



St Bernadette's School

Friday, July 24, 2015

No. 21

Dear Parents,

Education, like life, is changing at a rapid pace and for many of us, this is challenging to grasp let alone accept. What was once relevant and meaningful will not be enough on its own to equip our children for life in 2020 and beyond. Many of the occupations that our children will be engaged in as adults have not even yet been created, therefore it is imperative that what today's learners need from their education is to "learn how to think deeply" through developing the skills of creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking.

At St Bernadette's how we teach must be centred on what our students learning needs are as well as reflect how our students learn. It must also reflect the world our students will move into.

There has never been a time in education so challenging for parents – the difference between how you experienced education and how your children experience education is becoming increasingly different. While this can be daunting I encourage you to become involved in a dialogue with the teachers about learning programmes and why learning and teaching looks the way it does. Though you may crave the comforts of methods that you experienced in learning at school, I urge you to be open to learning about how these methods have developed and evolved into even better methods. Be open to learning and hearing about the great learning opportunities that your children are involved in. Don't settle for "hand me down" or "hand me around ideas" from self appointed "experts". Become involved so that you can better understand and develop informed opinions.

On Monday evening all parents have the opportunity to attend a Parent Workshop on Maths. This is the first of 2 workshops focused on Algorithms and a great opportunity for you as parents to learn about how methods have evolved and developed since you were at school.

Congratulations to all those St Bernadette's Students who have been representing the school in sport over the last 2 weeks.

The bottom and top courts and local playing fields have been alive before and after school with so many of our students enthusiastically trialling for teams and training in preparation for the Netball Gala Day, the 5/6 T20 Blast, 3/4 T20 Blast, and Rugby League Gala Day. A huge thanks must go to Mrs Orsini for her dedication to the Gala Day opportunities for our students. She has been selecting teams, organising training sessions and coordinating all the administration that is necessary for our students to participate in these days. Thank you also to those

R.E. NEWS



Please pray for the children in our school and parish who are commencing their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is an exciting and challenging time for families to participate actively with their children on this journey of faith, to foster their growing sense of God and ensure their initiation, begun in Baptism is completed through Confirmation. For our school and parish it is a joy to support these children and families through prayer, resources and celebrating the liturgies with them.

Shane Robinson, Religious Education Coordinator

generous parents who have assisted with selections, training, coaching, transporting and cheering our students on. Thanks also to Mrs Metwally, Miss Games and Mrs Laing for their coordination of the Netball Gala Day teams. Again thank you to the parents who coached, managed, umpired and supported the students on the day. The students really appreciate these opportunities!

Friday 7th August is School Census Day.

All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it

is absolutely necessary. If your child is absent on this day, please simply email the school by 9.00am explaining their absence and their date of return to school. This email will then be forwarded to your child's teacher.

Please note: Auditors have advised that written advice from parents is essential for absences. This is of course a requirement that applies to everyday of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

ICAS Notification

Tuesday, 28th July (Week 3)
English Competition

Children enter the school via the main gate and go directly to the Year 3 classrooms.

What to bring: 2B or B pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler (marked in millimetres).

The English competition will commence at **7:40 am** promptly. Please ensure your child arrives in sufficient time [preferably around 7:30 am] to be seated and ready to start the competition at **7.40 am**. *Students who arrive after the competition start time will not be permitted to sit the test.*

Please remember:

- Students who miss the exam on the allocated day will not be able to sit the test at an alternative time, as results are returned to the marking centre that day

SAVE THE DATE !!!!

YEAR 6 DINNER DANCE 2015

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4
5.30–9.30

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

**Maths Workshop
for Parents**



Who?	All interested parents
When?	Monday 27 th July
Time?	7:30pm
Where?	Year 5 Learning Space
What?	Teaching Algorithms

**Please RSVP via school email by
Friday 24th July if you are attending.**

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Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Lucas Ranieri	Ava Smith	Tahlia Haj
KG	Charlotte McLaren	Hilda Mormul	Anna Dimitriou
KW	Lucia Sorbello	Charlie Thom	Mikayla Adam
1B	Adorna Alessio	Amelia Smith	Lily Procter
1G	Thomas McGinty	Emily Nguyen	Ella Macey
1W	Joshua Bounassif		Leila Odbert
2B	Daniella Jelwin	Indianna Thom	Luke Giallonardo
2G	Charlotte Lee	Harry McCann	Sophia Berkeley
2W	Jasmine Azzi	Emerald Kelly	Catherine Irwin
3B	Benjamin Hope	Vienne Schwebel	James Forder
3G	Lewis Antoun	Katerina Giannakakos	Aimee Coulter
3W	Liam Collyer	Rachael Hanna	Emily Kouchoo
4B	Joseph Khoudair	Alexandra Stennett	Noelle Le
4G	Ashleigh Lourey	Brooke Napoli	Hayley Goodlace
4W	Akilah Perez	Luciana Romanski	Mia Metwally
5B	Joseph Georges	Samuel Hope	Georgiana Haywood
5G	Sienna Benny-Caltabiano	Rebecca Sharah	Christian Younis
5W	Fintan Hogan	Cooper Thom	Piper Laurie
6B	Daniela Frketic	Douglas Sullivan	Jade Raslan
6G	Jordan Kashkourian	Sophie McMahon	Conor Duggan
6W	Peter Makhoulouf	Ashleigh Perera	Scarlett Lopez

