

Catholic Schools Week

5-11 March 2017

LEARNING CONNECTED

Enrolling now

ST BERNADETTE'S
CASTLE HILL

Friday 3 March 2017

No. 5

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week 'Learning Connected'

This year we will once again join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the fabulous learning and community building that we do at St Bernadette's Primary School.

In Week 5 Olivia, Charlotte and Georgia from Year 4 announced St Bernadette's very first Catholic Schools Week Colouring and Drawing Competition and the students throughout the school have been sending in their entries. There is so much creativity and artistic ability at St Bernadette's that it is going to be hard to choose our grade winners. Well done to all the girls and boys who entered the competition. The girls will be announcing the winners on Monday following our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at 8:30am.

Last Monday I shared with the girls and boys some of my fond memories of Catholic Education from when I was a little girl. You are invited to come along to our Catholic Schools Week Open Day on Wednesday from 11:15-1:00pm and share some of your memories too. It might be a game that you played, your favourite story that you would like to share with the children or it might be just telling the children what it was like for you at school.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week in 2017 is 'Learning Connected' which encourages schools to showcase for their local community the many learning opportunities available to students, and at the same time celebrate how unique Catholic schools are.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community - by showcasing what happens in our classrooms every day.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Bernadette's at the following events to celebrate, with our school

Catholic Schools Week 2017:

Mon 6th March

8:30am Prayer Liturgy on top court

Wed 8th March

9:15am Kinder 2018 Enrolment Day
11:15-1:00pm Open Classrooms K to Year 6 - Come and share your memories of when you were at school.

Catholic School's Week is an ideal opportunity for our newest community members and those of you who have had a long relationship with the school to visit and learn more about the great things that take place at St Bernadette's every day. Our school has a wonderful, supportive community of staff, parents and priests who work together to provide the best education and opportunities possible for all our children. In collaboration, we strive to encourage all the children to do their best, and try their hardest. We are passionate about bringing to life our school values of respect, tolerance, forgiveness, honesty, care and compassion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Bernadette's and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you and welcoming you to the school throughout next week.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Week 7

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mon 6 March

8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports

Tue 7 March

Dance Fever
1.10pm Choir

Wed 8 March

**9.15am Kinder 2018
Open & Enrolment
Day**
**11.15am Years 1 to 6
Open Classrooms**
Student Banking

Thurs 9 March

3-4pm Sporting Schools
ARU Session

Fri 10 March

1.40pm Whole School
Assembly—Parents
invited

Coming Dates:

Thurs 23 March

School Cross Country

Fri 31 March

Dance Fever Challenge

Staff Development Day

Term 2:

Mon 24 April

Car Park Usage

Thank you to all the parents who are keeping to the rules of our car park. Some reminders that help to keep our children safe:-

Do not

- **park in the Kiss 'n Drop area in the mornings**
- **enter the school from Old Northern Road**
- **drive into the lower car park on Brisbane Road**

Children's Maths Workbooks Coming Home today

Today your children will be bringing home their Maths Workbooks. The work in these books represents only some of the work that the children do in class as Maths is a very practical subject involving children in many hands on activities such as measuring, sorting and manipulating. The children love to show you through their workbooks so please take the time to have your child show you their book and explain their work. It is really affirming of your child if you also write a comment in their book after the last piece of work that they have completed.

R.E. NEWS



During the weeks of Lent we can focus on the Corporal works of Mercy. These are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Here are some ideas for how we can do something, in school, parish and community.

- Donate money to the Project Compassion
- Donate food and clothing to St Vincent de Paul
- Make a meal for a sick/elderly person or a family in need
- Volunteer for a group that looks after the sick or elderly in the Parish.

Social Skill for Weeks 6 and 7: Showing Acceptance at St Bernadette's

Our social skill for the next two weeks is defining and acknowledging 'acceptance' of each other. Every person is unique and special and we all have feelings. I asked some Year 6 students what they thought the word acceptance meant. I would like to share these with you as a wonderful starting point for understanding and accepting each other at St Bernadette's.

'If you accept others' differences they are more likely to accept yours'.

'Treat everyone the same wherever they come from'.

'Not accepting differences means you miss out on making more friends'.

'If we don't accept differences we won't be able to show understanding of people who are different to us'.

We can all learn from these wonderful insights, every person has something wonderful to offer at St Bernadette's, we play an important role as an accepting community. Mrs Kathy Watt

ATTENDANCE FIGURES TO WATCH...

WEEK 6 TERM 1

Our attendance figure to date is:

88.6%

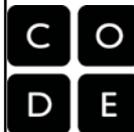
Our attendance continues to hover around the mark but we just aren't quite up to where we should be – 90%. Please remember to keep coming every day so you can learn everything you can – and to come on time too.



