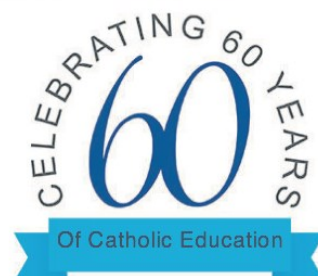




St Bernadette's School



Friday 16 June 2017

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Dear Parents,

St Bernadette's Primary School seeks to be a great school one with high academic standards and at the same time authentically Catholic. As a school community we exist for a religious purpose and to operate within a religious culture where children and their families are able to grow and develop in a faith filled learning environment that recognises and celebrates diversity. Everything that happens within our school, from the formal curriculum to the general life of the school reflects a particular understanding of people, of life, of what we do and how things should be.

Throughout this term I have had the great privilege of interviewing prospective new families to the school and conducting school tours showcasing the school facilities and the learning within our classrooms. In these interactions, new families are particularly impressed with the welcome they receive to our school, the behaviour and manners of our students and the supportive relationship they observe between the students, their teachers and their parents. They comment on the learning programmes our students are involved in and the performance of our students academically and in the wider community. New families are also particularly impressed with the way in which every child's learning is tracked, the wide variety of extra curricular programmes available to our students, as well as the many opportunities for parents to be involved in the school. I would particularly like to congratulate all our students, parents and teachers who together contribute to making St Bernadette's a great school.

This week the staff and students also welcomed teachers from St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills, St Monica's North Parramatta and St Bernadette's Dundas to our school. During their visit the teachers from these schools observed children's work in mathematics, literacy and religious education and visited our classrooms to hear from the students about their learning.

The feedback to our school was most affirming. Congratulations girls and boys for being able to articulate and demonstrate to our visitors your learning goals and how you are going about achieving them.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Sunday is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ."

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.



In John's gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance.

Week 8

Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews

Mon 19 June

8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports Club

Tue 20 June

1.10pm Choir
Choir Captivate
Evening at Nagle
College

Wed 21 June

Student Banking

Thurs 22 June

Late night Parent/
Teacher/Student Int.

Fri 23 June

Athletics Carnival
4-6pm Choir—Captivate
at Nagle College

Coming Dates:

Thurs 29 June

Stage 2 Boys & Girls
Soccer Gala Day

Wed 26 July

Netball Gala Day

Fri 28 July

Grandparents' Day

RE News cont ...

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Shane Robinson—REC






Why are we asking your children to attend the Mid Year School Report Interviews?

In Week 9 when the teachers meet with you about your child's learning, we are asking you to bring your child to the meeting. This is an opportunity for teachers, children and parents to acknowledge the progress and achievement that has been made in the first semester of the school year. The children will talk about their learning achievements as well as their learning goals. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions both of the teacher and of their child. The interviews will vary slightly across the grades depending on the age of the children.

Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed towards the end of this term. Students in Kindergarten will receive a report where the level of achievement is reported on using a scale of Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond. Years 1 to 6 have an A to E reporting system.

- A** describes students who have an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a very high level of competence and can apply the skills and knowledge to new situations.
- B** describes students who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a high level of competence and are able to apply the skills and knowledge in most situations.
- C** describes students who have achieved a sound understanding of the content and skills and have an adequate level of competence in these areas.
- D** describes students who have achieved a basic understanding and knowledge of the content and skills and have a limited level of competence.
- E** describes students who have achieved an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content with teacher.

To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where do you fit on the scale?

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix racer!
				

School Interviews for Reports

We look forward to meeting with all parents and students again to share insights into the children's learning and their academic progress later this month. The School Interviews site is open and can be used to book your interview with the class teacher.

<http://schoolinterviews.com.au>

ACCESS FOR BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE AT 3pm ON 20th JUNE The event code for creating a booking is 54faz.

Athletics Carnival

Next Friday 23rd June we have our Athletics Carnival at Gooden Reserve, Winston Hills. The carnival will run as a tabloid carnival where the students rotate through events in their age groups / class groups. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly offered their assistance to help the day run smoothly. We are looking forward to a great day of fun and fitness!

Mrs Karen Orsini—Sport Coordinator

House Colours Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded House Colour Captains for our upcoming Athletics Carnival. They will be presented with their badges at Monday mornings assembly at 8.30am.

