



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 14th November, 2014

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Dear Parents.

We live at a time when we have the most wonderful technologies available to us. We have the internet with its amazing breadth of interesting sites; we have phones, iPads, games, Facebook, Twitter, that are linked to it. But with all this comes a problem: how to handle all this in a non-addictive way? How not to allow these technologies to control our lives? Perhaps all this fits under the heading 'excess' about which Ron Rolheiser, columnist and author, has this to say: "Excess is a substitute for genuine enjoyment".

We go to excess in things because we can no longer enjoy them simply. It's when we no longer enjoy a drink that we drink to excess; it's when we no longer enjoy a simple party that we let things get out of hand; it's when we no longer enjoy the taste of chocolate that we over-indulge.

Excess isn't just a substitute for enjoyment, it's the very thing that drains all enjoyment from our lives; every recovering addict will tell us that. So, how do we prevent our children from slipping into the world of excessive behaviours? For the most part, children don't know what 'excess' is, unless adults introduce them to it. If a child is excessively involved with computer games and the like, maybe it's because of loneliness: no one has the time or interest to provide options such as belonging to a sports team, music group, hobby club, being involved in home cooking, gardening, board games, maybe visiting the local library or local park.

Children can learn about 'excess' by observing the behaviours of adults who might have succumbed to the pressures of life and so consume more, buy more, drink more, spend more than they should and genuinely substitute excess for enjoyment. Life to be enjoyable needs to be fairly simple. Perhaps the mantra of Author Mary Jo Leddy has wisdom to offer us:

*"It's enough.
I have enough.
I am enough.
Life is enough.
I need to gratefully enjoy what I have."*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Remembrance Day

On Tuesday we had a beautiful ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day. We were very fortunate



to have Monsignor John Boyle join us and lead us in prayer as we remembered those that fought to keep Australia safe and free.

Congratulations to

Lachlan Baguley who so solemnly played the Last Post and the Reveille for us.



St Vincent de Paul: This week is the second week of our St Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper collection.

St Bernadette's has always been so generous with bringing in Christmas food items to be distributed to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have recently been able to help those suffering in Jamaica and now we look to help those in our neighbourhood as they face a bleak Christmas without our help.

We ask families to kindly donate items of food that are non-perishable and can be stored without refrigeration, eg. tinned fruit and vegetables, canned food, biscuits, pasta, Christmas puddings etc. All donations of food can be sent straight to classrooms this week before they are collected by St Vincent de Paul.



Jenny Godwin—REC

From the Principal:

Diocesan Administrator

The College of Consultors has elected Father Peter Williams, former Vicar General of the Diocese, as Diocesan Administrator until such time as the Holy Father appoints a new Bishop for Parramatta. We congratulate Fr Peter on his appointment and look forward to working with him during this period. Please keep Father Peter and our Diocese in your prayers

Staffing Announcement for 2015

Mrs Christine Fuoco our Senior Financial Officer has decided to finish up at St Bernadette's at the end of 2014. Chris has been at St Bernadette's for 14 years and has been a significant part of the community throughout this time – welcoming new families as they enrolled a child for the first time at the school and being the face at the counter or the voice on the phone supporting families as they needed information about school related matters. Chris has set up many of the current financial and system procedures used in the office and always ensures that our school runs smoothly. She will be greatly missed by staff and students who are so used to seeing her here at school and experiencing her friendly warm nature everyday. On behalf of the school community – students, staff and families I wish her years of happiness ahead as she moves on.

Mrs Jenny Godwin has accepted the Religious Education Coordinator position at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes from 2015. I would like to congratulate Jenny and thank her too for many years of involvement at St Bernadette's – 13 years - the last 2 as REC. Jenny has taught many children at St Bernadette's and has had a key role in the development of these students and the programmes at the school. Jenny has also been involved in many of the initiatives that make St Bernadette's the unique community that it is. On behalf of all the staff, students and families I would like to thank Jenny for her passion and commitment over the years and wish her the very best at OLQP.

Students and families will have a formal way of expressing their appreciation to Chris and Jenny at our Thanksgiving Mass at the end of the Year.

New Staffing Appointment for 2015

Mrs Vicki Cassidy has been appointed to take up the role of Senior Financial Officer in 2015. Vicki comes to St Bernadette's Primary from Marian College, Kenthurst and I look forward to introducing her to you in the new year.

