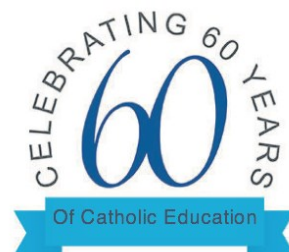




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 20th October 2017

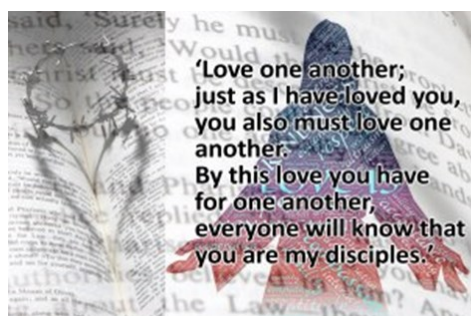
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Dear Parents,

*The one who loves, gives to God and to others'*  
(Pope Francis Jan 9, 2014)

As Christians we know that love and service go hand in hand - it is through offering help to others that we truly are following the example of Jesus himself. Love is the mark of a disciple; reaching out in compassion, care, listening and service.

It is love that influences how we treat the people we meet every day, how we think of other groups like the less fortunate, refugees, asylum-seekers, and any other group of people whose differences cause prejudice. Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus.



How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? Some would say that it is spending a long time at prayer, obeying a lot of rules, fasting and alms giving. The real test is in the few lines of the scripture, about loving one another. Prayer is a means to love, but not an end in itself.

One way of growing in love is to be grateful for love in our lives. A prayer each night can be to think back over the day and thank God for love we received in the day, in small and big ways. We can thank God also for love we have been able to offer to others. The love within us is God's gift to us.

....."love with deeds, not words. Words are taken away by the wind! ..... it is more important to give than to receive."  
(Pope Francis)

**Leanne Nettleton—Principal**

## R.E. NEWS



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October the Diocesan Mission Mass and expo were launched at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mission Expo is a chance for schools to highlight the social justice work they have done during the year.

This year a group of Year 4 students as well as the Captains and Vice Captains went to represent St Bernadette's. Students and staff from other diocesan schools, members of CEDP and Mission stopped by our expo table to view examples of St Bernadette's social justice work.

Year 4 students spoke about how the Year 6, through their Risky Business enterprise, have raised money for Caritas. Year 6 have also challenged Years 3 and 4 to present a persuasive billboard and presentation about a charity of their choice and they will donate some of their money raised to the charity such as Pyjama Foundation or Orange Sky Laundry.

We also had photos of the sausage sizzle organised by the RE team and run by a great group of volunteers to raise money for Caritas. They also explained how the Mini Vinnie's group is organising the school to bring in toothbrushes for the oral hygiene initiative for the Philippines. All students were great representatives of Mission in our school.

**Shane Robinson—REC**



### Week 3 Dates

#### Mon 23 October

7.45am Yrs 5/6 Boys Basketball Training  
8.30am Assembly  
Yr 6 Transition to High School

#### Tue 24 October

8-10am Uniform Shop  
**9.15am & 3.30pm Open Day**  
**K to Yr 6 2018 & 2019**  
1.10pm Choir

#### Wed 25 October

Student Banking  
7.45am Yrs 5/6 Girls Basketball Training  
Waste Free Lunch Day

#### Thurs 26 October

7.45am Yrs 3/4 Boys & Girls Basketball Training  
Yr 2 City Excursion  
3pm Sporting Schools AFL

**Sat 28/Sun 29 October**  
Choir

### Coming Dates:

#### Wed 1 November

7pm Kindy 2018 Parent Meeting

#### Fri 3 November

Band Tour & Demo

#### Mon 6 November

Staff Spirituality Day & Pupil Free Day

#### Wed 8 November

8.45—10.15am Kindy 18  
1st Orientation Day & Parent Workshop

#### Tues 14 November

8.45-10.15am Kindy 18  
2nd Orientation Day & Parent Workshop

## Open Day—Tuesday 24th October

9.15am or 3.30pm

### Kindergarten to Year 6 2018 & 2019

Prospective parents are invited to attend a tour of our wonderful school to see quality learning and teaching in action. If you know of any relatives or neighbours that would like to enrol their child here in either 2018 or 2019 please ask them to contact Mrs Crake on 9407 6600 to register for one of the two sessions.

### Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free Wednesdays

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

### FUN FAIR

Thank you to the many families, past students and families, friends and neighbours who attended our awesome Fun Fair last Friday. It was an amazing community event that truly represented the hard work and collaboration of the Parents and Friends, teachers, students and wider community. The children can't stop talking about the wonderful evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive committee Nick Gooley, Jeff Younis, Mark Lean-Fore, Amanda Egan, Amanda Baker, Nancey Abouhamad, Laurence Pratt and each of the stall holders:

Karen D'Souza/Ann Hishion—Basket Stall  
Rebecca Joukhadar/Bernadine Nazareth—Cake Stall  
Clayton Cowper/Julie Hawkes—Canteen  
Steve Lavis/Jeff Younis—Chocolate Wheel  
Amanda Baker/Heath Baker—Coffee Cart  
Andrew Sakkal — Corn Stall  
Naffa Arraf—Donut & Scone Stall  
Alex Keremelevski/Lisa Oliver—Gelato Stall  
Melissa Younan—Gift Stall  
Teachers/Younis Family—Haunted House  
Michael Napoli—Hairspray  
Marianne Crecca—Everything Kids Stall  
Georgette Hadchiti/Laudie Farah—Lebanese Stall  
Jeanette Barone/Antonina Scotti—Lolly Stall  
Paula Yacoub—Italian Stall  
Nancey Abouhamad—Photobooths  
Sam Ellis/Dianna Zaiter—Plants  
Denny Allan—Popcorn, Slushie, Fairy Floss Stall  
Robert Taggart/Meta Mattin—Raffle Tickets  
Belisa Papandrea—Ready Stead Go Kids/Event Cinemas  
Davina Pratt/Karen Lee—Ride Tickets

See photos on page 4!



