



# St Bernadette's School



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No. 15

Dear Parents,

Being a parent is like being a good host to a stranger! While we may think that our children are like us, we are continually surprised at how different they are. We can be gladdened by their intelligence, their artistic gifts, or their athletic prowess, or saddened by their slowness in learning, their lack of co-ordination, or their 'odd' interests. In many ways we don't know our children.

We didn't create our own children, nor do we own them. This is good news. We don't need to blame ourselves for all their problems, nor should we claim for ourselves their successes.

Children are gifts from God. They are given to us so that we can offer them a safe, loving place to grow to inner and outer freedom. They are like strangers who ask for hospitality, become good friends, and then leave again to continue their journey. They bring immense joy and immense sorrow precisely because they are gifts. And a good gift, as a proverb says, is 'twice given'. The gift we receive, we have to give again. When our child leaves us to study, to look for work, to marry, to join a community, or simply to become independent, sorrow and joy touch each other. Because it is then that we feel deeply that 'our' child isn't really 'ours' but given to us to become a true gift for others.

It is so hard to give our children their freedom—especially in this violent and exploitative world. We so much want to protect them from all possible dangers. But we cannot. They do not belong to us They belong to God, and one of the greatest acts of trust in God is letting our children make their own choices and find their own way.

*Henri Nouwen Here and Now: Living in the Spirit Crossroad, New York 1977pp118-119*

**Leanne Nettleton**  
Principal

## R.E. NEWS



The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on August 31, 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr. Jean Eudes (1602-1680). From Rennes, the devotion spread, but it took the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) for the devotion to become universal. It is celebrated on the day requested by our Lord, the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, or 19 days after Pentecost Sunday.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents His love for all mankind. To remind us of Jesus' love for others and His sacrifice for us we are asking for donations of non-perishable food to be brought into class and these will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Next Friday the school will be joining the Parish at the 9:15 Mass and 12 noon Mass to celebrate the feast of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus'.

### What's On for Parents? PARENT MEETINGS:

June 2 at 7pm—Year 4 Info. Meeting about learning in Years 5 and 6

June 15—P&F Meeting (presentation about Parent/Teacher/child interviews & feedback on Parent Surveys.

June 16—Literacy Meeting, Focus on Writing

June 20 to 24—Parent/Teacher/child interviews

### Week 6 Dates

**Mon 30 May**  
8.30am Assembly  
2.45—4.30pm  
Motiv8sports

**Tue 31 May**  
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
1.10pm Choir  
3-4pm Yrs 5/6 boys & girls soccer trials

**Wed 1 June**  
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**Student Banking**  
3-4pm Sydney FC Soccer Clinic

**Thurs 2 June**  
NRL Gala Day, Cabramatta  
7pm Yr 4 Parent Info Meeting—Yr 5 Learning Space

**Fri 3 June**  
Yr 6 Debating vs St Paul's, Winston Hills

**Coming Dates:**  
**Wk 9**—Parent/Teacher/Child learning interviews

**Wed 8 June**  
Waste Free Lunch Day

**9 & 10 June**  
Yr 6 Canberra Exc.

**Tue 14 June**  
Athletics Carnival

**Sat 22 October**  
P&F 60th Celebration

### Term Dates 2016

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

## Social Skills—Week 5 & 6

### Being a Creative Student at St. Bernadette's

Being creative is not just about being artistic. Being creative doesn't mean you know how to draw or play an instrument. Being creative is a way of thinking, a way of viewing the world. Creative people sometimes make NEW things but they can also think about new things in different ways.

The right side of the brain is used for creative things. Creative people use the right side of their brains more than the left. Some people appear to be born creative, however everyone does have the creative right brain side that they can develop. It takes a concerted effort and at St. Bernadette's we encourage our students and provide activities to allow them to bring out their creative side, for some it just takes time.

#### Family Discussion Starters:

Who are the most creative people in your family?

What would each member of your family like to be better at?

What has been the best invention ever? Do you think it related to the right side or left side of the brain thinking?

**Think of something you can do creatively during the next two weeks.**

Mrs Kathy Watt

## Mathematics Terminology [cont.]

### Bundling:

Putting a rubber band around a collection of items such as pop sticks to make counting easier. When children group 10 of these together they then see this as a group of 10 and often makes for a simpler count.

### Arrays:

A way of representing a given number if items:

For example, in picture A. we see an array of items in 5 rows in columns of 4.

In B. we see an array of items in 4 rows in columns of 5.



## Athletics Carnival – SPECIAL LUNCH PACKS — 5 to choose from!

Students will have the opportunity to pre order a 'special lunch pack' from our canteen which will be delivered directly to the sports ground on the school Athletics Carnival Day. An order form will be sent home on Monday with the choice of 5 'Special Lunch Packs' which needs to be returned **NO LATER** than **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** for catering purposes. **NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**



## School Photos—Tue 31 May & Wed 1 June NEXT WEEK!

School photos have been arranged for next week and the schedule is as follows:

### Tue 31 May

Yr 3

Yr 1

Yr 2

Siblings Photos at recess only



### Wed 1 June

Whole School & Staff 60th Celebration Photo

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Yr 6

Yr 4

Yr 5

Sibling Photos at recess and lunch

A reminder that **ALL** students must be in FULL winter uniform on Wednesday for our Whole School Photo and also Tuesday for students in Yrs 1, 2 and 3. Photo envelopes are to be returned to class teacher prior to photo day. Thank you!

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Another wonderful week of great reading.

Congratulations to the following students:

Emma Ballesty, Khiara Heyes, Sophia Khamis, Jackson Leib, Breannah Ragno, Lucy Saad, Zoe Kouknas, Felicity Miller, Ava Barakat, Bridget Clemente, Noah Dinsmore, Isabella Scotti, Antonia Zeaiter, Joshua Zeaiter, Zachary Miller, Georgia Pratt, Brady Stockdale, Mitchell Daly, Aprille Exton, Logan Ragno, Luciana Romanski.

## WASTE FREE LUNCH DAY

As you will be aware, the SRC has organised for St Bernadette's to participate in the Waste Free Lunch Day taking place on **Wednesday 8 June**. The event will celebrate **World Environment Day**.

save the date!

For this event, the SRC is asking that your child's lunch **only** contain items which can be **composted** or **recycled** [This will avoid throwing items away.]

### HOW TO PACK A WASTE FREE LUNCH?

- Reusable containers are a handy way to pack a waste free lunch.
- Include a plastic utensil, which can be taken back home and washed for future use.
- Use paper bags instead of plastic or zip-lock bags.
- Drinks in a drink bottle rather than single serves.

Actively participating in this event – even if it's only for the one day - may provide the children with a better understanding of the actions we can take to reduce our waste.

## Interschool Debating

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the first round of the Inter School Debating Competition with St Michael's, Baulkham Hills. The children prepared a debate on the topic, 'The best things in life are free'. St Bernadette's was represented by:



### AFFIRMATIVE

1st Speaker Samantha Kelly  
2nd Speaker Mia Bayssari  
3rd Speaker Olivia Russo  
4th Speaker Aaron Keetels

### NEGATIVE

1st Speaker Macy McCutcheon  
2nd Speaker Bianca Gomes  
3rd Speaker Giacinta Makhlof  
4th Speaker Marcus Bruzzano

Thank you to Mrs Russo for transporting the students from the affirmative team to St Michael's and to all parents involved in supporting their children preparing for the debate, providing the beautiful morning tea and for their support at the debate on the day.

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fees are due on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May**. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2, we ask if you could please make a payment now or should you wish to make an arrangement for your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9634-2898 or email: [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au). Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2016

**PERPARATION PROGRAMME**—Parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to attend one of our information evenings held on Tuesday 21 or Wednesday 22 June. Both evenings will commence at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Evenings will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. This preparation programme is suitable for children who are in Year 6 or above who have received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist. Please contact the parish office on 9634 2622 for more information.

## Catholic Out Of School Hours Care—(COSHC)

On the school Staff Development & Pupil Free Day Friday 1st July, COSHC will be open from 6.45 am to 6.15pm. The cost for the day is \$50. Please contact Lauren Kane on 0408 582 535 for further details and a booking form.

## Staff Development & Pupil Free Days:

### Term 2:

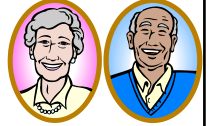
Friday 1st July (last day)

### Term 3:

Friday 23rd September (Last day)

## Grandparents' Day—SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 25th July starting at 9.15am.



## Wesley Uniting Church—Giant Garage Sale

Where: Wesley Uniting Church, 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill

Date: Friday 3 June 8—1pm  
Saturday 4 June 8—1pm

Stalls: Books, records, CDs, DVDs, Clothing, Electrical, Jewellery, Plants etc. See you there!

## Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta

Open Morning Tour—Monday June 6

Contact: 8838 1222 for further details

In 2014, Catholic school parents paid <b>\$3.1 billion</b> in fees to support their children's education	<b>764,000</b> students attend 1,730 Catholic schools, which employ more than <b>91,000</b> staff	In 2014, governments provided <b>\$7.5 billion</b> in funding to support students in Catholic schools
<b>Catholic schools</b> provide a balanced and holistic education		To meet growing demand more than <b>100 new Catholic schools</b> are planned for the next five years
Catholic schools have been part of Australia's education story for <b>200 years</b>	Find out more at <a href="http://SchoolFundingFacts.com">SchoolFundingFacts.com</a>	Catholic schools are committed to <b>creating safe environments</b> for all students, teachers and families

## 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*.

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Street family (Kaylah in 6G), following the recent passing of her Grandfather. May he rest in peace.