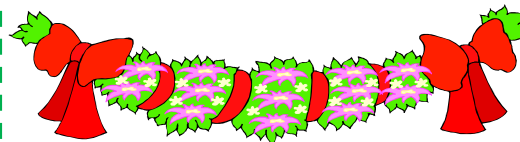
Congratulations to our Kinder and Year 1 Students

Our swimming programme for the Kinder and Year 1 students has finished. All the boys and girls tried very hard and lots of fun was had at the pool every day. Thank you to the Kinder and Year 1 teachers who managed the 10 day programme and at the same time continued the learning programme. Congratulations to our swimming programme coordinators Mrs Melinda Bullen, Mrs Leanne Napoli and the office staff.

Term 4

Staff Spirituality &
Pupil Free Day:

Fri 28th Nov



St Bernadette's Christmas Celebration & Thanksgiving Mass

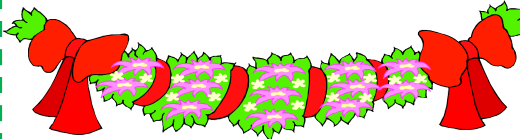
Friday, 12th December

9.15am Thanksgiving Mass

11.15am Christmas Celebration

followed by a picnic lunch with your
child(ren).

Hope you can join us for a very special
Christmas celebration.



Kindergarten 2015



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Readiness Meeting on Wednesday night.

Transition days: Tues 18th, Thurs 27th November and Tues 2nd December from 8:45–10:15am. On each of these days while your little ones are enjoying their time in the classroom, parents will have the opportunity to attend meetings on Maths, English and Administration matters at the school.

Kindergarten parents are reminded that the Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning between 8 and 10am.

The first school day for Kindergarten 2015 will be Friday, 30th January 2015.

Social Skill: Being a Positive Participant in all Activities

Participating (joining in) can be difficult for some people but if you work on these skills it could be easier and a whole lot of fun.

1. Being active.
2. Taking part and having a go even if you are feeling shy.
3. Resilience - keep trying and don't give up too easily.
4. Having fun- you don't have to be the best at anything to do this.
5. Focusing and concentrating on what you need to do.
6. Working together and making sure you do your part.
7. Including everyone.
8. Building your confidence.
9. Staying on task

At St Bernadette's our approach is to 'have a go', 'do the best you can', and 'participate to the best of your ability'.

Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a positive Participant

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Matthew Barone	Brittany Gibbons	Charlotte Cowper
KG	Liam Conlin	Alexis Vishnivetskiy	Alannah Ceh
KW	Emily Nguyen	Ashton Pulverenti	Cohen Orsini
1B	Amy Ballesty	Zoe Baroni	Sienna Wooler
1G	Lucas Geaitani	Jack Overend	Catherine Irwin
1W	Landen Besters	Lincoln Ailish	Tyler Smith
2B	Blake Noonan	Sarah Bolton-Wade	Isabella Muscat
2G	Aprille Exton	Emily Kouchoo	Cooper Charwood
2W	Conrad Lopez	Jonathan Soumboulidis	Lily Coleiro
3B	Abby McCann	Rebecca O'Brien	Cora Ledwith
3G	Alexandra Cushway	Kaden Govender	Tristan Nguyen
3W	Finn Batty	Joseph Khoudair	Annaliese Besters
4B	Aaron Keetels	Katherine Sing	Joseph Geaitani
4G	Jack Kinnane	Katelyn Ho	Anissa Johnson
4W	Jayden Kouchoo	Alexandra Law	Christian Pagliarini
5B	Andrea Esquerre-Pinto	Matthew Hurst	Isabella Hurst
5G	Conor Duggan	Alexis Moubarak	Marcus Zeaiter
5W	Stefano Manzotti	Isabella Leonardi	Alyssa Hassarati
6B	Stephanie Calabrese	Aaron Gabriel	Conor Daly
6G	Ryan Owen	Alex Sahyoun	Amelia Sing
6W	Paige Iwatani	Finn Towner	Christopher Ho

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:



Aimee Coulter 2B	Zoe Rowntree 5W
Sarah Bolton-Wade 2B	Annika Battisti 3W
Alessia Lalli 2B	Alexander Jephtha 5W
Nicolas Samperi 2B	Travis Exton 4B
Blake Noonan 2B	Oliver Silvester 4G
Cora Ledwith 3B	Grace Zeaiter 1B
Thomas Nguyen 2B	

Coming Dates

WEEK 7

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| Mon, 17 Nov | • 8.30am Assembly |
| Tues, 18 Nov | • 8.45—10.15am 2015 Kindergarten Orientation & Parent Workshop |
| | • 1.10pm Choir |
| Wed, 19 Nov | • 3-4pm Club Dance Fever |
| | • 7:45pm P&F AGM and Christmas Drinks |
| Fri, 21 Nov | • 12-1pm Yr 4 NRL |

St Bernadette's Swimming Carnival 5th November 2014

A special thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who made this an excellent Swimming Carnival for our school on the day.

Last Wednesday, our carnival children swam in the following events: 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly and a variety of 25m events for the inexperienced swimmers organised by Miss Games.

An outstanding effort on the day saw Grace Michell break three school records in the 11 years age group in the 50m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Congratulations Grace.

Congratulations and best of luck to the following students who will represent St Bernadette's at the Hills Zone Swimming Trials in 2015; Alexandra Duke, Isla Clark, Michael Khoudair, Lucas Karam, Jack Kinnane, Jacob De Guzman, Lachlan Daly, Makenzie Baxter, Cooper Charlwood, Flynn Batty, Annalise Besters, Ryan Charker, Daniel De Guzman, Jake Colyer, Connor McGovern, Caitlin Gething, Chloe Gething, Sophie Burnett, Macy McCutcheon, William McDermott, Grace Michell, Sarah Michell, Tayla Milicevic, Rebecca O'Brien, Jacob Pillai, Marshall Poynter, Mitchell White, William O'Connell, Liam Rushe, Douglas Sullivan and Marcus Tole.

2014 AGE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UP

AGE	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
7/8YRS BOYS	Jacob De Guzman	Blake Noonan
7/8YRS GIRLS	Chloe Gething	Annalise Besters
9YRS BOYS	Liam Rushe	Jack Kinnane
9YRS GIRLS	Tayla Milicevic	Flynn Batty
10YRS BOYS	Daniel De Guzman	William McDermott
10YRS GIRLS	Caitlin Gething	Macy McCutcheon
11YRS BOYS	Samuel Hennessey	Max Martin
11YRS GIRLS	Grace Michell	Sarah Michell
12YRS BOYS	Kyle Chapman	Marcello Gamez
12YRS GIRLS	Paige Iwatani	Sarah O'Brien

HOUSE POINTS AND PLACES

PLACE	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Gold	455
2 rd	Blue	403
3 nd	Red	357
4 th	Green	331

Anthony Bye
Sports Coordinator

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 18th November between 8.00am and 10.00am.




Bus Passes

If your child has a bus pass in Year 2, you would have received a reminder from the office to re-apply for a bus pass for Year 3, 2015.

Thanks to those parents who have already sent their child's form in. If you have not done so, could you please send the form to Mrs Murphy as soon as possible.

An Invitation to all Year 4 Families



 We are hoping that you can come and celebrate the end of Year 4 and the beginning of the festive season with us at Castle Hill RSL on Friday 28th November from 4:30pm.

Mums, Dads and children are all welcome.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 7 Term 4

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

Monday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Tuesday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Wednesday	<i>Recess</i>	Lynley Walker
	<i>Lunch</i>	Michelle Robertson
Thursday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	Jennifer Parsons
Friday	<i>Recess</i>	Lena De Guzman
	<i>Lunch</i>	Lena De Guzman

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

Celebrating Talents

☆ Congratulations to **Zac Northey in 3G** who has been
 ☆ selected at Representative Level for U10s Blacktown FC
 ☆ (SAP) for 2015.
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★ Congratulations to **Brendan Nguyen in 5B** who achieved
★ a Distinction (A) in his 5th Grade AMEB Piano Exam.

Are you moving?

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 term's 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.



You're invited ...

P&F AGM

Wednesday 19th November

7.45pm

School Library

Please join us as we celebrate another great year and share a Christmas drink together.



Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

2014-2015: Reminder to parish families who would like their child to commence preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, that you need to contact the parish office to book your appointment with Fr John Boyle. Enrolments will be finalised following our 'Presentation to the Parish' at all masses NEXT weekend (15/16 Nov). Please ensure you have met with Fr John before then. For more information contact Alice Bradshaw, Sacramental Co-ordinator, on 9634 2622 (Mon & Tue) or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au.

Parents/Guardians of Year 6 students,
My name is James Hay and I am the Youth Minister of St Bernadette's Parish. As we come to the end of the school year, I thought it would be a really great time to invite your children along to the youth group that we run. It is called Into Life and is officially aimed at children from Years 7-8, but we thought we would love to have all of you come along. We focus on making their faith fun and relevant and surrounding them with like minded Catholics and role models. We would love to welcome your child into what we do.

