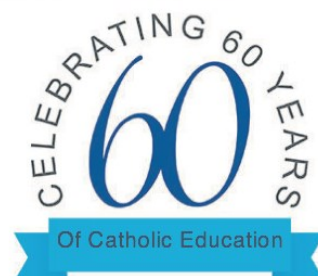




St Bernadette's School



Friday 25 August 2017

No. 26

Dear Parents,

This week we have celebrated a marvellous Book Week. The children have enjoyed workshops, a Book Character parade and visits from our Fun Fair Super Heroes who read some of the nominated Book Week Picture Books to the children. As a special reminder of 2017 Book Week, each class received the gift of a picture book from the school.

Combined with our focus on the Premier's Reading Challenge as well as the children's class reading programme all of our children have every opportunity to enjoy reading and being read to. Educational experts agree that the more children read, the more they'll enjoy reading and the better readers they're likely to become.

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for the Book Character parade making the event even more special for all the children.

Congratulations to the whole staff who joined the children by dressing up as characters from the very popular picture book by Graeme Base 'Animalia' and also to Mrs Aylen who came along as a Witch. We hope that you enjoyed the many pictures that were posted on our school Facebook page.



R.E. NEWS



In St Bernadette's Parish a feature of the 9am Sunday mass is the withdrawal of the children from the ages of 5 to 11 years old to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word.

This is set out in the Directory of Masses for Children, which is an important document for the guidelines and principals so that the liturgy can be adapted for the children's level of understanding. The Directory states: Sometimes..., if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the liturgy of the word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own liturgy of the word (DMC #17).

In Castle Hill we have a wonderful group of catechists who lead the children in the scripture and breaking open the readings to help them understand the meaning, apply it to their lives and give the children a chance to respond.

At 9am mass, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to experience the Word of God at their level of understanding.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 7

Mon 28 August

7.30am Yrs 5/6 BOYS Basketball Training
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm Motiv8sports Club

Tue 29 August

7.30am Yrs 3/4 Basketball Training
Yr 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final
Yr 3 & 5 Online NAPLAN Testing
1.10pm Choir

Wed 30 August

WASTE FREE LUNCH DAY

7.30am Yrs 5/6 GIRLS Basketball Training
Student Banking
Yr 5 Online NAPLAN Testing
Stage 2 Norwest Basketball Challenge

Thurs 31 August

7.30am Yrs 3/4 Boys & Girls Cricket Trials
Fathers' Day Stall
2.45pm Sporting Schools Tennis Sessions
3pm Yrs 5/6 Boys & Girls Cricket Trials

Fri 1 Sept

Fathers' Day & Jersey Day Celebrations

6.45am Fathers' Day Mass
7.30am Fathers' Day Breakfast
8am Open Classrooms

Coming Dates:

REMINDER EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WASTE FREE DAY!

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Julian Cadman

As you are aware, early Monday morning this week, the Australian Government confirmed that 7 year old Julian, who was a student at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Lalor Park, was killed in the attack in Barcelona last Thursday evening. Julian's mother Jom remains in a Barcelona hospital recovering from her serious injuries. The Cadman family have expressed their deep thanks to the school communities within the Diocese of Parramatta for their compassion, their prayers and their support during this incredibly challenging time. They are well aware that the healing process will be a very long one but have been comforted by the knowledge that our communities will continue to stand in solidarity with them.

There have been many requests for advice on how people can help in a practical way. A GoFundMe site has been set up by a close family friend to provide long-term financial support to the family. The site can be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-julianjom-fund>. Please keep the Cadman family in your prayers.



Principal for a Day

The SRC and Mrs Nettleton would like to invite students of St Bernadette's to apply for the job of principal for a day. Students are asked to send in a 1—2 minute video of themselves which includes:

- ⇒ Name and class
- ⇒ A brief introduction
- ⇒ Why they want to be principal for a day
- ⇒ What they would do for St Bernadette's if they were chosen as principal for a day

The judging panel will be looking for a sizzling start to your video along with creativity and the ability to engage the audience.

Videos are to be sent to the school's email address (Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) by **Friday 8th September**.

Hills Cluster Debating Competition

This week our debating team debated the topic 'we need a sugar tax' with St Angela's, Castle Hill. Both schools presented strong arguments in each debate.

Affirmative Team

John-Paul Edge-Bennett
Egor Vishnivetskiy
John Fernando
Priscilla Leib

Negative Team

Alana Castellan
Flynn Batty
Grace Youssef
Sienna Battisti

Thank you to Mrs Fernando who accompanied the affirmative children. This was our last debate for this year. In a few weeks time all the children from all the schools in this competition will enjoy a final celebratory morning tea together. Well done to our Debating Team!

