



St Bernadette's School



Friday 1 April 2016

No. 09

Dear Parents,

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"

May the joy of the Easter season remind us to look for Jesus in others ... our neighbours, our friends and our relatives.

May we always remember the great love Jesus showed for us, by dying on the cross. Let us all try to share this love, this hope and a 'new heart' through our words and actions.

Let us pray:-

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Project Compassion

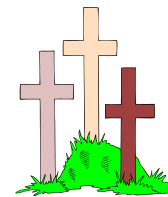
Thank you for everyone's contribution to this year's collection. A total of **\$642** was raised.



R.E. NEWS



Today we celebrated and commemorated as a school community the Resurrection of our Lord in a Prayer Service. We stopped to remember how Jesus rose from the dead as promised to us so that our sins could be forgiven and we could have the opportunity to have eternal life with God.



Easter is the celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Easter Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year. This week students have been reading Gospel accounts of the Easter Story and being reminded that the Resurrection was the fulfilment of God's promise of new life for mankind.

Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

60th Anniversary Celebration

Parents please join us next Tuesday 5th April between 9:00am and Midday for our 60th Anniversary Celebrations:

9—10.30am	Mass and reflection of the past 60 years
10.30—11am	Bring a blanket and morning tea for your child and share a picnic in the school grounds.
11—12 noon	Be a part of our KidsMatter Launch and Cutting of our Anniversary Cake
12—1pm	K-2 Disco—parents are welcome to stay and observe

Week 11 Dates

Mon 4 April
Annunciation of the Lord

8.30am Assembly
Hills Basketball Clinic
Yrs 4 to 6
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports
7pm Parent Maths
Workshop

Tue 5 April
60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS, PICNIC & FUN DAY
NO Choir
3-4pm Club Dance Fever

Wed 6 April
Student Banking
10am Principal's
Morning Tea
3-4pm Aussie Hoops
Basketball

Thurs 7 April
Showcase Day for 60th Anniversary
3-4pm Aussie Hoops
Basketball

Fri 8 April
12 noon Whole School
Assembly & Awards
presentation
Last day Term 1

Why is arriving at school on time important?
Arriving at school and class on time helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

The Launch of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations

The children and staff are looking forward to our 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Tuesday April 5 with great anticipation. Past Principal's Mr Ted Langford, Sr Venera and Mr Paul Colyer will all be in attendance to celebrate with us. Families are warmly welcome to attend the mass and then enjoy a picnic morning tea with the children in the school grounds. The remainder of the day for the children will include our KidsMatter program launch and then fun activities including - Infants and Primary Discos and Motiv8 tabloid sports. We have a great day of celebrations planned for everyone.



Peer Review

Our school participated in the Diocesan Peer Review process this week. Peer Review is the process by which schools ensure that they are fully compliant with curriculum according to Board Of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards and CEDP requirements. Congratulations to our Kindergarten teachers who presented their learning programmes for review and audit and received excellent feedback about the high standard of learning outcomes delivered at St Bernadette's. The Peer Review panel is made up of peer teachers and principals from other schools in the diocese as well as CEDP staff.

Parent Interview Online Survey

Last Friday all parents received an invitation to complete an online survey (via email) as a way of providing much valued feedback to the staff about our recent Parent Teacher Interviews. This information will assist us to refine these interviews. You will have until Friday 8th April to submit your responses – if you haven't done so already we encourage you to do so because it is a fabulous way for you to have a voice in shaping communication between teachers and parents.

Quality Catholic School's Survey

Thank you to the parents who were selected randomly by the CEO to complete school surveys. Please note the last day for submission has been extended until 5:00pm on Tuesday 5th April due to the Easter break.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national standard.

NAPLAN:

Tuesday 10 May

Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation)

Writing

Wednesday 11 May

Reading

Thursday 12 May

Numeracy (Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement and Space)

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



INVITATION

Mothers' Day Celebrations Monday 2 May

Open Classrooms: 8 am

Mass: 9 am Church

Followed by morning tea

**Hope all of our mums will be able to
join us on this special occasion.**

Mothers' Day PowerPoint

Mums are invited to send **1 photo** to the school email: BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au for a photo to be included in the Mothers' Day PowerPoint. Please send in before end of school **Tuesday 26 April!** Thank you.

Advance notice: Monday 2 May

A note will be sent home soon asking for dads to help out on the morning. Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Staff Development Day—Last day Term 2

Friday 1st July will be a Staff Development Day for teachers to engage in professional learning about the new Geography Syllabus as part of the new NSW HSIE syllabus. This is a pupil free day.

Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Adam Wassif, Noelle Le, Joseph Georges, Liam Rushe, Mitchell Willard, Peter Georges, Mia Lee, Angelique Daniele, Charlotte Lee, Ashleigh Scrooby, Errin Conlin, Joseph Hadchiti, Sebastian Uricoechea, Grace Zeaiter, Mia Bayssari, James Bounassif, Clayton Coutinho, Piper Laurie, Jacob Zaiter.

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools)



The 2016 ICAS competitions and assessments in Writing, English and Mathematics will take place in June and August this year. Letters to families for expressions of interest to participate in these will be sent to families early next week. Closing dates for the expressions of interest will be in the letter and all will need to be returned by Tuesday 10th May.

Save the Date:

Writing – 13-17 June

English – 2 August

Mathematics – 16 August

Change of Going Home Arrangements

A reminder that changes to your child's going home arrangements must be via a note to the class teacher on the day. Please do not call the office unless it is an emergency in which case a call is appreciated by 1.30pm.

Hills Hornets Basketball will be running a clinic on Monday 4 April for students in Years 4 to 6. Students in these years are to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Book Covering— If any parents are able to spare an hour or two to cover some new books for the Learning Centre, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office on 9634 2898 if you are able to help. Everything provided!



Student Leave

Holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods are included in Student Attendance Data as absences.

Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 10 school 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. Thank you for your assistance.

For absences of 9 school days or less then a note of explanation to the teacher is required.

St Bernadette's Out of School Hours Care—

VACATION CARE—If you would like to book your child into COSHC during the school holidays— Opening Times are 7am to 6.15pm—Please contact Lauren Kane on 0408 582 595 for further details.

Mothers Day Stall Wrapping — if you can spare an hour or two next Wednesday 6th April please join me to wrap all the wonderful Mothers Day gifts ready for the Mothers Day Stall next term. Please arrive from 8.30am.



Thanks Melissa Younan 0404 711 111.

Tuckshop Roster Week 11

Mon recess—Anne Marie Sullivan

Fri recess—Paula Yacoub

Fri lunch—Paula Yacoub

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 card are all accepted.



A reminder that pre-orders received at the school by Friday can be collected next Tuesday from the Uniform Shop. Payment must be made on collection. Credit card payment facilities available on order form sent to parents recently via email and for download from our website Parents/Notes from School/Whole School.