



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 27th February, 2015

No.5

Dear Parents,

The Transfiguration is quite a unique event in the life of Jesus. One evening Jesus took three disciples up a mountain to pray - probably not the first time Jesus had done this. They thought they knew what they were in for - when suddenly they were knocked to the ground by a blinding light. Jesus was transformed, his face and clothes dazzling like the sun - something of the divinity of Jesus had broken through.

There is a parallel in our own lives. Long hum-drum days can be pierced by a momentary insight of eternity. We realise with a new certainty that we are loved by God, that we have an eternal destiny, and that life is of immense value. This is true for every human being. That is why it's our duty to show respect for all people, and support others in securing the basic needs of life.

For most of us, it's almost impossible to imagine what it would be like to live from day-to-day without enough food to eat. Lent provides us with an opportunity to particularly focus our energy on the needs of the poor. Throughout the school the children will be supporting Project Compassion by contributing to donation boxes in their classrooms.

Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. In class the children will be discussing how we can support others through donations and prayer.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal



R.E. NEWS



The Season of Lent

The three practices of Lent are; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer: The children in class have been praying special Lenten prayers as they draw closer to God in preparation for Easter.

Fasting: Many children have chosen to give up a favourite toy, game or food treat for the duration of Lent as they begin to realise the suffering so many people in our world experience every day.

Almsgiving: Is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. St Bernadette's is always so generous in their support of Caritas Australia and our Project Compassion appeal.

God of the Wilderness you were with Jesus
in his struggle to seek the right path
Be with us as we face the seductions that
our world offers as the path to happiness.
Teach us through your word and the
example of others to grow through challenge
and live life to the full.

Amen

Mrs Shane Robinson
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal:

Student Workbooks

Today your child will bring home their English and Maths work books for you to view. This is an opportunity for the children to have a focus for talking to you about their learning in the first five weeks of the school year. The children will be able to identify for you what they have been learning about in class and how they are going with this learning. The children are extremely proud of their work and will be delighted if you are able to write a comment to them in their book. We encourage you to write this comment after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy receiving feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. Your comment also allows the teacher to see that you were able to take the time to look through the book with your child. Please ensure that your child's books are returned to school on Monday 2nd March 2015.



Do you collect your children from the Tuckshop Terrace?

If you have arranged to collect your children from the tuckshop terrace, you are requested to park in the top car park, walk across to the tuckshop terrace, collect your child and exit the car park as quickly as possible so that the Car Pick Up Service can commence its operation without congestion. All drivers entering the car park are urged to drive slowly and be watchful for pedestrians and reversing vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe at all times.

One of our parents has passed this wonderful news on about our children that I would like to share. This parent caught the 3745 bus home with her children and made the following observations of our students.

"Full credit to all the St Bernadette's kids on that bus, they were well behaved, the kindy kids on the bus were looked after by siblings and friends and it was clear each of the children knew each other, no matter what grade they were in. They were kind and caring and the big kids clearly look after the little ones. They went through a very obvious ritual that happens daily of waving through the window at one another as they got off the bus. Did my heart a lot of good seeing how lovely all the kids were to one another."

Coming Dates

WEEK 6

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| Mon, 2 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.30am Morning Assembly• 8.45am Cuppa 'n Chat with Mrs Nettleton—Hall |
| Tues, 3 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected Students to Castle Hill RSL for ANZAC Educational Tour |
| Wed, 4 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 4 excursion to Elizabeth Farm & Hambledon Cottage• 1.10pm Choir• 3-4pm DanceFever Afterschool Program |
| Thurs, 5 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 2 Manly Sea Life Sanctuary Excursion |

NSW STATE ELECTION

Did you know? The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private fundraising. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs—to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

CEO Consent Forms

Thank you to parents who have already returned the CEO consent forms that were emailed to parents last Friday.

- Consent for use of students' image and/or work
- Consent to sell raffle tickets

It is important that BOTH forms are returned to the school.

The direction from the Catholic Education Office is that these forms must be completed by each family on an annual basis. We ask that you complete and return both forms by Monday, 2nd March.

Both forms are on our website under Parents/Notes from School/Whole School.

Cuppa n Chat

Monday, 2nd March (Week 6)
8.45am

**STRAIGHT AFTER MORNING
ASSEMBLY**

Want to ask about what's happening
at St Bernadette's?



Social Skill for Weeks 6 and 7: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

Our social skill for the next two weeks is defining and acknowledging 'acceptance' of each other. Every person is unique and special and we all have feelings. I asked some Year 6 students what they thought the word acceptance meant. I would like to share these with you as a wonderful starting point for understanding and accepting each other at St Bernadette's.

