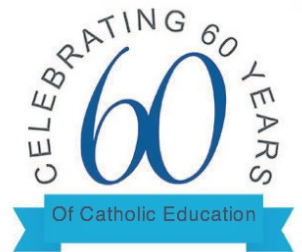




St Bernadette's School



Friday 26 May 2017

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Dear Parents,

We live in an adult world that is very tough on human error - often judgemental and unforgiving. As individuals we can have high expectations of ourselves and feel deep disappointment when we don't achieve our dreams or goals. In our work place we can become so caught up with timelines and schedules that any error or mistake made by a colleague can be a source of frustration leading to conflict. Watching our favourite sporting team compete we can blame the officials of bias when an incorrect decision is made. We often listen to and read in the media, accounts of mistakes made by individuals who are then held to extreme public scrutiny and often ridicule. It seems that society in general has become all too quick to jump to judgement.

Raising children in such a world is challenging! The challenge is for us to model for our children the belief that at times people make mistakes –not because we are lazy, selfish or mean but because we are human. It is not about trying to catch others out when they do make mistakes but about acknowledging that no one is perfect and many of our mistakes are unintentional. I wonder how we can model this for our children in our words and actions?

When someone does something wrong don't forget all the things that they did right.

A reflection – Some New Beatitudes

Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, they will always find something to laugh at.

Blessed are they who can tell the difference between a mountain and a molehill, they will be spared a lot of trouble.

Blessed are those who know how to keep still and listen, they will learn something new.

Blessed are those who are smart enough not to take themselves seriously, they will be appreciated by others.

Happy are you if you can look at a little thing seriously and at serious things peacefully; you will go far.

Happy are you if you can always give a kindly interpretation to other's attitudes, even in the face of appearance to the contrary; people may think that you are a little naïve, but this is the price of charity.

Happy are you if you can hold your tongue and smile when you are interrupted, contradicted or put upon; the Gospel is beginning to penetrate your heart.

Happy are you and truly blessed if you can recognise the Lord in everyone you meet; you have found the true light and the real wisdom.
Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



*For I was hungry and you gave me food;
I was thirsty and you gave me drink';
Matthew 25: 35.*

This quote from Matthew's Gospel reminds us the important value of Justice for our neighbour and the importance of the dignity of the human person.

The Church promotes that every person, especially the most disadvantaged and marginalized, should have reasonable access to more than just the basic necessities.

To remind us of Jesus' love for others and the importance of promoting social justice we are asking for the St Bernadette's community to help support the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**.

The month of May marks the start of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. The society needs help to meet the increased demand for food and warm clothing during the colder months.

We are asking for you to send into your child's class, donations of **non-perishable** food to help make a difference in the lives of those in our community who are in need.

Suggestions are: dry pasta, rice, tinned fruit/vegetables, soup, long life milk, tuna, tinned ham, salmon, cake mix etc.

Shane Robinson—REC



Week 6 Dates

Mon 29 May
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports

Tue 30 May
1.10pm Choir

Wed 31 May
Student Banking
Power of One Anti-Bullying Presentation

Thurs 1 June
Yr 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
3-4 AFL Auskick Session
3 of 4

Fri 2 June
RE Books coming home

Coming Dates:

Thursday 1 June
Yr 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm

Fri 9 June
Yr 4 Excursion to Hambledon Cottage

Tues 13 June
ICAS Writing Comp.

Thurs 22 June
Parent/Teacher/Child interviews—late night

Fri 23 June
Athletics Carnival

Fri 30 June
Last day of Term 2

Have you enrolled your child for Kindy next year?

Bottom Car Park

You will have noticed that the bottom car park has been roped off each morning and afternoon. This has become necessary because cars are driving through this area when our children and families are walking through to access or exit the school.

Another dangerous area is the internal driveway at the bottom of the school. Parents are requested not to drop children off in the driveway or to use the driveway to do a three point turn. It is extremely dangerous to have cars use this driveway while our children are arriving at and leaving the school. Thank you for keeping our children safe by driving safely around the school at all times.

School Tour—Kindergarten 2018

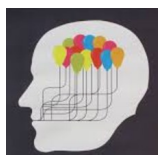
Tuesday 6 June at 9am

Prospective parents are invited to attend our next School Tour for Kindergarten 2018. If you would like to have a look around our school and see our Kindergarten students in their class learning environment—please register your interest by contacting the school office on 9634 2898 or via our school website.

