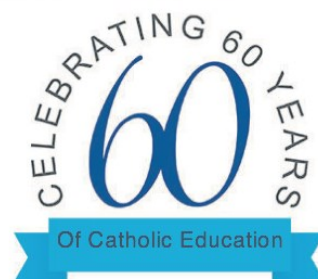




St Bernadette's School



Friday 17th November 2017

No. 36

Dear Parents,

"I have set an example for you"

This week as the Year 5 students commence preparation for their participation in the formal leadership of the school in 2018, I have shared with them my beliefs and understandings about leadership.

In Jesus we have the most powerful role model of a leader. He taught people about God and brought them closer to Him. Jesus' example of leadership was that of a servant. He washed His disciple's feet, took care to be gentle and said "I have set an example for you". Student leadership therefore needs to be seen as an opportunity for our young people to use their gifts and talents for the service of the community.

In 2018 our Year Six students will be able to demonstrate this example of Servant Leadership through all that they encounter at St Bernadette's and the wider community. The most important element of communal leadership is to set an example for others and to be a witness through action to our beliefs and values. The St Bernadette's School Values call our students to be people who demonstrate respect, honesty, tolerance, forgiveness, care and compassion.

As parents we are also leaders, in fact leadership is a major function of our parenting role.

Whatever we want our children to be, we have to demonstrate it to them and be successful models for them, so they can see the benefits of what it is we are leading them to be. If we are parents who lead, we can create opportunities for our children to thrive. We have the capacity to lead our children to grow into confident, considerate, genuine adults who are committed to live by Christian principles.



*Lord, as we continue to undertake the role of parent
let us be affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in your son Jesus.
Let us walk in the path He has set:-
Let our greatest passion be compassion.
Our greatest strength love.
Our greatest victory the reward of peace.
In parenting let us never fail to follow your example.
In loving let us never fail. Amen*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Our St Bernadette's Mini Vinnies Group has organized 2 initiatives to support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Each grade will be collecting donations of small toys and non-perishable foods to contribute to Christmas Hampers. All toys and food will be packaged on Friday 1st December and be delivered by the Castle Hill St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families.



On Wednesday 29th November we will hold a Gold Coin Day. Students are invited to bring in a gold coin to wear Christmas mufti. We will have a class challenge to see who has the longest line of coins.

All coins will be donated to St Vincent de Paul, to be used for groceries for needy families, blankets for those sleeping rough, a night in a shelter for a family and for other needs of the disadvantaged. Thanking you for your support.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC



Week 7

Sat 18 November
Yr 6 Dinner Dance

Mon 20 November
8.30am Assembly
1.15pm Yrs 3&4 Science Club
2018 Parra Tennis Trials

Tue 21 November
8-10am Uniform Shop
8.45—10.15am Kindy Orientation & Parent Workshop
1.10pm Choir

Wed 22 November
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day

Thurs 23 November
Swimming Carnival

Fri 24 November
Yr 5 Exc to Botanic Gardens

Coming Dates:

Wed 29 November
ST3 NRL Gala Day
Gold Coin Day - Christmas Mufti

Tues 5 December
9am Thanksgiving Mass & Farewell to Mr Visser

Thurs 7 December
5.30pm Christmas on the Grass Celebration

Tue 12 December
9am Primary Awards
11am Infants Awards
All parents invited!

Thurs 14 December
7pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass

Fri 15 December
Yr 6 Activities Day
Last day for students

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

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free Wednesdays
Don't forget – EVERY Wednesday pack a waste free lunch.

P&F Donation

Thank you to our fabulous P&F for the very generous donation to the school of \$70,000. A significant amount of this was as a result of the 2017 Fun Fair and all our families are to be thanked for their support, promotion and attendance at the Fun Fair. It was a real community event and so successful. This donation will contribute to the funding of the redesign and building of a shaded awning at the front of the school connected to the Blue Wall and Front Entry. This is a much needed addition for sun and rain protection.



Celebration Sing Out Raises \$30,000 for Music Therapy

In October our school choir participated in 'Celebration Sing Out', an annual fundraising event that supports Music Therapy in the Children's Hospital, a therapy that makes a huge difference to the treatment and recovery of many sick children.

Along with all the choirs that participated our children contributed many hours of rehearsal and preparation in their lunchtimes and rehearsed on the concert weekend. This year 'Celebration Sing Out' raised **\$30,000 for Music Therapy – this is double the amount raised last year, and beats our previous best of \$25,000.**

Well done and thank you to all our choir children the other schools that performed, the orchestra members and our teachers Mrs Evans, Mrs Blazevic and Mrs Donnelly and our parents and families. We look forward to 'Celebration Sing Out' in 2018.



