



St Bernadette's School



Friday 6 May 2016

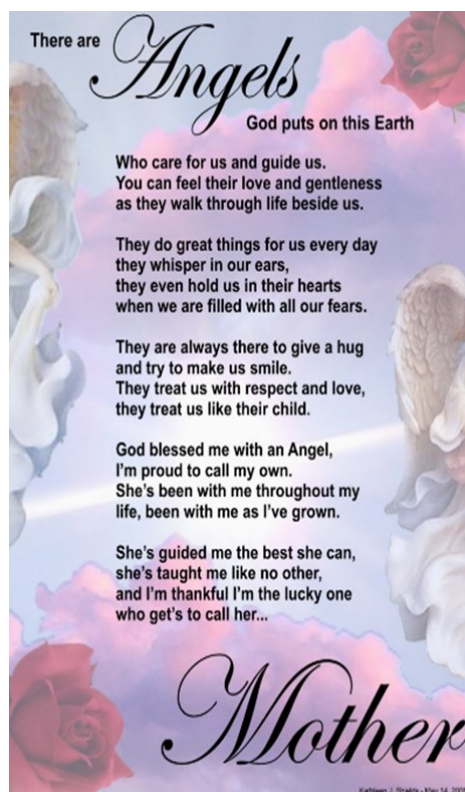
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Happy Mothers' Day

'Mothers hold their children's hands for a short time but their hearts forever'

There are many ways to answer the question, "What is Motherhood?" and one of those ways might be that Motherhood means sharing in the creative power of God. Conceiving, carrying and giving birth to a human being, is as close as any person can get to the act of creation. This is the beginning of Motherhood but it is far from the end. Motherhood is also about nurturing, sacrificing, loving and ultimately, letting go.

This week the children have been reflecting on their beautiful mothers; identifying what makes them so special and celebrating their presence in our lives. We wish all the mums, grandmothers, aunts and special women at St Bernadette's a very happy and love filled Mothers Day this Sunday.



R.E. NEWS



We celebrated our wonderful Mothers this week, where the children had the opportunity to tell their mums how special they are to them.

We pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all Mothers.

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for saying Yes to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own prayers. May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Week 3

Mon 9 May
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports Club

Tue 10 May
NAPLAN—Language Conventions
Yr 1 Incursion
1.10pm Choir

Wed 11 May
NAPLAN—Reading
School Banking

Thurs 12 May
NAPLAN—Numeracy

Fri 13 May
Science & Technology
books coming home

Sun 15 May
Pentecost Sunday
Parish Food Fiesta

Coming Dates:
16 & 17 May
Design2Shine 4G

Fri 20 May
Hills Basketball Clinic
Yr 6 Debating

Term Dates 2016

Term 2:
26 April—30 June
1 July— Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Term 3:
18 July—23 Sept

Term 4:
10 Oct—20 Dec

Mid Year School Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Class teachers are gathering student work samples in preparation for writing mid year school reports. Reports will be distributed to parents in Week 9 and interviews will be held during that week. This year we are asking parents to bring their children along to these interviews so that they can be a part of the conversations about their learning. On Monday evening Year One teachers presented a workshop to parents about the school report that teachers prepare for children in Year One – Year 6. The presentation has been uploaded to the front page of the school website for all parents to view.



Children's Workbooks coming home on Friday 13th May

In Week 3 the children will be bringing home their Religious Education and Science and Technology workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about the learning that you can see in these books. Some conversation starters might include:-

- Show me a piece of work that you are really proud of in this book?
- What have you been learning about in Science and Technology/Religious Education?
- Are there areas that you would like to improve in and why?

The children are extremely proud of their work and will be delighted if you are able to write a comment to them in their book. We encourage you to write this comment after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy receiving feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. Your comment also allows the teacher to see that you were able to take the time to walk through the book with your child. You are asked to return the book promptly on Monday May 16th so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta Announced

His Holiness Pope Francis yesterday appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.



Bishop Long Van Nguyen comes to the Diocese with a rich understanding of the challenges and opportunities of multiculturalism in western Sydney. The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. In 1972, he joined the diocesan minor seminary which was later disbanded by the communist Government. In 1980 he left Vietnam to begin a new life in Australia.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta Announced (continued)

He was elected Superior of Conventual Franciscans in Australia in 2005 and appointed as Assistant General of the same Order and transferred to Rome in 2008. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 20 May 2011.

