



St Bernadette's School



Friday 9 September 2016

No. 28

Dear Parents,

So, let's tell a story

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule fell into the farmer's well. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathised with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead he called his neighbours together and told them what happened, and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbours continued shovelling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back, he could shake it off and step up! This he did blow after blow. "Shake it off and step up ... shake it off and step up ... shake it off and step up!" He repeatedly encouraged himself, no matter how painful the blows, or distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic, and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up. It was not long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of that well. What seemed like it would bury him actually blessed him ... all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity. That's life!

If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness or self-pity; the adversities that come along to bury us usually have within them the potential to benefit and bless us!

Remember forgiveness, faith, prayer, praise and hope are all excellent ways to **Shake it off and step up** out of the wells in which we find ourselves.

One more thing ...
Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember that amateurs built the Ark.
Professionals built the Titanic.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



The Way of Mercy was launched in the Parramatta Diocese on Monday 8th August with a Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral. Then the Mercy Cross and the Relics of St Mother Teresa of Kolkata and St Mary Mackillop commenced a three month journey through the parishes and schools in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. On Monday 12th September it is St Bernadette's turn to host the Cross and the Relics. Families are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

The Way of Mercy ceremony will begin with a reverent procession of the Cross and Relics from the playground to the Church to begin our prayer service at 9 o'clock.

All our St Bernadette's community are welcome to attend our Way of Mercy Ceremony.

Mrs Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Week 9

Mon 12 September
9am Mercy Cross
Prayer Service—parents
welcome!

11am Yr 5 We've Got
Talent Performance
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports Club

Tue 13 September
Years 5 & 6 Cricket Gala
Day
11am Yr 3 We've Got
Talent Performance
1.10pm Choir

Wed 14 September
Student Banking
1pm Australian Girls
Choir

Thurs 15 September
Yr 6 Risky Business
Market Day
3-4pm T-ball Sessions

Fri 16 September
Parramatta Diocese
Touch Gala Day Yrs 3/4
NRL Reading Program
Yr 6 Debating
Celebration

Coming Dates:
Sat 22 October
P&F 60th Celebration
Novotel, Norwest

Term Dates 2016

Term 3:
18 July—22 Sept
23 Sept—Staff
Spirituality & Pupil
Free Day
Term 4:
10 Oct—16 Dec
19 & 20 Dec—Staff Dev
& Pupil Free Days

Maths & HSIE workbooks coming home

Your children will be bringing home their Maths workbooks and HSIE workbooks this Friday to share their learning with you. This is an opportunity for you to encourage your child to do his or her personal best. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy reading your comments. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly on Monday 19th September so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Northwest Basketball Challenge

Congratulations to our Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Teams on their display of skills and sportsmanship at the Northwest Basketball Challenge this week. The girls, coached by Mrs Sing, finished 5th in the competition. The boys, coached by Mr Orsini, came undefeated first, winning their grand final by 1 point!

Thank you for all the support from parents to make the day possible. There will be more basketball to come at the Diocesan Gala Day in Term 4.



Mrs Karen Orsini and Mrs Rhiarna Thomas

Kid-nect A-thon

Thank you for all of the generous donations that we have received from our Kid-nect A-thon Learning Day. Next week prizes will be awarded for the student, family and class that have raised the most money. Our special raffle will also be drawn at the end of next week.

Please ensure that all Kid-nect A-thon donations have been handed in by **Thursday 15th September** so that you don't miss out on your chance to win. All winners will be announced in Week 10.

Camp Quality

A letter of thanks has been received from Camp Quality for the \$487 raised from their recent Puppet Show. Thanks again everyone for your support!

Are you moving?

To estimate enrolments for 2017, 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.



You are reminded that CEO policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to be on Monday 12 September 2016.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website
www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies.

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information, please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

ST BERNADETTE'S

WE'VE GOT
TALENT

SINGING DANCING ACTING TELLING JOKES
CHEER LEADING

WOW! How talented are the children at St Bernadette's? It has been amazing to see the confidence that our children are displaying at the grade talent shows. Already we have had three grades show off their outstanding talents.

Listed below are the grade talent shows that all parents are invited to attend.

| Date | Grade | Starting Time |
|--------------|-------|---------------|
| Mon 12 Sept | Yr 5 | 11.10am |
| Tues 13 Sept | Yr 3 | 11.10am |

Don't forget Kinder and Year 1 parents and carers that your children will be showing off their unique talents to everyone on Thursday 22nd September at 1 pm on top court. Please feel to come along and join in celebrating just some of the talents we have here at St Bernadette's.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a problem solver at St Bernadette's

| Class | Student of the Week | Student of the Week | Social Skill Award |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| KB | Isaac Beshay | Savannah Jaucian | Chelsea Nicolaou |
| KG | Jai Stuart | Marcus Yacoub | Hayden Dmello |
| KW | Sheryl Alexander | Elijah Pavlovic | Beau Stockdale |
| 1B | Dylan Gibb | Charlotte McLaren | Felicity Miller |
| 1G | Anna Dimitriou | Not for Publication | Alexander Beers |
| 1W | Tahlia Haj | Woo Chan Lee | Douglas Windress |
| 2B | Cohen Orsini | Amelia Smith | Christian Rahme |
| 2G | Patrick Windress | Grace Zwaine | Giovanni Porte |
| 2W | Isla Guy | Ella Macey | Henry Buscall |
| 3B | Angelina Zaiter | Luke Giallonardo | Meleni Ariyanayagam |
| 3G | Terence Nwabukei | Emilija Pavlovic | Joshua Foo |
| 3W | Daniel Egan | Not for Publication | Zander Cheng |
| 4B | Lachlan Munro | Jonathan Soumboulidis | Chloe Henrico |
| 4G | Laila Campagna | Victoria Buscall | Anthony Foong |
| 4W | Alessia Lalli | Ryan Suyko | Isabella Muscat |
| 5B | Annaliese Besters | Raquel Sahyoun | Franz Goseco |
| 5G | Emma Mizzi | Ashton Paull | Marcus Scotti |
| 5W | Luke Debelak | Mathilda Martin | Daniela Francis |
| 6B | Piper Laurie | Christian Sequeira | Philip Porte |
| 6G | Joseph Georges | Abbey Robinson | Marcus Bruzzano |
| 6W | Not for Publication | Robert Irwin | Dylan De Juan |

School Values Awards Term 3

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of this term's School Values Awards sponsored by Century 21, Castle Hill.

These awards are presented to two children who are nominated for living our core values of respect, honesty, care and compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Congratulations to:
Connor McGovern 6B and
Danielle Khoudair 2W



Principal's Awards:

Amy Hammersley 4B
Chloe Henrico 4B
Emily Kouchoo 4B
Loriana Gamez 2B
Christopher Dodd 4W
Xavier Hennessey 3B



Thanks to Century 21 for their continued support of our School Values Awards and St Bernadette's School.

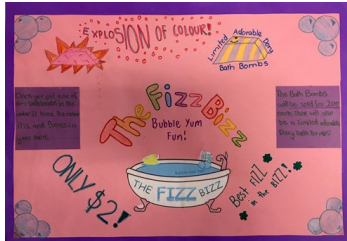


Risky Business Market Day – Next Thursday

Bring your money with you next Thursday to purchase some of these wonderful hand made and uniquely designed products by our Year 6 students. Money raised will go directly to our Mission Week fundraising efforts.

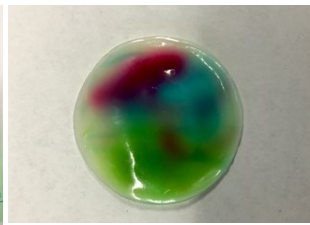
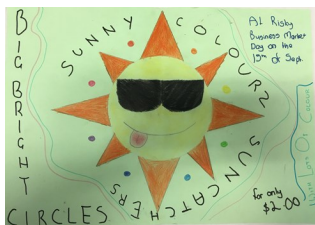
Bath Bombs

(The Fizz Bizz) \$2.00 per pack



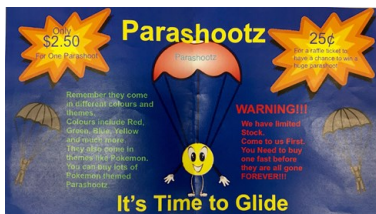
Sun Catchers

(Sunny Colourz Sun Catchers) \$2.00 each



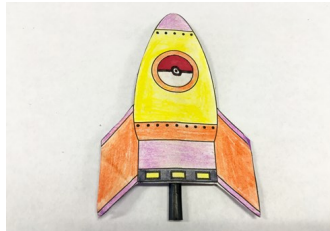
Parachutes

(Parashootz) \$2.50 each



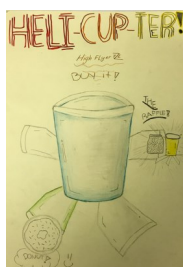
Straw Rockets

(Pocket Rockets) \$1.00 each



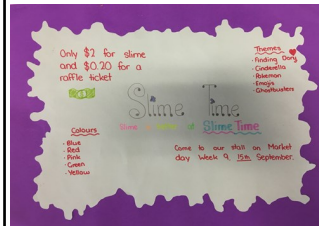
Heli-cup-ter

(High Flyerz) \$2.00 each



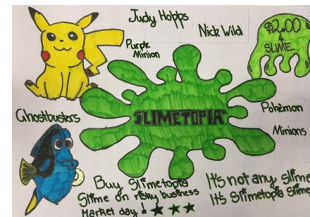
Glitter Slime

(Slime Time) \$2.00 per pack



Orbeez Slime

(Slimetopia) \$2.00 per pack



Play-Doh

(Doh Mania) \$1.50 each



Necklaces

(Pokelaces) \$1.50 - \$3.00 each



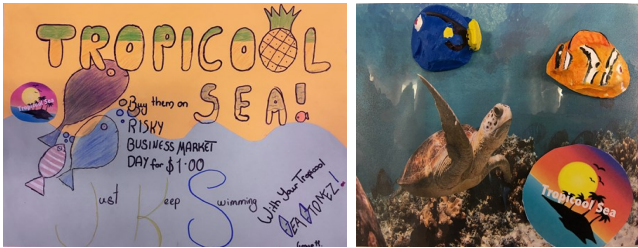
Sling-Shot Planes

(Wing Slings) \$2.00 each

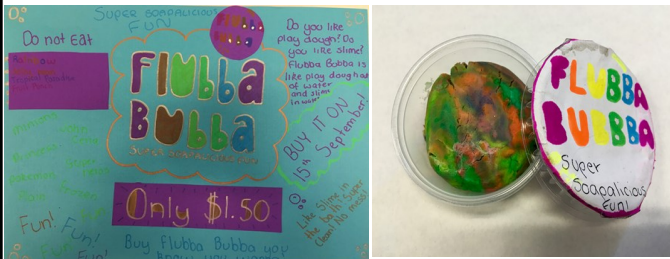


**Yr 6 Risky Business Market Day products
... Next Thursday!**

**Sea Stonez
(Tropicool Sea) \$1.00 each**



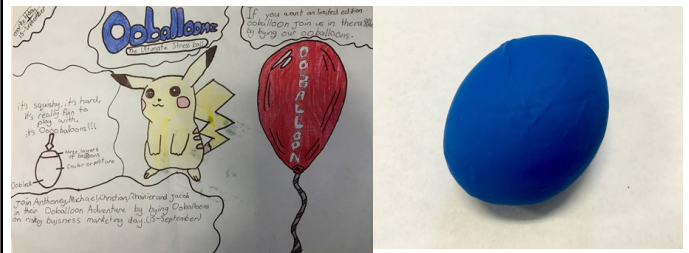
**Flubba Soap
(Flubba Bubba) \$1.50 each**



**Sponge Balls
(Spongo Stars) \$1.00-\$2.50 each**



**Ultim8 Stress Balls
(Ooballoons) \$1.00 each**



Student Banking

Parents are advised that there will be no student banking in Week 10—Wednesday 21 September.

Uniform Shop

Summer uniform will be available for purchase from Tuesday 13th September (Week 9). An order form will be sent via email to parents tonight.



Wearing of summer uniform commences in Term 4. Students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform in Weeks 1 & 2 (but not a mixture). In Week 3, we ask that all students be wearing their full summer uniform.

Year 2 Family Dinner

Wednesday 21st September 5.30pm onwards at Castle Hill RSL—pizza night—\$10 per pizza. Please RSVP to Annabella 0424 932 125.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

Friday 23rd September—Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day. COSHC will be open for the pupil free day (numbers permitting) and vacation care - 6:45am to 6:15pm. Bookings close 12th September. Vacation Care 26th September to 7th October (closed Monday 3rd) - bookings close 16th September. Contact Lauren: 0408 582 535.

Lifeline Book Fair—Oakhill College

Sat 8—Sun 9 October 8 to 5pm. In a first for Castle Hill, Lifeline is holding one of its famous book fairs at the Oakhill College, Old Northern Road. The book fair boasts 40,000 titles of pristine fiction at a fraction of retail prices, non-fiction covering 40 subject areas, plus CDs and DVDs. Facilities include EFTPOS, drive-up book collection and plenty of parking. Contact Anne Goodman on 9498 8805.

SP Super Netball Camp Two-Day Netball School Holiday Camp—Sept 27 to 28 9—3pm daily. Hills District Netball Park, Pennant Hills. (free netball included) \$195. Book at www.spnetball.com/clinics/

Community and Road Education Scheme (C.A.R.E.S)

Tuesday 4 October 2016 10-2pm. Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights. Bring your own bike and helmet—face painting—free parking on site - bring a picnic—sausage sizzle and drinks—adult supervision required. Tel: 9672-9058 or 9831-8355.

ROVING
MAGICIAN
AUCTIONS
GIVEAWAYS
SURPRISES

St. Bernadette's
60th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us
22ND OCTOBER 2016

Novotel Sydney, Norwest

1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

6:30 – 11:30pm

*75 per person

Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: www.sbchpf.com

ENQUIRIES: sbchpf@gmail.com

BOOK
TODAY
EARLY BIRD
WEEKLY
TICKET PRIZES



Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.

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SPECIAL COMEDY
PERFORMANCE BY
THE VERY FUNNY
SAM MCCOOL

Comedian Sam McCool to perform and MC the celebrations! Sam McCool is a brilliant live performer.

Since appearing in 2012 on 'Australia's Got Talent', Sam has had Sold-Out solo shows at the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Theatre Company, the Melbourne, Adelaide, and Sydney Comedy Festivals, and performed throughout the world

Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the newly formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences.

Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 10 days or more. This form is on our website: Parents/Notes from School/Administration Forms/Application for Extended Leave.

Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton.