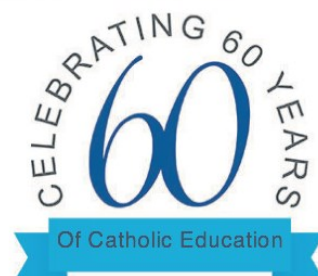




St Bernadette's School



Friday 5 May 2017

No. 12

Dear Parents,

*O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
(Psalm 139)*

This psalm reminds us that wherever we are, God is always with us, we are never on our own. God has joy in watching us grow and delights in our lives, but he is not an inactive observer - He guides and protects us. God knows us and knows of what we are capable, what are our strengths, and what lies hidden even from our own view. This can be intimidating to consider, but it can also be a great relief.

No matter what stumbling blocks we have before us, God is with us in the midst of them. Even on the darkest days when we cannot see our way through the many complexities of life, our God can be our strength. God reminds us that we have it within our capacity to change, to cope, to thrive and to move forward.



It is this powerful message that we want our children to hear, know and remember and it is through each of us, the most significant adults in their lives – parents and teachers, that our children will see this lived out. We each then have an awesome responsibility to help our children to come to know and trust in the unconditional love of God our Father. It is our responsibility to authentically demonstrate for our children the way in which we come into relationship with God. It is within the Catholic community of our parish and our school that we receive nourishment and support for coming to know God within the midst of us.

When our classes attend the Wednesday parish masses they are blessed by the companionship of our wider parish members who by their presence each week nurture their love of God by the example they provide for our children.

We are truly thankful for the rich contribution they make to our St Bernadette's school community.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Each grade not only focuses on the Gospel of Matthew in the classroom but each grade studies a particular piece of Scripture that relates to their unit topic. For example, Year 4 in their Lent unit study the scripture 'Jesus Heals the Blind Man' from John's Gospel, the Year 3 'Mary' unit focuses on scripture of the Annunciation.

Each grade responds to the scripture using the Senses of Scripture. There are 3 Senses the students use to interpret and respond to the Scripture. The responses using the senses in classroom instruction, aid in instruction and help measure student growth.

The Literal Sense is students responding to the Who, What, When and Why in the passage. They respond to the facts of the passage in a 1st Century context.

In the Spiritual Sense they are interpreting;

- Who God is in the passage
- What are the relevant Church Teachings
- What guidance is there to live a good Christian life
- What is the connection to heaven
- Is there a connection to the Sacraments?

In the Application Sense the students will show how what they have learnt will impact on their life through an action or prayer.

Shane Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

Week 3

KINDERGARTEN 2018 INTERVIEWS

Mon 8 May

8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports Club
7pm Parent Reporting Meeting

Tue 9 May

NAPLAN—Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) Writing
1.10pm Choir
3pm Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Rugby League Trials
7.30pm P&F Meeting
- Parents Invited

Wed 10 May

NAPLAN—Reading Student Banking

Thurs 11 May

NAPLAN—Numeracy
3-4pm AFL Auskick

Fri 12 May

Mothers' Day Celebrations:
7.45am Mothers' Day Breakfast
8.15am Open Classrooms
9am Mothers' Day Mass
NAPLAN Catch Up Day

Coming Dates:

Wed 17 May
Yr 5 Hyde Park Barracks

Thurs 18 & Fri 19 May
Yr 6 Canberra Exc

Have you enrolled your child into Kindergarten 2018 yet? Call us on 9634 2898 for details.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesprimary/> **Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/StBernadettes2>

Parent Report Meeting

Everyone is welcome to our next Parent Learning Evening which will have a Focus on A to E Reporting

- ♦ Ever wondered about our school reports?
- ♦ Not sure what the A to E format means?

On **Monday 8th May at 7pm** in the school library you are invited to come along and hear about our school reports, as well as have the opportunity to ask any questions about them. This meeting is especially important for the parents of Year One students who may be receiving an A to E report for the first time.

Please RSVP to the office (9634 2898) in order to accommodate numbers.

What's Happening in Learning at St Bernadette's

At St Bernadette's, in every class we have a focused 160 mins a day dedicated explicitly to the teaching of literacy and mathematics. The 160 minutes looks like:

100 minutes of literacy instruction and 60 minutes of mathematics instruction in all classes every day.

What does 100 minutes of Literacy Instruction include?

All students experience a balanced and coherent program of literacy instruction for a minimum of 100 minutes daily, incorporating each of the elements of a balanced literacy block - Purposeful Talk, Daily Reading Aloud to Students, Daily Shared Reading, Small Group Reading, Daily Independent Reading of familiar texts, Daily Modelled Writing or Shared Writing, Guided writing, Daily Independent Writing and multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning which meets the achievement standards as defined by the New NSW English syllabus.

What does 60 minutes of Mathematics include?

All students engage in a balanced and coherent program of Mathematics instruction for 60 minutes per day. Everyday the students participate in - a number warm up and rich tasks which require them to represent number concepts through the relationships of the Number Triad - word, symbol and collection. Students are required to articulate, demonstrate and reflect on their thinking and strategies as well as demonstrate learning which meets the achievement standards as defined by the NSW Mathematics Syllabus.

You will see the 100 minutes of literacy and 60 minutes of mathematics instruction outlined on the grade overview that is emailed home to you each term. Teachers are very happy to discuss and explain to you particular aspects of the teaching of literacy and mathematics relevant to your child whenever you have a question. Discussions of this nature help you to make connections to what you already know about your child as a learner and how your child is developing towards the standards of the syllabus.

Congratulations to our Ex-Students



A huge congratulations to 4 ex-students from Year 6 2016 who have excelled in their studies and are now part of the 'Gifted & Talented' classes at Mt St Benedict's: **Samantha Kelly, Rachel Antoni, Georgiana Haywood and Lauren Fisher.**

We are so proud of you!

Peer Support

Next week is the first time all students will meet their Year 6 Peer Support Group Leader and Peer Support teacher. Peer Support groups are made up of different students across K-6. Throughout the Peer Support program, students will be working in their Peer Support Group, sharing ideas and learning from each other. Our Peer Support Groups will be held every second Friday after lunch. Following their Peer Support lesson, students will reunite with their classroom teacher before being dismissed from their class lines on the playground.

In Week 3, the students will share the things they enjoy in life and have an opportunity to discuss their favourite activity. This session enables children to recognise what makes them happy and how this can lead to developing skills and strengths that can be transferred to other areas within their life.

Mr Visser and Mrs Borg - Peer Support Coordinators.

Student Attendance

We did really well last week. This week we have

slipped just below the 90% mark with **89.4%**.

The great news is that two of our grades are doing very well. Huge congratulations to **Kindergarten** and **Year 3** and their parents for ensuring the children make the most of every learning opportunity we offer - their attendance is over 95%. Well done!

Mothers' Day Celebration

An open invitation is extended to all of our mums to joins us as we celebrate Mothers' Day. The morning is outlined below:

7.45am Breakfast (Hall)
8.15am Open Classrooms
9.00am Mass (Church)

Please let us know for catering purposes if you are coming to the breakfast—a note was sent home last week.

Hope to see you there!

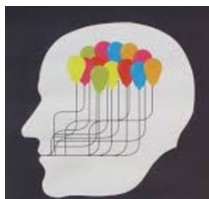


St Bernadette's Staff and students connecting to the wider community

Congratulations to Miss Belinda Heagney (1B) who addressed the Glenhaven Rotarians this week sharing with them her teaching experiences in the remote community of Wadeye in the Northern Territory. In 2016 our students and families generously donated toys for distribution to the children of this community at Christmas time. It was the Glenhaven Rotarians who helped Miss Heagney and Mrs Helen Games and the staff to organise the shipment of the toys to Wadeye. It is wonderful to have our staff and students so active in the broader community. Well done St Bernadette's!

Design-a-thon

At St Bernadette's we pride ourselves on creating learning experiences that allow students to critically think about a problem and work collaboratively in designing a range of possible solutions.