'If you accept others' differences they are more likely to accept yours'.

'Treat everyone the same wherever they come from'.

'Not accepting differences means you miss out on making more friends'.

'If we don't accept differences we won't be able to show understanding of people who are different to us'.

We can all learn from these wonderful insights, every person has something wonderful to offer at St Bernadette's, we play an important role as an accepting community.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Congratulations to the following

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

| Class | Student of the Week | Student of the Week | Social Skill Award |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| KB | Elle Gaya | Oscar Polley | Isaac Frketic |
| KG | Lanna Heneghan | Paul Makhoulouf | Evie Hogan |
| KW | Jet Jackson | Piper Johnson | Isabella Mathews |
| 1B | Lily Procter | Gregory Zucconi | Charlotte Cowper |
| 1G | Eva Bailey | Katie Wong | Aidan Leong |
| 1W | Antonio Wadih | Jessica Marshall | Scarlett Davis |
| 2B | Ailish Lincoln | Owen Suyko | Cassandra Losurdo |
| 2G | Claudia Homs | Marley Palmason | Elizabeth Stevens |
| 2W | Catherine Irwin | Jean-Marcus Meyer | Jasmine Azzi |
| 3B | Zachary Hughes | James Marshall | Max Procter |
| 3G | Victoria Buscall | Mitchell Daly | Jacob Goss |
| 3W | Niamh Bradley | Daniel Samperi | Shydan Magtoto |
| 4B | Taylor Egan | Amy Saad | Alec West |
| 4G | Caitlin Ransome-Haberley | Patrick Stennett | Chloe Metwally |
| 4W | Mia Metwally | Marcus Tchetchenian | Chelsea Polley |
| 5B | Lauren Fisher | Jack Kinnane | Jake Collyer |
| 5G | Rachel Antoni | Declan Smith | Ryan Cooper |
| 5W | Jayden Kouchoo | Katherine Sing | Oliver Silvester |
| 6B | Marcus Debelak | Angelique Suyko | Matthew Hurst |
| 6G | Alexis Moubarak | Marcus Zeaiter | Keira Walkerden |
| 6W | Madeline Ellis | Mitchell White | Arijana Ripoll |

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to Anthony Foong 3G who won a gold and silver medal at the Port Stephens Taekwondo Championships. Well done to Anthony!

Congratulations to **Oscar Palmason 4B** and **Timothy Kelly 3B** who were part of the Castle Hill Knights Under 9s Teeball team that won the 'Snakes and Ladders' Gala Day held at Minto recently.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Daniella Zeaiter 6W
Ashleigh Bayssari 6W
Mitchell Pagett 6W



Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Monday 23rd February 2015

2015 Age Champions
Senior Girls – Grace Michell

2015 Age Runner-Up
Senior Girls – Sarah Michell
11 Years Girls – Caitlin Gething

New Zone Records
Grace Michell
Senior Girls Breaststroke



| <u>CHILDREN WHO WILL REPRESENT AT DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL</u> | | |
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| EVENT | NAME | PLACE OVERALL |
| 100m Freestyle | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 2 nd |
| 50m Freestyle | Alexandra Duke | 3 rd |
| | Chloe Gething | 2 nd |
| | Tayla Milicevic | 4 th |
| | Caitlin Gething | 3 rd |
| | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 2 nd |
| 50m Breaststroke | Tayla Milicevic | 3 rd |
| | Caitlin Gething | 4 th |
| | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 2 nd |
| 50m Backstroke | Tayla Milicevic | 2 nd |
| | Caitlin Gething | 4 th |
| | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 2 nd |
| 50m Butterfly | Tayla Milicevic | 2 nd |
| | Caitlin Gething | 2 nd |
| | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 2 nd |
| 200m Individual Medley | Grace Michell | 1 st |
| | Sarah Michell | 3 rd |
| Junior Girls Relays | Flynn Batty, Rebecca O'Brien, Tayla Milicevic, Chloe Gething. | 2 nd |
| Senior Girls Relay | Sarah Michell, Sophie Burnett, Caitlin Gething, Grace Michell. | 1 st |

Congratulations to all of our team members who placed in the top four in their events they will be representing the Hills Zone and St Bernadette's at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 27th February at Blacktown Swimming Pool, Boyd St, Blacktown. Best of luck to all.

Special thanks to Mrs Therese Younis who looked after our team in the stands on the day and to all of the parents who represented our school as timekeepers during the carnival, your assistance is very much appreciated.

Mr Anthony Bye
Sports Coordinator.