CODING AND ROBOTICS

Every Thursday lunchtime, once the children have finished eating, they are welcome to come to the Year 5 Learning Space where Mrs Borg and Mr Visser will work with the students on coding – programming for computers to create games, etc. and robotics – working with Sphero's and Ollie's – programmed through Tynker as well as being directly controlled by iPads. For the time being this will be open to Years 3 to 6

but will eventually be open to children from all grades from Kinder to Year 6.



Chess Club

Please encourage your children to come along on Thursday lunchtimes—it's a great opportunity for them all – no matter what level they are at—whether they are learners who are completely new to it or whether they have some experience.

Lego with Mrs Laso

Children are invited to come along on Thursdays at lunchtime to KG classroom to play/design/make Lego.

**Hills Zone Swimming Carnival Monday 20nd
February 2017**

2017 Age Champions

**Senior Girls Runner Up – Tayla Milicevic
11 Years Girls Champion- Chloe Gething**

**Children who will represent at Diocesan Swimming
Carnival**

Event	Name	Place
100m Freestyle	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Chloe Gething	4th
50m Freestyle	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Chloe Gething	1st
	Flynn Batty	4th
50m Breastroke	Makenna Vickers	2nd
	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Jarrat Allan	1st
50m Backstroke	Sebastian Akle	2nd
	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Chloe Gething	1st
50m Butterfly	Flynn Batty	3rd
	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Chloe Gething	1st
200m Ind. Medley	Flynn Batty	4th
	Tayla Milicevic	2nd
	Chloe Gething	3rd
Senior Girls Relay	Flynn Batty	1st
	Tayla Milicevic	
	Chloe Gething	
	Ella Lincoln	

**Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Friday 24th February 2017**



2017 Age Champions

11 Years Girls Runner Up - Chloe Gething

**Children who will represent at the Mackillop Swimming
Trials**

Sebastian Akle: 50m Breastsroke 4th
Jarrat Allan: 50m Breaststroke 1st
Chloe Gething: 50m Butterfly 1st, 50m Backstroke 3rd
Tayla Milicevic: 100m Freestyle 3rd, 50m Freestyle
3rd, 50m Backstroke 3rd,
50m Breaststroke 3rd, 50m Butterfly
3rd, 200m IM 2nd.

Senior Girls Relay Team: Flynn Batty, Tayla Milicevic,
Chloe Gething and Ella Lincoln 1st.

Congratulations to all our team members who placed in
the top four at the Zone Carnival in their events and
represented the Hills Zone and St Bernadette's at the
Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Special thanks to Mrs Rhiarna Thomas who looked after
our Zone team in the stands on the day and to all of the
parents who represented our school as timekeepers
during the carnivals, your assistance is very much
appreciated. **Mr Anthony Bye—Sports Coordinator**

BOOKCLUB TERM 1

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club. It
was great to see so many parents using the online
LOOP system last year.

We are totally online via the LOOP and will no longer
be accepting cash or cheques via the office for Book
Club purchases. This is a more efficient system of
ordering and tracking the children's orders.

**All LOOP orders must be completed by Wednesday
15th March.**

**Please allocate your child to their correct class
when ordering via the loop.**

If you are new to the school you are able to easily set up
an account by following this link [https://
mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/) and clicking onto the
register button at the top of the page.

Many thanks Book Club Co-ordinators

How to Order Book Club Online via the LOOP

- Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER above
- OR Register first to save your details for next time
(existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log
in)
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name & last initial (so the
school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club
catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for
submission to Scholastic. Books will still be
delivered to your child's classroom if you order by
the close date.

Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms
or payment receipt details back to your school!



Gilroy Catholic College

17-37 Marie Street CASTLE HILL

Welcomes families to our Annual 'Open Evening for Year 7 2018' on Wednesday 8 March 2017.

College tours will be conducted from 5—6pm and 7—7.30pm. Opening address by the principal commences at 6.15pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall. Enrolment packages will be available on the night for children currently in Yr 6 2017. Expression of interest forms will be available for other families with younger children eg. Yr 5. Gilroy Catholic College focuses on quality education within the nurturing environment of a faith community. Gilroy is a Technology rich learning environment. Application close: 10 May 2017.

Further information: 8853 8200 or Email:

Gilroy@parra.catholic.edu.au

COSHC—Autumn Vacation Care

Bookings can now be made for the next school holidays. Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday). Bookings close on Friday 10 March. Hours of operation are 6.45am to 6.15pm and the program includes in-centre days, incursions and excursions. Contact Lauren on 0408 582 535 or coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au

SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial. Book free tickets now at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au We will be hosting free children's activities at the experience from 17-21 April. Find out more and register your interest at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities. Venue: International Convention Centre, Sydney 15-27 April 2017.