Bishop Long is familiar with the western Sydney community, having been parish priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville from 1998-2002. His appointment demonstrates the Church's support and understanding of the unique needs of our community.

Enrolling now - Kindy 2017

Enrolment interview are now taking place for Kindergarten 2017 children. It has been lovely to meet with new prospective parents and their little ones. Download the enrolment form from our website <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au> or contact the school office on 9634 2898. Sibling families are asked to contact the office if you have not already submitted a form. **Acceptance letters are being sent after interviews and we do not want any current family to miss out.**



Winter Uniform

Week 3, which is next week, was to be the official change over from summer to winter uniform. However, with the weather still forecast to be quite mild next week, you are invited to determine which of the two uniforms your child wears to school. You are requested to send your child in either summer or winter uniform not a mixture of the two. Please refer to next week's newsletter for a follow up announcement about the uniform changeover.



Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 3rd May, St Bernadette's had 45 children represent the school at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek.

The children were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. The early birds commenced the day by walking the course to familiarise themselves for the run. There was excitement in the grandstand as the children continued to arrive. They each gave one another encouragement for the race ahead.

All students successfully completed the course without injury. We had some outstanding results from Adam Bugarija (11th U11 Boys), Abby McCann (11th U11 Girls), Blake Noonan (9th U10 boys), Thomas Silvester (12th U10 boys), Harry Rushton (19th U10 boys).

Congratulations to Katelyn Ho (8th U12/13 Girls) and Blake Noonan (reserve U10 Boys) for progressing to the next level at the NSWCPSS Cross Country trials as part of the Parramatta team. We wish them well.

Anthony Bye & Nicole Metwally

Parent Survey Feedback Numeracy Evening

Thank you to those parents who attended and then gave feedback following our recent parent meeting on the Mathematics Assessment Interviews. There were some issues raised at the meeting that parents asked to be addressed. One of those items was being given information about the terminology teachers and students are using in Mathematics.



Maths Terminology

Today and over the coming weeks we commence a terminology section in the newsletter.

When the students are involved in **Number Busting** [breaking numbers down in a variety of ways], they are building their **number sense** [what they understand about number] and are learning to manipulate large[r] numbers and reconstruct them in many different ways. Students are also exploring **partitioning** and the **distributive** and **commutative** properties.

Partitioning is dividing any quantity into parts. It refers to the ability to think about numbers as made up of two parts, for example, 10 is 8 and 2 or 6 and 4, etc.

Distributive Property:

In the number sentence $8 \times 17 = \square$ we can distribute 17 as 10 and 7. We can then more easily multiply 8×10 and 8×7 . We are left with $80 + 56 = 136$; much simpler than attempting to multiply 8×17 .

Commutative Property: A method of combining two numbers is **commutative** if the result of the combination does not depend on the order in which the numbers are presented.

Addition of numbers is commutative, we can add $8 + 6$ and $6 + 8$ and have the same answer.

This works **also for multiplication** where 6×5 is the same result as 5×6 .

It does not work for subtraction or division where

$$5 - 3 \neq 3 - 5 \text{ and } 12 \div 4 \neq 4 \div 12$$

More terminology to follow in coming newsletters.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a balanced student at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Olivia Joukhadar	Nicolas Reyna	Jackson Leib
KG	Jack Kirkham	Holly Procter	Khiara Heyes
KW	John Dimitriou	Elijah Pavlovic	Rosalie McGinty
1B	Annabella Dean	Kevin Le	Dylan Gibb
1G	Paul Makhlof	Hilda Mormul	Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera
1W	Will Boxshall	Caterina Porte	Jet Jackson
2B	Raphaella Intal	Christian Rahme	Gabriel Intal
2G	Joshua Bounassif	Natalie Samperi	Lana Formosa
2W	Ashton Pulverenti	Eleanor Read	Bennett Moynahan
3B	Claudia Chambers	Eva Cooper	Catherine Irwin
3G	Amy Ballesty	Michael Khoudair	Emilija Pavlovic
3W	Daniella Jelwan	Brayden Leuzzi	Paavni Kumar
4B	Niamh Bradley	Grace Zeaiter	Max Procter
4G	Chloe Gething	Kayla Zaiter	Aimee Coulter
4W	Alexandra Duke	Jardyn Orsini	Noah Vassallo
5B	Flynn Batty	Thomas Runac	Raquel Sahyoun
5G	Alana Castellan	Logan Ragno	Tayla Milicevic
5W	Ashleigh Lourey	Toby Ryan	Sebastian Akle
6B	Jasmine Bollen	Adam Bugarija	Jayden Kouchoo
6G	Jack Kinnane	Liana Zerafa	Audrey Dimataga
6W	Rachel Antoni	Simon Wanis	Ryan Cooper

Principal's Awards:

Samantha Kelly 6G
Joshua Zaiter 6B
Claudia Chambers 3B
Allegra Xiberras 2B
Enya Hui 3B
Olivia Kirkham 2B
Nathaniel Barone 2B



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

Andrea Yacoub, Marcus Yacoub, Caterina Porte, Nathaniel Barone, Giovanni Porte, Makenna Vickers, Grace Zwaine, Jasmine Azzi, Jaimee Azzi, Zachary Barone, Philip Porte, Renyi Xu, Zara Hawkes, Savannah Jaucian, Annabelle Farag, Annabelle Vassallo, Juliana Farag, Ella Macey, Thomas McGinty, Catherine Irwin, Aimee Coulter, Dominique Jothy, Jack Miller, Jake Collyer, Robert Irwin and Isabella Jaucian.

2016 School Fees

TERM 2 School Fees accounts were sent home this week and are due on **Monday, 30th May, 2016**. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL. Should you wish to make arrangement for the payment of your 2016 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9634-2898 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au

Tuckshop News

Our new Tuckshop menu is impressing our students and staff with its delicious 'home made' items. Please remember to tell your child when you have placed an online order as some children are unsure if they have a lunch order or not. Please make sure that you are using the new Tuckshop Menu that was sent to parents via email in the holidays. Further copies available to download from our website: Parents/Notes from School/Whole School/2016 Tuckshop Menu Term 2 onwards.

If you have made an online order and you need to cancel due to a child being unwell parents will need to call Munch Monitors on 1300 796 190 before 12 noon. Thank you for your assistance.

Thanks Dads!

On behalf of all the St Bernadette's mums, thanks to the following dads for their assistance at the Mothers' Day Morning Tea:

Nick Gooley, Jeff Younis, Carlo Vilorio, Luis Gamez, Naffa Arraf, Timothy Young, Brendon Mitchell and Stuart Thom.

Thanks Mums!

A very big thank you to *Dianne Zeaiter, Stacy Daly, Dianna Zaiter, Rosemary Bounassif, Sonia Kassis, Rania Homs, Mary Zaiter, Alisar Malandrino, Linda Limanoh, Nancy Abouhamad, Jennifer Heyes, Maysa Papandrea, Betty Antoun, Karen De Souza, Josephine Samperi, Adel Kouknas and Nina Irwin* for all your help with the Mothers' Day Stall. Your time and efforts are much appreciated.



**Oakhill College Gala Day
Saturday 4 June**

An exciting day of sport combined with the fun of a fair. With over 3,000 people attending each year this is a day not to be missed! Sport, Markets, Rides, Delicious Food, bookstalls and more!

Come along and enjoy this great day while supporting Oakhill College 423-513 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill. <http://www.oakhillgaladay.org/>

FOOD FIESTA NEXT SUNDAY - Pentecost Sunday, 15 May in the Parish Hall from 11.30am Great Food and Entertainment!!!

Come and enjoy great company & great food. If you can help with cakes or biscuits please contact Audrey on 0425 310 901. If you can help with other food (main meal food of any nationality) or you can volunteer to be a helper, contact Sr Judy at the Parish office on 9634 2622 or Campion on campion.fernando@hotmail.com or 0409 040 760. Food Ticket Books of 5 for \$10 will be available after Masses this weekend.

Mums' Cocktail Night

Join us for the P&F Mums' Night Out

When: Friday 6th May
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Terrace Bar & Cocktail Lounge, Castle Hill RSL

This is a whole school event so please RSVP to your class parent.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Symin family (Aaliyah 4B and Sienna 3G), following the recent passing of their grandfather. 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 and Credit Cards are accepted (not American Express).

Pre-orders received at the school by Friday can be collected the following Tuesday from the Uniform Shop. Payment must be made on collection. Credit card payment facilities available on order form copies available to download from our website: *Parents/Notes from School/Whole School/Winter Uniform Order Form.*