OPEN DAY

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Tues 10th March
9am
School Hall



Presentation:

- ♦ A presentation will be held in the school Hall.
- ♦ Enrolment packs available at our Open Day, from the school office or via email.
- ♦ Interviews with the principal will be held after Open Day.
- ♦ Enrolments forms to school office by:
Friday, 29th May

Principal:
Mrs Leanne Nettleton

St Bernadette's School

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Castle Hill NSW 2154

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BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au

Website:
www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au

Please advise any friends or neighbours that we are holding our Kindergarten Open Day on Tuesday 10th March at 9am.

There is no need to book, parents can just turn up for the presentation at 9am.

Other Items of Interest

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 3rd March between 8.00am and 10.00am.



Book Covering

If any parents could spare an hour or two to cover some books for the Learning Centre (all equipment supplied) could you please contact the school office.

Thanking you in anticipation.

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.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 6 Term 1

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

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| Monday | Recess | Anne Marie Sullivan |
| | Lunch | Lisa Stevens |
| Tuesday | Recess | |
| | Lunch | |
| Wednesday | Recess | Paula Yacoub |
| | Lunch | Paula Yacoub |
| Thursday | Recess | |
| | Lunch | |
| Friday | Recess | Nicola Martin |
| | Lunch | Nicola Martin |

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 Magro family (Miss Vicki Magro — former teacher), following the recent passing of her father. May he rest in peace.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Medak family (Mrs Julie Medak, Teachers Aide), following the recent passing of her husband. May he rest in peace.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1

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.

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.



FIRST FUN FAIR MEETING

5th MARCH 7pm LIBRARY



Come along and see how you can help out, we cannot hold our Fun Fair without the help of our fabulous families and friends and this year is no different! To make it easier, the P&F have created this list of frequently asked questions. See you at the meeting!

WHY IS THE FUN FAIR ALWAYS ON A FRIDAY?

We re visit this issue each year and find ourselves in a similar situation. Most St Bernadette's families have sport on Saturdays which would prevent many from being able to enjoy the Fun Fair for the entire day and a couple of hours is never enough fun for the kids. Additionally, because our kids need to be driven to sport, we wouldn't have enough volunteers to run our stalls for a full day. Sunday's aren't an option for the school because Mass is on and parishioners need access to the car park and school grounds where we set up our rides and stalls. Plus, Friday afternoons are a really social time, summer is coming, weather is warming up and families are ready to wind down for the weekend! Another bonus is that children are able to stay on at school on the Friday and meet their parents when they arrive to attend the Fun Fair.

WHY DON'T WE OPEN THE FUN FAIR TO INDEPENDENT VENDORS AND MARKET STALL HOLDERS?

St Bernadette's P&F have always planned around the Fun Fair being our biggest fundraising event which is why it's held every 2 years. An annual event would be a big ask on parents and organisers. With this in mind, we make no secret that our aim is to always generate as much fundraising as we can for resources and improvements to the school. Obviously independent stall holders need to make money and therefore we could only charge them between \$100-\$250 to have a stall at the Fun Fair (other schools only charge \$50 per stall). Each of our stalls generates a minimum of \$600-\$7000 per stall in profit for the P&F so we prefer to run as many stalls ourselves so that our community benefits from the day itself.

HOW MUCH DO YOU MAKE? WHAT IS DONE WITH THE MONEY?

In 2013 we made \$65,000 profit which was donated to the school for the bottom court shade structure (COLA). This year the school is aiming to have the top court shade structure ready for the Fun Fair but the funds will contribute to this cost as well as the purchase of a stage and new basketball hoops for school so we have a BIG target to hit this year and we won't be able to achieve this without your help!

I WANT TO HELP BUT I WORK FULL TIME OR I HAVE TODDLERS

There are plenty of opportunities for parents to help and we will take all the help we can get! Come along to the meetings and find out how! During the year we ask our families for a number of donations and there are plenty of ways to assist even if you have little people at home!

BAKING

Our cake stall is famous for our cakes and sweet treats because our school has some of the most talented cake makers in the Hills District! If you're a baker, why not make a few extra items for the cake stall.

SPONSORSHIP

Got a phone and access to email? Why not help our sponsorship manager drum up some prizes for the Chocolate Wheel, Raffle, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Sideshow Alley? We provide all the information you need, we just need help getting in touch with people/companies.

OWN A BUSINESS? WORK FOR A BUSINESS IN THE HILLS?

Local and family businesses can sponsor the Fun Fair in return for signage and exposure or by providing samples and vouchers in our free showbags! Email Sharyn Kinnane at sharyn.kinnane1@bigpond.com or Lara Thom lara@conceiveproductions.com.au for more sponsorship info.

RUN A STALL

Yes there's a bit of work involved but the St Bernadette's Fun Fair has been running for years so there is a plethora of experienced parents who can assist you, provide guidance and will help you where needed. We have a lot of information collected after each Fun Fair so we know what we're doing and how to get it right! We have a few stalls needing managers this year and we have found that when a few friends get together to manage a stall, it's more fun for everyone.

WE COMMUNICATE ALMOST EVERYTHING VIA FACEBOOK EACH DAY, CALLS FOR HELP, VOLUNTEERS, WORKING BEES, CRAFT DAYS SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE LIKED THE ST BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE AND CHECK IN REGULARLY!

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



ST BERNADETTES ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY THE 20TH MARCH

BYO Picnic, rug and chairs.

From 6pm you can enjoy a picnic followed by a movie under the stars.

\$15 per family

If you are interested in sponsoring the night and having your company advertised on the big screen please contact Sarah on shope@iprimus.com.au

Recently **Christian Carlo-Stella in 6B** performed at the Sydney Opera House for the Australian Ballet.

The first three photos below show Christian backstage at the Opera House. Picture 1 as Puppet Basilio in Don Quixote, Picture 2 as Manon's little brother in Manon and the 3rd picture as a guest at the Christmas party in The Nutcracker. The last photo was taken a few days ago backstage of the Capitol Theatre, where he played the son of Noble friends of Prince Siegfried at the wedding party of Siegfried and Odette in Graeme Murphy's Swan Lake.



From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

Inside the March issue of Catholic Outlook

- * Band of brothers on the path to priesthood
- * Welcome Geoff Officer – new diocesan Chief of Operations & Finance
- * World Day of the Sick Mass
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Catholic Outlook Readership Survey – closes 1 March

Top 50 responses – \$50 vouchers

Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Outlook, is conducting a readership survey for you to provide valuable feedback about the publication.

We want to know what you like about the publication.

What would you like to see more or less of?

How relevant is the editorial content?

How can we best improve Catholic Outlook?
To answer these and other questions in the 10 min survey go to: www.parra.catholic.org.au/catholicoutlook

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
March 7 2015— Day Retreat

Presenter: Fr Greg Homeming, OCD
Title: The Our Father
Cost: \$20
Registration: 9am—10.15am
Retreat: 10.20—4.00pm

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566
Contact: 8795 3400
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
Website: carmeliteretreats.com.au

Tea & Coffee provided.
Please bring your own lunch

Pick Ups from Minto station: 9.30—10am

Parents Again is a social support group for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and other care givers who provide permanent care to Grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cafés, clubs and Hills Community Aid and is a great way to meet people in similar circumstances who can understand and share your experiences in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

On the 3 March we will be meeting at Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill, Civic Lane Rouse Hill (next door to Westpac), our guest speaker is Senior Constable Robert Patterson from Castle Hill Police to inform us of internet and social media security for youth.

If you would like further information or to attend please ring Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill on 96296038 or email micib@hca.org.au to book a place.



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 17 March 2015 4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays.
A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27TH MARCH 2015.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



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PLAYERS IN ALL AGE GROUPS WANTED
FOR THE 2015 SEASON

(U6 Kindy's especially)

Please Contact

John C- 0418 687974 or

Paul N - 0419 283 783

Rego online - sbfc.nswcfa.com.au/mydetails/



2014-15 jazz at the pines

12.30pm - 4pm
Roughley House at The Pines
656a Old Northern Rd, Dural

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| 2014 | 21 September | Mike Hallam's Hot 6 |
| | 12 October | Bridge City Jazz Band |
| | 16 November | Zenith Jazz Sextet |
| 2015 | 15 February | Greg Poppleton & the Bakelite Broadcasters |
| | 15 March | Mike Hallam's Hot 6 |
| | 19 April | Zenith Jazz Sextet |
| | 17 May | Bridge City Jazz Band |

\$15 ADULTS | \$13 CONCESSION | \$30 FAMILY

RELAX WITH LIVE JAZZ

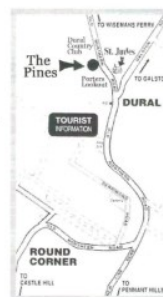
and bring a picnic lunch under the majestic pines of historic Roughley House.
Bookings welcome.
Free Tours of historic Roughley House (circa 1856).
Tickets at the gate.
Afternoon tea available.
Gates open from 11.30am.



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**St Joseph's
Centre of Reflective Living**
64 MacKillop Drive,
Baulkham Hills
Garage Sale
Saturday 7th March
7—1pm

Mt St Benedict College
449C Pennant Hills Road
Pennant Hills
9980 0444

OPEN DAY

Sunday 8 March 10—2pm

Prospective Parent Information
Evening for Year 7, 2016
Tuesday 10 March 2015 7pm