



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 21st August, 2015

No.25

R.E. NEWS



Dear Parents,

*Build a better world said God and I asked how?
The world is such a vast place and so complicated now
I am small and useless, what can I do?
God in all His wisdom said, "Just build a better you"*

We are called to make a difference and each of us has the power to do this.

While the difference we make may be only to one person's life, it is a start and it helps to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Many of us know or have people in our lives who make a difference by just being the person that they are. One person can make a difference.

The Power of One

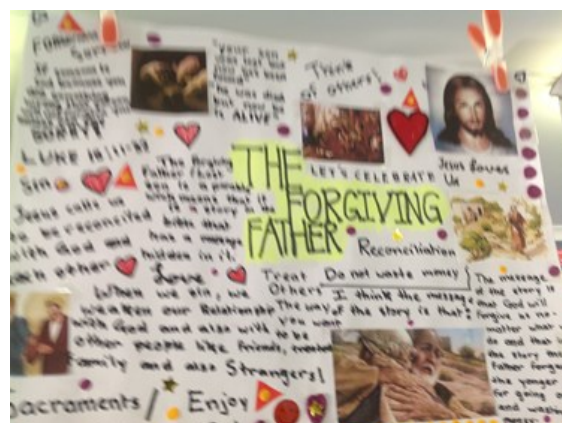
*One song can spark a moment.
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest.
One bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship.
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea.
One word can frame the goal.
One vote can change a nation.
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes our darkness.
One laugh can conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey.
One word must start a prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits.
One touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom.
One heart can know what is true.
One life can make a difference.*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

Religious Literacy Assessment: Last week our Year 4 students have been working on their Religious Literacy Part B 'Create and Present' part. The assessment focuses on students' knowledge and understanding of the key concepts taught in Religious Education and their ability to communicate this.

The children's finished products will be on display in the hall during Wednesday of Week 10.

The online question part will be completed during Week 7 by both Year 4 and Year 6 students. We wish them all well.



Mrs Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal:

Friday Week 7 Student Workbooks will be coming home

On Friday of Week 7 your children will be bringing home their workbooks (HSIE/ Science & RE) to share their learning with you. This is an opportunity for you to encourage your child to do his or her personal best.



St Bernadette's: nurturing role models and leaders within our community

One of the key objectives of our school is to prepare our students to live out our values of respect, honesty, tolerance, forgiveness, care and compassion, and to be exceptional role models to others.

Throughout our school day, teachers, parents and visitors constantly witness and comment on how our young school leaders and other students model these values through their interactions. Whilst we recognise these leadership qualities, it is always pleasing to hear from community members who wish to congratulate our students on displaying these qualities in our local community, even when they think no one is watching.

It is with great pleasure to recognise **Quinlan Gooley and Ryan Charker** from Year 6, who were commended by a local community member for their wonderful behaviour and leadership at Castle Towers this week. Please join with me and our school community in congratulating both Quinlan and Ryan. Well done boys!



Rochelle Borg
Acting Assistant Principal

Coming Dates

WEEK 7

BOOK WEEK

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| Mon, 24 Aug | • 8.30am Morning Assembly |
| Tues, 25 Aug | • 8-10am Uniform Shop |
| | • Student Banking |
| | • Book Week Author Visit (Yrs 4 to 6) |
| | • 3pm Yr 3 & 4 Touch Footy Trials |
| Wed, 26 Aug | • Yrs 3 & 4 Junior Basketball Challenge |
| | • Book Week Performance (K to 3) |
| | • 1.10pm Choir |
| | • 3-4pm DanceFever After School Club |
| Thurs, 27 Aug | • Yr 5 Electricity Incursion |

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **Kemmis family** (Stella in 3G and her little brother Harvey) following the recent passing of their brother Archer. May he rest in peace.



The following is a poem that Stella read at Archer's funeral today:

*Do not shed tears because I have gone
but smile instead because I have lived.
Do not shut your eyes and pray to God that
I'll come back
but open your eyes and see all that I have
left behind.
I know your heart will be empty because
you cannot see me
but still I want you to be full of the love
we shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and
live only for yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because
of what happened between us yesterday.
You can remember me and grieve that I
have gone
or you can cherish my memory and let it live
on.
You can cry and lose yourself, become
distracted and turn your back on the world
or you can do what I want—smile, wipe
away the tears, learn to love again and go
on.*

Your prayers and support for the Kemmis family are much appreciated at this time.

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Liam McGovern	Sara Uriceochea	Daniel Giallornado
KG	Evie Hogan	Chloe Malandrino	Paul Makhoul
KW	Annabelle Vassallo	Peter Yacoub	Paloma Lopez
1B	Mia Khoudair	Not for Publication	Xavier Bounassif
1G	William Abouhamad	Not for Publication	Isabella Scotti
1W	Layaan Arraf	Alexis Vishnivetskiy	Georgiana Kassis
2B	Zelda Mormul	Jack Robertson	Ailish Lincoln
2G	Nicole Del Rio	Dean Guy	Sarah Jacinto
2W	Oliver Palmason	Genevieve Sing	Meleni Ariyanayagam
3B	Sophie Kouchoo	Alexandra Parington	Nicholas Peharda
3G	Cooper Charwood	Matilda Polley	Victoria Buscall
3W	Sebastian Uriceochea	Isabella Willard	Isabella Muscat
4B	Emma Mizzi	Grace Towner	Taylor Egan
4G	Not for Publication	Kiera-Roisin Lees	Jaimee Azzi
4W	Mali Clark	Zac Northey	Sera-Marina Farfoud
5B	Kaylah Street	Not for Publication	Ralph Jordan
5G	Ryan Cooper	Joseph Geaitani	Bianca Gomes
5W	Christian Sequeira	Oliver Silvester	Tayla Knight
6B	Charlotte Bourke	Max Sharah	Thomas Robertson
6G	William O'Connell	Melanie Radman	Oliver Singleton-Turner
6W	Christian Carlo-Stella	Arijana Ripoll	Quinlan Gooley

Book Week 2015

On Tuesday next week to celebrate Book Week and the theme of 'Books Light Up Our World', Years 4 to 6 will have an author visit them.

On Wednesday, Kindergarten to Year 3 will enjoy a puppet show in the Hall.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Meleni Ariyanayagam 2W
 Ashton Paull 4W
 Cassandra Losurdo 2B
 O'Shea Gooley 4W
 Jacob Goss 3G
 Catherine Irwin 2W
 Indiana Thom 2B
 Owen Suyko 2B
 Luke Giallornado 2B
 Sabrina Puglisi 2B
 Scarlett Valletta 2B



Hills Zone Athletics Carnival 2015

What a great day for the children of St Bernadette's at the Zone Carnival! The day began well with our Senior Girls 4 X 100m Relay team finishing third overall.

In the individual events we achieved good results with the following children going onto represent the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on the 21st August at Blacktown International Sports Park:

800m: Tayla Milicevic (3rd), Douglas Sullivan (3rd), Rebecca O'Brien (4th), Saxon Orsini (2nd), Sarah Michell (2nd), Grace Michell (1st) and Conor Duggan (2nd)

100m: Holly Miller (4th) and Kiera Walkerden (1st)

200m: Saxon Orsini (2nd) and Keira Walkerden (4th)

Shot Put: Samuel Sahyoun (2nd)

Long Jump: Marshall Poynter (3rd), Flynn Batty (4th) and Sarah Michell (2nd)

Thank you to all parents who transported children to the carnival and stayed to cheer on our children in their events.

Special congratulations to **Keira Walkerden** who set a New Diocesan Record in the Senior Girls 200m event and also finished runner-up in the Senior Girls Age Group category.

A day like this can only be run with the help of many people. Thanks to all of the parents who assisted with the place judging on the day. A great job was done by all in representing St Bernadette's.

Anthony Bye - Sports Coordinator

Senior Constable Rob Paterson

On Monday, Senior Constable Rob Paterson had his yearly visit to St Bernadette's to talk to Years 4 to 6 about bullying, social media and inappropriate behaviour. The comments below represent some of the key messages from Senior Constable Paterson.

Constable Rob was talking to us today about how important it is for us not to be on social media and apps that are not appropriate for our age group. For instance, KiK is the most dangerous app to use because it is for the 17+ age group and is not suitable for our age group. When you are on KiK, strangers try to add us as friends, and try to gain important information from us and they might not be we think they are.

- Sarah Michell 6W

Constable Rob was very helpful to us. He explained how any type of bullying is unacceptable and would not be tolerated. Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful to the person that is being targeted. If **YOU ARE BEING BULLIED**, tell a responsible adult, such as your parents, relatives, teachers, kids helpline (1800 55 1800) or the police.

- Arijana Ripoll 6W

Constable Rob taught us about not giving out private information to strangers over the internet, or phone. Only accept friend requests from people you know. **THINK BEFORE YOU POST** and if the post includes another person get their permission to post. Use a strong password, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols. For example, P@\$w0rd!

- Chelsea Freitas 6W

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



FUN FAIR NEWS

RAFFLE TICKETS

A book of raffle tickets was sent home this week to all families who elected to receive them. If you did not receive a book and would like to, please email or contact the school office. There are some great prizes to win—so you won't want to miss out!

Raffle Ticket Update – Thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle ticket books and money, we are off to a great start! Extra raffle tickets can be picked up from the office. The children are all hoping that they will win the Jump the Queue pass for selling the most raffle tickets.

Ride Forms– Thank you to all the families who have sent their ride forms and money back. If you have not returned your form already they are due back to the office by the 9th October. Wristbands will be distributed to children on the day of the Fun Fair.

Product Samples– We are looking for product sample donations to fill our show bags. Please contact Sarah at shope@iprimus.com.au for information.

Colouring in Competition– Children in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in the Fun Fair Colouring in Competition. Information and worksheets will be distributed next week.

Advertising Campaign– Children from Year 3 to Year 6 have the opportunity to create an advertisement for the Fun Fair. Details will be sent home next week with your children.

Important Dates to Remember-

*Thursday 10th & Friday 11th September– Basket Filler Collection days, notes will be sent home next week regarding what each year are asked to donate.

*9th October – All Ride and Raffle ticket money is due.

*Thursday 15th October- Cake Ingredient collection and distribution day, details in coming weeks.

*Friday 23rd October- Basket wrapping day, we will need an army of helpers on this day to put together and wrap our baskets. Please save the date.

*26th -30th Oct- Cake baking week, all fresh cakes to be delivered on the 30th October.

Thank you again to all the families who have donated prizes to our chocolate wheel, we are so grateful for your generosity. We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day of the Fun Fair as it draws near. Notes will come home in Term 4 and if we can ask every family to donate at least 1 hour of their time to help on the day of the Fun Fair, the workload can be shared. Please contact Sharyn at sharynwalsh@hotmail.com for any Fun Fair questions. Thank you everyone.

The Fun Fair Committee

FUN FAIR — RIDE TICKETS — ORDER FORM

Order forms were sent home recently—further copies are available from our website: **Parents/Notes from School/Whole School/Fun Fair Ride Tickets Order Form.**
Please return to school via class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 2 Excursion - Chinese Gardens

Wow! What a busy day it was with my group. Mrs Irwin, Catherine, Jasmine, Daniel, Marcus and I went to the Chinese Gardens and Chinatown. It was Thursday 13th August. All of Year 2 went as well.

Firstly I went on the bus and sat next to Jasmine. When we arrived we ate recess near the Chinese Gardens. Next we went to Chinatown and found lots of interesting things. We saw the foo dogs, golden tree and a Chinese clown. Did you know that the number 8 is lucky to the Chinese people and 4 is unlucky? We saw bakeries, shops and lots of lanterns.

Then we went to the Chinese Gardens. We took some photos there. We saw many interesting things like waterfalls, lanterns in each pavilion, the bamboo forest, rock forest, fish and dragons. We had to look for different shaped windows and draw what we saw through them. Next we had lunch. Finally we went on the bus and travelled back to school.

I had a great day at the excursion. I learnt lots of new things as well. My favourite was the waterfall!

By Genevieve Sing 2W

Other Items of Interest

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 25th August between 8.00am and 10.00am.



STUDENT BANKING REWARDS

Parents are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

The school has a list of all students who received this reward item and a letter will be sent to parents soon asking for them to choose an alternative.

Thank you.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 7 Term 2

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	Kevin Wall
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Wednesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Friday	Recess	
	Lunch	Karen Grace

If any parents can spare an hour or so to help in the canteen please contact the school office.

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

Other dates to note:

Fathers' Day — Fri, 4th September 2015

Christmas Concert—Mon 7th December 2015



Term Dates 2015

Term 3

Mon 13 July to Fri 18 September

Term 4

Tue 6 October to Wednesday 16th December

Mon 2 November—STAFF DEVELOPMENT & PUPIL FREE DAY

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

Free Days

Term 1 Dates 2016

Term 1

Wed 27 Jan— (am) Staff Development Day & (pm) *MAIs

Thurs 28 Jan—Staff Development Day & *MAIs

Fri 29 Jan—Yrs 1 to 6 commence

Mon 1 Feb—Kindergarten 2016 commence

Fri 8 April—Last day Term 1

* MAI (Maths Assessment Interviews)

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.

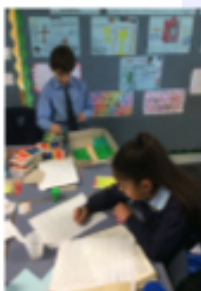
Good Guy's Vouchers

Our total is : \$235

Thank you for your support!

ENROLLING NOW

KINDERGARTEN 2016



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.



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.

FATHERS' DAY POWERPOINT

A PowerPoint presentation will be organised for the Fathers' Day Mass on **Friday, 4th September at 6:45am** in the Church. Parents may send in ONE photo only to be included.

Please email to:
BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au



Hills District Little Athletics



welcomes children aged 5 (tiny tots) - 17 to join in family fun and fitness with Little Athletics

Register and pay online prior to collecting your pack at <http://www.laansw.com.au>

Pack Collection Day for 2015/16 season

will be held on
Sunday 30th August 10am – 2pm
at A.H. Whaling Reserve
Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills

Please note that
no actual registrations will be taken on these days

New athletes will be required to provide proof of age when collecting their packs. Please bring Birth Certificate, Blue Book or Passport

Season commences 8am Saturday 5th Sept 2015



For further enquires see the FAQ section on our website www.hillsdistrict.org or contact
Sophie 0422 319 131 or Jenny 0407 229 325

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to tour the College on Monday August 31, 2015 - commencing 9.15am.

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

A Mercy Education is treasured for life.

The College is now enrolling for 2017: limited places available for 2016.

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

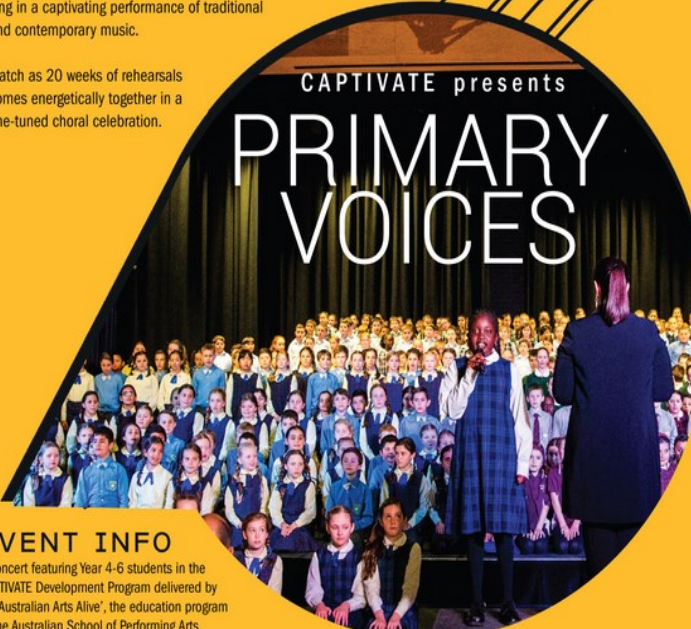
From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

2015
Choral Celebration

Be entertained by 11 primary schools who will sing in a captivating performance of traditional and contemporary music.

Watch as 20 weeks of rehearsals comes energetically together in a fine-tuned choral celebration.

CAPTIVATE presents
PRIMARY VOICES



EVENT INFO
A concert featuring Year 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

Monday 7 September 7pm @ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE 54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood	Tuesday 8 September 7pm @ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE 54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood	TICKETS ON SALE NOW	\$15 Adults \$10 Concession \$40 (2 adults & 2 concessions) available from trybooking.com/IFFH
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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK
Corpus Christi Primary CRANE BROOK
Trinity ---Primary KEMPS CREEK

St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY
Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE
Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL
Our Lady of the Angels Primary ROUSE HILL
St Matthew's Primary WINDSOR

For more information visit
www.captivate.catholic.edu.au

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Blessing of St Pope John Paul II statue at St Patrick's Cathedral 5 September

On behalf of the Diocese, Catholic Youth Parramatta invites all people, but especially the young, to this very special event on Saturday 5 September. A series of statues for St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct was commissioned a number of years ago to celebrate the life of St John Paul II and provide a joyful place of pilgrimage for young people in our Diocese. Everyone is invited to gather in the Cathedral forecourt at 12.30pm. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will bless the statues at 1pm and this will be followed by an address to young people in the Cathedral Hall and afternoon tea.

Bishops Office

Notre Dame Open Day: 29 August

Experience this 5 star national Catholic university in the heart of Sydney. Check out The University of Notre Dame's courses, meet academic staff and current students, enjoy entertainment and take a tour of the Broadway Campus. Saturday 29 August from 9am-3pm. Personalise your Open Day at: www.notredame.edu.au/openday