



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 15th May, 2015

No.13

Dear Parents,

*"It's not enough to talk to plants;
you also have to listen"*

Plants grow best when we pay attention to them. That means watering, touching them, putting them in places where they will receive good light. Plants need people around them to notice if they are drooping at the edges or looking very happy and content in the sunlight. The more attention a plant receives, the better it will grow.

We each need to be noticed in the same way. If we notice a family member or friend is drooping, perhaps we can pay some special attention to them – a smile, a kind word of acknowledgement or a simple gesture. All of us need someone to care about how we are and truly listen to us.

Taking time to truly listen to someone is an art. It takes time for us to slow down from our busy schedules. It requires deliberate action on our part to seize the moment and simply be with that person or with ourselves. For many of us, our day to day lives seem to be so busy that we really struggle to find the opportunity to stop and think. Or we find ourselves thinking about many things at the one time so much so that we are not even able to enjoy the many special moments that are presented to us.



We can share and double someone's happiness by noticing and talking about it. We help the people around us to grow by listening to their droopy edges as well as their bright days. We also grow ourselves when we make the time for each other and for ourselves. We each need this sort of attention as much as plants need light and water.

*In this troubled world
It's refreshing to find
Someone who still has
The time to be kind
Some one who still has
The faith to believe
That the more you give the more you receive,
Someone who's ready
By thought, word, or deed
To reach out a hand
In the hour of need.*

Leanne Nettleton - Principal

R.E. NEWS



This term we are reading the Gospel of Mark daily in class. The gospel proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ. Mark's account starts with Jesus' public ministry and stresses the theme of Jesus as the teacher and the servant of God.

You may like to discuss with your child what story they have read and what they have learnt about Jesus. As well as that, you might want to take the time to read the Gospel story of the day as a family. The website Bible Gateway <http://www.biblegateway.com/> using the Contemporary English Version is a simple one to follow.

Sacramental News: Our First Communion preparation sessions continue next week with sessions on Tuesday and Saturday. We continue to keep these children and their families in our prayers.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Acting Religious Education
Coordinator

From the Principal:

Student Workbooks

On Tuesday 19th May the children will bring home their maths workbooks to share with you. Our students Maths workbooks are closely aligned with the Maths Syllabus. After viewing your child's workbook you are encouraged to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do value your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave your child's school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that your child's book is returned promptly on Wednesday 20th May, the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in their book.

Pedestrian Safety Alert

Parents are reminded that children and their parents walk along the footpaths at the bottom of the school in Brisbane Road. Drivers are requested not to drive into the driveways at the bottom of the school or the parish residence in order to make U-turns or to drop the children off. Reversing vehicles pose a significant hazard and risk to our children. Thank you for always keeping the safety of all our children a priority at St Bernadette's.

Friday 22nd May 2015 Diocesan Works Fund Appeal Gold Coin

Mufti Day

Children are invited to wear Mufti Clothes to school on Friday 22nd May in exchange for the donation of a gold coin for the DWF Appeal.

The DWF Appeal highlights and supports the good works of the Catholic Church in Western Sydney including Catholic Care Social Services programs such as Catherine Villa, which houses and provides guidance to young mothers and Blacktown Neighbour Aid.



Thanking you in advance for your support.

Lunches

A reminder to parents to please ensure that their child has recess and lunch everyday before they leave home.

We have had a lot of children recently who have presented at the office who have forgotten their lunch.



Allergy Awareness Week

18th —22nd May

Allergy Awareness Workshops will be conducted with students in Years 3 to 6. The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be offering to paint one fingernail of each child with nail polish to represent 1 in 10 children who have allergies.

