



St Bernadette's School

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UPDATE!

R.E. NEWS



Pentecost

Pentecost always falls 50 days after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary.



It is often called the 'the birthday of the Church.'

The disciples of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that is what Jesus told them would happen. Just before He was taken up to heaven he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they would be his witnesses in the whole world (Acts 1:8).

The disciples and other Christians had come together to thank God and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a strong wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were singing. Next they saw tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. When the tongues of fire came they were filled with the Holy Spirit and the disciples began speaking in different languages.

The main message for the disciples was to go out and spread the Good News. That is our mission today as Catholics. We must spread the Good News to all we meet. Let others know about our faith, do not be afraid to let everyone know that we follow Christ. Perhaps this week we could do that by inviting a friend or family member along to come to Mass with us.

Shane Robinson
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

"Always help us to show strength through gentleness in our words and actions"

I am so proud to be the Principal of such a generous school community. On a daily basis the children are living out our school values off '**care and compassion**'.

Over the last months the children at St Bernadette's and their families have supported many needy causes at the same time as raised awareness in the wider community of the needs of others.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) has been very active in supporting Purple Day; raising awareness about epilepsy and Allergy Awareness Week; developing the understanding of our school community about the effects of allergies on 1 in every 10 children.

Over the last two weeks through our 'Dig Deep for Nepal' campaign our school has raised a significant amount of money - **\$950** that will help CARITAS to provide shelter, food and water to the Nepalese people whose lives and community have been so devastatingly affected by the recent earthquake in that region.

Today the children's generosity continued as they donated a gold coin to the works of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) and raised **\$804**.

We truly are a community that supports our words with powerful actions that make a difference to others.

Our children are growing to be young people who can and will make a difference in their world now and in the future.

God of all creation

Give us clear eyes to see the whole world

So that we may never take for granted the gifts you have given

Or think they belong to us alone

Give us open hearts to reach out from our comfort

To help others whenever and wherever we can

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

From the Principal:

Feedback from our Kindergarten Interviews

It has been a very busy 5 weeks welcoming new 2016 kindergarten families to their interviews. In these interviews it is clearly evident that St Bernadette's has such a fabulous reputation in our community as a result of the wonderful students who attend and have attended our school, all the parents who so actively contribute to and support our learning programmes and school events plus the professional, friendly hard working and dedicated staff.

Update on Band News

Congratulations to our band students who performed at the recent St Madeleine's Country Fair and were placed 3rd in the Challenge of the Bands. Apart from the honour of this placing the band was awarded an \$850 prize. This money has been used by band instructor, Damien Butler, to contribute to the purchase of a Tenor and a Saxophone. This makes a wonderful addition to the band instruments. Congratulations girls and boys and thank you to our band instructors.



Staffing News

We wish Mrs Uno the very best as she commences her maternity leave today. We hope that the next few weeks bring her some rest and time for preparation as she awaits the birth of her baby. We welcome Mrs Ann Climpson as she joins our staff as the Year 4Blue teacher. Ann is familiar with St Bernadette's having taught here previously.

Please keep Mr Visser and his family in your prayers. Mr Visser's mother was diagnosed with Motor Neurone's Disease and passed away this morning peacefully in her sleep. We send our sincere condolences to Mr Visser and his family. The staff have been supporting Mr Visser and his family over the last two weeks so that he could spend some special time with her.



Coming Dates

WEEK 6

Mon, 25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8.30am Morning Assembly
Tues, 26 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8-10am Uniform Shop OpenSchool Banking
Wed, 27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.10pm Choir3-4pm Dance Fever
Thurs, 28 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 4 Nan Tien Temple Excursion
Fri, 29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yr 6 Education Interactive Incursion1.40pm Whole School Assembly— Parents are welcome to attend.

CHOIR

Members of the choir attended a combined schools' rehearsal at St Andrew's Primary at Marayong last Tuesday. We are preparing for performances on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th June at Nagle College, Blacktown South as part of the 2015 Captivate Showcase.

Tickets will be allocated this year instead of being general admission, so parents are encouraged to book as soon as possible at www.trybooking.com/HNSX or by calling (02) 9840 5649 for family passes. Tickets are \$15 (adult) or \$10 (concession).

