



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 4th December, 2015

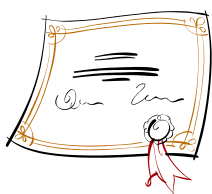
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## UPDATE!

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."*

*Romans 12:4-8*

Learning is a lifelong process - we learn from the moment we are born and continue the learning process throughout our lives. On Monday, the whole school community came together to celebrate the many ways in which the children have learnt this year - academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally. It was wonderful to



see so many children excited that they were recognized for their learning. Catholic values and traditions are implicit in the way we teach, the way we reconcile with each other and the way we recognize and celebrate every child at St Bernadette's Primary School.

Thank you to the many parents who joined us in the church on Monday to celebrate our children's learning. The children felt acknowledged and valued for their special gift and they were so excited to be celebrating their learning with you their parents, with their peers and with their teachers. I would like to thank our very dedicated and energetic staff for their preparation for this celebration and the way in which they were able to present to you a snapshot of what the year of learning looked like for the children in their grade.

**Leanne Nettleton**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. We light another purple candle on this for Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.



The word 'hope' has two meanings in the Bible. The first, *tiqvah*, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, *elpis*, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

The children know and understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of our saviour.

Here are some suggestions on activities to do during the month of December through the season of Advent.

1. Make an Advent wreath at home – you will need 3 purple candles, one pink candle and one white candle for the middle of the wreath.
2. Make an Advent calendar that consists of different good deeds to do each day.
3. Write some activities to do each day and place them in a jar. Draw a different one out to do each day.
4. Make a set of Advent drawers out of 25 matchboxes. Glue the matchboxes together and wrap with wrapping paper. Put a task inside each box.
5. Decorate your own Jesse Tree. Use ornaments that represent people and stories from the Bible eg. you might hang a dove to represent Noah or a harp to represent David. Each night you could read a passage from the Bible on the person you have chosen.

Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and will give them day-to-day activities to make their waiting time pass more quickly.

Ideas from: <http://www.more4kids.info/1481/celebrating-advent-with-children/>

**Mrs Shane Robinson**  
Religious Education Coordinator



### JUMP UP&DOWN 4 KIDS

Today you will receive a copy of the Australian Catholic Bishops call for justice for refugees and asylum seekers. The JUMP UP&DOWN 4 KIDS initiative has a goal of ending indefinite mandatory detention for children. There are currently 205 children held in immigration detention centres in Australia and Nauru. You are invited to support the #jumping4kids campaign by posting a photo of your jump on social media.

### World Youth Day 2016 | Krakow | Poland

Thank you to those families who have already returned WYD raffle tickets.

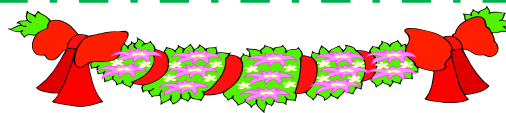
World Youth Day is a significant event in the life of the Diocese. The next World Youth Day is in Krakow, Poland in July 2016 and the Diocese is planning to support as many young people as possible who wish to go. Miss Boudib who is also a member of the St Bernadette's Parish will be attending WYD16 as a teacher pilgrim.



## Coming Dates

### WEEK 10

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| <b>Mon, 7 Dec</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8.30am Morning Assembly</li><li>• Peter Kearney Workshop All Day</li><li>• Reports Sent Home</li><li>• 6pm Christmas Concert</li></ul> |
| <b>Tues, 8 Dec</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8-10am Uniform Shop Open</li><li>• 10am Principal's Morning Tea</li><li>• School Banking</li></ul>                                     |
| <b>Wed, 9 Dec</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool (Yrs 2 to 6)</li><li>• 3-4pm Dance Fever</li></ul>  |
| <b>Fri, 11 Dec</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.15am Thanksgiving Mass—Church and Morning Tea—Library</li></ul>  |



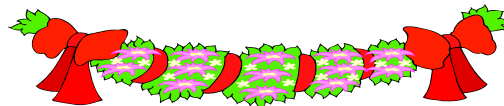
### St. Bernadette's Christmas Family Concert

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
at 6.00 pm—grass area. (Earlier Time)  
Special Guest Peter Kearney

with the children of  
St Bernadette's School

Bring Your Own chairs, rugs, food.  
**From 5pm:** Hot chips & cold drinks on sale.

