



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 9th May, 2014

No.12

Dear Parents,

"Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the Promised Land. She prepares a world she will not see". - Pope Paul VI

Mothers are the precious treasure troves which remain an important part of our lives for all of our life. There are times you just sit back and think about the times when you learnt from your mother, or suddenly after tasting a dish you prepared, you think of how your mother used to prepare it. We can all remember when it was only our mothers kind and gentle hands that could console us after a fall when we were little or a disappointment when we were older. Such reflections never fail to bring a smile to our face. Mothers Day is a time to love, kiss and thank the most precious creation of God - your Mum! Throughout our lives it is our mothers who have comforted, protected, guided and cared for us.

We pray for all our mothers, aunties, grandmothers and special women who make such a difference to our lives.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



We celebrated our wonderful mothers this week where the children had the opportunity to tell their mums how special they are to them. We pray especially to our Mother Mary to continue to guide and protect all mothers.

Happy Mothers' Day.

*Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her
children,
so you watch over your
Church.*

*Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian
mothers.*

*Let the example of their faith and love shine
forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Mrs Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Coordinator



Happy Mothers' Day



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From the Principal:

What's Happening in Learning at St Bernadette's

You will notice that in the classrooms and when the children are talking to you about their learning you will see and hear references to 'Learning Intentions' and 'Success Criteria'.

Learning Intentions and *Success Criteria* give students clarity and purpose around their learning. They assist the children to understand what they are learning and how they can demonstrate to the teacher and to their peers that they have successfully learnt or acquired a skill, concept or strategy. In other words, the *Learning Intent* shows the students what they are aiming for and the *Success Criteria* show the students how to get there. If the teacher has explained the learning intention clearly, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are able to articulate the learning that is taking place.



When I visit the children in their classrooms I engage the students in a learning conversation by asking them the following set of questions:-

**What are you learning? How are you doing?
How do you know? How can you improve? Where do you go for help?**

I encourage parents to join the learning conversation by asking your children, 'what is one thing you learnt today'? If you get negative responses, it might be a good time to come and chat to your child's teacher.

Brisbane Road Entrance to the School

Parents who park in Brisbane Road and need access to the school in the afternoon to collect their children at 2:45pm, enter the school via the bottom gate in the lower car park area. Some parents have been endeavouring to use the laneway access from Brisbane Road. This access remains closed until opened by COSHC staff after 2:45pm. This is a safety precaution for our school and the COSHC. As you are aware it is important that all access to the site is through designated and supervised entry points throughout the day. Thank you for accessing the school via the designated points.

Hills Interschool Debating Round One

On Thursday, our Year 6 debating team competed against St Michael's, Baulkham Hills in the first round of the debating competition and both our affirmative and negative teams won their debates. The topic debated was 'We should see Australia first'. Congratulations to both teams:

Affirmative: Jack Kelly
Olivia Carrozzi
Sarah O'Brien
Owen Ryan

Negative: Kishaya Lye
Amelia Sing
Abbie Coleiro
James Weppner



The Great 5 cent Challenge

2014 A-thon

This year our major school fundraiser is the **Great 5 cent Challenge**. On Thursday, 22nd May, we would like all students to bring in as many 5 cent coins as they are able to collect.

Week 6 will be our Maths Challenge Week. During Week 6 students will be involved in completing 5 Maths challenges using the collected coins. We would like to encourage the students to collect sponsorship from people they know to encourage the students to complete all 5 Maths Challenges. Sponsorship cards and further details will be distributed next week. Start collecting your 5 cent coins now!








Mid Year Reports

Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed at the end of this term and at St Bernadette's we will be transitioning to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta system school report. This is an opportunity for the school to incorporate the new syllabus documents as they are implemented over the next 3 years. The mid year report will look a little different, as it will include an overall grade for each Key Learning Area and then a brief comment from the class teacher about your child's performance in Religious Education, English and Mathematics as well as an overall comment. An important component of reporting at mid year is the Parent Teacher Interview. You are invited to attend the next Parents and Friends Meeting where we will be explaining the new report format.



- A** describes students who have an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a very high level of competence and can apply the skills and knowledge to new situations.
- B** describes students who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a high level of competence and are able to apply the skills and knowledge in most situations.
- C** describes students who have achieved a sound understanding of the content and skills and have an adequate level of competence in these areas.
- D** describes students who have achieved a basic understanding and knowledge of the content and skills and have a limited level of competence.
- E** describes students who have achieved an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content with teacher.

To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where do you fit on the scale?

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix racer!
				

Students in Kindergarten will receive a report where the level of achievement is reported on using a scale of: **Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond.**

NAPLAN

The children in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN in Week 3. The schedule is:

Tues 13th May

Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing

Wed 14th May

Years 3 and 5
Reading

Thurs 15th May

Years 3 and 5
Numeracy

Fri 16th May

NAPLAN 'catch up' day for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Social Skill: Showing Tolerance Towards Others

In Australia we often talk about 'giving someone a fair go'. We have people from all over the world who come to live here. We may look different, we may believe different things, we may worship in different ways, we may eat different food, we may not speak English very well, we are male or female, young or old but we are all people living in Australia.

At St Bernadette's we are tolerant towards each other by accepting that we are different and learn to give each other a 'fair go'.

Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Showing Tolerance Towards Others

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Ella Macey	Leila Odbert	Nicholas Beames
KG	Olivia Kirkham	Antonio Zeaiter	Alexis Vishnivetskiy
KW	Jessica Marshall	Akira Orfanos	Samuel Akle
1B	Lara McDermott	Sienna Wooler	Aidan Sweeney
1G	Harrison Miller	Georgia Pratt	Lucas Karam
1W	Jack Robertson	Tyler Smith	William Mayer
2B	Isabella Muscat	Nicholas Samperi	Amy Hammersley
2G	Landon Emmas	Macey Kinnane	Caitlin Leong
2W	Shydan Magtoto	Sebastian Uricoechea	Anthony Foong
3B	Samuel Cali	Ashleigh Lourey	Summer O'Bryan
3G	Mea Cavallo	Alana Castellan	Mischa Timbrell
3W	Noelle Le	Annika Meyer	Georgia Hogan
4B	Luke Rutherford-Durney	Kaitlin Forder	Caitlin Gething
4G	Jasmine Bollen	Robert Irwin	Liana Zerafa
4W	Christian Pagliarini	Alexandra Law	Audrey Dimataga
5B	Mason Carnevale	Andrew Kassis	Georgiana Dumapit
5G	Marcus Zeaiter	Broegan Dempsey	Liam Maher
5W	Lucy Cartwright	Danika Gibb	Ryan Charker
6B	Nicole Sroba	Benjamin Cavallo	Danielle Wilson
6G	Frank Leuzzi	Daniya Sammour	Dylan Martin
6W	Lauren Calabria	Christian Zerafa	Justin De Souza

Coming Dates

WEEK 3	FULL WINTER UNIFORM
Mon, 12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Assembly
Tues, 13 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN—Yrs 3 & 5 1.10pm Choir
Wed, 14 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN—Yrs 3 & 5
Thurs, 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN—Yrs 3 & 5 Eels Reading Program
Fri, 16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 4 Excursion to Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong (late return!) K-3 Australian Rugby Skills

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Alannah Lichaa 6B
 Holly Grice 6W
 Olivia Bradley 3W
 Georgia Hogan 3W
 Joseph Khoudair 3W
 Annika Meyer 3W
 Oscar Palmason 3W
 Rebecca O'Brien 3B
 Christian West 6B
 Finn Towner 6W



Other Items of Interest

Good Guy's Vouchers
Our total is : \$
Thank you for your support!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 13th May between 8.00am and 10.00am.



Winter Uniform

A reminder that all children should be in their full **winter** uniform from Week 3 (this week).