Where is it? St Bernadette's Parish Hall
When? Every Friday during the school term from 7—8.30pm
How can you contact me? My mobile is 0403 933 732 and my email is ym@stbernadette.org.au
Please contact the Parish Office for further details and enrolment forms.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care

Friday 28 November, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th
December 6.45am to 6.15pm

If you are interested in placing your child into Out of School Hours Care then please contact the Supervisor on 0408 582 535 or coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au for further details.

St Gabriel's School—Christmas Wrapping

Join St Gabriel's School as they wrap Christmas presents at Castle Towers. Please call Jo Biggs on 9634 2367 if you would like to help.

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.

CEDP - Diocesan Fees Schedule 2015: Summary

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2015

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - see 'Sibling Discounts' below). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2015 Annual and Term Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4 th + children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,047	\$786	\$525
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,350	\$1,014	\$675
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$1,875	\$1,407	\$939
	Years 9 – 10	\$2,079	\$1,560	\$1,041
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,658	\$1,995	\$1,329

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$349	\$262	\$175
	Years 1 – 6	\$450	\$338	\$225
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$625	\$469	\$313
	Years 9 – 10	\$693	\$520	\$347
	Years 11 – 12	\$886	\$665	\$443

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2015

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. **The levy for 2015 is \$702 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$234 payable in terms one, two and three.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2015

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2015 is **\$1,731 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$577 in terms one, two and three.** The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090. Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1

- Tue 27 Jan (am) Staff Development Day
(pm) Maths Assessment Interviews (MAI)
- Wed 28 Jan Staff Development & MAI Day
- Thurs 29 Jan 8.30am Years 1 to 6 commence
- Fri 30 Jan 8.30am Kindergarten 2015 commence
- Thurs 2 April Last day for Term 1

Term 2

- Mon 20 April to Fri 26 June

Term 3

- Mon 13 July to Fri 18 September

Term 4

- Tue 6 October to Fri 18th December

PLEASE NOTE: NO STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR TERMS 2, 3 AND 4.



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.



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.

ST BERNADETTE'S NETBALL CLUB

Registrations will close of 17 November 2014

All players who played in the 2014 season will have already received your login to register for 2015 season. Thank you to all members for your patience with the introduction of the online registration system.

Once you log into the online registration system, on the first page, please select St Bernadette's before going to the Payments/Subscriptions tab where the registration form can be found.

Training will be at Bernie Mullane courts on a Monday afternoon. Our club website also has up to date information: <http://castlehillstbnc.com.au/>

If you require any further assistance, please contact our Club Registrar, Karen Maher on **9680 2103** or via email: karenmaher@tpg.com.au.

Grading Day for 2015 Winter Netball Competition will be held on **Saturday 22 November 2014** at the Dural Indoor Sports Centre, 1 Pellitt Lane (Cnr Kenthurst Road), Dural between 1pm-5pm. *Times are subject to change, but, all times will be confirmed prior to grading day.*

All players must be registered for 2015 season to attend grading day.



UNIFORM ROSTER FOR 2015



Would all parents wishing to help in the Uniform Shop, please complete the form below and return it to the office by **Friday 12th December**. If you volunteer, you will be helping between 8am and 10am on a Tuesday morning. Two volunteers per morning are required. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years.

I,(Name, please print) Mobile Number

c/o Eldest child in Class:

☐ am available *1st, *2nd, *3rd, *4th or *5th Tuesday in the month.

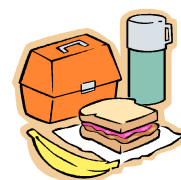
(*please circle) in month/s:

☐ am available any Tuesday, please roster me as appropriate.

***For any queries, please contact Therese Qasabian -
Uniform Roster Co-ordinator on 9659 8171***

Please return this sheet to the school office if you would like to help in either the Tuckshop or Uniform Shop next year. Thank you

Tuckshop Roster for 2015



If you are interested in being a parent helper to serve in the Tuckshop either at recess or lunchtime, please fill in the form below and return to the office by **Friday 12th December**. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR 2015

I,(Name, please print) Mobile Number.....

☐ am currently on and will help on this day next year

please nominate week and day of the month:(eg. third Monday)

☐ am currently on and would like to change to

☐ am currently on but I am not available to help next year.

☐ am not on the roster but would like to help next year on

☐ am able to help between 10.15 and 11am 'recess' duty

☐ am able to help between 12.45 and 1.45pm 'lunch' duty

Eldest child's name: Class: