



St Bernadette's School

Friday, 20th February, 2015

No.4

UPDATE!

Dear Parents,

We have commenced the season of Lent - a time for strengthening our faith, a time to reflect on who we are and where we are going. It should be a time when we make time to be quiet and pray. We should spend time discovering our strengths and weaknesses.

Just as Jesus spent forty days in preparation for his work of redemption, so we too prepare for our own redemption. We are called to look at ourselves - at how we relate to others.

The symbol of the cross reminds us that we all have to face some hard times in our lives. When we accept these challenges as Jesus accepted his cross, we are following in his footsteps.

"Brothers and sisters:

I know what it is to be poor or to have plenty, and I have lived under all kinds of conditions. I know what it means to be full or hungry, to have too much or too little. Christ gives me strength to face anything.

It was good of you to help me when I was having such a hard time. I pray that God will take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Jesus Christ! May God our Father be praised forever and ever. Amen"

(Phil4:12-14,19-20)

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Ash Wednesday, began the Season of Lent. It is a season for spiritual reflection and fasting that prepares us to celebrate the redemption through Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We are told 'Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return'. The ashes of Ash Wednesday carry a sense of urgency. They remind us that we are not permanent residents here on earth. This makes Lent an important time for reflecting and refocussing our priorities. We need to use that love we have received to pass onto others in our actions especially during the Season of Lent.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Acting Religious Education
Coordinator



From the Principal:

An email will be sent home this afternoon to each family with the following consent forms attached from the Catholic Education Office with regards to new privacy legislation:

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

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** of these consent forms to the class teacher by next Friday 27th February.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dance Fever Challenge

Please note the following date for the Dance Fever Challenge:

Wednesday 25th March

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush.

Doors open at 4.30pm for a 5.30pm start.

More details will follow shortly but if parents with children in Years 3 to 6 could just pencil this date in your diary.

Coming Dates

WEEK 5

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| Mon, 23 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hills Zone Swimming • 8.30am Assembly |
| Tues, 24 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir to Holy Family School |
| Wed, 25 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL PHOTO DAY • NO CHOIR TODAY • 3-4pm Dance Fever After School Club |
| Thurs, 26 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL PHOTO DAY |
| Fri, 27 Feb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan Swimming Carnival • Clean Up Australia Day • 1.40pm Whole School Assembly in the Church —All welcome |

NSW State Election

DID YOU KNOW? On average, it costs around \$13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than a quarter of this 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.

Photo Day

As you will be aware school photos will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday next week. All students should be in full summer uniform (even if it is their sport day).

Wednesday 25th February

Kindergarten

Yr 3

Yr 4

Student Representative Council

Sibling photos taken at recess **ONLY** today.



Thursday 26th February

Yr 6

Yr 5

Sibling photos taken at recess and lunchtime

Yr 1

Yr 2

Sibling photo envelopes available from the office. Please return by Wednesday.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 5 Term 1

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

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday, 24 February** between **8.00am and 10.00am.**



ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

SAVE THE DATE

"Outdoor Movie Night"

On Friday the 20th March 2015, St Bernadette's P&F will be holding an outdoor movie night on the grass area at school.

It's a fabulous family night and a great opportunity to meet other families in the school.

More details to follow in coming weeks.

If any families at the school would like to advertise their business on the big screen prior to the movie, please contact Sarah at shope@iprimus.com.au for details

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! SAVE THE DATE

1st FUN FAIR MEETING
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 7pm in the LIBRARY

It's THAT time of year again and an opportunity to be involved in the BIGGEST and BEST Fun Fair in Castle Hill and everyone is welcome to be involved!

How you can assist:

- Run a stall
- Volunteer to help
- Come along with IDEAS!
- Sponsor or donate prizes

Many of you will remember our 2013 Fun Fair where we raised a staggering and record breaking profit of \$65,000 which upgraded the covered area on bottom court. Can we do it again? This year, with the help of our amazing school community, we're hoping to raise the same amount again to assist St Bernadette's in covering the top court. **HOWEVER FUN FAIRS DON'T JUST HAPPEN SO WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE TO HELP AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE!**

If you want to be involved, find out more about Fun Fair, sponsor, donate, manage a stall or volunteer to assist the team. PLEASE come along to our first Fun Fair meeting on Thursday 5th March in the library at 7pm. This is a great opportunity throughout the year to meet new families, join with friends to create a truly memorable day for the kids!



ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

A huge thanks to those who attended the Term 1 P&F Meeting. It was a long meeting and we discussed a number of new initiatives that we will be sharing with you throughout the year.

2015 St Bernadette's P&F Important Dates				
DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE	WHO
TERM 1 - 29th January - 2nd April				
THURSDAY 5 th MARCH	1st FUN FAIR MEETING	7pm	Library	Anyone who wants to be involved in Fun Fair
FRIDAY 20 th MARCH	FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT	TBC	GRASS AREA	All families welcome
SATURDAY 21 st MARCH	SCHOOL AND PARISH WORKING BEE	TBC	School	All families asked to help
FRIDAY 3 rd APRIL GOOD FRIDAY				
SUNDAY 5 th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY				
TERM 2 – 20th April to 26th June				
WEDNESDAY 17 th JUNE	TERM 2 P&F MEETING FOLLOWED BY 2nd FUN FAIR MEETING	7pm	Library	All welcome and Fun Fair volunteers
FRIDAY 8 th MAY	MUM'S NIGHT OUT AT RSL	TBC	Castle Hill RSL	All Mums welcome
THURSDAY 7 th MAY	MOTHERS DAY STALL	All day	School Hall	Parent Helpers needed
SUNDAY 10 th MAY MOTHERS DAY				
TERM 3 – 13th July to 18th September				
WEDNESDAY 26 th AUGUST	TERM 3 P&F MEETING FOLLOWED BY 3rd FUN FAIR MEETING	7pm	Library	All welcome and Fun Fair volunteers
TUESDAY 1 st SEPTEMBER & WEDNESDAY 2 nd SEPTEMBER	FATHERS DAY STALL	All Day	School Hall	Parent Helpers Needed
SUNDAY 6 th SEPTEMBER FATHERS DAY				
TERM 4— 6 Oct to 18th December				
SATURDAY 17 th OCTOBER	SCHOOL AND PARISH WORKING BEE	TBC	School	All families asked to help
FRIDAY 30 th OCTOBER	2015 FUN FAIR	3pm-8:30pm	School	All families welcome
WEDNESDAY 17 th NOVEMBER	TERM 4 P&F MEETING. FUN FAIR FINANCIAL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY AGM	7pm	Library	All families welcome



PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH THE BRUMBIES

Does your child want to play rugby league in a safe and happy environment? The Baulkham Hills Brumbies Junior Rugby League Club includes students from St Michaels, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette's from Under 6's to Under 11's. The Brumbies play in the Parramatta Catholic Schools Convents Association and games are played on Sunday's.

Registrations for new players for the 2015 rugby league season will take place on Sunday 1st March at Castlewood Oval, Castle Hill, between 10am and 12pm. All new players will be given information to register online from this date. You will need to please supply *original* copies of your child's birth and baptism certificates. For returning players, you should have already completed your registration online by February 21st.

Registration fees for the 2015 season are \$130 for one child and \$190 for a family. This is great value for money and includes shorts, socks and a drink bottle.

Any queries, please contact, Simone on 0412 996 479.



Benedictine Monastery Arcadia

50th Annual Country Fair
121 Arcadia Road, ARCADIA
8th March

Lots of stall, raffles, food plus tours of the Monastery

Further details: 9653 1159 or
Benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair

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 July 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.

OLMC Parramatta Open Day

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to its 2015 Open Day on Sunday, March 1 from 10am to 2.00pm. Principal's Welcome at 10am and 12pm. Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life.

To reserve your place or obtain further information visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300.

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.

Register now!

Kids Play!

Mini Footy
ages 4-8

Mod League
ages 9-12

Rugby League
ages 13+

Hills Hawks JRLC
Dural Park
 Quarry Rd, Dural NSW 2158
A family-oriented club
 Email: HawksRugbyLeague@gmail.com
 Web: www.HillsHawks.com.au

Free! Come & Try events are a great way to discover your local club and the age-modified games which are fun, safe and build confidence!
 5.30pm Wednesday 25th Feb Dural Park
 or register online now!

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.

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.



For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarsmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Rewarding good saving habits with eight new reward items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good saving habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. After every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range including DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857, ACT Permit No TP14/04345, VIC Permit No 14/5966, SA Permit No T14/2327.

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ET DVD
Released in Term 1 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Invisible Ink Martian Pen
Released in Term 2 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
Released in Term 3 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Outer Space Savers Money Box
Released in Term 4 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Planet Handball
Released in Term 1 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Intergalactic Rocket
Released in Term 2 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Cosmic Light Beam Torch
Released in Term 3 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Lunar Light Band
Released in Term 4 2015



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

MISSION GUIDELINES TO REDEEM REWARDS.

- To reward individual saving, no pooling of tokens is allowed.
- One silver Dollarsmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum one per week).
- You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward.
- Only one of each reward is available per student.
- All rewards are available to order from the term listed (until stocks last).
- You must include your reward coupon with your 10 silver Dollarsmites tokens to redeem your reward.