Attendance: Every Leaver, Every Day, All Day!

This week our attendance is slightly below our goal of above 90% attendance. This week we have achieved an overall attendance of **87.1%**.

Illness and Hygiene

There is a lot of sickness around. It is a timely reminder for us to encourage our children on the importance of good hygiene procedures both at home and school. If you could please have the conversation with your children about hand washing, using tissues regularly to clear their nose, covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing and so on, it would be appreciated. We thank you for your support.

Toys at School

This week at assembly, students were reminded of our school rules with respect to collectable toys. Over the past few weeks, many students have been bringing ooshies, pokemon cards, slime and putty to school to play with and to trade with other students. This can be distressing for students as their toys can become damaged or lost. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that these toys remain at home.

Social Skills—Week 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

WORKING BEE TOMORROW

8.00AM ONWARDS—HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a problem solver in St Bernadette's

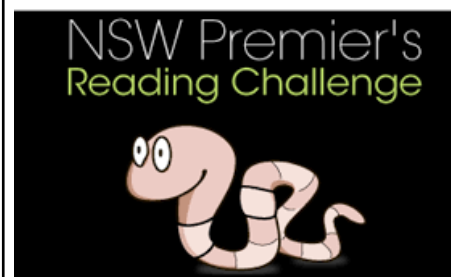
Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Jed Alameen	Sophie Zucconi	Aleksander Puleo
KG	Johnny Symin	Abigail Wigham	Xavier Lavulo
KW	Callum Vickers	Jaden Zaiter	Adam Gamble
1B	Not for Publication	Nicholas Reyna	Adam Wassif
1G	Sebastian Haywood	Sofia Papandrea	Jackson Randall
1W	Chelsea Nicolaou	Emily Yates	Annabelle Wong
2B	Dylan Gibb	Jai Salter	Michael Lalli
2G	Elle Gaya	Sebastian Vioria	Camellia Fernando
2W	Jasmine Drogaris	Hannah Wall	Peter Yacoub
3B	Thomas McGinty	Cohen Orsini	Isla Guy
3G	Ella Lagana	Maya Salloum	Lucas Campagna
3W	Eleanor Read	Antonio Wadih	Charlie Akle
4B	Claudia Chambers	Enya Hui	Cassandra Losurdo
4G	Zachary Miller	Gabrielle Youssef	Gabriel de Ponte
4W	Angelique Daniele	Justin Lim	Georgia Pratt
5B	Louis Malandrino	Ryan McMahon	Liam Taggart
5G	Savannah Moubarak	Toby Reitemann	Macey Kinnane
5W	Chloe Henrico	Harry Rushton	Isabella Willard
6B	Hayley Bounassif	Mischa Timbrell	Shayan Pala
6G	Mia Metwally	Logan Ragno	Sera-Marina Farfoud
6W	Linette Apango-Estrada	Isaac Kelly	Daniella Francis

Premier's Reading Challenge

What a week for reading!
Congratulations to all the following students:

Maya Salloum, Joanna Asaroglou, alastair Mattin, Evelyn Salter, Tayla Van Ryswyk, Angus Northey, Blake Noonan, Shayan Pala, Campbell Sing, Sara Uricoechea, Eleanor Read, Ryan Suwandy, Kaiden Taggart, Grace Zwaine, Sinead Delac, Ethan Zerafa, Jed Alameen, Tess Gooley, Carla Kamel, Hilda Mormul, Dillon Sweeney, Aidan Leong, Cohen Orsini, Aimee Coulter, Brieanah Moujali.

Don't forget the PRC closes midnight tonight, 25th August. Still not too late to logon.



ICAS Writing Results

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the following results:

Year 3:

Distinction—Hannah Cherian, Samantha Badenhorst, Lana Formosa, Ella Macey, Mia Papandrea.

Credit—Antonio Wadih

Year 4:

Distinction— Owen Suyko, Eva Cooper, Nicole Del Rio

Credit— Enya Hui, Mark Bradshaw, Zander Cheng, Charlotte Lee.

Year 5:

Credit— Alessia Lalli, Jarratt Allan, Luciana Romanski.

Principal's Awards:

Kevin Le 2B
Alexander Barone 2B
Owen Suyko 4B
Emma Mizzi 6G
Meleni Ariyanayagam 4B
Cassandra Losurdo 4B
Imogen Vines 4W
Sienna Symin 4W
Genevieve Sing 4W
Joshua Zaiter 3B
Daniella Francis 6W
Danielle Khoudair 3B
Alexander Nader 2B



Fathers' Day Stall—Change of Date

Please note our Fathers' Day Stall will now be held next **Thursday 31 August**. Our Fathers' Day Stall will have lots of great gifts for the children to purchase between **\$2 and \$10**. If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send in money on this day. For our little ones, please send money in an envelope clearly marked 'Fathers Day Stall' with name and class on it.

Fathers' Day Celebrations & Jersey Day

This year St Bernadette's would again like to support the Jersey Day campaign raising awareness for organ donation set up by the Gremmo family. Dads and students may wear sports jerseys to our Mass at 6.45am next Friday. Students can wear their jerseys at school over their normal school uniform for the remainder of the day.



Please join us for:

6.45am Mass
7.30am Breakfast
8.00am Open Classrooms

A reminder that 1 photo of dad with his children may be sent into the school email account (Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) for inclusion in the PowerPoint. Unfortunately we cannot accept photos after Monday 28 August.

Book Week

The children had a great time dressing up as their favourite book character. A big thank you to all the parents and children for the wonderful effort and imagination put into the costumes for our Book Parade. The children have already enjoyed the new book that each class received for their class library.



The performance of 'Get to know Asia' for Yrs 3 to 6 and 'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems' for Yrs K to 2 were enjoyed by the children. Years 3 to 6 learned a great chant to help them remember the countries of Asia. Tongue Twisters and Rhymes were the order of the day for K to 2 students—lots of fun with language.

SPORT NEWS:



Years 3-6 Crickets Trials

In preparation for our upcoming Milo Cricket Gala Day on Tuesday 12th September, we will be running cricket trials throughout Week 7. If your child (Yrs 3 to 6) would like to be part of a small-sided cricket team, please encourage them to attend our trials on top court and grass area in Week 7. Also, any parents who might like to assist with a team on the gala day, please contact Mrs Orsini.

Week 7

7:30am Thursday 31st August Years 3/4 Boys and Girls Cricket Trials

3:00pm Thursday 31st August Years 5/6 Boys and Girls Cricket Trials

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented St Bernadette's as part of the Hills Zone at the Parramatta Diocese Athletics Carnival today at Blacktown Olympic Park: Tayla Milicevic, Brooke Napoli, Patrick Stennett, Harry Rushton, Bailey Thom, Jardyn Orsini, Holly Miller, Liam Worne, Darcey Sullivan and Blake Noonan.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2018

Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and eucharist (holy communion) are invited to attend one of our information evenings being held on **Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th October 2017**. Both evenings will commence at 7.30pm and are held 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 currently in Year 3 or above.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Alice Bradshaw at the parish office on 9634 2622 (Mon & Tue) or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au.

School Fees

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 the 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 term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

Term 3 School Fees were due on **Monday, 21st August**, thank you to all families that have finalised their 2017 school fee account. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 3, we ask if you could please make payment now or should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 94076600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

Change of School for 2018

To estimate enrolments for 2018, 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.

NITS—A reminder to please check your child's hair this weekend as we have had several reports of nits in different classes.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES
WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.	
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PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
 *Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

Catholic Out of School Hours

Vacation care enrolments are now open for the Spring holiday period 25th September to 6th October 2017 (excl Monday 2 October). Please contact Lauren on 0408 582 535 for a booking form or further information.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

Sydney Youth Orchestra

Do you know a young music student ready to take their music to the next level? Sydney Youth orchestras offers a range of training programs for musicians aged 6-25 at every level of their musical journey. In 2018 SYO will provide weekly orchestra training for musicians across 12 ensembles in the City and Western Sydney. Registrations for 2018 Auditions close on Friday 22 September. Register at syo.com.au.

Term Dates 2017

Term 3:

Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September

Term 4:

Mon 9 October to Friday 15 December (for students)
 Monday 18 December—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

Term 1 2018

Mon 29 Jan

Staff Dev Day / Pupil Free Day / *MAI Day

Tue 30 Jan

*MAI Day / Pupil Free Day

Wed 31 Jan

Yrs 1 to 6 commence

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Once again we will be collecting the reward vouchers from Woolworths to order great resources for the children. Please send in your completed sticker sheets or loose vouchers.

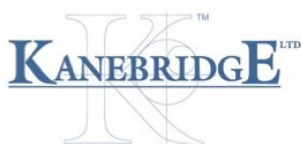




Friday 13th October 3pm till 8:30pm

We would like to thank and recognise those companies who are sponsoring our Fun Fair this year. We hope you can support them as they are supporting our school community by donating sponsorship money and prizes.

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