



# St Bernadette's School

Friday, 19th September, 2014

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Dear Parents,

Some people are born into privileged circumstances. Their families can provide a spacious home, healthy meals, and an elite education. Other people, however, are born into less comfortable situations. Their parents struggle just to make ends meet, and they are familiar with hardship from an early age. But what matters much more than what parents can or cannot give their children is the response of each child.

Whether we possess little or much, these things remain true:

*Gratitude generates satisfaction,  
cheerfulness attracts opportunity,  
generosity creates bonds of love and caring,  
hard work builds self esteem,  
self control frees us to make the most of whatever God  
has seen fit to give.  
Most important of all, faith sets our focus where it  
belongs: God, not our possessions or the lack of them.*

No matter where we started out in life - with less, more, or something in between - where we go from there depends on our response. That is a choice God has given to each one of us.

*Dear God  
enable me to say Yes to who I am  
and where I come from.  
Let me go today  
to where you would have me go.  
Amen*

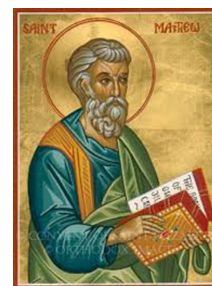
Leanne Nettleton  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



Yesterday our staff gathered to reflect on our Religious Education Spiritual Formation goal for 2014 – which is to ‘develop a closer relationship and personal encounter with Christ through the scripture of Matthew’.

Each day the children from Kindergarten to Year 6 read a part of Matthew's gospel. By the end of the year they will have read the whole gospel from beginning to end.



The goal is that they will be able to understand what Jesus was like as a person living on earth and be able to understand his feelings, emotions and his motives for his actions. Through this they will be able to develop that closer relationship and begin to feel like they know him better.

As the children read the scriptures with their teachers and classmates, they reflect on what the scripture is saying to them and how it will or can make a difference in their lives. You may like to discuss some of Matthew's scriptures with your children and get them to show you how well they can reflect and understand the message in the passage.

Wishing you all a relaxing holiday with your wonderful families. Enjoy this precious time together in hopefully glorious weather.

**Mrs Jenny Godwin**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

## ***From the Principal:***

### ***Thank you***

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3. As you know it has been action packed. I would particularly like to thank our wonderful P&F for their support of the school programs and events – Grandparents Day, Fathers Day, St Bern the Floor Bush Dance, Creative Arts Expo Showcase at Oakhill College, Uniform Shop, Student Banking, Working Bee and so much more. A particular thanks to Fiona Carrozzi and Katrina Leonardi and the hospitality team who are always there to support us when we need a cuppa at Cuppa 'n Chat or an afternoon tea for the debaters. To Jeff Younis who has rescued us many times this term by lending a hand to transport items, fix broken equipment or attend to matters on the site after hours. A special thanks also to Therese Qasabian and Pam Waters who keep our school uniform supply available and offer the student banking program to our children each week and of course to Lucy Losurdo, Cherie Kelly and Ann Hishion for managing the student Book Club. I know that the children would also like to thank our canteen mums who volunteer each recess and lunchtime to prepare and serve their lunches. You are all wonderful and very much appreciated by myself, the children, the staff and the St Bernadette's families.

I would also like to recognise the dedication and hard working St Bernadette's staff who always support and encourage the ongoing learning, faith and social development of their students. I wish each of them a well deserved holiday.

Warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday period.

## **School Values Awards Term 3, 2014**

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients this term's School Values Awards sponsored by Century 21, Castle Hill.

These awards are presented to two children who are nominated for living our core values of respect, honesty, care and compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Congratulations to:

**Sarah Carrozzi 4W & Andrew Mizzi 6G**



## **Debating Celebration Afternoon Tea**

On Thursday the schools from our Hills Debating Competition joined the St Bernadette's children for the 2014 trophy presentation and celebration afternoon tea. Congratulations to the students from St Paul the Apostle who were the 2014 champions and to the students from St Madeleine's Kenthurst, St Michael's Baulkham Hills, St Angela's Castle Hill and St Bernadette's who competed in the competition over the last two terms. Thank you to Mrs Carrozzi and Mrs Parsons who set up the afternoon tea for us all and to the parents of the St Bernadette's Debating team who provided the delicious afternoon tea.



## **DEBATING RAP**

Opening up the teams case first speaker,  
carrying out the teams case second speaker,  
summing up the teams case third speaker,  
writing all the refutes fourth speaker,  
these are all the debating teams positions,  
first speaker has to state the definition.

Ahh

Debating, debating  
it is so amazing  
there is no replacing  
debating, debating.

There are all different topics,  
when we debate it helps our logic,  
all the speech is hand wrote,  
don't let the words mumble in your throat,  
you have to articulate the word,  
make sure it ain't slurred,  
enthusiasm is preferred

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Because it helps our  
analytical skills,  
researching skills,  
note taking skills,  
academic skills,  
persuading skills,  
public speaking skills,  
and overall - team working skills

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### Social Skill: Positively Communicating with Others

To effectively communicate, we must realise that we are all different in the way we perceive the world, our school, our community and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others. (Anthony Robbins)

With this quote in mind and discussion with our students we have established that to positively communicate we are encouraged to:

- Use good manners
- Be an active listener
- Use appropriate gestures and eye contact
- Listen with understanding and empathy
- Think before you speak
- Kind words and kind actions to all we meet
- Have a sense of humour

Each term we develop and establish social skills within our classrooms and across our school. These can be further discussed at home allowing for all members of St. Bernadette's to have good social skills. As we work together we have children who are confident and happy people who are easy to get along with.

*Mrs Kathy Watt*

Congratulations to the following

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Social Skill: Positively Communicating with Others*

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
<b>KB</b>	Juliana Farag	Najeeb Haddad	Mia Khoudair
<b>KG</b>	Natalie Samperi	Isabella Scotti	Antonio Zeaiter
<b>KW</b>	Eleanor Read	Amelia Smith	Aidan Leong
<b>1B</b>	Jake Ruiz-Diaz	Lara McDermott	Meleni Ariyanayagam
<b>1G</b>	Joshua Foo	Elizabeth Stevens	Claudia Chambers
<b>1W</b>	Tess Ellis	William Mayer	Anna Weppner
<b>2B</b>	Lauren Ballesty	Grayson Odbert	Nicolas Samperi
<b>2G</b>	Zachary Hughes	Jardyn Orsini	James Forder
<b>2W</b>	Matthew Carrozzi	Alexandra Parington	Thomas Heyes
<b>3B</b>	Franz Goseco	Yves Rahme	Abby McCann
<b>3G</b>	Luke Debelak	Isabelle Kelly	William Patrick
<b>3W</b>	Marcus Scotti	Jack Miller	Annika Meyer
<b>4B</b>	Ralph Jordan	Harrison Long	Kaylah Street
<b>4G</b>	Joshua Zaiter	Liana Zerafa	Annika Battisti
<b>4W</b>	Peter Cheon	Clayton Coutinho	Lachlan Daly
<b>5B</b>	Brendan Nguyen	Angelique Suyko	Douglas Sullivan
<b>5G</b>	Renita Royce	Oliver Singleton-Turner	William O'Connell
<b>5W</b>	Scarlett Lopez	Thomas Manieri	Ashleigh Bayssari
<b>6B</b>	Alexandra Olson	Danielle Wilson	Callum Willard
<b>6G</b>	Luke Lichaa	Dylan Martin	Madeleine Johnson
<b>6W</b>	Elizabeth Parington	Joshua Ramos	Charlie Zeaiter

## Coming Dates

### WEEK 1

**Tues, 7 Oct**

### TERM 4

- Staff & Students return for Term 4
- 8.30am Morning Assembly
- 1.10pm Choir

**Wed, 8 Oct**

- 3.15—4.15pm Club Dance Fever (Hall)

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Zachary Jeremiah 6G  
 Marcus Jamison 6B  
 Jayden Kouchoo 4W  
 Peter Cheon 4W  
 Marcello Gamez 6B  
 Brooke Napoli 3B  
 Daniya Sammour 6G  
 Alexandra Parington 2W



**Good Guy's Vouchers**  
**Our total is : \$412**  
**Thank you for your support!**

# UNIFORM SHOP

**The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 7th October between 8.00am and 10.00am.**



**In Year 5s Lectio Divina on Friday 19 September, students read and responded to Matthew 19:13-15 'Jesus blesses the little children'.**

**Daniel De Guzman** wrote a moving poem:

*Children walked up to Jesus,  
to ask for him to pray.  
The disciples didn't like it,  
but Jesus said to stay.  
These children belong to heaven,  
so I lay my hands on them,  
you shouldn't treat them poorly,  
they're more precious than a gem.  
And those were Jesus' words,  
those words were really wise,  
but Jesus was already finished,  
and they said their goodbyes.*

It is inspiring to hear the thoughts our students have and to read their creative reflections.

### ***Mr Visser and Miss Thomas***

## 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.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 1 Term 4**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Recess</i>	Public Holiday
	<i>Lunch</i>	Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	Joanne Long
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Recess</i>	Stacy Daly
	<i>Lunch</i>	Stacy Daly

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

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## Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Sebastian Uricoechea in 2W** who participated in the All Schools Taekwondo tournament on Saturday 6th September with 280 other students from school across NSW and won a gold medal for his category.

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## Summer Uniform

A reminder that students are permitted to wear either summer or winter (not a mixture) for Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 4.



In Week 3 it is expected that all students will be in full summer uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**School holidays is a good time to remind your children of the  
'Safe People, Safe Places' message**

Teach your children the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages:-

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are — a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help — police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Do not talk to people you do not know and never get into a car with someone you do not know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you do not know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'go away, I do not know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you do not know.