Blue

John Fernando & Tayla Milicevic

Green

Christian Botros & Linette Apango-Estrada

Red

Alana Castellan & Luke Debelak

Gold

Toby Ryan & Ella Lincoln

National Junior Basketball Classic and Nudawading Basketball Tournament

Bailey Thom, Joseph Khoudair & Jardyn Orsini from the Hills Hornets Under 12 Div 1 boys team, and **Genevieve Sing** from the Hills Hornets Under 12 Div 1 girls team all took part in the National Junior Basketball Classic at Dandenong Stadium last weekend. This is an invitation only tournament for the top 3 teams in each state. Both teams played great basketball, and the boys won 3 out of their 6 games. The girls won 2 games and finished 13th on the ladder.

Michael Khoudair from the Hills Hornets Under 12 Div 2 boys team & **Mia Khoudair** from the Hills Hornets Under 12 Div 2 girls team took part in the Nudawading Basketball tournament in Melbourne which also attracts teams from around the country. Michael and Mia's teams both made the semi finals for their age group.

These are fantastic achievements for the players and their coaches.

Children's HSIE and S&T Workbooks coming home today

The children will be bringing home their HSIE and Science and Technology workbooks today. We encourage you to talk to your child about the learning that you can see in these books. Some conversation starters might include :-

Show me a piece of work that you are really proud of in this book?

What have you been learning about in Science and Technology/ HSIE?



Are there areas that you would like to improve in and why?

The children are extremely proud of their work and will be delighted if you are able to write a comment to them in their book. We encourage you to write this comment after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy receiving feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. Your comment also allows the teacher to see that you were able to take the time to walk through the book with your child. You are asked to return the book promptly on Monday June 19th 2017 so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Hills Cluster Debating Competition

This week our debating team debated the topic "Beauty is skin deep" with Christ the King North Rocks. Both schools presented strong arguments in each debate. St Bernadette's was successful in winning both the Affirmative case and the Negative Case. Congratulations to:

Affirmative Team

Yves Rahme

Alana Castellan
Jaimee Azzi
Edward Zalloua

Negative Team

Caitlin Ransome-Haberley

Grace Towner
Egor Visjnivetskiy
Not for Publication

Thank you to Mrs Azzi and Mrs Watt who accompanied the Affirmative Team to Christ the King, North Rocks and to Mr Visser who supported the Negative Team at St Bernadette's. Our next debate will be in Term 3.



Maths Corner

excerpt from primarymaths.com.au

WHY IS MATHS TAUGHT DIFFERENTLY NOW?

Telling or asking?

Many of us were taught Maths through telling. Our teachers told us how to 'do' maths and then we 'practised' until we could 'do' it independently...if we were 'told' how to 'do' it and 'did' it often enough, it was believed that understanding would then follow...

...in many cases, understanding never followed, whether or not we could 'do' the maths...it was thought that we 'understood' if we arrived at the correct answer. If we didn't arrive at the correct answer, we were simply 'told' how to 'do' it again!

We now know that this is not an effective way to develop deep understanding of Maths. Maths is concept based, not skill based. Understanding of one concept is needed to understand others. Children need to develop understanding of concepts, and the relationships between concepts, and not merely 'do' maths. To be continued in coming newsletters...

Coding and 3D Printing

Students across Year 3, 4 and 5 today were treated to a coding and introduction to 3D printing workshop.

Working collaboratively students learnt more about how computers need specific instructions or code to perform certain functions. Students were also challenged to design a 3D snowman using "Tinkercad" which was then sent to the 3D printer!



What a fabulous day of learning! I am sure there will be many St Bernadette's students who will continue their coding journey at our Coding and Robotics club next Thursday at lunchtime. Head to our Facebook page to view all the exciting photos.

Design A-thon

WOW! Congratulations to our St Bernadette's community as we have

raised **\$18,061**, with donations still coming in. This is an amazing effort and will enable our school to purchase resources for our students.

At our Monday morning assembly in Week 10, the Design A-thon Team will present prizes to the students, family and class who have raised the most money.

Remember to bring in any final Design A-thon money as soon as possible to ensure you are in the running for some great prizes.



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

***Social Skill:
Being a Fair and Considerate Student at St Bernadette's***

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Emily Boxshall	Zoran Djuricic	Matilda Cowper
KG	Martin Gao	Lucas Keremelevski	Ava Berrell
KW	Oscar O'Byrne	Patrick Kelly	Jeslyn Ariyanayagam
1B	Ashton Baker	Xander Younan	Xavier Schellack
1G	Fabian Crecca	Rachel Feng	Oscar Nicholson
1W	Elijah Pavlovic	Ella Tegg	Jack Kirkham
2B	Audrey Sullivan	Matthew Hanna	Lanna Heneghan
2G	David Lievano	Haley Gonzales	Isaac Frketic
2W	Kenan Ozcan	Ava Smith	Sofia Aiossa
3B	Olivia Kirkham	Natalie Samperi	Alannah Ceh
3G	Hannah Cherian	Ryan Suwandy	Maya Salloum
3W	Najeeb Haddad	Isabella Scotti	Allegra Xiberras
4B	Mark Bradshaw	Sinead Delac	Tess Ellis
4G	Juliet Radman	Charbel Zeaiter	Isla Clark
4W	Amy Ballesty	Isabella Botros	Dean Guy
5B	Lily Coleiro	Daniel Samperi	Aimee Coulter
5G	Lauren Ballesty	Conrad Lopez	Mitchell Daly
5W	Christian Farfoud	Mia Lagana	Chloe Gething
6B	Andrew Kairuz	Mali Clark	Luciana Romanski
6G	Nadine Ishak	Alana Castellan	Grace Youssef
6W	Jack Farrow	Natalie Wong	Laura Veitch