If our parents have any friends or neighbours that have not yet enrolled their child into Kindergarten next year we ask that you invite them to our next school tour.

Design A-thon

WOW! What a fantastic day!



Throughout St Bernadette's today, we have been amazed by all of the wonderful and creative designs students were developing as part of their projects. We saw fantastic flying machines, sturdy bridges that could hold an enormous amount of weight, sustainable housing options for families and even rockets that could fly a cow to the moon! The students were so excited to explain their designs and justify why their rocket would be the one that would fly the fastest to the moon. You might even like to ask your child what creative designs they came up with today. I am sure some of these amazing designs have ventured home this afternoon.

Now with the A-thon day over, the time has come to start collecting the money pledged from all of the generous sponsors. To be in the running for some great prizes, please ensure that all of the Design A-thon sponsorship money is returned to school by Thursday 15th June.

Money raised so far ... \$2816! Thank you and keep your money coming in.

Check out our Facebook page for all the exciting news!
A-thon Committee

Peer Support

Each peer support group also worked together to design and create a mystery picture. I wonder what your child's peer support group's mystery picture was and how this fun creative activity made them all laugh and have fun. You might like to create a family mystery picture this weekend.

Mr Visser & Mrs Borg - Peer Support Coordinators

Maths Corner

How can I help my child learn their tables?

Practice is essential to effective learning, but it is important to keep a balance between tables practice and their application and having some fun while you're doing it.

Have you thought of using multiplication with everyday objects? Make a game of it! Lego is great way – why not try a few others? Ask your children to see how many different 'tables' they can find.

You are giving a party, and want to arrange 8 donuts in rows. How many ways can you do it? What would it look like for 12 donuts? 20 donuts?



You opened a bag of lollies and arranged them on a plate. This was one way you did it.

How do you write that? How many other ways can you arrange them using the same number?

How many 2-flat Lego make a yellow? If there were 3 yellow bricks, how many 4 – flat bricks would you need? How do you show this as a multiplication?



What can you say about these? How many other ways can you organize each of them?



What would happen if you had 1 more? 2 more? 5 more?

All of these everyday activities are facilitated by both the children's table knowledge **and** their understanding of the problem.

Attendance

Congratulations! We are still over our target of 90%. This week, we are almost the same as last week. We really appreciate that you understand that consistent attendance [on time each day] is so vital for your child's education.

91.1%

Well done, everyone! It's great to be at school EVERYDAY at St Bernadette's.

2017 Year 6 Canberra Excursion

On the 18th and 19th May, Year Six went on their fabulous excursion to Canberra. We departed our school and 'set sail' towards our Canberra adventure. We knew we were in for two days of jam packed learning and fun and couldn't wait for it to begin. The bus ride was energetic and allowed Year Six as a group, to bond with students we otherwise may not of spent extensive time with.

First stop was Parliament House. We had a wonderful time in Parliament House learning about how our laws are made and passed through the House of Representatives and the Senate. What an awesome experience it was at Parliament House as we had the opportunity to role play the making and passing of a bill. We were able to act as our Prime Minister, Clerk of the House, the Speaker, the leader of the Opposition, Ministers and Shadow Ministers of Parliament, Government and Opposition Backbenchers, Independent Ministers, Minor party Ministers and the Sergeant of Arms. Acting as a part of the House Of Representatives was not only an educational experience but a very funny experience, especially seeing Mrs Watt act as the Deputy Clerk. Learning new things about how our Government works was super interesting.

After a lunch break we proceeded onto Questacon. An institute of everything science that any child could possibly feel interested in, it was an experience loved by all. Our Year Six students got to look at how science is explained in an intriguing way. Kids took part in playing and trying out fabulous inventions which opened their eyes to new experiences. Watching the children count down 1 by 1 until they got to have a turn at the famous freefall slide built great suspense for everyone. Most people took part in this activity and realised that gravity not only brings you down but the freefall is an adrenaline experience not to be missed.

The accommodation at the Ibis Styles Eaglehawk Resort was quite sufficient. We unpacked our bags and headed off to a delightful dinner before our evening trip to the Australian Institute of Sport. Many of our students enjoyed the AIS as we managed to see where the athletes train professionally for the national and worldwide competitions. As many of us play a sport we could relate to how dedicated these athletes truly are to their sport and understand what dedication and hard work it takes to become a professional representing our country Australia.

After an early morning breakfast and bags packed and back on the coaches, we made our way to the Australian War Memorial.

This was a reflective time and very real to see exactly what our Australian heroes have done for our country.



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They have contributed to making our lives so much better by allowing us to live in a safe Australia. The highlight at the War Memorial was definitely seeing fallen heroes names with poppies on the wall.

Last stop, The Electoral Education Centre, where we learned and took part in the process of the preferential voting system. At the start of our visit, we watched a clip about Australian democracy and how it became a federation prior to 1901. We also got to complete a booklet filled with interesting questions and activities relating to the Australian voting system. Year 6 were then enrolled in our very first and exciting election, were we voted for our electorates; apple, orange, banana and peach.

Finally, right on time despite the rain and the traffic we arrived back at St Bernadette's ready to greet our families. Thank you to all the teachers who accompanied us on this jam packed amazing excursion. Thank you for making such a busy schedule feel like it was fun just as much as it was educational.

Written by: Jaimee Azzi, Georgia-Marie Wardan and Hayley Bounassif

Premier's Reading Challenge

What a week! Congratulations to all who completed the PRC this week:

Kindy: Emily Boxshall

Year 1: Jackson Leib
Lucy Saad
Charlotte Ward
Marissa Zeaiter

Year 2: William Boxshall
Jasmine Drogaris
Daniel Giallonardo
Evie Hogan
Samantha Simmons
Audrey Sullivan

Year 3: Lana Formosa
Isabella Scotti
Liam Worne

Year 4: Jasmine Azzi
Saskia Bullen
Zander Cheng
Olivia Drogaris
Luke Giallonardo
Christopher Khoudair

Year 5: Chloe Gething
Nicholas Gomez
Jacob Goss
Caitlin Leong
Conrad Lopez
Louis Malandrino
Lachlan Munro
Nicholas Samperi
Thomas Silvester
Ashleigh Symin
Roman Taha
Gabrielle Younis

Year 6: Mea Cavallo
Alexandra Cushway
Jack Farrow
Daniella Francis
Chloe Metwally
Mia Metwally
Emma Mizzi
Summer O'Bryan
Raquel Sahyoun
Isabella Salalila
Alexandra Stennett
Patrick Stennett
Darcey Sullivan
Mischa Timbrell
Hayden White
Edward Zalloua



Design A-thon thanks!

A huge thank you to the following parents/companies who donated prizes for our Design A-thon:

Royals Hairdressing at -
Castle Hill 9680 2069 ,
Cherrybrook 9481 8844 and
Hornsby 9477 4441
Thanks to The Alameen Family



Bella Fiore Floral Designs
Local florist in Castle Hill—winner of 2016
Outstanding florist in local business awards
and Finalist in 2017 Business Champion
Awards. Specialising in Wedding and Event
Floristry. Call: 0414 485 479.
Thanks to Mrs Clare Lamata



Ms Hailie Wang (Mother of Ethan Mi in KB) A special thank you for the donation of toys and books for our Design A-thon. Your donations are much appreciated and thank you for your support of St Bernadette's School.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This amount has already been factored into the overall cost of Year 6 excursions for this year. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Term Dates 2017

Term 2 :
Wed 26 April to Fri 30 June

Term 3:
Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September

Term 4:
Mon 9 October to Monday 18 December

PARISH NEWS:

Sacrament of Confirmation 2017

Parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of confirmation are asked to attend one of our information evenings held on: **Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 June** Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm 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 in at least Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist (holy communion). Please contact Alice Bradshaw (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at the parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au, for more information.

Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill

The College is accepting expressions of interest for Year 7 2019. Please contact the Enrolment Registrar, Mary McBain by email on mmcbain@parra.catholic.edu.au or by phone on 8853 8211 to fill out an Expression of Interest for 2019.

Scouts

West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Group, Wilberforce Park, Castle Hill
Ever thought about joining Scouts? Cub Scouts 7 1/2 yrs to 11 yrs Tuesdays 6.30—8pm
Scouts 10 1/2 Yrs to 15 yrs Thursdays 7—9pm.
Contact Group Leader 0408 291 885

Learning Links—Speech Therapy

Learning Links is a not for profit organisation operating since 1972 with the goal of helping children who have learning difficulties. The focus this month is on pronunciation, stuttering, voice problems, understanding & using language, social language skills & following directions & answering questions. Call 8252 8222 for further information.

A reminder of Upcoming Events:

Grandparents' Day: Friday 28 July

Fathers' Day: Friday 1 Sept



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Sing family (Genevieve 4W and Campbell 2B), following the recent passing of their Grandmother. May she rest in peace.

