Being responsible for our words and actions

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
<b>KB</b>	Rhys Zerafa	Brittany Gibbons	Nathaniel Dean
<b>KG</b>	Allegra Xiberras	Liam Conlin	Bennett Moynahan
<b>KW</b>	Justin Billingsley	Danielle Khoudair	Samantha Badenhorst
<b>1B</b>	Amy Ballesty	Charlie Barone	Mark Bradshaw
<b>1G</b>	Xavier Hennessey	Sophia Berkeley	Zander Cheng
<b>1W</b>	Oliver Palmason	Enya Hui	Owen Suyko
<b>2B</b>	Paul Homs	Chiara Leonardi	Thomas Geaitani
<b>2G</b>	Deema Arraf	Joseph Hadchiti	Daniel Samperi
<b>2W</b>	Rachael Hanna	Lachlan Munro	Harry Rushton
<b>3B</b>	Jamie Azzi	Thomas Runac	Samuel Berkeley
<b>3G</b>	Sera-Marina Farfoud	Mathilda Martin	Mali Clark
<b>3W</b>	Grace Towner	Hayden White	Hayley Bounassif
<b>4B</b>	Anthony Zeaiter	Katherine Sing	Fintan Hogan
<b>4G</b>	Jake Collyer	Laura Gracie	Cooper Thom
<b>4W</b>	Rachel Antoni	Renyi Xu	Michael Kavanagh
<b>5B</b>	Sarah Oxford	Ryan Kumulia	Angelique Suyko
<b>5G</b>	Holly Bounassif	Caitlin Zwaine	Marshall Poynter
<b>5W</b>	Chelsea Freitas	Zoe Rowntree	Amor Henrico
<b>6B</b>	Conor Daly	Abbie Coleiro	Christian West
<b>6G</b>	Madeleine Johnson	Isaac Ceh	Kailyn Joseph
<b>6W</b>	Kishaya Lye	Finn Towner	Luke Pattison

## Coming Dates

### WEEK 10

- Mon, 31 March**
- 8.30am Assembly
  - 8.45am Cuppa 'n Chat with Mrs Nettleton
- Tues, 1 April**
- Dance Fever
  - 1.10pm Choir
- Wed, 2 April**
- Cross Country & Picnic Day at Fagan Park
  - 7pm COSHC Meeting (Library)
- Fri, 4 April**
- Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Michael Kamel 6G  
 Luke Pattison 6W  
 Kishaya Lye 6W  
 Christopher Ho 6W  
 Stephanie Calabrese 6B  
 Ella Lincoln 3W  
 Hayden White 3W  
 Alec West 3W  
 Zoe de Salis 3W  
 Flynn Batty 3W  
 Kayla Zaiter 2W



# Other Items of Interest

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 1st April between 8.00am and 10.00am.

Winter uniform is now ready to order.

**Term 2:** If the weather is still warm parents can send their child (ren) in summer uniform (not a mixture of uniforms). In Week 3, we ask that all children be in full winter uniform.



## Volunteers Needed Book Covering

The school has had some wonderful volunteers who have covered books purchased for use in the classrooms but we still need more help to complete the task. Please contact the school office if you can help cover some books.

Please also advise how you would like the books coming home, either collection or sending via eldest child. *Thank you!*

*Our congratulations to the Schwebel family on the birth of a baby boy Luke Hunter, brother to Vienne in 2G and Marshall in 5G.*

*Our best wishes to the family.*



## Cuppa 'n Chat

With Mrs Nettleton

Monday, 31st March  
(next week)  
9am (after assembly)

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



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 10 Term 1

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	CROSS COUNTRY DAY
	Lunch	CROSS COUNTRY DAY
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.

## Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Dylan Martin in 6G** who has been selected to play for Hills in the Little League Baseball World Series. If his team is successful in tournaments held in Ingleburn and the Gold Coast in April and June, they will advance to play in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, USA in August. Good luck Dylan!

Last Sunday, **Macey Kinnane in 2G**, representing Castle Hill RSL competed in the Central Coast Youth Clubs Trampoline Competition and scored 1st in the single mini trampoline event.

## Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

April 4th—6th

The wisdom of the Blessed: John XXII and John Paul II  
A preparation for their canonisation on the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

Fr Gabriel Maliakkal OCD and Sr Nory Ordiz CM  
**Where:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrew's Road, Varroville

**Cost:** \$220

**Enquiries:** 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com



## Maths expert and parent, Associate Professor Janette Bobis from the University of Sydney:-

Ask your child to explain how they work things out.....

When your child works out a maths problem, such as adding the total when two dice have been rolled, ask them how they did it.

"What we've found through years of research is that even young children have quite sophisticated thinking strategies for solving maths problems. We need to communicate to them that their ways of thinking are just as important as finding out the answer," Janette says.

"When you ask your child, 'How did you get that?' they may at first say, 'I don't know', but if they realise there is an expectation that they will need to explain the way they do maths, they will start thinking about it. The more they think about how they did something, the more it might make sense to them – it really contributes to that meaning-making process."



## ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



### MOTHER'S DAY MINI PHOTO SHOOT

with  
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#### \$475 Package - usually \$990

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your 6 chosen images on CD

#### Where and when?

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th April  
at the Cherrybrook Studio.



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required at the time of booking which will then be offset  
against your order.



## P&F MOVIE NIGHT

POSTPONED DUE TO WET WEATHER

**NEW DATE:**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM**  
**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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## Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>  
Twitter @parracatholic

## 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, visit [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)


Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this summer, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays!


Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers All Day Holiday Recreational Program Art, Cooking and Drumming Workshops Cheerleading & Gymnastics Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze	Fizzics Science Workshops Martial Arts for Kids Sport & Adventure Camps Space Racing for Kids .....and lots more
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Full details at [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au)

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

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With the holidays coming up, have you had the talk with your children about ***‘never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission first?’*** this link on the school’s Facebook page gives parents all the advice they need:

[http://www.parentingideas.com.au/newsletter/pdf/Kidsafe\\_article\\_Parentingideas\\_Magazine.pdf](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/newsletter/pdf/Kidsafe_article_Parentingideas_Magazine.pdf)

*Are you interested in a little extra one-to-one band tuition during the Easter Holidays?*

*Would you like a lesson from a specialist music teacher on your instrument?*

*Do you have an old guitar or keyboard laying around you’d like to dust off for a good cause?*

TSA and DMC staff are combining to donate a day of their time, raising money for charity these Easter holidays and invite students, staff, parents, family and friends to sign up for a good cause.



Help DMC & Teaching Services Australia support Mr Lavis and

**Car 56** on the 2014 Newcastle Variety Bash with our **School Holiday Music Tuition Day** raising money for



## Variety, The Children's Charity

**Date:** April 22

**Time:** Book a 30min time slot between 9am-4pm

**Venue:** Dural Music Centre (Unit 31/286 New Line Rd, Dural)

**Cost:** \$35 (make a tax-deductible donation of \$35 or more for your 'free lesson')

**Bookings:** 9651 7333 or at Dural Music Centre (bookings essential!)

**All proceeds from the day will be passed on in full to Variety, The Children's Charity.**

## 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.





## St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

# enrolling now for KINDERGARTEN 2015

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

- We invite you to collect your enrolment pack from either the school office / via email or via our website.
- School office: 9634 2898
- Email: [BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au)
- Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>
- All enrolment forms are to be returned to the school office by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.



### 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, for more than 3 days, 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.***

### Save the Date for a School Holiday Catch Up

Thursday, 17 April 2014  
From 10.30am onwards

Erlestoke Park  
Erlestoke Place, Castle Hill

We hope to see you there!  
St Bernadette's Grade Parents

### Upcoming Dates -

#### Week 11, Term 1

Wed 9th April Holy Week Liturgy  
11.10am playground

Wed 9th April Principal's Morning Tea  
Term 1 recipients

Fri 11th April St Bernadette's Day  
1.40pm Special Assembly  
Playground

