



St Bernadette's School



Friday 24 June 2016

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Dear Parents,

As you know, this week has been an extremely busy one for us at St Bernadette's and in particular a week in which we have been able to demonstrate how well we work together as a team – students, teachers and parents.

Thank you to the many parents who speak so positively about our school, the programmes delivered by the teachers and the care that the staff take of the children each and every day.

In the last few weeks I have been interviewing many families who are seeking enrolment for Kindergarten in 2017 at our school. Many of these families have spoken about the fine reputation our school holds in the community as well as the recommendations that our current and past families have given them about St Bernadette's being a nurturing community. I have also been conducting school tours and it is so wonderful to hear that visitors on those tours have 'family friends' at the school and they are impressed by what they have been told about St Bernadette's.

Whenever our students are on excursions, we receive magnificent feedback about our children's behaviour and manners. They really do stand out as articulate and polite children. This week this was seen at the CAPTIVATE concert in which our children participated, the Riverside Theatre performance of Saltbush attended by our Year 3 students and at school when Senior Constable Rob Paterson addressed the Years 4, 5 and 6 about Cyber safety.

It has been incredibly powerful this week to receive so many generous affirmations from our families, be it in relation to the safety of the children or the dedication of the teachers to providing engaging learning programmes and opportunities. The staff are very appreciative of the support that you give to them and the partnership that they have in working with you to build the wonderful community of St Bernadette's.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



We congratulate and continue to pray for all those children from our parish who will receive their First Communion this weekend and on the following two weekends.

Jesus Christ is truly present in our midst. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ. The word 'communion' means to be united with and the word 'Eucharist', comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'.

May these children be united with us as one parish family and may they give thanks for the special gift of the body and blood of Christ.

Saturday 25 June 6pm Vigil

Noah Vassalo, Chiara Leonardi, Paul Homs, Claudia Homs, Ryan Suyko, Conrad Lopez, Thomas O'Sullivan, Jacob Goss, Dominique Jothy, Mitchell Daly, Alexandra Duke, Matthew Carrozzi, Blake Noonan.

Sunday 26 June 9am

Thomas Silvester, Daniel Samperi, Nicolas Samperi, Alexandra Parington, Franz Goseco.

10:30am

Sophie Kouchoo, Emily Kouchoo, Timothy Kelly, Christopher Dodd, Gabrielle Younis, Max Procter, Louis Malandrino, Sebastian Uricoechea, Marisa Frketic, Alessia Lalli, Natalia Barone, Caitlin Leong, Aidan Leong, Anthony Foong, Macey Kinnane, Deema Arraf, Ethan Zerafa.

6pm

Shydan Magtoto, Rebecca Durney-Steel, Abby McCann, Vienne Schwebel.

Shane Robinson—REC

Week 10 Dates

Mon 27 June

8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports

Tue 28 June

10.30am
Principal's Morning Tea
1.10pm Choir
3pm NRL boys training at
Castlewood Reserve

Wed 29 June

Student Banking
Yr 6 Science Inursion
3-4pm Sydney FC Soccer
Clinic
NRL Parramatta All
Schools Final, McCredit
Park, Guildford

Thurs 30 June

Parramatta Diocese
Soccer Gala Day Yrs 3/4
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly
Last day of Term 2 for
students

Fri 1 July

**Staff Development &
Pupil Free Day**

Term Dates 2016

Term 2:

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

Term 3:

18 July—22 July
23 Sept—Staff
Spirituality day

Term 4:

10 Oct—20 Dec

**Weeks 9-10 Social Skill Focus:
Being a Good Communicator at St
Bernadette's**

The purpose of communication is to pass information from one person to another. Good communicators get their message across and understand what others are communicating as well.

At St. Bernadette's our goal is to be a good listener and speaker ensuring that we can be understood in the classroom and on the playground. It is important that we can both get our message across to others as well as receiving and understanding what others are communicating with us.

Being able to communicate is essential within our school environment ensuring that everyone is listened to and understood. We all have a voice, it is how we use it that is important.

Family Discussion Starters:

How has written communication changed in your lifetime?

What are the different forms of communication?

Is the internet good for families? What are the good points and the bad points?

Communication involves TWO sides - Are you a good communicator getting your message across and understanding what others are communicating as well?

Mrs Kathy Watt

Premier's Reading Challenge

This has been a quiet week for reading. Since the beginning of March 387 students have logged onto the Reading Challenge. However, there are approximately 260 students who have yet to begin the challenge.



Zachary Young, Zoe Baroni, Sebastian Bounassif, Marisa Frketic, Rachael Hanna, Thomas Silvester, Jonathan Soumboulidis, Michael Kavanagh.

Staff Development/Spirituality & Pupil Free Days

Term 2—Friday 1 July (last day Term 2).

Term 3—Friday 23 September (last day Term 3)

Big Fat Smile—Castle Hill Preschool 0 – 5 years
Monday to Friday 6.30am to 6.30pm
Tel: 9680 3111 Website: Bigfatmile.com.au

St Bernadette's Football Club—REMINDER

Everyone is welcome to our Movie Night 'Finding Dora' —**Wednesday** 29th June at 7pm at Castle Hill Event Cinemas. Cost \$16 pp. Tickets are limited so book early either online:

www.ticketebo.com.au/sbfcmovienight or on the night.

Oakhill College—Science Fair

Tuesday 26 July 4pm—8pm in the Benildus Hall
4pm -View students work and interact with hands on activities.

4.30pm DNA Workshop

5-5.30pm Science Show

6-7pm Skype Q&A with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

7pm Awards presented

8pm Close

Contact: 9899 2288 for further details.

GO4FUN

Healthy—Active- Happy—Kids

FREE family healthy lifestyle program for 7 to 13 year olds to become fitter, healthier & happier.

Register today: 1800 780 900 go4fun.com.au

Year 5 Family Fun Night – bowling and laser tag

Friday, July 1 from 5.30pm at AMF Castle Hill
Come and join the fun!

Kids \$25, Adults \$30 – 2 games plus food.

See the email this weekend or flyer on Monday for details. RSVP and payment needed by Tuesday.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Hord family (Mrs Pamela Hord and husband Tony), following the recent passing of Tony's mother. May she rest in peace.