## Parish News

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2014-2015:** Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist need to attend one of our information evenings held on **Monday 13 or Tuesday 14 October**. Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm and will be held in the Church. These evenings are for parents only and should last approximately one hour. Children who are in at least Year 3 are eligible to commence Sacramental preparation. For more information, please contact Alice Bradshaw on 9634 2622 (Mon & Tue) or [sacraments@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au).

### Term 4 Dates

Tue 7 Oct	Staff & Students return
Wed 5 Nov	Swimming Carnival
Mon 10 Nov	Christmas Hamper Collection begins
Fri 28 Nov	Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day
Tue 9 Dec	8.45am Awards Ceremony (K to 6)
Fri 12 Dec	9.15am Thanksgiving Mass
	11.15am Christmas Celebration
Mon 15 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Tue 16 Dec	Yr 6 Activities Day
Wed 17 Dec	Last day for Students
Fri 19 Dec	Last day for Staff



### Term 1 2015

Tue 27 Jan	Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day
Wed 28 Jan	Maths Assessment Interview Day
Thurs 29 Jan	Yrs 1 to 6 commence
Mon 2 Feb	Kindergarten 2015 commence

## CANTEEN NEWS

From time to time the canteen will provide lunch for students who have left their lunch at home, short paid their lunch order or used foreign coins.

An email will be sent to request payment and we ask that you forward these amounts to the school office to be passed on to our canteen. *Thank you.*

### Sport Uniform Days—Term 4

Kindy:	Tuesday & Friday
Year 1:	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2:	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3:	Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Year 4:	Monday & Friday
Year 5:	Monday & Thursday
Year 6:	Tuesday & Thursday



### Term 4

Staff Spirituality &  
Pupil Free Day:  
**Fri 28th Nov**

### 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 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.***

## 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 ONLINE. This training is available online at:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and **MUST** be completed every two years. This is the new link as of September 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.

*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.*



## From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

### Social Justice Sunday on 28 September

The Australian Catholic Bishops' 2014-2015 Social Justice Statement is entitled: 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation'. The statement celebrates the place of sport in our national life, especially the way in which it brings individuals and communities together and contributes to our health and wellbeing. At the same time, the Statement challenges to look at sport's darker side – the potential for violence, abuse and corruption that blemish its image and disillusion those who love it most. To order copies of the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### Shrine Time - Holy Hour for Young Adults at Mt Schoenstatt

All young adults are welcome to Shrine Time on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month followed by a social time. Experience the grace God in the Shrine in an hour of prayer, reflection with benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available. Like us on Facebook: **Shrine Time**

**Date:** 28 September, from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Other dates in 2014: 26 October, 23 November, 28 December.

**Venue:** Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

*Another community project of The Rotary Club of The Hills-Kellyville Inc*

## THE HILLS OPEN GARDENS

*Your chance to see prize winning local gardens*

**Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014 10 am – 4 pm**

"Dunrath"	139 Castle Hill Road West Pennant Hills
"Elsie's Garden"	16 Gordonia Grove, Baulkham Hills
"Grandpa's Garden"	24 Yattendon Cres Baulkham Hills
"Birchgrove"	16 Fishburn Rd Galston
"Slade Hollow Garden"	1a Halls Rd (cnr Gartung) Arcadia

**ENTRY \$5.00 per garden or 5 gardens for \$20.00**

Tickets available at all gardens

For "Dunrath" park at "Glenhope" 113 Castle Hill Rd.  
A free shuttle bus will run between the 2 properties

Devonshire teas and refreshments will be available at "Glenhope"

*Proceeds to Children's Hospital Westmead and other selected charities.*

Enquiries 9634 2508 or [www.hillsrotary.org.au](http://www.hillsrotary.org.au)

### IT'S A GREAT TIME TO TRY HOCKEY!

Northern District Hockey Association will run a "Hookin2Hockey" program over 2 consecutive mornings in the FIRST week of the September school holidays

**Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 Time: 9:30am – 11:30am**

**Venue: Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills**

**Details and online registration [www.ndhockey.com.au](http://www.ndhockey.com.au)**

Enquiries: Robert Nicoll 0438-119-729 [hookin2hockey@ndhockey.com.au](mailto:hookin2hockey@ndhockey.com.au)

### Oakhill Basketball Club

For all those students starting at Oakhill College in 2015, here is a great chance to meet some new friends. Oakhill Basketball Club has teams in the Hills mid week basketball competition over Term 4 this year and Term 1 next year. If you would like to play please contact [Juliannevella7@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliannevella7@hotmail.com) with your details by 20 September.

### Subscribe to Castle Hill Station updates

Australia's biggest public transport project, the \$8.3 billion North West Rail Link, is currently under construction. To stay up to date with activities at Castle Hill Station site you can register to receive email updates at [tunnelling@northwestrail.com.au](mailto:tunnelling@northwestrail.com.au) or visit [www.northwestrail.com.au](http://www.northwestrail.com.au) for more information.

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