concentrating on **addition and**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Charbel Zeaiter 2G
Lara McDermott 2W
Imogen Vines 2W
Laura Gracie 5W
Adam Bugarija 5W
Nicholas Peharda 3B
Jasmine Bollen 5W
Jorja Mizzi 2B
Isla Clark 2B
William O'Connell 6G

Kameron Dias 3G
Sebastian Akle 4B
Noelle Le 4B
Marcus Scotti 4B
Oscar Palmason 4B
Alexandra Stennett 4B
Georgia Hogan 4B
Annabelle Benton 6G
Grace Towner 4B
Benjamin Hope 3B



**Congratulations to the Year 4
Girls' Netball Team!**



**The girls won all five of their
games at the Mt. Kuringai
Netball Gala Day to win the
tournament!
Three cheers for all of you!!**

**OLMC PARRAMATTA
OPEN MORNING TOUR**

Our Lady of Mercy College
Parramatta warmly invites you to
attend our Open Morning Tour on
August 3, 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
2017—limited places in 2016.

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

On Tuesday 21st July St Bernadette's students went to Baulkham Hills Netball Courts to play in the St Bernadette's Netball Club Invitational Netball Gala Day. Students displayed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. The senior boys team 1 ended the day as champions and were undefeated. The other schools played well and really challenge us, but we worked hard as a team and had a great day. Our team would like to thank the coach on the day Mrs Maneiri and manager Mrs Sullivan for helping us, teaching us new things and cheering loudly from the sideline. We would also like to thank everyone who coached, managed and umpired on the day as we as our teachers Miss Games, Mrs Metwally and Miss Boudib.

Tom Maneiri 6G



St Bernadette's Primary Athletics Carnival 2015

Good weather during the early part of the day allowed us to get through the events on time at our school athletics carnival, unfortunately a late change in conditions ended our carnival a little early. Special thanks to all children, parents and teachers for their efforts throughout the day it was success once again thanks to the cooperation of everyone.

The day saw children involved in, 800m races, 100m races, 200m races, Long Jump, Shot Put and Ball/Relay games.

Congratulations to the children who received place ribbons in the heats of the track and field events in their age group at the carnival. Special congratulations to those children who placed in the top four overall in their age group events and have received ribbons during this week.

Thank you again to all of the St Bernadette's parents who worked at the various jobs throughout the day to keep the carnival running smoothly and ensure that all of the children had chance to participate in the carnival events.

Congratulations to the Age Champions and Age Runner-Ups for this year!

Age	Champion	Runner Up
8 Years Boys	Louis Malandrino	Thomas Heyes
8 Years Girls	Holly Williams	Lara McDermott
9 Years Boys	Thomas Silvester	Cooper Charlwood
9 Years Girls	Chloe Gething	Holly Miller
10 Years Boys	William Jamison	Adam Bugarija
10 Years Girls	Flynn Batty	Anissa Johnson
11 Years Boys	Saxon Orsini	Jacob Zaiter
11 Years Girls	Nicole Homsy	Katelyn Ho
12 Years Boys	Marshall Poynter	Conor Duggan
12 Years Girls	Sarah Michell	Keira Walkerden

Point Scores

Primary Carnival

<i>Place</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Score</i>
1 st	Green	502
2 nd	Gold	437
3 rd	Red	397
4 th	Blue	367

Congratulations to the following children who set new school records on the day!

Kiera Walkerden

12 Years Female 100m – 13.95

Sarah Michell

Senior Girls Long Jump – 4.03m

Congratulations to the children listed on the following page who are in the St Bernadette's Athletics Team for the Hills Zone Athletics Trials in Term 3. We wish them all the best for the day.

