



St Bernadette's School



Friday 2 September 2016

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Dear Parents,

Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads!

This morning we celebrated a beautiful Fathers' Day liturgy with our dads and then enjoyed a delicious barbeque breakfast followed by a visit to the classrooms where the children shared their special Fathers' Day work. A great morning was enjoyed by all the children.

Father's Day gives us an opportunity to recall and affirm the particular gifts that fathers bring to families. This includes our personal fathers, grandfathers, uncles and important father figures in our lives. Whether it is their sense of humour, ability to see the positive side of difficult situations, patience even when they are tired, or their wise words of encouragement and love, this Sunday we hope that all the St Bernadette's dads, grand dads and uncles enjoy a wonderful day.

What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Confirmation

Many of our students in Year 6 and St Bernadette's Parish are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



Although we normally receive this sacrament after First Communion, the Church considers it to be the second of the three sacraments of initiation as it completes Baptism. In our Baptism, our parents and godparents make the promises for us, during Confirmation we as adult Catholics renew our faith for ourselves. The introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states: 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.' We pray for all the children as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their Christian life. Confirmation ceremonies will take place on Friday 9th September.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Fathers' Day Photos:



Week 8 Dates

Mon 5 September

7.30am Years 5/6
Cricket Training
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports

Tue 6 September

7.30am Years 3/4 Touch
Football Trials
Musica Viva
1.10pm Choir

Wed 7 September

Student Banking
Years 5 & 6 Norwest
Basketball Challenge
11.10am Yr 4 We've Got
Talent Performance

Thurs 8 September

3-4pm T-ball Sessions

Fri 9 September

NRL Reading Program
9am Yr 6 We've Got
Talent Performance
11.10am Yr 2 We've Got
Talent Performance
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly, School
Values Awards &
Principal's Awards—
Parents Welcome!

Coming Dates:

Sat 22 Oct
60th Anniversary
Celebration, Novotel
Norwest.

Term Dates 2016

Term 3:
23 Sept—Staff
Spirituality & Pupil
Free Day

Student Workbooks will be coming home Friday 16th September

Your children will be bringing home their Maths workbooks and HSIE workbooks 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.



Social Skills for Weeks 7&8- Being a Problem Solver at St Bernadette's

Problem solving is a tool, a skill and a process. It is a tool because it can help you solve an immediate problem or to achieve a goal. It is a skill because once you have learnt it, you can use it repeatedly, like the ability to ride a bicycle, add numbers or speak a language.

At St Bernadette's we encourage the students to use a range of thinking skills, plan and carry out investigations, consider different strategies, find things out before making decisions and solve a variety of problems at school and at home.

Teaching children to become effective thinkers is recognised as an important goal of education. For students to function successfully in a highly technical society, they must be equipped with lifelong learning and thinking skills necessary to process information in an ever-changing world.

Family Discussion Starters

- What has been the hardest problem you have ever solved?
- How did you solve it?
- What do you do when a problem is frustrating and you can't seem to solve it?

Mrs Kathy Watt

Photos from our Fathers' Day



Kid-nect A-thon

WOW! What a day, even the weather couldn't stop the students making connections.



Throughout St Bernadette's today, many creative students were making meaningful connections across a number of key learning areas. As part of Literacy and Numeracy Week, our a-thon enabled students to demonstrate a deep connection between their literacy and numeracy skills. You might even like to ask your child what special connections they made through their learning today.

Now with the a-thon day over, the time has come to start collecting the money pledged from the generous sponsors. We would like all money returned to school by **Thursday 15th September** so that we can organise prizes before the holidays.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

ST BERNADETTE'S

WE'VE GOT TALENT

SINGING DANCING ACTING TELLING
JOKES CHEER LEADING

Are you hiding any secret talents? Well your children's talents are shining. Listed below are the dates and times for the St Bernadette's You've Got Talent Show. Parents and carers are invited to attend these performances in the hall.

Grade	Date	Starting Time
Yr 2	Fri 9 Sept	11.10am
Yr 3	Tues 13 Sept	11.10am
Yr 4	Wed 7 Sept	11.10am
Yr 5	Mon 12 Sept	11.10am
Yr 6	Fri 9 Sept	9am

Now we all know how talented our Kinder and Year One students are, just ask them. All of the students in Kinder and Year One will be presenting a grade item, rather than individual items on Thursday 22nd September at a very special assembly on top court at 1pm. Parents and carers are also invited to attend this performance.



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.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 441 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. A great effort from all the grades:

K = 55, Year 1 = 51, Year 2 & 3 = 61, Year 4 = 63, Year 5 = 65 and Year 6 = 85 children.

Certificates are presented to the students during the last half of Term 4.

Norwest Basketball Challenge

On Wednesday, the Years 3/4 basketball teams participated in the Norwest Schools Challenge at Hills Basketball Stadium. Each team played 7 games against other public and private schools from the local area.

Both teams demonstrated an impressive skill base as well as a strong drive to achieve on the court. They also showed outstanding sportsmanship, encouraging and motivating some of their opposition teams who were less experienced. Both teams made it through to the Grand Final undefeated.



The girls team, led by Coach Jenny, had a tough start to their Grand Final against Tangara, with a low scoring first half for both teams. The second half showed the girls applying excellent team work, moving the ball up the court quickly adding points to the scoreboard and winning the game convincingly.



The boys team, led by Coach Ryan, faced Hills Adventist School in their Grand Final. A close match, with the lead changing several times throughout. In the final minutes the score was drawn, with free throws to come. They made 1 out of 2, and went on to win the game by just a point.

Huge congratulations to all the children on their efforts. We look forward to competing at the Parramatta Diocesan Gala Day on Tuesday 1st November in Penrith.

Mrs Orsini

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.

Uniform Shop

Summer uniform will be available for purchase from the Uniform Shop starting Tuesday 13th September (Week 9). An order form will be made available to parents at the end of next week.



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.

Twitter

St Bernadette's is now on Twitter! Find us at <http://www.twitter.com/StBernadettes2>



OLMC Parramatta

Boys & Girls in Years 3 to 12 are invited to the Big Bash and the Big Sing! Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 September 9-3pm at Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Victoria Road, Parramatta. Cost: \$75 OLMC student or \$110 non OLMC student. The Big Bash workshop is led by professional drummers and covers many facets across the percussion art form. Contact: 8836 1226 or paul.witney@olmc.nsw.edu.au for further details.

Boing Central—An introduction to Rugby League

Crestwood Oval, Peel Road, Baulkham Hills—3 Monday nights 7th, 14th and 21st November 5-6pm. Free to four to eight year old boys and girls who have not played the greatest game of all. Contact Rick Palin on 0410 413 061 for further details.

Hills Touch Football

Get Fit Play Touch. Boys, girls and mixed divisions at Masonic Oval, Baulkham hills. Register now—0433 766 655.

Fathers' Day Photos:

