



St Bernadette's School

Thursday, 27th November, 2014

No.37

Dear Parents,

"Life is not about being better than someone else. It is about striving to be better than you used to be."

St Augustine had another good insight when he wrote:

"When people choose to withdraw far from a fire, the fire continues to give warmth, but they grow cold. When people choose to withdraw far from the light, the light continues to be bright in itself but they are in darkness. This is also the case when people withdraw from God."

And withdraw from God we all do, not out of disbelief necessarily, but mostly out of forgetfulness, because we are just too busy with the rest of life. Take for example the Bethlehem Innkeeper who told Mary and Joseph that there was no room for them in his inn. This did not mean that he was a bad person; he was just very busy taking care of his customers, providing for their needs and keeping the peace. Unfortunately, when the most important birth in history took place in his backyard, he missed it entirely, not because he was a bad person, he was just too busy.

With Christmas just around the corner, we might be too busy to give attention to what we are actually commemorating. Those who live 'by the cash register' will do everything they can to keep our attention on our wallets and purses. The Three Wise Men seem to have had the true understanding of the Christmas event. They spent many weeks in anticipation as they travelled from their homeland to Bethlehem. When they arrived, their purpose was to honour the newborn child and out of courtesy they brought one gift each.

We, too, have the opportunity for a period of anticipation in the Season of Advent. Of course, Advent is a constant season for, within our own lives, we are continuously waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectations, are all part of our Advent experience. God does not come to us from the sky, he comes to us in the daily story of our lives in people, places and events.

Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of God's coming by taking time to have a closer look inside ourselves away from the busy outside. This looking inside is not about remorse or regret, nor about listing ways life over the past year could have been different; it's not about wishing we were better people. It's about forward movement, getting new bearings, relying more on God for directions. It's about a fresh start, getting closer to the 'fire' and the 'light' that are God's love and compassion. Advent is a time to

"Rejoice, let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is nigh." St Paul Phil 4:4,5

As well, Advent is a time to:

*"Accept surprises that upset your plans
shatter your dreams, give a completely
different turn to your day
and – who knows – to your life.
It is not chance.
Leave the Father ...
to Himself to weave
the pattern of your days."*

Dom Helger Camara. A Thousand Reasons for Living.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton – Principal

School Values Awards Term 4, 2013

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of last 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:
Kaitlin Forder 4B and
Charlie Zeaiter 6W



R.E. NEWS



This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the start of a new Church liturgical year – Year B. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The term comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

Parents are invited to join us at assembly on Monday morning for a short prayer focus for the first week of Advent, where we will light our first purple candle – the candle of *hope*.



Coming Dates

CREATIVE ARTS EXPO DVDS

Today the children involved in the Expo have been given a note to order the DVD costing \$5.

If you would like to purchase this DVD please return your order form and money back to the school office before 8th December. **Thank you.**

Awards Ceremony Tuesday 9th December 2014

As it was last year, our Awards Ceremony will be celebrated in two parts. Due to time and space considerations, the timing of these two events has changed. Primary students Awards from Years 3 to 6 will commence at 8:45. Infants Awards Ceremony – Kinder, Years 1 & 2 will commence at 10:30. Both ceremonies will be held in the Church.

WEEK 9

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| Mon, 1 Dec | • 8.30am Assembly |
| Tues, 2 Dec | • 8.45-10.15am Kindy 2015 Transition & Parent Administration Meeting
• 1.10pm Choir |
| Wed, 3 Dec | • 9-11 am Kindy 2015 Playgroup
• Visit from Hills Shire Council—Yr 6 |
| Fri, 5 Dec | • Yr 4 NRL |
| Mon, 8 Dec | • <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> |
| Tues, 9 Dec | • Awards Ceremony 8.45am Yrs 3 to 6
10.30am K to Yr 2 |
| Thurs, 11 Dec | • 8.30am Whole School Assembly & Principal's Awards (T4) |
| Fri, 12 Dec | • 9am Thanksgiving Mass
• 11.15am Christmas Celebration |
| Mon, 15 Dec | • 10am Principal's Morning Tea (T4)
• 7pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass |
| Tue, 16 Dec | • Yr 6 Activities Day |
| Wed, 17 Dec | • Last Day for Students |
| 18/19th Dec | • Staff Development & Pupil Free Days |

Social Skill: Being Polite and Courteous

*Many of us are courteous
and polite
Even with strangers we are
meeting.
But being nice has much
more might
as it lasts longer than just a
greeting.
Thank you, you're welcome
and please
are words most are taught
as a child.
Being a really nice person
with ease
takes a very long, long
while.
(Jean Garney)*

We are working together to display our manners by being polite and courteous on a daily basis. We treat people equally and we try to make everyone feel special and happy at our school.

Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being Polite and Courteous

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Rosemary Carroll	Najeeb Haddad	Lana Formosa
KG	Keira McLean	Christopher Zaiter	Valentina Anderson
KW	Loriana Gamez	Antonio Wadih	Ella Hammersley
1B	Charlie Barone	Callum McLean	Sinead Delac
1G	Sarah Jacinto	Lucas Karam	Xavier Hennessey
1W	Marley Palmason	Emilija Pavlovic	Jorja Mizzi
2B	Noah Bailey	Blake Morrison	Savannah Moubarak
2G	Victoria Buscall	Daniel Samperi	Christine Wardini
2W	Rachael Hanna	Shydan Magtoto	Ryan Suyko
3B	Nadine Ishak	Chloe Metwally	Daniella Francis
3G	Zac Northey	Egor Vishnivetsky	Luke Debelak
3W	Georgiq Hogan	Annika Meyer	Alec West
4B	Bianca Gomes	Adrian Leuzzi	Phillip Porte
4G	Anissa Johnson	Daniel Mayer	Rebecca Sharah
4W	Mariah Lopez	Liam Rushe	Christian Sequeira
5B	Jacob Barone	Andrew Kassis	Nordel Manuel
5G	Alexandra Foldhazy	Jessica Runac	Melanie Radman
5W	Marcus Tole	Vanessa Yahko	Zoe Rowntree
6B	Nicholas George	Alannah Lichaa	Alexander Muscat
6G	Jack Charlwood	Zachary Jeremiah	Owen Ryan
6W	Ella Barone	Christian Zerafa	Paige Iwatani