Coming Dates

WEEK 5

ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

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| Mon, 18 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.30am Morning Assembly |
| Tues, 19 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8-10am Uniform Shop• Student Banking• 10am Choir at St Andrews, Marayong |
| Wed, 20 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 3 Excursion to the City• 1.10pm Choir• 3-4pm DanceFever After School Club |
| Thurs, 21 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allergy/Anaphylaxis Workshops (Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6) |
| Fri, 22 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diocesan Works Fund—Mufti & GOLD COIN DAY• Yr 6 Debating vs St Madeleine's, Kenthurst |

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a Caring Student at St Bernadette's

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
<i>KB</i>	Isaac Frketic	Renee Sakkal	Elle Gaya
<i>KG</i>	Julian Ferris	Ella Zeaiter	Isabella Forder
<i>KW</i>	Alexander Barone	Salena Lee	Chloe Karam
<i>1B</i>	Audrey Polito	Joshua Zeaiter	Xavier Bounassif
<i>1G</i>	Trishitaa Kapoor	Aidan Leong	Not for Publication
<i>1W</i>	Georgina Kassis	Rhys Zerafa	Denzel Coutinho
<i>2B</i>	Olivia Boxshall	Jorja Mizzi	Daniella Jelwan
<i>2G</i>	Sarah Jacinto	Angus Northey	Georgia Pratt
<i>2W</i>	Meleni Ariyanayagam	Harrison Miller	Sinead Delac
<i>3B</i>	Oliver Elhayek	Alessia Lalli	Lachlan Munro
<i>3G</i>	Paul Homsy	Ryan McMahon	Liam Taggart
<i>3W</i>	Sarah Bolton-Wade	Christopher Dodd	Sebastian Uricoechea
<i>4B</i>	Oscar Palmason	Darcey Sullivan	Nor for Publication
<i>4G</i>	Drona Kapoor	Ashleigh Lourey	Patrick Stennett
<i>4W</i>	Mathilda Martin	Egor Vishnivetskiy	Andreas Kairuz
<i>5B</i>	Ralph Jordan	Daniel Meyer	James Bounassif
<i>5G</i>	Liam Rushe	Alexandra Law	Bianca Gomes
<i>5W</i>	Jasmine Bollen	Christel Touma	Connor McGovern
<i>6B</i>	Vanessa Alexandrakis	Thomas Robertson	Max Sharah
<i>6G</i>	Annalise Abouhamad	Annabelle Benton	Marcus Zeaiter
<i>6W</i>	Zoe Rowntree	Quinlan Gooley	Alyssa Ceh

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Sarah Michell** in **6W** who represented the Parramatta Diocese in their Netball team competing in MacKillop trials in Canberra.

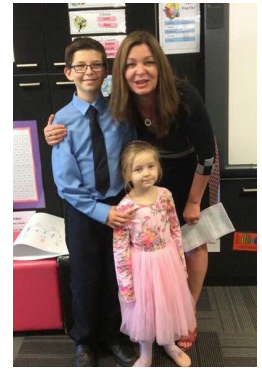
Congratulations to **Dylan Martin** (ex-student) who will be representing NSW in the Little League National Baseball championships in Lismore in June.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Dean Guy 2G
 Amy Saad 4B
 Daniela Frketic 6B
 Harry Rushton 3W
 Blake Walsh 3W
 Jardyn Orsini 3W
 Chiara Leonardi 3W
 Zachary Tchetchenian 6W
 Mitchell White 6W
 Coby Bonnici 6W
 Scarlett Lopez 6W



Our Mothers' Day Celebrations



Diocesan Cross Country Tuesday 5th May

Last Tuesday, 49 St Bernadette's students competed at the Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. The sun was shining and it was shaping up to be a warm one. The course is a tough one, but this did not stop the determination of our Bernie's kids ... they all wanted PBs! Some children wanted to make the top 100, others wanted to beat their place from last year. With more than 120 children in every race, the challenge had been set for everyone.

As the teachers on duty, Mr Bye, Miss Thomas and Mrs Orsini were able to watch and cheer on all our students as they tackled the course head on. It was wonderful to see the determination in their eyes, the perseverance when it really started to hurt up the long sloping hills, as well as the team spirit on display as they cheered their mates home over the finish line.

Each year our overall result gets better and better, this year we had all our children finishing in the top 100 and 20 children finishing in the top 30! Well done to all of our students who competed at the carnival and made us proud.

