



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 2nd May, 2014

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UPDATE!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing holiday with family and friends and the opportunity to celebrate the Easter liturgies in the parish and the ANZAC day services within the community. Our ANZAC Day Youth Ambassadors, Sam Hennessy and Emily Matthews, attended two ANZAC Day ceremonies at which they spoke about the ANAZAC tradition and read a poem reflecting on the ANZAC spirit.

I am sure that most of you were also captivated by the visit of our young royals, William and Kate and little baby George. Then on the last Sunday of the holidays we were treated to the unprecedented occasion of the canonization of two Popes in the presence of two living Popes. All in all, a very special holiday period!

On the occasion that has been dubbed by the media as the "day of four popes", Pope Francis reflected on our two newest saints. Pope St. John Paul II and Pope St. John XXIII:-

"These were two men of courage, they bore witness before the Church and the world to God's goodness and mercy. Even when faced with tragedy and suffering, the two new saints were brave.

They were priests, bishops and popes of the twentieth century. They lived through the tragic events of that century but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful. John Paul II and John XXIII conveyed hope and faith, even in dark times. John XXIII was a pope who was open to the spirit. John Paul II was a leader and protector of the family."

This term is a very short one—only 9 weeks. As usual though, we have many activities planned for the children's on-going learning and many opportunities organized for our parents and families to come together.



A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM



Lord God,
at the beginning of this new term teach us to
be your hands and feet where we are,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
Love us as you love us
At the beginning of this new term teach us to
Pray for those in need
So that You are honoured and glorified
Amen

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal

During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. We have launched this initiative by hosting a Gold Coin Mufti Day on Friday. Over the coming weeks the children will learn about some of the ministries and people it supports. Also known as faith @work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

On Friday the eldest child in each family brought home a collection envelope with a letter to parents about the Appeal. Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone's support.

The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is Blacktown Neighbour Aid service, which assists the frail, aged, people with a disability and their carers in our community; and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which trains religious education teachers who give witness to their faith in public schools in Western Sydney.

Your contribution enables services such as Blacktown Neighbour Aid, CCD and Catherine Villa (supporting homeless mothers aged 16-25) to respond to more people in need. Please be generous so these good works can continue.



INVITATION
Mothers' Day Celebrations
Friday, 9th May

Open Classrooms: 8 – 8.45 am

Liturgy: 9.15 am Playground

Morning Tea: 10.30 am in the Library

Hope all of our mums will be able to join us on this special occasion.



Creative Arts Expo

Can you dance? Can you act? Are you talented?

THEN WE NEED YOU!!

St Bernadette's will be joining St Michael's, St Paul the Apostle and St Angela's in presenting a Creative Arts EXPO in Term 3. It will be open only to children in Years 4 to 6. Children who are in Years 4 to 6 and who would like to audition for the Creative Arts Expo are invited to present a short video audition using their school Google account. The Years 4 to 6 children have received an email with a 35 second video for them to view with instructions. All auditions will need to be submitted via this Google account no later than Thursday 8th May. Successful students will be notified soon. This is a very exciting opportunity for St Bernadette's and we look forward to putting our item together. We will be calling on parent help to make costumes and assist with props too.

Mrs Jenny Godwin (For the Creative Arts Expo Committee)
For the Creative Arts Expo Committee

R.E. NEWS



This week we celebrated and commemorated as a school community two important events that took place during the school holidays—the Resurrection of our Lord and ANZAC Day. We stopped to remember how Jesus rose from the dead as promised to us so that our sins could be forgiven and we could have the opportunity to have eternal life with God.

We reflected on the importance of ANZAC Day and showed our appreciation for the men and women who gave their lives so that we may live in peace and safety. On Monday at our special ceremony, Emily Matthews and Sam Hennessey our ANZAC Day Ambassadors shared their thoughts and reflections on ANZAC Day.