'Christmas on the Grass'

Please join us for the St Bernadette's Christmas Concert on **Thursday 7th December**, commencing at 5:30pm. Bring either a picnic blanket or low chair to watch the children who will perform on the grass area. Each grade will perform a part of the Christmas Story through song and action. Hope you can join us for a lovely community celebration. The P & F will be providing a free Sausage Sizzle and will have soft drinks on sale for \$2 and water for \$1. An email was sent to parents last Friday with costumes for the children to wear on the night.



Awards Ceremony 12 December 2017

9—10.30am Primary Awards

11—12pm Infants Awards

As we draw to the end of another school year the children look back on how they have progressed in their learning and participation at school. For some children there will be huge growth and significant changes – our Kindergarten parents will attest to this. For others, the growth or change may not be so obvious however it will none the less be substantial and significant.



As a Catholic school in the 21st Century when we are assisting our children to reflect on their achievements, it is important that we recognise the full breadth of what those achievements may be – academic, spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, musical, athletic, creative, higher order and lateral thinking and the list can go on. If we want our children to have a passion for life long learning we need to create a community in which children are encouraged and recognised for the unique learning styles that they possess.

In an endeavour to give feedback to all our students at St Bernadette's about their learning, at each of the Award Ceremonies, the teachers will be recognising every student for their achievement/effort/learning/progress across the year. This will be a powerful source of recognition and feedback for all of our students.

Safety in Car Pick Up and Driving through the Car Park

Thank you to parents for your careful use of the car park before and after school and during Kiss n' Drop and Car Pick Up. Please be reminded that it is illegal and dangerous to be holding and using a phone while driving. More importantly the distraction of using a hand held phone while driving puts our children's safety at risk. Thank you for always prioritizing the children's safety.

BUS SAFETY

Driving safely near school buses

Parents and carers are reminded that there is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving. Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.



Kindergarten 2018 Orientation & Parent Workshop—Tues 21 November 8.45—10.15am 3rd Session

This will be our final orientation session for the children and parent meeting on school administration (School/Fees/Admin).

Parents are advised that entry this week AGAIN will be via our blue wall entry gate at the side of the office due to renovations ongoing in the Church. The parent workshop will take place in our library.

Our parent workshop focus next week will be on Numeracy.

Attendance

89.8% - almost made it again! We just can't seem to hit our target of 90% but thank you to everyone for trying. Year 4 once again achieved well with 96.1% attendance. Year 3 achieved 93.5% and Year 5 close behind on 92.9%. Kinder, Years 1, 2 and 6 were below the 90% target. The challenge for next week is to see if the 10% can be less.



P&F News:

The P&F held its AGM on Tuesday evening, with the 4 Office Bearer roles being available for nomination and selection. From the picture (Left to Right), the following parents accepted nominations for the roles of:



Vice President - Amanda Baker
Secretary - Mark Lean-Fore
President - Steve Lavis
Treasurer - Robert Taggart

Additionally, Laurance Pratt, Nick Gooley, Nancey Abouhamad & Julie Hawkes will join as executive members for 2018.

The P&F would like to thank the outgoing committee members Jeff Younis, Amanda Egan and Nick Gooley for their 3 years of excellent service to the school community. Minutes of the Term 4 meeting and AGM will be available shortly.

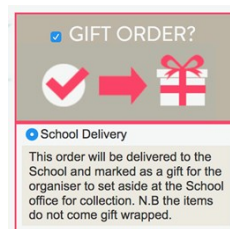
Book Club Term 4

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club throughout the year. It was great to see so many parents using the online LOOP system. As you will be aware, Issue 8 of Book Club has just been sent home this week. Lots of great books for the kids!

All LOOP orders must be completed by Sunday 26th November as the loop will be closed off on this evening.

All orders are placed as soon as the loop is closed. Please note: if your order has 'Backorder' items, Scholastic does try to send them off as soon as they are available. However, sometimes they will not arrive before the end of the school year and will then be carried over to 2018. Unfortunately, this is out of our control.

Please remember that if your purchases are for gifts and you don't wish for your child/ren to bring them home, you can indicate this when ordering. You will see a gift symbol like the one to the right, it is located on the loop order screen in the bottom left hand corner. Just click on the small box next to 'Gift Order?'



and a drop down screen will appear like the one to the right. If you choose this 'Gift Order' option, you will be notified when your order has arrived and it will be available to pick up from the school office.

If you have not previously ordered via The Loop system, you are able to easily set up an account by following this link:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> and clicking onto the register button at the top of the page. Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to school!

Many thanks for your support of Book Club during 2017.

Book Club Co-ordinators

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.

