



St Bernadette's School



Friday 22 July 2016

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 3

The children and staff have happily returned to school and have been excited to be reunited with each other. We have all shared exciting holiday news and now settled back into school routines for the term. All the teachers have been planning and preparing for the learning programmes that the children will engage in this term

I would like to extend a very special welcome to the following children who have joined the St Bernadette's community at the beginning of this term:-

Kenan Ozcan 1G, Dilara Ozcan 4B, Anthony Gomez 2B, Nicholas Gomez 4G and Samuel Sywak 2B.

We know that you will find our school inclusive, friendly, caring and a centre for creative learning and opportunity.

"Grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life"

Next week we will celebrate our wonderful grandparents because they are so special. Grandparents are among the most influential and important persons in everyone's life. They are those people who care for us selflessly and love us endlessly. They hold a special place in our hearts that no one else can take.

This year when we attend our special Grandparent Liturgy in the church, the children will be able to sit with their grandparents or the grandparents of their friends. To facilitate this, following Open Classrooms, Grandparents will be invited to collect their grandchildren from their classrooms and take them to the church in time for the commencement of the liturgy at 9:45am. Class teachers will take all other children to the church where they will sit amongst the grandparents and their friends. We hope that this will be a lovely 'extended family' experience for the children – at St Bernadette's we are one BIG FAMILY!

*God, our heavenly father
we ask your blessing on our grandparents.
We recognise their treasured gifts to our families.
They are valuable links, between the past and the present, passing on the family stories and traditions.
May they be surrounded with the love, respect and support of our families as they embrace their unique vocation.
May they be strong models for our families and for our parish community.
May they be anchors that provide stability and a firm foundation.
May their witness to their faith guide and strengthen us.
Lord, bless and empower our grandparents.
Help them share their distinct gifts with our families and all whom they encounter.*

*Keep them in your love.
Give them your joy and peace each day so that they may always follow your Son Jesus.
Amen.*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



On Wednesday Year 4 had a Spirituality Day. This was led by Mrs. Leopardi from Oakhill, James Hay the Parish Youth Minister and 14 Year 10 Oakhill leaders.

The activities that were planned related to themes of Reconciliation, which is the Religious Literacy Unit of Work for the term. The objective of the day was to allow the children to take part in creative activities, reflect on their lives and experiences and respond accordingly through discussion, role play and art work.

The Morning session began with prayer and introduction to the theme. Students moved into small groups to discuss and create posters about what makes a healthy relationship. James told stories that had different ideas of forgiveness and then children saw a video of The Prodigal Son.

Week 2 Dates

Mon 25 July
8.30am Assembly
Grandparents' Day & Book Fair
9am Open Classrooms
9.45am Liturgy, Church
10.30am Morning Tea
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports restarts

Tue 26 July
Netball Gala Day
4B Design2Shine Project
1.10pm Choir
3-3.45pm NRL Training,
Castlewood Reserve

Wed 27 July
Student Banking
4B Design2Shine Project

Thurs 28 July

Fri 29 July
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly

Coming Dates:
2 Aug—ICAS English
5 Aug—Census Day

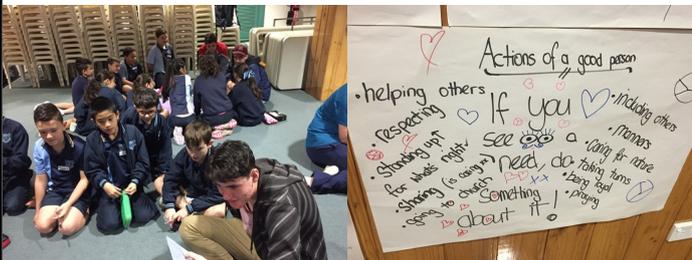
Term Dates 2016

Term 3:
18 July—22 July
23 Sept—Staff
Spirituality Day

Term 4:
10 Oct—16 Dec
19 & 20 Dec—Staff
Development Days

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They then got into groups to plan and perform a modern day version of the scripture. Or day ended with sharing of scripture that reflected the theme of forgiveness and a symbolic burning of stories where children had held grudges so they could let go and move on. In class on Thursday the children got to share what they had learnt and what they had particularly enjoyed about the experience of the Spirituality day.



Shane Robinson—REC

Staffing News

Welcome to the following teachers who commence at St Bernadette's this term:-

- Mrs Lesa Beames who will job share with Mrs Lean-Fore on Year 1G while Mrs Stephanie Hottes is accessing maternity leave.
- Mrs Therese Younis who will be teaching library in terms three and four, commencing in Week 3. During this time Mrs Crammond is working on the Learning Support Team.
- Mrs Dot Pickard who is re-joining us to job share with Mrs Karyn Lee on Year 3B while Mrs Amy Macey is accessing maternity leave for the rest of this year.

We know that you will warmly welcome these staff members when you come in contact with them at school. We also know that Mrs Beames, Mrs Younis and Mrs Pickard will enjoy their involvement at St Bernadette's Primary.