This year our school fundraiser, '**Design-a-thon**', will celebrate and promote how students develop a deep understanding of concepts by critically thinking about proposed problems and designing a range of possible solutions. On **Friday 26th May** (Week 5), students across the school will be engaged in learning tasks linked to syllabus outcomes to English, Mathematics, Science & Technology and PDHPE.

Next week students will be bringing home a note about the A-thon and a sponsorship card. During the day each student will complete five key learning tasks. Students will be asking friends and family to sponsor them to complete these five tasks. Not only will students enjoy a fun filled day working together and designing a range of solutions, they will be increasing their chance of winning fantastic prizes by raising money for our school.

A-thon Committee

End of Day School Dismissal

Parents are asked to follow the school guidelines for collecting their children at the end of the school day. **The only place** that children can be collected by their parents from within the school is on the Tuckshop Terrace. Parents are requested not to organise to meet their children on the top or bottom court, the school internal driveway, handball courts, outside classrooms or on the small passive grass area. It is very confusing to the children when parents make arrangements to meet their children in these areas as the children are asked by the teachers to go to the Tuckshop Terrace. Let us work together to keep our children safe and assist them to be in the right place at the end of the day.



P&F Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 9th May

Come along to the Term 2 P&F Meeting, Mrs Nettleton and Mr Visser will open the meeting with a conversation about learning at St Bernadette's. Please see the P&F notice on Page 5 for details about the venue and parking.

Hills Cluster Debating

On Thursday our Year 6 Debaters participated in Round 1 of the 2017 Hills Cluster Debating Competition. St Bernadette's debated against St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills and both teams presented very convincing arguments about the topic: "Devices have destroyed our playground".

Congratulations to the following students

Affirmative Team

Raquel Sahyoun
Edward Zalloua
Nadine Ishak
Yves Rahme

Negative Team

Mischa Timbrell
Priscilla Leib
Flynn Batty
Caitlin Ransome-Haberley

Thank you to Mrs Zalloua for assisting with transport to and from St Paul's.



Winter Uniform

Next week, Week 3, we ask that all students be in their full winter uniform from now on.



PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au before 3pm Monday 5 May. Unfortunately photos cannot not be accepted after this date/time. Thank you!

Sport News

Commencing this term Mrs Karen Orsini will be coordinating information to do with our school's involvement in sporting Gala Days, additional sporting skills workshops K-6, and the extra curricular Sporting Schools Grant after school activities that we become involved in. She will also be the school's representative at the Diocesan Sports Coordinator meetings.

If you have any questions about your child's involvement in any of these events please refer your enquiries to Mrs Orsini via the school email account or the school office.

Change of Assembly Time/Date

Parents are advised of the following changes to our Whole School Assembly dates and times:

Friday 19 May (Week 4) - **now** 8.30am Top Court

**Congratulations to the following
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Social Skill: Being a Balanced Student at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Rafael Lamata	Sophie Zucconi	Seline Chen
KG	Alexis Mortel	Lila Oliver	Valda Mormul
KW	Alastair Mattin	Callum Vickers	Sienna Smith
1B	Amelia Lavis	William McManus	Nicholas Reyna
1G	Ashton Allan	Charlotte Ward	Sebastian Haywood
1W	Aiden King	Jai Stuart	Rafael Clemente
2B	Chloe Karam	Jason Khoudair	Sienna de Juan
2G	Jesse Oliver	Scarlett Sahyoun	Maya Keremelevski
2W	Angelique Debelak	Jack Robinson	Annabelle Farag
3B	Samantha Badenhorst	Joshua Zeaiter	Anthony Zeaiter
3G	Samuel Akle	Ella Hammersley	Isabella De Souza
3W	Frederick Anderson	Rosemary Carroll	Amelia Smith
4B	Indiana Thom	Angelina Zaiter	Owen Suyko
4G	Paavni Kumar	Ashleigh Scrooby	Gabrielle Youssef
4W	Saskia Bullen	Terence Nwabuokeyi	Olivia Boxshall
5B	Liam Taggart	Lana Taha	Jacob Goss
5G	Joanna Iwanowski	Matilda Polley	Conrad Lopez
5W	Brieanah Moujalli	Thomas Silvester	Harry Rushton
6B	Jaimee Azzi	Thomas Runac	Mischa Timbrell
6G	Kaden Govender	Brooke Napoli	Alec West
6W	Sebastian Akle	Chelsea Polley	Caitlin Ransome-Haberley

