



# St Bernadette's School

Friday, July 31, 2015

No. 22

## UPDATE!

*"Few of us do great things, but all of us can do small things with great love"*  
(Mother Theresa)

Today as I write I am inspired by the generosity and hard work of our Parents and Friends Association and its various committees. As the parent representative group, they represent every parent in our school community. For our children they provide a fine role model of how to be generous with the gifts that they have been given and they demonstrate how to share their gifts within our community for the benefit of our community.

To experience the recent Grandparents Day celebrations last week was a true privilege. All who were present were able to witness the generosity of the P & F hospitality group and the P & F Executive members who prepared and hosted a magnificent morning tea for our grandparents. So many families sent in food for our grandparents to enjoy. Individually your gifts may have been small – together they resulted in an absolutely magnificent celebration. Congratulations and thank you to everyone!

Every week our uniform shop coordinators offer a very special service to our families - a service that extends far beyond supplying the school uniform. These same ladies then operate our student banking. Quiet achievers, contributing a significant service to our school community.

With less than 100 days until the 2016 St Bernadette's Fun Fair our Fun Fair Committee and Executive members have been regularly meeting, planning, organizing, coordinating and advertising this wonderful event. All of this represents hours of work every week – another example of generosity.

St Bernadette's has been blessed with a fabulous Parents and Friends Association.

God sends blessings,  
such as people like you.  
we really appreciate  
all that you do.

May God bless you  
with all his love and care.  
We want to Thank You,  
for always being there.

It's people like you  
who bring happiness in the lives of others,  
to wonderful children,  
and to their fathers and mothers.  
Thank You so much for all that you do

## R.E. NEWS



### Sacramental News

Congratulations to all the children who have been involved in the sacramental program over the last 9 months. Last Friday night the program finished with a beautiful and prayerful closing ceremony.



We pray for the students and families preparing now for the sacrament of 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  
Co-ordinator

## SPORT! SPORT! SPORT!

What another great week of sport the children in Stage 2 and 3 have enjoyed. Thank you to all the parents who transported the children and assisted with coaching. A huge thank you to the Tole family for their generous donation of soccer shirts and shorts which fully kitted our two teams for the gala day. Our teams certainly looked the part in their all blue St Bernadette's soccer clothes.

## CHANGING SCHOOLS

To estimate enrolments for 2016, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year, from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

## COMPULSORY STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided, unless they are sick or there is another good reason for their inability to attend. Parents are required to explain their child's absence within the following seven days. Not doing so means that an unjustified absence will be recorded on the class roll. Teachers are also required to record lateness and part day absences on the class roll. If your child is late, or if you pick your child up during the school day, you are required to come in to the office to complete a Late Arrival or Early Dismissal note. This week, letters were sent home from Mr Visser to those parents that have not provided a written explanation for their child's absence. Parents are urged to respond to this letter ASAP.

*Leanne Nettleton*  
Principal

### ***"The Nuts & Bolts of Addition & Subtraction with Trading— How do we?"***

A hands-on, practical session with the aim of developing your skills in understanding the process of trading/decomposition

Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Time: Session 1 8:30 am

Time: Session 2 2:00pm

Who: Small groups of parents

**RSVP: Essential**

by Fri 7<sup>th</sup> August, return email to the office, subject Maths Workshop

**Please be aware that numbers will be limited.**



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# Maths Presentation on Addition and Subtraction

On Monday evening, the Maths Lead Team presented an opportunity for parents to find out more about how and what we teach in Mathematics to the children. We teach what is outlined for each grade according to the 'new' Mathematics syllabus – something of which not all parents were aware.

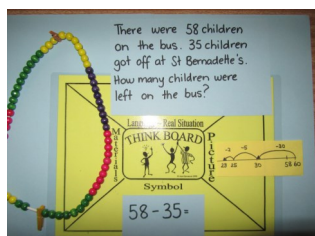
During the evening, there was opportunity for those attending to provide feedback to the Team regarding parents' needs and questions.

One item that was raised revolved around parents' understanding of the current terminology involved in Mathematics. Parents noted that having a better understanding of this would greatly assist them with their children's homework. Some of these terms and their meanings are presented below. Further terms will be added each week, and any you would like explained, please email Peter Visser at the school and we will include these in future newsletters.

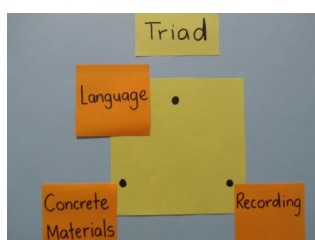
**Number Bust** – breaking a number down through an operation. 144 might be  $72 \times 2$  or  $3 \times 48$  or  $288/2$  or  $1/3$  of 432 or  $68 + 76$

**Known Facts** – knowledge children have that springs immediately to mind e.g. children automatically know that  $7 + \underline{\quad} = 10$ , that the missing number is 3 and do not need to write it out or use concrete materials, etc. to work it out

**Think Boards** – often the teachers will present the real life situation and the children complete the Materials, Symbol and Picture sections



**Triads** – where the children think about numbers and look at the language – the words to describe that number, what it looks like with counters, etc. and how it is written or recorded



**GILROY IN 2016**



Gilroy Catholic College presents...

