



# St Bernadette's School

Friday 12 February 2016

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Dear Parents,

During Lent Jesus retreated into the desert for forty days to prepare for His ministry. It was for Him a time of reflection and contemplation. For us, to pass time in the desert means to find occasions when we create a little emptiness and silence around us, rediscover the road to our heart, remove ourselves from the noise of external distractions, enter into contact with the deepest source of our being and faith.....On Ash Wednesday, our foreheads were marked with ashes to remind us that life passes away on earth:

"Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return".

The ashes are made from the blessed palms left over from the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. These ashes are 'christened' with holy water and are scented by exposure to incense. Whilst the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and understanding to those who are of goodwill. In Lent we are reminded to be faithful to the Gospels and the Gospel values. We are encouraged to respond throughout Lent by engaging in prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

*God, our Father,  
we ask that You accept us as we are,  
vulnerable, flawed and in need of Your love.*

*This Lent may Your Spirit  
be powerful within us so that joy,  
love and peace may be expressed through the  
actions of our lives.*

*Amen.*

**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  
Religious Education Coordinator

First School Assembly this afternoon where our new Kindergarten students attending with their buddies and our School Captains lead their first assembly. For more photos please see our Facebook page.



### Week 4 Dates

**Mon 15 Feb**  
8.30am Assembly  
2.45—4.30pm  
Motivat8sports Club

**Tue 16 Feb**  
Dance Fever  
Yr 1 excursion 'Big Dig'  
1.10pm Choir  
3—4pm Club Dance  
Fever

### Coming Dates:

**Tues 23 Feb**  
8.45am Welcome Mass  
Church — All Invited

**Mon 22 Feb**  
Hills Zone Swimming

**Fri 26 Feb**  
Diocesan Swimming,  
Blacktown  
CAPTIVATE Choir at St  
Paul's, Winston Hills

### Term Dates 2016

**Term 1:**  
29 January—9 April

**Term 2:**  
26 April—1 July

**Term 3:**  
18 July—23 Sept

**Term 4:**  
10 Oct—20 Dec

## Have you visited our website?

<http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>  
(Copy link and keep in your favourites!!)

Our website is full of useful information which parents are asked to check on a regular basis. The family calendar, which has all the dates relevant to school/masses and sport etc are here for you to view. Information regarding events / parent courses and diocesan news are also found here.

Also placed on our website under Parents/Notes from School/ then click on your grade, are the notes sent home regarding excursions and grade newsletters.

Also under Parents/Notes from School/Whole School is information relevant to the whole school ie. Uniform Shop Order Forms/Tuckshop Menu/school notes/Requisites List etc.

Don't forget to check it out!

## Book Club

Welcome back to a new year. This year there is one booklet that covers all age groups. The booklet for this term was sent home on Monday 8th and the orders need to be completed by Monday 15th February. If you are not familiar with book club, we send home a booklet each term and if you wish, the children may purchase the books advertised in the booklet. The school receives points based on the value of the order. These points are used to purchase resources for the school.

Payment may be made online using your credit card to pay by loop ([scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)), or cash/cheque returned to school with the order form in an envelope with the child's name and class on the front and clearly marked 'Book Club'.

Thank you for your continued support, especially the parents who collate and distribute the orders each term.

## Prayers For:

Please keep in your prayers those who are unwell in our community:

Wayne Williams partner of Cherie Kelly (Emerald Kelly in 3W and Isaac Kelly in 5W).

Margret Rowntree, mother of ex student Zoe Rowntree.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Puckeridge family (ex family of St Bernadette's), following the recent passing of their father. May he rest in peace.



## 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 all accepted.



## TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 4 Term 1

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

Monday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	If you are
Tuesday	<i>Recess</i>	available to
	<i>Lunch</i>	help in our Tuckshop
Wednesday	<i>Recess</i>	Please call Stacy Daly on
	<i>Lunch</i>	0409 994 838
Thursday	<i>Recess</i>	
	<i>Lunch</i>	
Friday	<i>Recess</i>	Stacy Daly
	<i>Lunch</i>	Stacy Daly

## St Bernadette's Football Club

Registrations have opened for the 2016 soccer season. Register: <http://www.icompman.com.au/iregister?P1=57&P2=67>

## Gilroy College Year 7 Enrolments

Open Evening for Year 7 2017 will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2016. Principal's address at 6.15pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall. College tours will be conducted at 5.30pm & 7.30pm (bookings not required). Enrolment packages will be available on the night and from the College office until 6 April 2016. Gilroy Catholic College focuses on quality education within the nurturing environment of a faith community. Gilroy is a Technology rich learning environment. Pastoral care is central to the organisation and operation of the school and endeavours to ensure that all students are able to recognise the dignity of their relationship with others. Applications close 6 April 2016. Contact [tpoole@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tpoole@parra.catholic.edu.au) for further information.

## Oakhill College Enrolments 2017

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2017 will close on Friday 19th February 2016. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment for their sons at Oakhill College for Year 7, 2017, and who have not yet submitted a form, are requested to contact the Registrar before Friday, 19th February 2016. Phone: Mrs Nicole Beamish (Registrar) 9899 2288 or [registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au).

## Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### *Social Skill: Being a great friend at St Bernadette's*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Social Skill Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Jackson Leib	Savannah Jaucian	Baylee Parker
<b>KG</b>	Jackson Randall	Nada Ishak	Zachary Young
<b>KW</b>	Riley McGlynn	Fabian Crecca	Breannah Ragno
<b>1B</b>	Matthew Hanna	Chloe Karam	Mikayla Alam
<b>1G</b>	Not for Publication	Michael Lalli	Daniel Giallonardo
<b>1W</b>	Lucas Ranieri	Annabelle Vassallo	Paloma Lopez
<b>2B</b>	Leah Symin	Joshua Zeaiter	Ysabella Jaucian
<b>2G</b>	Alexis Vishnivetskiy	Antonio Wadih	Isabella Long
<b>2W</b>	Lucas Heyes	Hannah Tran	Isla Guy
<b>3B</b>	Owen Suyko	Michaela Scrooby	Tess Ellis
<b>3G</b>	Charlotte Lee	Brady Stockdale	Jorja Walsh
<b>3W</b>	Tyler Smith	Gabrielle Youssef	Juliet Radman
<b>4B</b>	Aprille Exton	James Forder	Aaliyah Symin
<b>4G</b>	Matthew Carrozzi	Sophie Kouchoo	Sebastian Uricoechea
<b>4W</b>	Thomas Heyes	Alessia Lalli	Sienna Gomes
<b>5B</b>	Mea Cavallo	Noelle Le	Patrick Stennett
<b>5G</b>	Taylor Egan	Sera-Marina Farfoud	Nadine Ishak
<b>5W</b>	Sebastian Akle	Yves Rahme	Abby McCann
<b>6B</b>	Michael Kavanagh	Giacinta Makhlof	Mark-Mina Kamel
<b>6G</b>	James Bounassif	Georgina Haywood	Ralph Jordan
<b>6W</b>	Olivia Russo	Luke Rutherford-Durney	Domenico Sorbello

### Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to the 2015 HSC Yr 12 students from Gilroy College whose outstanding HSC results placed the college in second place in all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Special congratulations to ex St Bernadette's student Sophie Mack who was college Dux and who was also placed in the HSC Top Achievers List. 23 Gilroy students attained an ATAR of 90.00 or above!

