



St Bernadette's School



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Dear Parents,

I belong, You Belong, We Belong

This week has been Catholic Schools Week, the week in which Catholic schools celebrate what makes them such a special place for your children to learn and grow in faith. St Bernadette's is a wonderful example of faith and learning in action. The students, staff and community are always striving to make this school a place of acceptance, of learning, of critical and creative thinking and of care and compassion for others.

On Tuesday we held our Kindergarten Open Day and our school leaders conducted tours of the school and answered many of the questions that our prospective new families had about our school. The leaders were fine ambassadors and I received many commendations about their communication skills and their confident hospitality. They are to be congratulated and I am very proud of each of them. Our Open Day was a wonderful opportunity for us to share with the broader community the great things that take place in our school every day.

Lord Jesus,

You came among us as teacher, to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy.

Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom,

seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.

May our Catholic schools continue to be places of belonging and sources of hope and

enthusiasm for our young people and their families.

May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



What do we do when we are facing an upcoming event, celebration or special occasion in our lives?



We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are special events in the liturgical year of the Church and the spiritual life of a Christian. As Christians we prepare spiritually through the forty days of Lent. This means that during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way.

"Come back to me, with all your heart," our Lord beckons. So be open to the call, take some time to pray. Today is the day to accept God's invitation.

Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Whole School Assembly this afternoon with students being presented with their Social Skill Awards.



Week 8 Dates

Parent Teacher Interviews

Mon 14 March
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports Club

Tue 15 March
1.10pm Choir
3—4pm Club Dance
Fever

Wed 16 March
Student Banking
3—4pm Aussie Hoops
Basketball

Thurs 17 March
3-4pm Aussie Hoops
Basketball

Coming Dates:

Sun 20 March
Palm Sunday

Wed 23 March
Cross Country Carnival
Dance Fever Challenge,
Homebush

Thurs 24 March
Holy Thursday

Fri 25 March
Good Friday

Tuesday 5 April
60th Anniversary Mass
& Fun Day

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:

- birthdays • shopping •
- minding other children •
- routine check ups or
- care such as hair cuts •
- minor family events •
- sleeping in.

Parent Workshop—Maths

What is the MAI?
What does it look like?
How does the MAI impact on your child and their learning in Mathematics?
Why do we use the MAI?



Want to understand and further support your child in Mathematics?

These questions and more will be addressed at our next Parent Workshop.

When: Monday 4th April at 7pm
Venue: School Library

We hope to see you there!

We ask that interested parents send an email to the school on BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au to indicate their attendance.
Thank you



Quality Catholic Schools Survey (QCS)

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will once again be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling Survey (QCS). The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement. Between 21 March and 1 April 2016 all staff, students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete. This year we will again be able to gain even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will still remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office. An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement. This will definitely assist the school in working with all students to further improve their learning.



As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, you are encouraged to participate as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement. If you have any questions please free to contact the school office and discuss with Mr Visser.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week the teachers will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews provide you and the teacher with an opportunity to discuss your child's development and progress in these first 8 weeks of school and an opportunity to hear about your child's learning goals. Parents of children in Years 3 -6 are encouraged to have your child with you at these interviews so that the children can contribute to the interview. Please ensure that you have booked your interview time with your child's teacher using the **School Interview site**.
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> with the following code: pz3c5



60th Anniversary

In weeks 10 and 11 the children will be learning about education at St Bernadette's in each of the decades from 1956-2016. We would like to invite family members who attended or taught at St Bernadette's in the following decades: 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's, 2010's to come to the school during those weeks to talk with the children about their memories of St Bernadette's. Please contact the school office (9634 2898) if you are interested in sharing your memories with our children or you know of someone who we could invite.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Samantha Kelly 6G, Jarratt Allan 4B, Owen Suyko 3B, Anthony Foong 4G, Chloe Henrico 4B, Savannah Moubarak 4W, Kayla Zaiter 4G, Peter Cheon 6B, Lauren Fisher 6G, Laura Gracie 6B and Abbey Robinson 6G.

A great effort considering the challenge only opened this week!



The children have until the 19th August to complete the challenge. Grades K-2 are required to read 25 books, which can be read to them. Grades 3-6 have a target of 20 books, they are expected to read these themselves. Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Gaye Crammond—Librarian

Uniform Shop—Winter Uniform

Winter uniform will be available for purchase from Tuesday 22nd March (Week 9).