We thank Fr.JJ for leading us in the liturgy and also Mr. Graeme Handley from the Castle Hill RSL who was able to share his story as a returned serviceman.

Next week, we will be celebrating our wonderful mothers with a beautiful liturgy at 9.15am out in the playground. Prior to this—between 8.00am and 8.45 am -you will have the opportunity to visit classrooms to see the children's work.

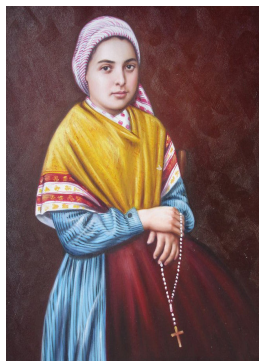
A lovely morning tea will be served to the mums at 10.30 am.

Photos of mums and their children can be emailed to the school no later than next Wednesday to form part of our presentation. Email:

BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au

We hope you will be able to join us!

Mrs. Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Coordinator



St Bernadette's Portrait in the Office Foyer

The school is delighted to share the news that we now have a lovely hand-painted portrait of our St. Bernadette which will shortly hang in the Office foyer.

The painting is the work of local Sydney art business www.wepaintyourportrait.com run by Harry Hughes. Harry has been painting many of the school saints and it's a lovely way to unite the student's interest in their school saint. The price was very reasonable and is beautifully framed. Harry explained that he also delivers door to door Australia wide and mentioned that they do many portraits of families, children and pets - even ancestors - for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and Christmas and can merge several images together or create new backgrounds. Harry has expressed interest in attending our fete next year. Meanwhile you may call Harry on 0412 222 242 or email freshid@optusnet.com.au

Library Days

Kinder - Tuesday
Year 1 - Wednesday
Year 2 - Wednesday
Year 3 - Tuesday
Year 4 - Monday
Year 5 - Monday
Year 6 - Tuesday/Wednesday

NEW NAPLAN RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AVAILABLE

All parents may be interest in a NAPLAN resource Specifically targeted at parents. Representatives of a number of Australian parent group bodies answer questions commonly asked about NAPLAN in this series of four short videos. What is NAPLAN?? These videos can be found at the following:

<http://www.partners4learning.edu.au/news/fx-list-articles.cfm?loadref=3#49>

Winter Uniform

As in previous years, parents can choose whether their child will be in winter or summer uniform depending on the weather for the first two weeks of Term 2 (not a mixture of both).



In Week 3, Term 2, we ask that all children are in full winter uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 6th May between 8.00am and 10.00am.



Coming Dates

WEEK 2	TERM 2
Mon, 5 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Assembly
Tues, 6 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.10pm Choir
Thurs, 8 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debating Parramatta Eels Reading Program—Yr 1
Fri, 9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Open Classrooms 9.15am Mothers' Day Liturgy followed by morning tea 1.40pm Whole School Assembly

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



Sport Uniform Days—Term 2 AMENDED!

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



Good Guys' Vouchers

Just a reminder that if you make a purchase at the Good Guys, to ask for your 'School Reward Vouchers'. The school buys goods from them to help with A-thons, Fun Fairs etc.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 2 Term 2

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	Anne Marie Sullivan
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	Mel Kouchoo
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	Narelle Cartwright, Teena Vicaretti
	Lunch	Joanne Long
Friday	Recess	Stacy Daly
	Lunch	Stacy Daly

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



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.



*R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **Castellan family** (Alana in 3G), following the recent passing of her great grandmother. May she rest in peace.*



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• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •

Performances:

Term: 2 Week: 1 2014

* Wed 30 April

* Thurs 1 May

* Fri 2 May

* Sat 3 May

All shows start at 7pm
Doors open at 6.30pm

More info
on Gilroy's
Homepage

Tickets on Sale:
Thursday, March 13

- * Online, via College Homepage
- * At school during break times (cash)
- * At the door (cash)

* Refreshments
available *

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.

Would the mum who handed in a silver ring on Monday morning, please contact the school office. Thank you.