Congratulations to Saxon Orsini who came 1st in the Under 11 boys, Grace Michel who came 1st in the Under12/13 girls, and Sarah Michel who came 2nd in the Under12/13 girls. All three students will move on to represent Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSCC on Friday 12th June. We wish them good luck at the next level.

Mrs Orsini



ENROLLING NOW

KINDERGARTEN 2016



Other Items of Interest

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 19th May between 8.00am and 10.00am.



Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the newly formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences.

Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 10 days or more. This form is on our website: Parents/Notes from School/Administration Forms/Application for Extended Leave.

Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton. Thank you for your assistance.

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 and our Fun Fair.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 5 Term 2

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

Monday	Recess	Paula Yacoub
	Lunch	Paula Yacoub
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	Lynley Walker
	Lunch	Gina Zeaiter
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Friday	Recess	
	Lunch	Karen Grace

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

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **Kemmis family** (Stella in 3G), following the recent passing of her Great Grandfather. May he rest in peace.



Other dates to note:

Grandparents' Day — Friday, 24th July 2015

Fathers' Day — Friday, 4th September 2015

Further details will follow in due course

Term Dates 2015

Term 1

Thurs 2 April Last day for Term 1

Term 2

Mon 20 April to Thurs 25 June

Fri 26 June—Staff Spiritual Formation Day & Pupil Free Day

Term 3

Mon 13 July to Fri 18 September

Term 4

Tue 6 October to Wednesday 16th December

Thurs 17th & Fri 18th December—Staff Development & Pupil

Free Days

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to the small but dedicated group of hardworking dads that came along to set up, serve and clean up so all the Mums could enjoy their Mothers' Day Morning Tea.

We know how hard it is for Dads to get away from work, so we really appreciate them giving up their time for all the mums. Thanks to the following dads who worked through our 'job list' very efficiently:

Chris Dodd; Damian Kelly; Brad Ballesty; Nick Gooley; Naffa Arraf; Matthew Hullick; Paul Le Large; John Tchetchenian; Sid Kapoor; John Hammersley; Paul Joyce; Carlo Vilorio and Tony Carrozzi.

Many thanks,
P&F Hospitality Committee



From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

This month's Faith at Work DWF Appeal

The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal with the theme 'Faith at Work' is being held in parishes and Catholic schools this month. The appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, prison and hospital chaplaincy, Pre-marriage Education through CatholicCare. Visit the Faith at Work website to see how your donation can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow info night: 18 May

Our Diocese plans to accompany more than 400 young people and students to the next World Youth Day. Two itineraries will take us through Poland and the Philippines before the week-long celebration in Krakow. In June there will be information nights in five different parts of the Diocese for interested young people, their parents, teachers and clergy running from 7pm—8.30pm.

- Monday 18 May - Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys
- Tuesday 26 May - St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood
- Monday 15 June - St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta
- Tuesday 16 June - Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill

For more information go to our diocesan WYD website: www.parrawyd.org or contact James Camden – Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta: jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

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.



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on May 18, 2015.

Tour the College and discover why a *Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.*

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Mercy Music & Performance Academy May Workshops

*This month, OLMC Parramatta is launching the **Mercy Music and Performance Academy Parramatta**. Building on the strong musical tradition established by the Sisters of Mercy at OLMC, the Mercy Music and Performance Academy cultivates and nurtures the creative talents of young performers. The Academy offers instrumental lessons and workshops for both boys and girls. Students aged 9 – 14 are invited to attend the **Vocal Workshop (9am – 12pm)** and/or the **Woodwind Workshop (1-4pm)** on May 23 and May 30 (over 2 days). Cost: \$150 per workshop see www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy for more information and to book.*

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.

Children's Meditation & Body Movement Workshop Mt St Benedict College 449d Pennant Hills Road

Fun workshop for 5—12 year olds
Saturday 16th May 1.30—4pm
\$30 per child (sibling discount available)
Bookings by: Monday 11th May
9484 6208 or email: mtstbenedict@bigpond.com