St Bernadette's School

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS Of Catholic Education

Friday 8 September 2017 No. 28

Dear Parents,

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast day St Teresa of Kolkata who throughout her earthly life imitated Christ through tending the sick and the dying in Kolkata's slums and helping people there and beyond see the material and spiritual poverty that confronts modern society. She taught all—from youth groups to governments—through piety and charm, wisdom and simplicity.

St Teresa saw Jesus in everyone—from the child in the womb, to the sick and vulnerable, especially those afflicted with AIDS, to the aged and dying abandoned in the streets of Kolkata. She urged people everywhere to reach beyond themselves to heal those hurting about them. Mother Teresa as she was so fondly known transcended cultures and politics as she spoke of God's call to love and assist the poor. She had a profound realization that anyone she was with—immigrant, alien, president or prime minister, was first of all a child of God and intrinsically worthy of respect.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Her life stands as a reminder to all of us that we are called to care for one another and especially that we are called to respect and aid the poorest among us.

As the children commence their Mission units of work in Religious Education lessons, it is role models like St Teresa and St Mary McKillop that they look to for inspiration.

Please keep our children in your prayers as they live out our school values of care and compassion over these next weeks.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS

Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish.

Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to you on their developing religious literacy. This year staff has focused on student responses to Scripture at the Spiritual Sense in the student's assessments. The Spiritual Sense is breaking open the Scripture to learn about God in the passage, identify the Catholic teachings and the connection to one of the Sacraments.

You might like to try the following questions with your children for parable, the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25 – 37. This parable is being introduced to Years 3 and 4 during their Mission Unit—***Spiritual Sense***.

How does it reveal Jesus? God?
What Sacraments are present?
What connections can I make to Catholic teaching, practice and tradition?
Can I identify Catholic values?
How does it lead me to Heaven?

Shane Robinson—REC

Week 9

Mon 11 September
7.30am Yrs 5 / 6 Cricket Training
8.30am Assembly
Yr 4 Exc. Bobbin Head
2.45—4.30pm Motiv8sports Club

Tue 12 September
8-10am Uniform Shop
Stage 2 / 3 Milo Cricket Gala Day
1.10pm Choir
7pm P&F Meeting
8pm Fun Fair Meeting

Wed 13 September
Student Banking
Basket Collection Day
Waste Free Lunch Day
Yr 3 Travel Expo

Thurs 14 September
Choir Practice

Fri 15 September
Stage 2 Touch Gala Day
Debating Celebration
2pm Yr 6 Risky Business Expo

Coming Dates:

Mon 18 September
Risky Business Market Day

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9680 2282
Email: BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website**: http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesprimary/ Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/StBernadettes2

Showcasing Children's Learning

This term parents have had and will continue to have a number of opportunities to share in their children's learning. Last week Year 4 parents visited the hall to view the children's Religious Literacy projects based on a reflection of the Prodigal Son. This week parents visited classrooms to read books to the children. In Week 9, Year 3 parents have been invited to attend the Inaugural St Bernadette's Travel Expo and in Week 10 Year 6 parents will attend the Risky Business Expo. Each of these opportunities for parents is also a great opportunity for our children to experience the reaction of an audience to their real world learning. Thank you to all our parents for encouraging your children in their learning.

Thank you for your support of the Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free Wednesdays – we are already seeing the difference!!!
The SRC have made a commitment to try and reduce the waste that we generate at St Bernadette's by encouraging all our children to bring in a waste free recess and lunch every Wednesday.
They ask that ALL the children bring in food that can be: ***Eaten; Composted; or Recycled***.

This means that no food that is pre packaged. (No chip packets, muesli bars, or chocolates.)
Think fresh food like sandwiches, fruit and veggies.
This will avoid throwing items away.
The SRC recommends that parents try to package children's food in reusable containers as they are a handy way to pack a waste free lunch. Packing a waste free lunch also promotes healthy eating and may provide a better understanding of the actions we can take to reduce our waste.

Don't forget – **EVERY Wednesday** pack a waste free lunch.

Children's Workbooks Coming Home

Literacy books will be coming home next Friday. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term.
What new skills have they learnt?
What new ideas/information did they find out?
The children are extremely proud of their work and even more so, to read a comment.

We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly the next school day so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Children entering the school from Brisbane Road
Parents are reminded that children who enter the school from Brisbane Road in the mornings, come up the stairs from the bus bay area and walk across the bottom car park via the crossing. Please do not tell your children to walk up the driveway and then across the car park near the roped off section. Cars enter the driveway and this is dangerous. Some children have been moving the rope or going under the rope rather than using the stairs. Thank you for regularly discussing this with your children. Thank you for all that you do to keep our children safe.

Vehicles **do not** enter the school via Old Northern Road. Please ensure that you enter via Brisbane Road and exit via Brisbane Road turning left during the required times before and after school.

Attendance

Every Learner, Every Day, All Day
It has been wonderful to see a number of our students return to school this week who have been unwell. Our overall school attendance this week is **87.8%**.

This is slightly below our target of 90% attendance. Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for reaching our 90% attendance target this week.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all these persistent children for completing the challenge:

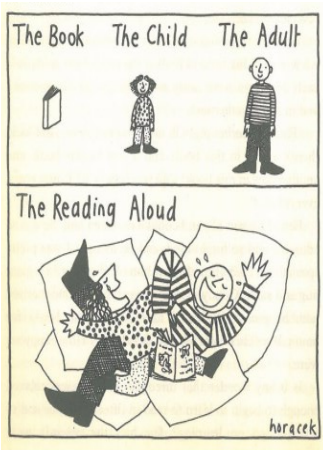
Aarshia Arun, Alexia Haddad, Jaden Zaiter, Peter Georges, Leonardo Wooler, Isaac Frketic, Matthew Hanna, Eva Bailey, Lucas Campagna, Najeeb Haddad, Elle Lagana, Ashton Pulvirenti, Aiden Ashkar, Claudia Chambers, Eva Cooper, Emilija Pavlovic, Anna Weppner, Noah Bailey, Lachlan Crimston, Christopher Dodd, Mia Lagana, Harry Rushton, Vienne Schwebel and Lana Taha.

Summer Uniform

As the weather is warming up children can come to school in either their winter or summer uniform (not a mixture) between now and the end of term. All children will commence Term 4 wearing their full summer uniform.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

This week we celebrated National Literacy week by having parents join us to read with small groups of children. Thank you to all of the people that were able share a story with the students. Everyone had a great time interacting with both favourites and new stories.



Reading Magic by Mem Fox

Today our focus was on Numeracy. Ask your child what problems they encountered and how they solved them during our Maths time today. Many students were able to solve the problems in more than one way and were able to explain their mathematical thinking.

Uniform Reminders

Wearing our school uniform is an important part of instilling pride in our students and aims to maintain our school identity and spirit. As we are moving closer to the end of term, students are reminded to ensure they wear their winter uniform, which includes a tie (for both boys and girls) and their hat.

Boys Winter Uniform
Navy trousers
Long sleeve blue shirt
Navy tie
Navy socks
Black shoes
School hat

Girls Winter Uniform
Navy check tunic
Long sleeve blue blouse & tab
Navy blue socks/tights
Black shoes
Navy hair ribbons
School hat

Boys Summer Uniform
Blue short sleeved shirt (open neck)
Navy shorts
Black shoes
Navy socks
(that cover ankle bone when folded over)
School at with crest

Girls Summer Uniform
Summer Tunic
Black shoes
White anklet socks
(that cover ankle bone when folded over)
Hair ribbons/scrunchie in school material/navy blue
Navy/black hair elastics
School hat with crest