Thank you for your cooperation.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 3 Term 2

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

Monday	Recess	Alice Bradshaw
	Lunch	Alice Bradshaw
Tuesday	Recess	Jenny Tole, Jenny Francis, Narelle Cartwright
	Lunch	Jenny Tole, Jenny Francis
Wednesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	Jennifer Parsons
Friday	Recess	Lena De Guzman
	Lunch	Lena De Guzman

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



Book club catalogues were sent home recently. All orders need to be returned to the office in an envelope clearly marked 'Book Club' by **Wednesday, 15th May**. Unfortunately we are not able to receive orders after this date. Thank you.

Are you moving in 2014?

To estimate enrolments for 2015, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

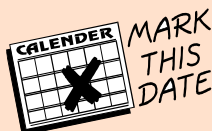
Please note: as per our newsletter dated Friday, 23rd August No.20, the Catholic Education Office now requires 1 term's notice in writing if you are terminating your child's enrolment.

Thank you.



Term Dates 2014

Term 2 Mon 28 April to Fri 27 June
Term 3 Mon 14 July to Fri 19 September
Term 4 Tue 7 October to Fri 19 December



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.

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



P&F MOVIE NIGHT

POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN FORECAST

NEW DATE:
FRIDAY 23RD MAY

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*

*** It's not too late for your business to advertise on the big screen. Please call Helen on 0434 358 034*

Thank you to our Movie Night Sponsors





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
- Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>
- All enrolment forms are to be returned to the school office by Friday, 11th 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](http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au)). 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.

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.

Cuppa 'n Chat

**Monday, 19th May
(Week 4)**

(after 8.30am assembly)

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



From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations: 15 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

DWF Appeal during May

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

THE HILLS SHIRE YOUTH AMBASSADOR'S



OPEN MIC
ENTER NOW

THE COMPETITION Show off your talents by entering this year's Open Mic competition. Whether it's singing, poetry, monologues, magical tricks or comedy acts, you're welcome to come along.

HOW IT WORKS A winner and runner up from each category will be awarded on the night to progress to the final.

WHERE Centre Court, Middle Level, Castle Towers

CATEGORIES Junior (6-12 years) & Senior (13-18 years)

HEAT 1 Thursday 29 May **HEAT 2** Thursday 12 June
HEAT 3 Thursday 19 June
(Limited heat spaces available, enter today)
FINAL Thursday 17 July

PRIZES Prize money to be won at the heats and final.
HEATS: Winner – \$100, Runner Up – \$50
GRAND FINAL: \$300 per category

ENTER For more information or to download an entry form, visit Council's website: www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

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**St Madeleine's Parish
Kenthurst Country Fair**

Sunday 18 May 2014
10am – 4:30pm
28 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst

Fun Fair
for the whole family

Animal farm, rides for all ages, show bags, face painting, café, pizza, pancakes, sausage sizzle, yummy gluten free foods and much more!

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Mount St Benedict Centre

449d Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

Children's Meditations & Body Movement Workshop
This fun workshop for children 5–12 years will bring awareness to mind and body with simple meditation techniques.

The children will be held in a loving and supportive space as we explore:

How to use breath for calming,

Muscle relaxation (great to help with sleep)

Simple yoga poses

Creative activities to build confidence and understand emotions

Date: Saturday 31 May 1.30–4.30pm

Facilitator: Fiona Borland & Vicki O'Leary are experienced practitioners in this field.

Cost: \$30 per child, sibling discount available.

Bookings: Monday, 26th May 9484 6208 or mtstbenedict@bigpond.com

Baulkham Hills Baptist Church 'Blanket and Beanie' Appeal

MAY 2014

FOR THE HOMELESS OF SYDNEY

WANT MORE INFO? Call Baulkham Hills Baptist Church
39-41 Sarah Crescent, Baulkham Hills

Phone: 9639 1981 baptist_church@optusnet.com.au
www.baulkobaps.com

Warm items such as blankets, beanies and scarves can be dropped off at the church office at 41 Sarah Crescent during office hours (Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 2pm) or to tables in **Stockland Mall on Friday 9th May, during shopping hours.**