*Please note:* This is an alcohol and glass free evening. Smoking is prohibited on school grounds at all times.



### Christmas Wishes

As there are a number of children at St Bernadette's who have severe allergies we kindly ask that you do not send in any edible treats for the children to give to each other. This includes gingerbread, chocolates, candy canes, marshmallows or any other lolly, biscuit or cake. We ask this so that we can ensure that our school community remains safe for all of our children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

PS : Children are welcome to carry out the Christmas spirit by sending and receiving Christmas cards with lovely messages of joy and thanks.



### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Annalise Besters 4B



Congratulations to **Georgiana Dumapit in 6B**, who was awarded the Sister Hyacinth Roche Scholarship today at the Mount Saint Benedict College Presentation Ceremony. This academic scholarship is awarded to a girl whose energy, enthusiasm and love of learning is evident, and who best demonstrates evidence of their sense of community, discipline and commitment in their endeavours.



## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open **EVERY Tuesday morning (term time)** between 8 and 10am for the purchase of school uniform. **EFTPOS, Cash & Cheques are accepted.**



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 10 Term 4

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

Monday	Recess	Anne Marie Sullivan
	Lunch	Lisa Stevens
Tuesday	Recess	Rose Intal
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Wednesday	Recess	
	Lunch	Nina Irwin
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	Joanne Long
Friday	Recess	
	Lunch	Dorothy Palmer

## YEAR 2 PARENTS

If your child requires a bus pass in 2016 you will need to apply for a School Opal Card which is now available online.

Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

Should you require any further information, please ring Fran Murphy at the school office.

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

## ENROLLING NOW

# KINDERGARTEN 2016



## Term 4

Staff Development & Pupil Free Days:

**Thurs 17 & Fri 18 Dec (Week 11)**



# CHANGES TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHEME

From Term 1 2016 students eligible for travel under the transport scheme will be issued with School Opal cards. Applications from Term 1 2016 will be done via a new online application process

## **Automatic renewal**

If your child has already been given a travel pass you will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016.

However, parents will need to apply if a student:

- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is in a transition year (i.e. Year 2 to 3)
- If student's personal details have changed



The responsibility for arranging School Opal cards lies with parents. Schools will no longer issue an application form as parents will go online from 2 November 2015, print it out and return it to the school.

**Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)**

## CATHOLIC OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (COSHC)

### **Summer Holidays 2015 / 2016**

Dates: Monday 11th January 2016 to Friday 22nd January 2016 and  
Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January 2016  
(Staff Development Days)

Further Details:  
Lauren Kane  
0408 582 535

COSHC St Bernadettes				
SUMMER 2016 VACATION CARE				
January 11th	January 12th	January 13th	January 14th	January 15th
New Year's Party	Rhythm Boat (excursion)	Base Zero Rock Climbing (incursion)	Bardwell Valley Golf (excursion)	Splashlastic
January 18th	January 19th	January 20th	January 21st	January 22nd
WS Wanderers (incursion)	Attractivity (excursion)	Muttley Crew (incursion)	PAWS Studio (excursion)	Australia Day Carnival
January 25th	January 26th	January 27th	January 28th	January 29th
COSHC Staff Training No Vac Care	Australia Day No Vac Care	Minute To Win It	Shelter Building (incursion)	Back to School!!!!

Care is available each day from 7:00am-6:15pm. All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified.

Please return booking form in person or email to: [coshc@bernadettescatholic.edu.au](mailto:coshc@bernadettescatholic.edu.au)  
Contact Centre Supervisor on 0408 582 535

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS AND FULL PAYMENT: Friday Dec 11, 2015**





# ST. BERNADETTE'S P&F ASSOC.

Parents please make sure that all your children's belongings are labelled for the start of the next school year. Please go to the that's mine website or pick up a brochure from the uniform shop to purchase your labels. Don't forget to enter our school name so we receive the commission from your purchase.

With Thanks  
P&F Assoc.

## Easy fundraising !!

Everytime you place an order, 20% of the total cost goes into our school fundraising account. Why not get your family, friends & neighbours to order. It's so EASY!

At checkout just select the school and the 20% commission will go straight into our account.



[www.thatsmine.com.au](http://www.thatsmine.com.au)



### Term 4 Dates 2015

- Fri 4th December— Year 6 Disco
- Mon 7th December (6pm) - Family Christmas Concert (Food from 5pm)
- Wed 9th December (Yrs 2 to 6) Swimming Carnival**
- Fri 11th December— 9.15am Thanksgiving Mass—Church then Library for Morning Tea
- Mon 14th December—Year 6 Graduation Mass
- Tue 15th December—Year 6 Activities Day
- Wed 16th December—Last day for students
- Staff Development & Pupil Free Days - Thurs 17th & Fri 18th December

### Term 1 Dates 2016

- 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
- Wed 3 Feb—\*MAIs
- Fri 8 April—Last day Term 1
- \* MAI (Maths Assessment Interviews)

### Kindy End of Year Family Catch Up

When: Friday 11th December  
Where: Castle Hill RSL  
Time: From 5.30pm onwards

### Year 2 End of Year Family Catch Up

When: Friday 11th December  
Where: Castle Hill RSL  
Time: 5.30pm onwards

### 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.

Expand your imagination  
by reading this summer and  
you could **win an iPad mini**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and  
you could win one of four iPad minis.  
The more books you read, the more chances  
you have to win\*.

Enter online at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Entries close 5 February 2016.

**Executive Director's  
Summer Reading  
Challenge**

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Diocese of Parramatta  
\*Terms and Conditions apply



If you would like to help out in the Uniform Shop or Tuckshop next year—please complete the form(s) and return to the school office. Thank you.

### UNIFORM ROSTER FOR 2016

Voluntary help in our Uniform Shop assists us to offer a great service to our families. If you would like to help in the Uniform Shop, please complete the form below and return it to the office by **Wednesday, 9th December**. If you volunteer, you will be helping between 8am and 10am on a Tuesday morning. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years. This is a simple process and you can do this by logging on to: [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/training](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/training) or visit our website.



I, ..... (Name, please print)

Mobile Number .....

c/o Eldest child in Class: .....

☐ am available \*1st, \*2nd, \*3rd, \*4th or \*5th Tuesday in the month.

(\*please circle) in month/s: .....

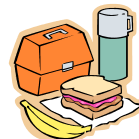
☐ am available any Tuesday, please roster me as appropriate.

*For any queries, please contact Therese Qasabian  
Uniform Roster Co-ordinator on 9659 8171*

### Tuckshop Roster for 2016

The operation of our Tuckshop relies on the voluntary help of our parents. If you are interested in being a parent helper to serve in the Tuckshop either at recess or lunchtime, please fill in the form below and return to the office by **Wednesday, 9th December**. You must also have completed the Child Protection Course online in the last 2 years. This is a simple process and you can do this by logging on to: [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/training](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/training) or visit our website.

Please contact Stacy Daly on 0409 994 838 or email: [stacyd@tpg.com.au](mailto:stacyd@tpg.com.au)



### TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR 2016

I, ..... (Name, please print) Mobile Number ..... Email address: .....

☐ am currently on ..... and will help on this day next year.  
please nominate week and day of the month: (eg. third Monday)

☐ am currently on ..... and would like to change to .....

☐ am currently on ..... but I am not available to help next year.

☐ am not on the roster but would like to help next year on .....

☐ am able to help between 10.25 and 11am 'recess' duty .....

☐ am able to help between 12.45 and 1.45pm 'lunch' duty .....

Eldest child's name: ..... Class: .....