Premier's Reading Challenge:

Great reading this week—Congratulations to the following students:

Kindy	Elliot Dalton	Luca Dalton
	Aleksander Puleo	Isaac Sung
Year 1	Fabian Crecca	
Year 2	Alexander Barone	Olivia Goss
Year 3	Nicholas Beames	Lucas Heyes
	Georgina Kassis	
Year 4	Amy Ballesty	Charlie Barone
	Tyler Beames	Satrah Lievano
Year 5	Thomas Heyes	Mathilda Polley
	Daniel Samperi	
Year 6	John Fernando	Thomas Runac

Principal's Awards:

Chloe Malandrino 2W
Jasmine Drogaris 2W
Matthew Khoudair 2B
Georgia-Marie Wardan 6W
Kaiden Taggart 3B
Anna Dimitriou 2W
Felicity Miller 2B
Olivia Boxshall 4W
Joseph Hadchiti 5B



Attendance

Congratulations once again as we achieve our 90% + target. This past week we have achieved

90.3%

Almost every grade achieved 90% or more.

Absence Notes

As you would be aware, there is a requirement that children's absence is notified in a timely manner. From time to time, parents may receive a letter from the Office asking for an explanation for a child's absence. On rare occasions, the electronic roll may not be updated in time, or the children's regular class teacher is sick and the relief teacher has not marked the roll correctly, or emails sent by parents are missed, before these letters are sent home. When we are advised of our error, we adjust the roll accordingly.

Kindergarten 2018

Our next school tour has been organised for Tuesday 27 June at 9am.



If you have not yet submitted your enrolment form for your little one to attend Kindergarten in 2018 could you please do so next week so that we can forecast numbers for 2018. Please tell friends, family and neighbours of our upcoming tour in Week 10 this term. We ask that all parents register their interest by calling 02 9634 2898.

2017 School Fees

Term 2 School Fees are now due. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2, could you please make a payment now or contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9634-2898 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY.

Just a reminder to all families that a term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing **MUST** be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term and where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit will be calculated. Where a term's notice has not been given to the Principal the terms school fees **will be** charged for your child/children.

Repairs

You will notice that we have had the stairs in the bottom car park repaired. The stairs will be back in use from Monday 19th June 2017. Please remember that children who arrive at school BEFORE 8:00am must enter the school from the gate in the middle car park or walk up the Brisbane Road Walkway that leads to the COSHC building. Children cannot enter the school prior to 8:00am from the bottom car park as this gate is locked. Thank you for keeping our children safe by using the correct entries to the school.

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.

Yr 3 Movie Night

Despicable Me 3 - Wednesday 28th June at 5pm
Cost \$11 each. Envelopes have been provided to all Year 3 students to pass to their teachers for payment—which is due by 23 June.

Grade Parents

Year 1 Dads' Night Out!

Saturday August 19th—Castle Hill RSL, Sports Bar.
Wallabies vs All Blacks 8pm
Arrive from 6.30pm.
Please RSVP: steve@teachingservices.com.au
If you are not a member you will need to join or be signed in by a member.

Fun Fair News:

The Fun Fair Committee have been very busy organising Fun Fair 2017. Save the date - Friday 13th October, 3pm start.

Many thanks to the committee and to every family who have already sponsored, attended meetings, offered suggestions, made donations and provided encouragement. Your continued support is very much appreciated and is essential to the success of the Fun Fair. There is still an opportunity for you, your business or your employer to get involved? How? Sponsor a stall. Donate a prize or provide product samples? 1,000 free show bags will be given to attendees upon arrival. An excellent way to promote your business and assist, is by donating products, samples or vouchers to be included in those show bags.

If you can assist please contact Nick Gooley (P&F President) nickigooley@bigpond.com or 0488 177 618. Remember, it's all about the kids. The Fun Fair is a day they eagerly await and will never forget!

Many thanks – on behalf of the Fun Fair Committee