# Seussical

2016 Musical Production

## Information Evening

**When:** Thursday 20th of August, 2015 at 6.30pm

**Where:** The Library, Gilroy Catholic College, Marie Street, Castle Hill

**RSVP:** Monday 17th August to [jmassaioli@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmassaioli@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Think left and think right and think low and  
think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up  
if only you try! - Dr Seuss



### BASKETBALL TRIALS NEXT WEEK

**All trials held on the top court  
Commencement time: 7.30 am**

**Monday August 3—Yrs. 3/4 girls  
Tuesday August 4—Yrs. 3/4 boys  
Wednesday August 5—Yrs. 5/6 girls  
Thursday August 6—Yrs. 5/6 boys**

### Term Dates 2015

#### 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

### OAKHILL COLLEGE BASKETBALL CLUB ENROLMENTS 2015/2016 SUMMER COMPETITION

Are you in Year 6 and enrolled at Oakhill College in 2016? Joining the Oakhill Basketball Club is a great way for any of the boys at your school that may be attending Oakhill College in 2016 to play local comp basketball in the Hills District Summer Comp at Hills Sports Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill. This is a great opportunity to get together and meet some new friends before you start at the College.

Games are played on Tuesday nights. We are placing teams together for the Summer Comp commencing Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016. Players will be placed in U/14's comp competing against boys their own age.

Enrolment forms will be available on the Oakhill College website under "Sports / Basketball". Enrolment forms should be submitted to the Oakhill Basketball Club by return email no later than Monday, 24 August 2015.

Please note that we do our best to place all boys into an Oakhill Team, depending on the number of boys enrolled. We also welcome parents who wish to volunteer as Coaches and Managers for these teams.

For enquiries, please contact Julianne Vella at [juliannevella7@hotmail.com](mailto:juliannevella7@hotmail.com) or on mobile 0408 437192.

# ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

## ***A HUGE THANKYOU...***

*to all the wonderful parents that gave up their time and helped prepare, serve and clean up after our Grandparents Day last Friday. It was lovely to see so many Grandparents and Special Friends spending time at our school and a pleasure to host a little morning tea for them all. Such an enjoyable morning for our guests would not be possible without the help of the parents who graciously offer to help time and time again. Many thanks go to Marnie Parington, Tanya Giallonardo, Cherie Ann Kelly, Antonina Scotti, Danielle Vassallo, Rachel Conlin, Adel Kouknas, Beth Windress, Paul Joyce, Nick Gooley, Amanda Egan, Karen Orsini, Susan Keetels, Eli Bugarija, Dulch Perete, Anna Benny, Therese Younis, Rebecca Cushway, Susan Goodlace and Sue Walkerden.*

### **WEEK 4**

## **Coming Dates**

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|---------------|---|
| <b>Mon,</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr. 5 Bathurst Excursion</li> <li>• Yr. 3/4 girls basketball trials 7.30am</li> </ul>                                |
| <b>Tues,</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-10am Uniform Shop Open</li> <li>• School Banking</li> <li>• Yr. 3/4 boys basketball trials 7.30am</li> </ul>       |
| <b>Wed,</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr. 5/6 girls basketball trials 7.30am</li> <li>• 1.10pm Choir</li> <li>• 3-4pm Dance Fever</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Thurs,</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr. 5/6 boys basketball trials 7.30am</li> <li>• Stg. 2 Cricket NSW Blast Cup 8.30am</li> </ul>                      |
| <b>Fri,</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30 School debating</li> <li>• 9.00 Kindy excursion Golden Ridge</li> <li>• 1.40pm Whole School Assembly</li> </ul> |

### **2015 SUMMER SPORTS**

## **FUTSAL ★ NETBALL** **Dural Sport & Leisure Centre**



### **FUTSAL**

FIFAs 5-a-side • Small Court  
More touches on the ball  
More control • More skill

**Girls • Boys**  
**Ladies • Men • Mixed**  
**Over 35s • Over 45s**

**MINIS Come & Try Day**  
Wednesday 12 August  
4-5pm 6-7yrs • 5-6pm 8 yrs

**Team Regos • 3-21 August**

### **NETBALL**

Full size courts  
2 x 20 min halves

**JUNIORS**  
7yrs-15yrs  
Thursday • Friday

**LADIES**  
Daytime • Wed & Thursday  
Nights • Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs

**MIXED**  
Nights • Tues/Thurs/Friday

**Team Regos • 3-21 August**

Dural Sport & Leisure Centre  
Cnr Kenthurst Road & Pellitt Lane, Dural  
Call 9651 2777 or office @dslc.com.au  
www.dslc.com.au



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# THE NED SHOW!!!!!!



The spectacular NED show was experienced by years 3 – 6 at St Bernadette's yesterday. The show engaged the whole audience and probably amazed the teachers too! The Ned show teaches kids to Never give up, Encourage others and to Do your best. Throughout the show Maiya used yoyo's to landscape the story that she was telling, so we could picture what was happening. Maiya was the host of the show, she was spectacular and captured our imagination and played with our minds as she did some mind blowing yoyo and magic tricks! She also interacted with the audience and had us in stitches with funny jokes. We are selling great quality yoyo's at recess and lunch and the money raised from the sales allows the company to go and present at another school.  
By Gabriella Puglisi and Tara Le Large Year 6!

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open on  
Tuesday, July between 8.00am  
and 10.00am.





## FUN FAIR NEWS

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

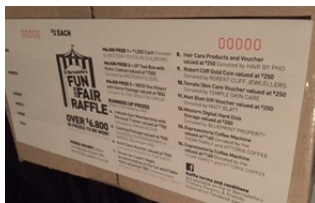
Don't forget Basket Collection days Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. Please drop baskets to parents waiting at Kiss and Drop in the morning or take to the Multi- Purpose room, behind the Tuckshop.



Ride Forms will be sent home the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.