Athletics Carnival

Notes were sent home this week for our Athletics Carnival which is coming up on **Thursday 18th June**. A note was sent to every child. Please make sure that your child returns his/her note to the class teacher.

The carnival will be held at Greenway Oval, Cherrybrook. If you can help out on the day, please note this on the reply slip.

Thank you

Kindergarten 2016 — Siblings

Thank you to all those parents who have already submitted the enrolment form for their little ones for next year.

If you have a sibling due to start St Bernadette's in 2016 and have not yet submitted an application form, could I please ask you to contact Mrs Crake in the school office and one will be sent home to you.

Places are already filling up and we do not want any of our siblings to miss out!

We ask that all forms be completed and returned (together with all relevant paperwork) by **Friday, 29th May**.

Social Skill: For Weeks 5 & 6

Being a Creative Student at St Bernadette's

Being creative is not just about being artistic. Being creative doesn't mean you know how to draw or play an instrument. Being creative is a way of thinking, a way of viewing the world. Creative people sometimes make NEW things but they can also think about new things in different ways.

The right side of the brain is used for creative things. Creative people use the right side of their brains more than the left. Some people appear to be born creative, however everyone does have the creative right brain side that they can develop. It takes a concerted effort and at St Bernadette's we encourage our students and provide activities to allow them to bring out their creative side, for some it just takes time.

Family Discussion Starters:

Who are the most creative people in your family?

What would each member of your family like to be better at?

What has been the best invention ever? Do you think it related to the right side or left side of the brain thinking?

Think of something you can do creatively during the next two weeks.

Kathy Watt

ENROLLING NOW

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Term 2

Staff Spiritual Formation
&
Pupil Free Day:
Fri 26th June



Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2015: Parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of confirmation are asked to attend *one* of our information evenings held on **Monday 15 or Tuesday 16 June**. Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm in the Church. Evenings will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. This preparation programme is suitable for children who are in Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist. Please contact Alice Bradshaw at the parish office on 9634 2622 (Mon/Tue) or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au, for more information.

Year 6 Debating

Today our Year 6 Debaters participated in the second round of the Hills Cluster Debating Competition. The affirmative team travelled to St Madeleine's, Kenthurst, while the negative team hosted the St Madeleine's team at our school.

The topic debated was '*Actions Speak Louder than Words*' and our Debaters for this debate were:

Affirmative Team

Nicole Homs
Georgiana Dumapit
Charlotte Joyce
Matthew Hurst

Negative Team

Zoe Rowntree
Renita Royce
Gabriella Puglisi
Jemma Hullick

Congratulations to both teams St Madeleine's won the debate hosted at St Bernadette's and St Bernadette's won the debate at St Madeleine's.



SCHOOL DISCO



Theme: **SPARKLE!**

Please keep this date and evening free as more details will be sent home soon!

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
Term 2 Week 10

Fly With Your Learning



A-Thon Day
Friday 12th June (Week

This year our school fundraiser will be on Friday 12th June. The theme for the day will be **"Fly with your learning"**. After recess the students across the school will be engaged in learning tasks around the theme of flying. The tasks will be linked to syllabus outcomes in English, Science and Technology, Mathematics and Creative Arts. Next week the students will be bringing home a sponsorship card. Each student will complete five tasks during the day. Students will be asking friends and family to sponsor them to complete these five tasks.

Lyn Sweetnam & Rochell Borg
A-Thon Coordinators

ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.



P & F Meeting
Wed 3rd June
7pm &



FUN FAIR MEETING AT 8PM
Library

We Need You!

Parents are invited to attend the next P&F Meeting (details above).

A Fun Fair meeting will follow at 8pm.

Our Fun Fair is coming up later in the year and parent helpers are being sought to help with stalls and other things. If you can help, please come along to the meeting. Your support would be much appreciated.



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

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 26th May between 8.00am and 10.00am.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 6 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	

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.

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

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

When your marriage relationship sadly and tragically breaks down, you can begin to think that your life has come to an end; dreams and hopes are shattered. This is true for so many. On the last Tues of each month, CCSS Solo Parents Services run a support group for such people, called "Stepping Beyond". We meet again on Tues 25th May at 7.30pm at Allawah St, Blacktown. For further details call Eileen or Rita on 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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.