## Diocesan Fees Schedule 2018

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Diocesan Fee Schedule for 2018.

### Sun Safety

At St Bernadette's the teachers promote sun safety by ensuring that the children wear their hats at recess and lunchtimes and during sport and PE. The children also wear their hats when they are outside for other reasons. Parents are reminded and encouraged to apply long acting sunscreen to children before they come to school each day and to ensure that the children bring a drink bottle containing water ( which can be refilled as necessary) so that they remain hydrated throughout the school day.

### Attendance:

#### Every Learner, All Day, Every Day

We have fallen short of our *minimum* target of 90% attendance this week.

**88.3%**

What does this mean in our context in real terms? Across our school, 60 students missed out on some learning this week!

Every moment of every day students attend school is important, and attendance in this last term of the year is no different. In Terms 1 and 2, the Infants grades had very good attendance - almost always achieving over 90%. The 88.3% achieved this past week is a **school** average and most Primary grades achieved above the average and some Infants grades well below the average, let alone the target.

Congratulations once again to Years 3, 4 and 5 for achieving well over the target.

Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring their children comply with attendance requirements – that is – that they attend **whenever instruction is provided**.



every learner  
every day



## Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### *Social Skill: Personal Goal Setting at St Bernadette's*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Social Skill Award</b>
<b>KB</b>	Joshua Mathews	Benjamin-Jude Raad	Zoran Djurisc
<b>KG</b>	Xavier Lavulo	Harper Moynahan	Evelyn Salter
<b>KW</b>	Alastair Mattin	Hailey Xue	Jaden Zaiter
<b>1B</b>	Krishel Sathees Kumar	Adam Wassif	Amelia Lavis
<b>1G</b>	Breannah Ragno	Tiana Symin	Ashton Allan
<b>1W</b>	Rafael Clemente	Tess Gooley	Mia Parame
<b>2B</b>	Alexander Barone	Dillon Gibb	Isabella Forder
<b>2G</b>	Haley Gonzales	Grace Kalina	Oscar Polley
<b>2W</b>	Daniel Giallonardo	Piper Johnson	Chloe Malandrino
<b>3B</b>	Samantha Badenhorst	Nicholas Beames	Mia Khoudair
<b>3G</b>	Bridget Clemente	Not for Publication	Leah Kebblewhite
<b>3W</b>	Leah Symin	Patrick Windress	Emily Nguyen
<b>4B</b>	Cassandra Losurdo	Jack Robertson	Landen Besters
<b>4G</b>	Nicole Del Rio	Alivia Dowling	Juliet Radman
<b>4W</b>	Lucas Geaitani	Charlotte Lee	Christopher Khoudair
<b>5B</b>	Emily Kouchoo	Lucas Tole	Dominique Jothy
<b>5G</b>	Rachel Hanna	Lorenzo Rubalcaba	Lauren Ballesty
<b>5W</b>	Paul Homs	Brieanah Moujali	Christian Farfoud
<b>6B</b>	Bailey Thom	Sienna Vines	Mea Cavallo
<b>6G</b>	Sofia Giallonardo	Rebecca O'Brien	Kaden Govender
<b>6W</b>	Sebastian Akle	Summer O'Bryan	Natalie Wong

A huge congratulations to **Tayla Milicevic in 6G** who represented the MacKillop Athletics team at the NSW Primary School Sports Association Athletics championships in Homebush this week. She equalled her PB in her 800m and placed 17th in the state. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement Tayla.



### **Principal's Awards:**

Gabrielle Youssef 4G  
Anna Weppner 4G





## PHOTOS FROM OUR WONDERFUL FUN FAIR:



## Toothbrushes for the Philippines

It's on again, we are collecting toothbrushes for the Philippines and our Mini Vinnies are helping us to coordinate the project for the Rotary Club of Glenhaven.

## Wesley Giant Garage Sale

Come and join us for our Giant Garage Sale on Fri Nov 3rd 8—1pm and Sat Nov 4th 8—1pm. Stalls will include: books, records, CDs, DVDs, Christmas, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Plants, Toys etc. Refreshments also available.

## Australian Girls Choir—Sydney Open Days

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to our Open Day in Beecroft on Sunday 29 October to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC. Contact us if you would like to attend 1800 338 142 or email: [headoffice@asagroup.com.au](mailto:headoffice@asagroup.com.au)

## Sydney Youth Orchestra

### Summer School 8—12 January 2018

Register your interest now for Sydney Youth Orchestra's week long open music program. Young aspiring musicians are placed in large ensembles which match their abilities and extend their skills—come along for a unique opportunity to make friends and have fun. Contact: 9251 2422 or email: [alex.siegers@syo.com.au](mailto:alex.siegers@syo.com.au)

## Term Dates 2017

### Term 4:

Mon 9 October to Friday 15 December (for students)  
Mon 6 November—Staff Spirituality /Pupil Free Day  
Mon 18 December—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day

### Term 1 2018

#### Mon 29 Jan

Staff Development Day / Pupil Free Day / \*MAI Day

#### Tue 30 Jan

\*MAI Day / Pupil Free Day

#### Wed 31 Jan

Yrs 1 to 6 commence

\*Maths Assessment Interview

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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| > Wet N Wild       | > Flip Out         | > Sydney Hills Gymnastics | > Lollipop's Playland & Cafe Castle Hill |
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