



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 25th July, 2014

No.21

*"Keep your mind in peace
whatever happens."*

Saint Mary MacKillop

Current world events, most particularly the Malaysian airline disaster and the Palestinian Israeli conflict dominate news and current affairs broadcasts. Though we try, our children are exposed to news of these tragic and horrific events. It is therefore important for their well being that you take the time in your own way to discuss these events with your children.

We keep all those families who have lost loved ones or who are living with the reality of war in our prayers.

Lord,

Make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light, and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Today we celebrated a beautiful liturgy with all our grandparents. We thank God for these important people in our lives and for all they do for us.

As the children sang today.....

*"a walk to the park, a trip to the zoo, Oh Grandma
Grandpa...I love you!"*
Happy Grandparents' Day.

On Friday 8th August we will have a special prayer focus on top court at 8.30am to commemorate the feast day of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

The following Friday, 15th August, we will celebrate the feast of the Assumption with Mass at 9:15am and 12noon.

Parents are invited to join us on all these prayerful occasions.



From the Principal:

End of School Day Pick Up Arrangements

Thank you to parents who collect their children at the end of the day from the Tuckshop terrace. This is the **ONLY** collection point for children being met by their parents within the school grounds at the end of the day.

Parents who are currently walking into and waiting on the school playground areas or verandahs – top court, bottom court, passive grass area or outside the Year 5 Learning Space and Library are reminded that these are **NOT** collection or meeting points for the children. Please do not make arrangements to meet your children in these areas.

Netball Gala Day

Once again congratulations to all our netballers. We had a fabulous number of students participating this year – 140 (approx.) and each of these students carried the St Bernadette's school spirit with them demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship and fair play. One team of boys even making a spontaneous guard of honour for their school mates in recognition of their efforts. Of course a huge thanks to Mrs Hourigan, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Hord, Miss Games and each of the generous parents who coached, supported and encouraged our students. Without such great team work amongst the staff and parents successful days like this are not possible.

Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to the 15 teams that participated in the Netball Gala Day on Tuesday, 22nd July at Kellyville. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children thoroughly enjoyed competing. Both teachers and parents were impressed with the sportsmanship and excellent behaviour displayed by all the children during the day.

We had some fantastic results. The Senior Boys Blue, 10D and 10G girls who were the overall winners on the day. Many other teams narrowly missed out on winning their division.

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist with coaching and managing the teams.

Thank you,
Mrs Thorpe, Miss Games, Mrs Hord and Mrs Hourigan



ICAS Notification

Tuesday, 29th July (Week 3)
English Competition

Children enter the school via the main gate and go directly to the Year 4 classrooms.

What to bring: 2B or B pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler (marked in millimetres).

The English competition will commence at **7:40 am** promptly. Please ensure your child arrives in sufficient time [preferably around 7:30 am] to be seated and ready to start the competition at **7.40 am**. *Students who arrive after the competition start time will not be permitted to sit the test.*

Please remember:

- Students who miss the exam on the allocated day will not be able to sit the test at an alternative time, as results are returned to the marking centre that day

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Thanks!

Thank you to all our generous families for supplying morning tea for the grandparents.

Special thanks to all those who stayed to help serve and prepare the food. We have a fantastic parent body led by Katrina Leonardi, Fiona Carrozzi and Jeff Younis.

FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST - CENSUS DAY

If your child is absent next Friday, 1st August, a signed written explanation stating reason for the absence and indicating an anticipated return to school date, **MUST** be sent to the school by Monday, 5th August. This letter of explanation can be sent via written note to the school office or emailed to cfuoco@parra.catholic.edu.au.

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

'Strength through Gentleness'

Our school motto is 'Strength through Gentleness' and it is this motto that is the basis of the relationships that we endeavour to build with those in our school.

We define 'strength' as the state of being strong; muscular power, mental power, moral power and power by reason of influence. 'Gentleness' is defined as the value and quality of one's character. It is timely that we consider our school motto and the impression its meaning has on our social interactions, as we begin the second part of our school year.

The development of our friendships and enriching our caring school environment allows us to display our school motto of being strong in our beliefs and gentle in our ways as we interact with each other at school and at home.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Showing Strength through Gentleness

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Nicholas Beames	Audrey Polito	Rhys Zerafa
KG	Lily Procter	Marc Wardini	Noah Dinsmore
KW	Sienna Kahawaty	Gregory Zucconi	Georgina Kassis
1B	Rene Ferris	Holly Williams	Emerald Kelly
1G	Lucas Karam	Claudia Chambers	Sophia Berkeley
1W	Logan Emmas	Not for Publication	Saskia Bullen
2B	Jacob Goss	Savannah Moubarak	Marisa Frketic
2G	Vienne Schwebel	Lorenzo Rubalcaba	Natalia Barone
2W	Sebastian Bounassif	Emily Chan	Sophie Kouchoo
3B	Sienna Battisti	Nadine Ishak	William Oxford
3G	Ashton Paull	Laura Veitch	Alexandra Cushway
3W	Joseph Khoudair	Priscilla Leib	Amy Saad
4B	Caitlin Gething	Grace Hay	Anthony Zeaiter
4G	Mitchell Willard	Abbey Robinson	Rebecca Durney-Steel
4W	Georgiana Haywood	Lauren Ho	Sarah Carrozzi
5B	Charlotte Bourke	Georgiana Dumapit	Matthew Hurst
5G	Mackenzie Bullen	William O'Connell	Annabelle Benton
5W	Madeline Ellis	Not for Publication	Grace Michell
6B	Matthew Mirabello	Cloe Chan	Stephanie Calabrese
6G	Eliza Vicaretti	Isaac Ceh	Isabella Manzotti
6W	Luke Pattison	Holly Grice	Samuel Hennessey

Coming Dates

WEEK 3

Mon, 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Assembly 3-4pm Soccer Training
Tues, 29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.30am ICAS English Choir at St Angela's School
Thurs, 31 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wanderers School Cup
Fri, 1 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Census Day Yr 6 Debating

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Sabrina Losurdo 6W
 Paige Iwatani 6W
 Bailey Williams 6G
 Aidan Robinson 6W
 Abbey Robinson 4G
 Lily Coleiro 2W
 Mitchell Willard 4G
 Toby Ryan 3W
 Shayan Pala 3W
 Helena Gibb 3W
 Olivia Carrozzi 6G



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

UNIFORM SHOP

**The Uniform Shop will be open on
Tuesday, 29th July between
8.00am and 10.00am.**



If you place an order for uniform please remember to include payment in either cash or cheque (payable to St Bernadette's P&F Assoc.) Thank you.

Celebrating Talents

★ Congratulations to **Conrad Lopez,**
★ **James Forder, Harry Rushton and**
★ **Blake Noonan** who competed in the
★ NSW Churches Football Association
★ 'Zone' Competition. The boys have
★ played three matches and won their U8
★ Division recently. The team did not
★ concede a goal throughout the 3
★ matches!

- ★ Congratulations to ***Kailyn Joseph in***
- ★ **6G** who won a Bronze medal at the NSW
- ★ State Cross Country Championships
- ★ (12/13 years AWD girls) and qualifies to
- ★ represent the State at the School Sport
- ★ Australia (Nationals) Cross Country
- ★ Championships in Albany, WA.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 3 Term 3

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

Monday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	Amber McLean
Tuesday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Wednesday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Thursday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Friday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	

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

BOOK WEEK

16th —22nd August
'Connect to Reading'
is the theme for this year

INVITATION

BE A BOOK CHARACTER FOR A DAY

When: Thursday 21st August
Where: St Bernadette's School
Parade: Assembly
Dress: Dress up as a character from a book you have read.



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.



If your child is changing schools for 2015 please let us know. We have considerable pressure for enrolments into Year 5 and 6 and would like to offer positions to these families. You are reminded that CEO policy is that families need to give the school one full terms notice in writing in these circumstances.

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.

Your family is
★ WANTED ★

AT THE
'St Bern the Floor'
Country Dance

ON THE PLAYGROUND

Friday 29th August 2014
5pm - 8.30pm

Come in costume - prize for the best

Grab yer pardner, pull on yer dancing boots
& bring yer silver - there's lots of food, drink
& other treats available to purchase.

RAFFLES **COSTUMES** **CORN**
CANES **HOT DOGS** **PRIZES**
SPIT ROAST **PHOTOS** **SWEETS**
COFFEE

DANCE TIL THE COWS COME HOME!

\$10 per family

Tickets available through the Sheriffs Office

REWARD: A great family night!

From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

Terra Sancta College to become St John Paul II Catholic College from Term 1, 2015

In response to feedback from the school community and particularly the Year 12 Students, the timeline for Terra Sancta College for the name change to St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba and Schofields will now be **Term 1, 2015**.

This new date will allow the current Year 12 Students to graduate under the name Terra Sancta College and allow the school community to prepare for the transition that will see the college maintain its fine heritage and tradition as a basis for 2015 and beyond.

The NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) has been advised of the new commencement date and a formal renaming ceremony will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony in first term next year.

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.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is running the **Seasons for Growth** Program for adults commencing on **Tuesday 5th August 2014**. This small group Program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays and is open to anyone grieving the death of their spouse or partner. See Notice Board for Flyer. **Venue:** CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Date/Time:** 5 Tuesdays from 05th August -10.00am – 1.00pm. **Cost:** \$80.00. Information and Registration- Ph. 9933 0205 or email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. **Venue:** CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend the August Open Morning Tour in this special anniversary year when the College celebrates 125 years of Mercy Excellence.

Tour the College and discover contemporary learning and academic excellence in the Mercy tradition and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Yr 4 Morning Tea
Tuesday 29th July 9am
Three Beans Cafe
(In the Towers next to Gold Class)
Hope you can make it.

NEW WEBSITE DETAILS

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 Child Protection Module. This training is available online at:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au> and **MUST** be completed every two years. This is the new link as of July 2014.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



*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.*



Batter Up/Teeball/Modball/Softball

- Register as an individual or register as a school team!
- Play at the same time and location each week
- Ages 5 to Adult - great team sport, something for everyone
- Register online before Sunday, 27 July for early bird rate



HILLS HAWKS SOFTBALL CLUB
When: On or before Sunday - 27 July 2013
Time: 9am to 12 noon
Where: The Galston Club, Galston or online @ www.hillshawkssoftball.org.au
Enquiries: Belinda - 0412 111 058 or email hillshawkssoftball@gmail.com



St Bernadette's Football Club Mass

This Sunday 27th July at 9am
Please wear your SBFC jersey

St Bernadette's Playgroup is currently welcoming new families to join us on Thursday mornings from 9.30-11.30 for music, games, craft and lots of fun! We are a friendly, welcoming group of parents and grandparents with children aged 0-5 years. So if you have been thinking of joining a playgroup, we would love to meet you! 31B Brisbane Road (Lourdes Centre), Time: 9.30-11.30 (please note this is a new time for Thursday playgroup). Cost: \$20 per family each school term. Bring: Morning tea for your child/ren.
Contact: Carolyn Lincoln 0411547285.



Hope to see you there!



**Do You
Want To
Help Poor
Kids?**

**Then Please
Donate
Your Old
Football
Boots!**

How You Can Help!

BOOTS FOR AFRICA (B4A)

donates pre-loved football boots to less fortunate children & adults across Africa.

Help build communities and develop skills, fitness and teamwork in disadvantaged children.

Bring your old boots to school and place them in the box outside the staffroom door.

so we can pass them on to B4A.

Thank you!!!

Owen Ryan, 6G & Toby Ryan, 3W



**Castle Hill
Softball
Club**



play **SOFTBALL**, Blastball or Teeball with
Castle Hill Softball Club

- For adults, boys and girls aged 4 and up

We train at Crestwood. All games are played at Seven Hills or Stanhope Gardens starting October 2014. Registration Day on Sunday 27 July 2014 at Stanhope Gardens Softball Centre, Stanhope Parkway, from 10am - 2pm.

Enquiries: Andrew Eves

Telephone: 0422 102 087

Email: castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au

GREENWAY GIANTS INC.
GIANTS
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLUB



**Come Watch
Come Try**



We invite boys and girls of all ages to take part in a range of fun games based on the skills of throwing, catching, hitting and base running

Date: Saturday 26th July 2014

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

and/or

Date: Sunday 3rd August 2014

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Greenway Park
Shepherds Drive
Cherrybrook



**FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

**GIFT FOR EACH
PARTICIPATING CHILD**

You can register for either or both days by
visiting:

www.greenwaygiants.org.au

Should you have any questions please
email:
prelivebaseball@greenwaygiants.org.au



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