Celebrating Talents

*Congratulations to
Annaliese Abouhamad
in 5G
who achieved a Distinction in
her
RAD ballet exam.*

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Greta Chien 6W	Joshua Ramos 6W
Eliza Vicaretti 5G	Jemma Hullick 4B
Paige Iwatani 6W	Jacob Pillai 3G
Samuel Hennessey 6W	Aidan Conlin 5G
Kyle O'Connor 6B	Alexandra Cushway 3G
Errin Conlin 2W	Alana Castellan 3G
Ella Barone 6W	Tristan Huygen 3G
Conrad Lopez 1B	Laura Veitch 3G
Lizzie Parington 6W	Andrew Mizzi 5G
Lucy Cartwright 5W	Isabella Leonardi 5W
Drona Kapoor 3B	Kirsten McLelland 3B
Marcus Tchetchenian 3G	Georgia Togher 4W
Justin De Souza 6W	Matthew Carrozzi 2W



Other Items of Interest

**SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S
CHRISTMAS APPEAL -
GIVE UP THE BOOKS
NO QUESTIONS ASKED**

**LIBRARY
FINE
AMNESTY**

DECEMBER 2014

Donate a non perishable food item to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal when you return your overdue items during December, and we will waive your fines. * See staff for details.

www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 9 Term 4

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	Mel Kouchoo
	Lunch	
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.

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 Years 1 to 6 commence
- Fri 30 Jan 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.

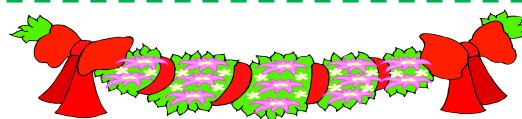
Catholic Out of School Hours Care

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 2nd December between 8.00am and 10.00am.



St Bernadette's Thanksgiving Mass & Christmas Celebration

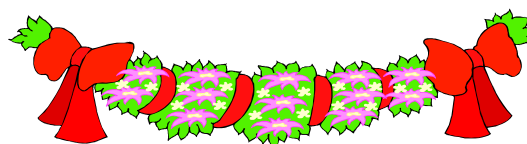
Friday, 12th December

9.15am Thanksgiving Mass

11.15am Christmas Celebration

followed by a picnic lunch with your children.

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



ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

ADVANCE NOTICE





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.

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.



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.

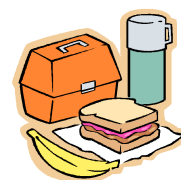
(*please circle) in month/s:

☐ 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:

Special Christmas Offer

Following on from our long association with Shelton's Quality Meats, Castle Mall. Matthew Wright and the boys have made the school a very generous offer for ordering Christmas hams this year. Shelton's will sell whole and half hams to the parents of St Bernadette's as follows:

Whole hams (9 kilos)	\$130 (includes free ham bag)
Half leg hams (5 kilos)	\$70 (includes free ham bag)

This is a great way to order the best quality hams for your Christmas celebrations and is a fundraiser for the school at the same time!

Please return the order form and payment in an envelope marked '*Christmas Hams*' to the school office, by Thursday, 11th December, to take advantage of this great offer. Orders cannot be accepted after this date.

To: School Office

I would like to order the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole ham @ \$130 Qty:	Total: \$	<i>Credit card or cheques ONLY payable to Shelton's Meats.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Half ham @ \$70 Qty:	Total: \$	

Vouchers will be issued after 11th December to allow for collection of hams from Shelton's Meats, Castle Mall, at your convenience (earlier by negotiation).

Eldest Child's Name: Class:

Parent's Name: Contact Number:

Paying by Cheque or Credit Card: (please circle payment method)

Credit Card details:

Bankcard ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐

_____/_____/_____ ____/____/_____ Amount to pay: \$

Credit card number Expiry Date

Name on card: Signature:

A vertical line of 20 stylized evergreen trees, arranged in a single column. Each tree is a simple, dark green silhouette with a triangular shape and a small trunk. They are all identical in size and style, creating a uniform, decorative border.

Half leg hams (5 kilos) \$70 (includes free ham bag)

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Bankcard ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐

Credit card number Expiry Date Amount to pay: \$

Name on card: Signature:



Write Your Own Adventure! – with bestselling author Louise Park
 Tuesday 13th January | School Years 2-6 | \$15
 Castle Hill Library | 10.30am – 12.30pm

Clowning Around! – with professional clown Simon Freestone
 Tuesday 20th January | School Years 2-6 | \$10
 Castle Hill Library | 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Draw Your Own Adventure! – with Toon Creations Cartoon School
 Thur 22nd Jan | School Yrs K-6 | \$5

Vinegar Hill Memorial Library
 Animals – 10.00am – 11.00am
 Monsters – 11.30am – 12.30pm
Castle Hill Library
 Dragons – 2.00pm – 3.00pm
 Cartoons – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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