Premier's Reading Challenge

Reading champions for Week 2:

Kindergarten	Johnny Symin Abigail Wigham Hailey Xue Sophie Zucconi
Year 1	Rafael Clemente Nicholas Reyna Harry Wigham
Year 2	Harry Palmer
Year 3	Bridget Clemente Mekenna Vickers
Year 6	Sebastian Akle Annalise Besters



Principal's Awards:

Blake Noonan 5W	Hannah Wall 2W
Chloe Gething 5W	Lucas Geaitani 4W
Aaliyah Symin 5G	Angelique Debelak 2W
Sophie Kouchoo 5B	Aimee Coulter 4G
James Marshall 5G	Jacob Goss 5B
Laila Campagna 5W	Louis Malandrino 5B
Matthew Hannah 2B	Audrey Sullivan 2B
Will Boxshall 2G	Lanna Heneghan 2B
Lucas Ranieri 2G	
Angus Northey 4B	
Michael Khoudair 4B	



Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 2nd May, St Bernadette's had 29 children represent the school at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. The children were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. Shortly after arriving they walked the course to familiarise themselves for the race ahead.

All children successfully completed the course. Positive sportsmanship was demonstrated by each of our students. We had some outstanding results from **Emily Kouchoo** (13th U11 Girls) and **Thomas Silvester** (15th U11 Boys).



Congratulations to **Brooke Napoli** (5th U12/13 Girls), **Patrick Stennett** (5th U12/13 Boys), **Harry Rushton** (2nd U11 Boys) and **Blake Noonan** (8th U11 Boys) for processing to NSWCCPS Cross Country Championships as part of the Parramatta team. We wish them well.

Nicole Metwally & Anthony Bye

Design2Shine—4W

Class 4W have had a wonderful time participating in Design2Shine with St Gabriel's and Gilroy students. Children had the opportunity to work on a creative program with students of different ages and abilities. The students learnt to trust and cooperate with each other and produce a performance for an audience. Parents and special visitors enjoyed the student's wonderful performances at Gilroy yesterday.



**UN Global Road Safety Week
(8-14 May 2017)**

is focussing on speed.

Especially in school zones, keep
our students safe and #slowdown.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Ward family (Charlotte 1G), following the recent passing of her great-grandmother?. May she rest in peace.



P&F News:

Our P&F Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th May** at 7.30pm which will then be followed by our Fun Fair Meeting. The meeting will be held in the classroom above top court (the classroom that is used for COSHC). Please drive into the school grounds via the internal bottom driveway and park on the top court as you would do for Mass on a Sunday. All parents are invited to attend both meetings. This year being a Fun Fair year makes it a very busy one for the P&F Association so with that in mind if you can come along to the meetings and lend your support in any way it would be appreciated.



Mothers Day Stall Thanks!

A huge thanks to Melissa Younan for coordinating our Mothers' Day Stall and all of our mums that gave of their time this week to help. Your support of our students is much appreciated.



PARISH NEWS:

Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

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:

Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 June

Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm in the Church. Evenings will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. This preparation process is suitable for children who are in at least Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist (holy communion). Please contact Alice Bradshaw (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at the parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au, for more information.

Big Fat Smile Pre School

Big Fat Smile is a not for profit organisation, one of the largest, most respected providers of education, care, recreation, cultural and inclusion services in Australia. Driven by a vision for a braver, brighter, more creative world. They have community preschools and long day care with quality staff and education programs are rated #1 in Australia for quality under the National Quality Standard in childcare.

Big Fat Smile Castle Hill Community Preschool offers a comprehensive transition to school program. Taking BIG SCHOOL steps in our stride... they support the learning and development of skills, confidence and independence to help children take on BIG SCHOOL.

Contact Castle Hill Community Preschool to enquire today on 9680 3111.