Risky Business Products For Market Day Monday 18th September

Balloon a Bubble
Stress balls.
$2.00

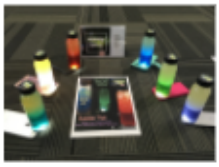
Crazy Catapults
Catapults
$2.00

Lip Lop Lap
Lip Balm
$1.50

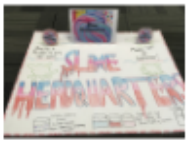
Crystal Crazy
Decorative crystals.
$1.00 & $2.00

Snow & Co
Fake Snow
$2.00

Let's Talk Chalk
Chalk
$2.00



Bubble That
Lava Lamp
$2.00



Slime Headquarters
Slime
$2.00

Triple Key
Keyrings
$2.00 & $2.50

Floating Wonder
Jellyfish in a bottle
$2.00

Bubble Pop Fizz
Bath Bombs
$2.00

Super Silly Soap
Hand Soap
$2.00

Pencil Polish
Marble Polish Lead Pencils.
$1.00 & $2.00

Rainbow Sand Co
Kinetic Sand
$2.00

Congratulations to the following
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a Problem Solver at St Bernadette's			
Class	***Student of the Week***	***Student of the Week***	***Social Skill Award***
KB	Matilda Cowper	Alexia Haddad	Rafael Lamata
KG	Abby Guy	Cooper Keremelevski	Alexis Mortel
KW	Anthony Khoudair	Nicholas Masina	Julia Foong
1B	Sophie Pratt	Marissa Zeaiter	Xavier Schellack
1G	Fabian Crecca	Mia Lee	Samuel Lean-Fore
1W	Nada Ishak	Leonardo Wooler	Gianni Castellan
2B	Diego Garcia-Behrens	Matthew Khoudair	Renee Sakkal
2G	Isabella Mathews	Lucas Ranieri	David Lievano
2W	Keeran Mazuvancheri-Peerera	Sara Uricoechea	Zoe Kouknas
3B	Nathaniel Barone	Lucas Heyes	Charlotte Cowper
3G	Isabella De Souza	Andrew Zalloua	Alexis Vishnivetskiy
3W	Dominic Dodd	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos	Leah Symin
4B	Jorja Mizzi	Owen Suyko	Aiden Ashkar
4G	Ella-Rose Semaan	Not for Publication	Rene Ferris
4W	Joshua Foo	Holly Williams	Sienna Symin
5B	Liam Collyer	Lachlan Crimston	Deema Arraf
5G	Katerina Giannakakos	Conrad Lopez	Joanna Iwanowski
5W	Tom Geaitani	Chloe Gething	Jardyn Orsini
6B	Liliana Dowling	Luciana Romanski	Franz Goseco
6G	Darcey Sullivan	Alec West	Nadine Ishak
6W	Christian Botros	Georgia Hogan	Toby Ryan

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Briony Akle**, mum of Sebastian (Yr 6), Charlie and Sam (Yr 3), for her recent appointment as Head Coach of the NSW Swifts. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of you Briony.

Congratulations to **Genevieve Sing 4W** as her Hills Hornets under 12 division 1 representative basketball team were runners up in the Sydney Metro Junior League. The team then went onto compete in the NSW State Championships and finished 2nd!

Congratulations to **Lucas Heyes 3B** who played his NRL Grand Final U9s Div 2 in the North Sydney comp and were runners up.

Congratulations to **Thomas Heyes 5W** who played in the North Sydney NRL Div 1 U10s and were semi finalist.

Principal's Awards:

Zoe Kouknas 2W
Harry Palmer 2W
Hayley Bounassif 6B
Annaliese Besters 6B
John-Paul Edge-Bennett 6B
Raquel Sahyoun 6B
Indiana Thom 4B
Grace Zwaine 3W
Rhys Zerafa 3W
Isabella Long 3W
Elias Semaan 5B
Brooke Napoli 6G
Daniel Giallonardo 2W
Dean Guy 4W

School Uniform Shop

Summer uniform is now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. An order form has been sent via email to parents separately.

Why not email/send in your order to avoid queues? Orders are packed and sent home with your child each Tuesday. Payment can be made by Visa/ Mastercard, EFTPOS, cash or cheque.

Fathers' Day Thanks!

Thank you to all the helpers at our Fathers Day breakfast. A special mention to ***Mr Younis & Mr Gooley*** for all their help and ***Connor & Lachlan Daly*** for helping with the BBQ. Thanks for giving up your time to help—it is really appreciated!

The Hospitality Committee

P&F FUN FAIR NEWS:

Fun Fair Basket & Gift Box Collection Day

On Wednesday next week (13th Sept) we will be collecting baskets and gift boxes to use on our Basket Stall for the Fun Fair. These will be collected from 8am at the Kiss 'n Drop area or from the tuckshop terrace.

Basket & Gift Box Donations

Tues 19th & Wed 20th September

As in previous years we are kindly asking families to donate items for our Basket Stall. To make things easier we have requested certain items from each grade as follows:

Kindy & Yr 1	Kids art and craft supplies, colouring Books, pencils, texta's, girls make up, hair clips, lip gloss etc.
Yrs 2 & 3	Ladies toiletries, shampoo, conditioner, bath salts, moisturiser, perfume, make up, hand crem, loofahs, face masks etc.
Yrs 4 & 5	Strictly no nuts! Gourmet foods (no perishable items) coffee, tea jams, crackers, shortbreads, mustards, chocolate boxes, gourmet sauces, marinades etc. No canned foods.
Yr 6	Choice of toiletries or gourmet foods.

Thank you to all our families for your support!

P & F MEETING:

Tuesday 12 September at 7pm Term 3 P&F meeting followed by 8pm Fun Fair meeting - All welcome.

Fun Fair stall managers especially, please attend for a presentation on Fun Fair emergency and evacuation procedures.

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.

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.

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.

SBFC Presentation Day—Sun 10th Sept

10:30am kick off at Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill. BBQ, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Laser Warriors, Magician, Century 21 Raffle, Prizes to be won!

Term Dates 2017

Term 3:
Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September

Term 4:
Mon 9 October to Fri 15 December (for students)
Monday 18 December –Staff Dev & 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

Thurs 1 February
Kindergarten 2018 commence

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.

MAJOR SPONSORS

KANEBRIDGE LTD

Audi Alto Pennant Hills

blueprint. PROJECT MARKETING PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CERTIFIED PRACTISING VALUERS RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/RETAIL blueprintproperty.com.au

Cherrybrook Village
www.cherrybrookvillage.com.au
CherrybrookVillage

THE BIKE ESTABLISHMENT

Arab Bank Australia

Just Better Care

readysteadygokids
multi-sports for 1.5–6 year olds

GIANTS

vanillacream creative design services

weightwatchers

Michael Napoli Hair

INFLAMES CHARCOAL GRILL

BARONE PHARMACY

SPONSORS

EVENT CASTLE HILL eventcinemas.com.au

The Hills Oral & Maxillofacial SURGERY
Surgery of the face, jaw and teeth

GRINDERS COFFEE ROASTERS

VERANTE FINANCIAL PLANNING

itravel [with Davina Pratt]

STRAIGHT OUTTA BASE181

HADCHITI STONEWORK

FIVE STAR PARTYCO

APRIL K MAKEUP

AYAM Since 1892

TIMEZONE

INFLATABLE WORLD Castle Hill

Thornleigh Golf Centre

PRIZES

- Shoes 'n' Sox
- Wet N Wild
- Dural Pool Shop
- Featherdale Park
- Carlile Swimming
- Flip Out
- Castle Hill RSL
- Dural Putt Putt
- Shelton Meats
- Sydney Hills Gymnastics
- Peak Pursuit
- Justice crew
- Dural Art Studio
- Lollipop's Playland & Cafe Castle Hill

FOR ANY SPONSORSHIP ENQUIRIES, please contact **BELISA** on 0408 344 250, belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or **AMANDA** on 0413 348 175, amandanheath@bigpond.com or **PAULA** on 0410 424 298, p_yacoub@bigpond.com