The Winter Order Form will be available for pre-ordering from the end of Week 8. Further details for placing winter orders will be in next week's school newsletter and via Facebook.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Matthew Baker	Sofia Papandrea	Aditi Gowda
KG	Ryan Dinsmore	Zara Osborn	Emily Mitchell
KW	Thomas Masina	Sophie Pratt	Mia Lee
1B	Matthew Khoudair	Taylor Zeaiter	Isabella Perete
1G	Alexander Beers	Angelique Debelak	Hannah Wall
1W	Jesse Oliver	Rachel Sahabu	Will Bosshall
2B	Ella Hammersley	Antonio Zeaiter	Lily Procter
2G	Layaan Arraf	Liam Conlin	Samuel Akle
2W	Henry Buscall	Isabella Scotti	Maya Salloum
3B	Enya Hui	Sabrina Puglisi	Jorja Mizzi
3G	Saskia Bullen	Dean Guy	Olivia Boxshall
3W	Mark Bradshaw	Ashleigh Scrooby	Charlie Barone
4B	Stella Kemmis	Mitchell Daly	Blake Noonan
4G	Joseph Hadchiti	Caitlin Leong	Victoria Buscall
4W	Natalia Barone	Timothy Kelly	Lana Taha
5B	Andreas Kairuz	Mischa Timbrell	Hayley Bounassif
5G	Kaden Govender	Emma Mizzi	Alana Castellan
5W	Alexandra Cushway	Zac Northey	Chloe Metwally
6B	Samuel Antoun	Piper Laurie	Not for Publication
6G	Marcus Bruzzano	Lauren Fisher	Joseph Georges
6W	Caitlin Gething	James Ransome-Haberley	Not for Publication

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Frederick Anderson in 2W** whose soccer club (St Columbas & St Bernadette's) won the Grand Final U7s at Castle Hill Indoor Sports Centre last weekend. Frederick is the team's top goal scorer with 55 of their 123 goals!

Congratulations to **Luciana Romanski in 5 Blue** on receiving 8 awards at the recent Castle Hill Show.

Principal's Awards:



Christopher Zaiter 1W
 Marc Rahme 6G
 James Bounassif 6G
 Tayah Vickers 3W
 Leah Symin 2B
 Joseph Geaitani 6W
 Ysabella Jaucian 2B
 Annika Parker 2W

Head Lice

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child's hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Translated information about head lice and how to treat them can be found at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.htm>

Parent Helpers—calling our many wonderful parent helpers. We have some new and very exciting books to be covered. If you could help cover these it would be very much appreciated. Everything supplied! Please contact the office on 9634 2898 if you can help. Thanking you in advance.



Sporting Schools -

Special Offer for St Bernadette's students from Sporting Schools. Sydney FC play Wellington this Saturday, 12th March at Allianz Stadium. Kick-off is normally 7:30pm on a Saturday night but this weekend, it is 5:15pm which is better for kids. Below is an offer for all of the schools who have a Sydney FC Sporting Schools Program running. As we are running our clinics next term we thought it would be great to still offer it to the students at St Bernadette's Primary School. 2 kids can get in for free with every paying adult by using the password SPORTINGSCHOOLS through Ticketek. (Photo attached below)

Mackillop Basketball

Last week **Katherine Sing, Marc Rahme and Saxon Orsini** represented Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Basketball trials in Wollongong. They played 5 games against other teams from the lower half of the state including Wollongong, Canberra/Goulburn, Sydney and Wagga Wagga.



There was plenty of talent on display throughout the day and once again the sportsmanship they demonstrated was admirable, a true replica of our school values. Well done to all three students.

A special congratulations to **Saxon**, who was named as a part of the MacKillop team and will compete at the NSW PSSA carnival in May. We wish him the best of luck in this 3 day tournament.

Afternoon Collection from Brisbane Road Walking Line

—we have had a number of requests from neighbours that children collected from the BRWL move off from the pathways as soon as possible. Apparently students have been seen climbing trees and running up close to the kerb making it difficult and dangerous for both pedestrians and traffic. Thank you.

Year 3 Coffee Catch Up

Monday 14th March 9am
Little Rock Cafe, Stockland Mall, Baulkham Hills.



All welcome! Fenced in playground for the little ones.

Sarah Sweeney & Sharyn Walsh
Grade Parents

Today St Bernadette's has been able to support Parramatta YCW by donating old unused technology to the group so that they can have the technology refurbished by volunteers and then sent to East Timor to be reused. Well done Mrs Murphy for finding this wonderful group to donate to and to Liam for coordinating the collection of the technology.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 8 Term 1

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

Monday	Recess	
	Lunch	Alice Bradshaw
Tuesday	Recess	
	Lunch	Joanne Long
Wednesday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Thursday	Recess	
	Lunch	
Friday	Recess	Stacy Daly
	Lunch	Stacy Daly

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.