Anthony Bye

St Bernadette's Team for 2015 Hills Zone Athletics

First name	Surname	Age	Events
Juilana	Azzi	11	Shot Put
Flynn	Batty	10	100m, Junior Long Jump, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (2)
Adam	Bugarija	10	800m, 100m, 200m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (1)
Sophie	Burnett	12	Shot Put
Cooper	Charlwood	9	100m
Clayton	Coutinho	10	100m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (4)
Conor	Duggan	10	800m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump
John-Paul	Edge-Bennett	10	Long Jump
Caitlin	Gething	11	800m, 200m
Chloe	Gething	9	100m, Long Jump
Thomas	Heyes	8	100m
Katelyn	Ho	11	100m, Long Jump
Nicole	Homsí	11	800m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump
William	Jamison	10	800m, 100m, 200m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (3), Long Jump
Anissa	Johnson	10	200m, Shot Put
Charlotte	Joyce	11	Shot Put
Michael	Kavanagh	11	Shot Put
Isaac	Kelly	10	Shot Put
Louis	Malandrino	8	100m
Abby	McCann	10	100m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (1)
Lara	McDermott	8	100m
William	McDermott	11	100m, Senior 4 X 100m Relay (2)
Grace	Michell	12	800m, Senior 4 X 100m Relay (3), Long Jump
Sarah	Michell	12	800m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Senior 4 x 100m Relay (2)
Tayla	Milicevic	10	800m
Holly	Miller	9	100m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (4)
Angus	Northey	8	100m
Rebecca	O'Brien	10	800m, 200m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (3)
Saxon	Orsini	10	800m, 200m, Long Jump, Senior 4 x 100m Relay (4)
Marshall	Poynter	12	100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Senior 4 x 100m Relay (1)
Renita	Royce	12	Senior 4 X 100m Relay, Shot Put
Samuel	Sahyoun	12	Shot Put
Christian	Sequeira	10	Shot put
Thomas	Silvester	9	100m, Junior 4 X 100m Relay (2)
Douglas	Sullivan	11	800m, 200m
Marcus	Tole	12	800m
Keira	Walkerden	11	100m, 200m, Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay (1)
Mitchell	White	12	Shot Put
Holly	Williams	8	100m
Grace	Youssef	10	Shot Put
Jacob	Zaiter	11	100m, Senior 4 X 100m Relay, Long Jump

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.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) Pupil Free Day Friday 26th June

COSHC are looking at holding a full day of care for the Pupil Free Day on Friday 26th June from 6.45am to 6.15pm.

The cost of the day is \$50 and the Child Care Benefit is deducted where applicable.

For further details, please contact Lauren on 0408 582 535 or the school office for an application form.

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.

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.



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 which is coming up in October.

Total to date:
\$228.00

Parents are reminded that one full term's notice must be given for leaving students otherwise a term's school fees will be charged.

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FUN FAIR NEWS

The Countdown is on, less than 100 days till Fun Fair!

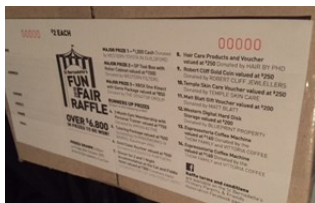
Don't forget Basket Collection days Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday the 7th of August. Please drop baskets to parents waiting at Kiss and Drop in the morning or take to the Multi- Purpose room, behind the Tuckshop.



Ride Forms will be sent home the week of the 10th August. **EXCITING NEWS: We have kept ride tickets the same price as in 2013.** \$25 per child or \$60 per family (3 or more children) for an unlimited ride pass, or \$5 per ride. You do save money by purchasing prior to the Fun Fair.

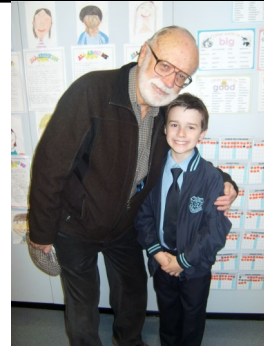


Raffle tickets will be sent home the week of the 17th August. We are encouraging you to sell as many tickets as you can to family, neighbours and friends. Any tickets you cannot sell please return to the office ASAP. There is a great prize for the family who sells the most tickets, details will come home with the tickets. \$2 per ticket with a total of 20 to a book.



Anyone interested in helping with the Chocolate Wheel stall please email sharynwalsh@hotmail.com
We know that we do ask a lot from parents in the lead up to Fun Fair and that is why we are trying to give you as much notice as possible to be able to help. The Fun Fair is such a great day for our school and all the children really look forward to it. We thank you again in advance for your generosity, the Fun Fair can't happen without a wonderful school effort.

The Fun Fair Committee.



A big thank you to all who helped organise a very successful Grandparents and Special Friends Day.

As you can see from our photo gallery, there were lots of happy faces—on both the students and their visitors!