A reminder to 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.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Choosing our Words and Actions Wisely (Responsible Decision Making)

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Audrey Michael	Aleksander Puleo	Yule Choi
KG	Lucas Keremelevski	Tayla Van Ryswyk	Miriam Naoum
KW	Martin Lousin	Lewis Zalloua	Oscar O'Byrne
1B	Not for Publication	Lucy Saad	Aditi Gowda
1G	Zara Hawkes	Oscar Nicholson	John Dimitriou
1W	Rafael Clemente	Annabelle Wong	Ella Tegg
2B	Lanna Heneghan	Campbell Sing	Olivia Goss
2G	Sienna Leuzzi	Paloma Lopez	Rachel Sahabu
2W	Ava Rendulic	Melanie Wong	Anna Dimitriou
3B	Natalie Samperi	Antonio Zeaiter	Lucas Heyes
3G	Gregory Zucconi	Ashton Pulverenti	Emily Duthoit
3W	Rosemary Carroll	Antonio Wadih	Georgina Kassis
4B	Luke Giallonardo	Jorja Mizzi	Cassandra Losurdo
4G	Charbel Zeaiter	Ashleigh Scrooby	Nicole Del Rio
4W	Dean Guy	Genevieve Sing	Isabella Botros
5B	Jacob Goss	Alessia Lalli	Nicholas Gomez
5G	Joanna Iwanowski	Matilda Polley	Zachary Hughes
5W	Mia Lagana	Seth Robinson	Gabrielle Younis
6B	Mali Clark	Egor Vishnivetskiy	Sienna Vines
6G	Taylor Egan	Nadine Ishak	Isabella Damiano
6W	Linette Apango-Estrada	Jack Farrow	Christian Botros

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Joshua Foo in 4W** who passed his Piano Grade 6 AMEB exam last week with an A honours result. Well done Joshua!

Congratulations to **Jack Langford (ex-student)** who has been accepted into NIDA in 2018.

Congratulations to the following ex-students who are the 2018 Oakhill College School Leaders:

Patrick Langford—Benildus Captain
Michael D'Souza—Miguel Captain
Ryan Murray—Lasallian Captain

We wish them every success in their role in leading Oakhill throughout 2018.

Principal's Awards:

Ella Hammersley 2B	Ailish Lincoln 4W
Rebecca O'Brien 6G	Mathilda Martin 6W
Yves Rahme 6W	Laura Veitch 6W
Chloe Metwally 6W	Dylan Gibb 2B
Liam Collyer 5B	Ethan Zerafa 5B
Lucas Tole 5B	Lana Taha 5B
Ryan McMahon 5B	Lily Coleiro 5B
Noah Bailey 5B	Diego Garcia-Behrens 2B
Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera 2W	



Catholic Out of School Hours Care

Summer Vacation Care—Booking Now Open

Care will be available from Mon 8 January to Thurs 25 January. Bookings close on Mon 11 December so if you are interested please contact Lauren on 0408 582 535.

Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill

Enrolment applications are now being accepted across all Years for 2018 and for Year 7 2019. For information regarding enrolments please contact the College office during business hours Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm or email the Registrar Mary McBain mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Catholic Learning Community St John XXIII

Spring Fair—Saturday November 18 10—4pm

160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens

Come along and join us for a great day of family fun.

Rides, cake competition, coffee van, ice cream, art competition, chocolate wheel, entertainment, face painting, market stalls, food trucks, cakes, white elephant, books, bbq, drinks and more!

Our congratulations to the Ranieri family (Lucas 2G & Xavier KB and little brother Jack) on the birth of a baby sister Alice Millie. Our best wishes to the family.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the O'Connor family (ex-students Kyle & Rory) following the recent passing of their mother, Susan O'Connor. May she rest in peace.



Banking News 2017/2018 HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a new team to run school banking. School banking doesn't take long to do and it is beneficial to our school as it is a great fundraiser. The day is flexible and can be changed to a day that suits you. If you are interested in continuing our school banking at St Bernadette's, please contact the School Office. Your support would be very much appreciated

PLEASE NOTE: The last day of banking for this year will be Week 8 Wednesday 29 November.

Thank you for supporting the program.

School Banking co-ordinators

Expression of Interest

Uniform Shop Coordinator

The school is calling for Expressions of Interest for the Uniform Shop Coordinator. The position will be responsible for managing, ordering and selling the school uniforms to the St Bernadette's families and reporting to the Parents & Friends Association and school principal.

For further information please contact the school office to obtain a description of the various duties associated with the role.

Term Dates 2017

Term 4:

Mon 9 October to Fri 15 December (for students)

Mon 6 November—Staff Spirituality Day/Pupil Free Day

Fri 15 December—Last day 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 Feb

Kindergarten 2018 commence

*Maths Assessment Interview