SCHOOL FEE NOTICE

The Broken Bay Diocese recently announced significant increases to their school fees in some schools which were widely broadcast in the media recently. **Please note that these increases do not affect our Diocese or school.** We expect that any school fee increases for Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese next year will be moderate and in line with previous years. If you have any concerns about the payment of school fees at any time please contact

Mrs Nettleton who can confidentially assist you.

St Bernadette's is participating in Word Mania

You may be aware that Channel 9 is promoting a Literacy Competition 'Word Mania' for students in Years 1-9. The competition will be conducted from August 1 – 12 and is a great opportunity for the children to use technology in a fun way to build their word and spelling knowledge. On Monday you will receive a letter explaining the competition and providing you with a username and password for your child to access the game.



Your child can practise their word building skills prior to the competition commencement date of 1st August 2016 by accessing <http://www.wordmania.com.au>. You can also find information about the competition at this address.

International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Years 3 to 6

The ICAS English assessment will be held on Tuesday 2nd August. We ask that children arrive promptly at 7:30am for a 7:45am start. Unfortunately, children who are late or unable to attend on this day are not able to complete the assessment at an alternative time or receive a refund. Children are asked to bring along a pencil case containing a pencil, an eraser and a ruler.

Weeks 1&2 – Being a Hardworking Student at St. Bernadette's

It is important that we all develop the ability to persist and see things through to completion. This means remaining focused on the task at hand and avoiding distractions.

At St. Bernadette's each of us needs to take responsibility for our own actions and behaviour. Accomplishing great things feels fantastic but it does take hard work.

Encouraging our students to see a project or activity through to conclusion and putting in the dedication necessary are important.

Here are some sayings to encourage a hardworking attitude:

"If it is to be, it is up to me"

"You're a winner if you give 100%"

"For success, attitude is as important as ability"

"Don't make excuses, make improvements"

Family Discussion Starters

- When was the hardest time you have ever worked?
- What do you find distracting when you are trying to concentrate?
- What were you like at school? What did you enjoy and what did you find difficult?
- Are you a winner in everything that you do?

Mrs Kathy Watt

SRC Spot

Congratulations to all that the SRC has achieved so far this year and have planned to complete in the coming weeks – handballs for the playground, Waste Free Lunch Day and so much more.



The representatives have been thoughtful and caring of the school and their fellow students. Elections have been held for the second semester SRC. The current representatives will assist the new SRC body in their roles.

SRC cont ...

The new representatives will be acknowledged at our Friday Assembly next week.

Watch this space for the next project – this will be announced at assembly on Monday.

BOOKCLUB TERM 3

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club. It was great to see so many parents using the online LOOP system last term.



We are going totally online via the LOOP and will no longer be accepting cash or cheques via the office for Book Club purchases. This is a more efficient system of ordering and tracking the children's orders.

All LOOP orders must be completed by Wednesday 3rd August.

You are able to easily set up an account by following this link <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> and clicking onto the register button at the top of the page.

How to Order Book Club Online via the LOOP

- Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER above
- OR Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your **child's first name & last initial** (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- **Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!**

Many thanks Book Club Co-ordinators

Band News

Parents are advised that the Band Concert scheduled for September 9th has been cancelled due to Confirmations being held at that time.

UNIFORM SHOP—NEXT TUESDAY!

The Uniform Shop will be open **next Tuesday 26 July** for 1 hour only 8—9am due to the Netball Gala Day. EFTPOS, Cash, Cheques and Credit Cards are accepted (not American Express).



Student Transport—Bus Time Changes

Effective from 1st August times for the following routes will change:



Route 2004 ex Gilroy College will depart at 8:11am
Route 3519 (afternoon bus to Pennant Hills) will depart at 15:00

St Bernadette's Netball Club

Our parish netball club is running a NetSetGo program at the school from 3pm to 4pm on Friday afternoons, commencing on 12 August. It's open to all boys and girls born in 2010 and 2011 (and players born in 2009 who have never played netball before).

The cost is \$60, which includes seven NetSetGo sessions with an accredited netball coach, a netball and a Tshirt.

You can find out the details, and download a registration form, here:

<http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/files/43308/files/Instructions%20for%20Term%203%20NetSetGo%20Registrations.pdf>

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta

Open Morning Tour 25 July 2016
Contact the following for further details: 8838 1222

Hills Shire Council—Orange Blossom Festival

ZestQuest brings together the expertise of Crestwood Idol and Orange Blossom Festival. Showcase your talent at The Hills only zest-filled quest.

Heats 18 & 25 August 2016, 6-8pm, Rouse Hill Town Centre

Final 17 September 2016, Castle Hill Showground **Ages** 6-18

Enter Online by 1 August 2016

Join the quest for the zestiest talent in The Hills. TALENT Supported by Follow Sydney Hills Events on Social

Our congratulations to Mrs Macey (3B class Teacher) and her husband Darryn on the birth of Michael Peter, sister to Ella in 2W. Our best wishes to the family.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Gonzales family (Haley in 1W), following the recent passing of her grandmother. May she rest in peace.

