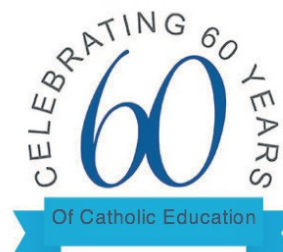




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 9 June 2017

No. 17

Dear Parents,

The word 'compromise' is not readily accepted by many people because in some way it seems to suggest a 'backing down' or a lack of courage to face a situation or confront a person. When people take a stance in a situation that says that they are totally correct and that other people are totally wrong, there is bound to be conflict and people are destined to be hurt in some way.

Father WF Lynch SJ provides us with a balanced opinion when he writes about 'The Beauty of Compromise':

- ◆ Compromise admits the existence of other people
- ◆ Compromise does not wish to win a total victory over anyone
- ◆ Compromise refuses to live life on the terms of one single rigid idea
- ◆ Compromise will never deal the final, dehumanising stroke to any person or group
- ◆ Compromise thinks that there is but one God and neither you nor I are He
- ◆ Compromise will not destroy the 'self' by imposing on it impossible ideals that only create hopelessness
- ◆ Compromise is colour blind to black and white
- ◆ Compromise is the language of equals and not of slaves and tyrants

It would seem that Father Lynch is encouraging us to 'strike a balance' as we deal with the variety of situations that life throws up to us. The Gospels recount a number of occasions when Jesus was called upon to come up with a solution that trod the middle ground whilst remaining true to principles yet accommodating the law.

As parents we should never forget that when we have difficult situations to deal with, we have within us the gifts of the spirit as firstly given to us at Baptism and then fully bestowed in Confirmation.

**Leanne Nettleton—Principal**

*Lord help me to be even handed in my dealings with others*

*When communication becomes strained, rekindle within me your gifts of wisdom and understanding, counsel and fortitude so that my response will be tempered and constructive. Thank you Lord. Amen*

## R.E. NEWS



### Liturgical Seasons

Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a pattern.

Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the birth, life, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

The Church's liturgical cycle recalls the Paschal Mystery over a yearly cycle. At mass we also remember the Paschal Mystery and are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time, which is the period we are now in. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.

The children in Year 4 who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist, can point out the items in the Church that are coloured to reflect the season of the church. The students can also explain why the priest's chasuble is a different colour.

**Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**



### Week 8 Dates

**Mon 12 June**  
**Queen's Birthday Holiday**

**Tue 13 June**  
7.30am ICAS Writing  
Comp/Yr 3 Classrooms  
1.10pm Choir

**Wed 14 June**  
Captive Rehearsal  
Student Banking

**Thurs 15 June**  
Yr 6 Debating vs Christ  
the King

**Fri 16 June**  
NSWCPS Cross Country  
at Eastern Creek

### Coming Dates:

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

**Fri 23 June**  
Athletics Carnival

**Fri 30 June**  
Last day Term 2






**Term 3:**  
**Monday 17 July**  
Staff & Students return

## Mid Year Reports

Reports for the first semester of the year will be distributed towards the end of this term. Students in Kindergarten will receive a report where the level of achievement is reported on using a scale of Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond. Years 1 to 6 have an A to E reporting system.

- A** describes students who have an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a very high level of competence and can apply the skills and knowledge to new situations.
- B** describes students who have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content. They have a high level of competence and are able to apply the skills and knowledge in most situations.
- C** describes students who have achieved a sound understanding of the content and skills and have an adequate level of competence in these areas.
- D** describes students who have achieved a basic understanding and knowledge of the content and skills and have a limited level of competence.
- E** describes students who have achieved an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content with teacher.

To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where do you fit on the scale?

E	D	C	B	A
A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	Grand Prix racer!
				

## ICAS—Writing

The ICAS Writing Competition will take place on Tuesday 13th June PROMPTLY at 7.30am and will now be held in the **Year 3 classrooms**. Please note if your child is late, they will not be permitted to sit the test (and no refund is available).

## Important Parent Information:

### Early Morning School Arrival

Early morning supervision commences at 8:00am. Parents dropping their children at school prior to 7:45am **MUST** drop their child in the Kiss 'n Drop Zone in the middle car park level. Children walk into the school through the gate and make their way down to the passive grass where they remain seated until 8:00am when the early morning duty commences.

Parents have been observed dropping their children at the bottom of the school and sending them to enter the school via the gate in the bottom carpark. This gate is NOT open for student access until 8:00am. Please do not drop your child in Brisbane Road before 8:00am because your child will not be able to enter the school grounds. The safest way for your child to enter the school at this early hour is from the Kiss 'n Drop Zone if you are driving your child to school. If you are walking your child to school you can use the walkway leading up to the COSHC building and the children can make their way through to the school from there.



Thank you for keeping our children safe by dropping your child safely at school in the KISS 'n Drop Zone.

## Attendance

### 92% this week - great job!

This is a fantastic effort by you, as parents, to ensure your children come to school each day, given the prevalence of illnesses at this time of year.

Years 3 & 5 achieved attendance figures of just under 95%! Kindy over 95% and Year 4 over 96%. Well done, everyone!



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## Arriving at School on time is Important

Our school day commences at 8:30am every morning. This means that your child needs to be within the school grounds at 8:30am every morning ready to enter class with their teachers and friends when the bell goes. If you bring your child to school after the 8:30am school bell you must take your child to the office and sign them in. This procedure is outlined in the Parent Handbook.



It is a sign of respect for the school procedures and rules that all children arrive on time to school. Regular lateness teaches children that punctuality is not important. Schools are required by law to record all partial attendances and parents are required to provide reasons as to why children are not in attendance for the gazetted school hours.

On Monday mornings the whole school comes together for our Monday Morning Assembly – a time when we pray together, acknowledge birthdays and achievements and sing our National Anthem and raise our flag. Thank you to all those families who ensure that like every other day their child is at school at 8:30am. It is very noticeable that a large number of students are regularly late for Monday assemblies. You are asked to address this if your child is one of those children.

## SAFE ADULT, SAFE PLACES' MESSAGE

You are reminded to regularly discuss with your children the 'Safe Adult, Safe Places Message'. It is extremely important that you keep the school informed in writing about any changed going home arrangements that you have made for your children. This avoids any confusion and also ensures that your child is safe.

## Reporting to Parents Interviews

There have been over 200 bookings already created. Please ensure you book an interview with your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> Code is: 54faz

This interview will be with you and your child.

**Bookings will close at 6pm on Sunday 18th June.**

Families who do not make an interview booking before the site is closed will need to speak with their child's teacher to organise an alternative interview at a time that is mutually convenient.



## Design A-Thon

Total so far: **\$11 811!** This is an awesome effort from our families. Our classroom resources will benefit from the addition of Chromebooks. Many, Many thanks! Please extend our gratitude to your sponsors.

## School Athletics Carnival

This year, the St Bernadette's Athletics carnival will be held at Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive, Winston Hills on Friday 23rd June. This is always a day filled with fun, fitness and competition. We are looking forward to another successful carnival in 2017 and would really appreciate any parent assistance we can on the day.



### Jobs include:

Primary Carnival - marshalling, time-keeping, field events.

Infants Carnival - relays, parachute, games assistants. If you are able to offer some of your time on the day, please complete the appropriate section of your child's permission note and return to school no later than 16th June.

**Mrs Karen Orsini—Sports Co-ordinator**

## Congratulations to an ex-student

Our congratulations and best wishes are sent to **Kailyn Joseph** for being selected in the Australian team for the World para-athletics junior championships in Switzerland in August. Kailyn will be competing in the long jump. Kailyn's goal is to compete in the Paralympics one day so this is a great start. Good luck Kailyn!



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following great readers:

Kindy:	Ava Berrell	Yen-Shou Chen
	Patrick Kelly	Rafael Lamata
	Alexis Mortel	
Year 1:	Amelia Lavis	Gabriella Papandrea
	Zachary Young	
Year 2:	Kenan Ozcan	Rachel Sahabu
Year 3:	Isabella Long	Mia Papandrea
	Natalie Samperi	
Year 4:	Mark Bradshaw	Gabrielle de Ponte
	Daniella Jelwan	Ailish Lincoln
	Jorja Mizzi	
Year 5:	Liam Collyer	Aprille Exton
	Joanne Iwanowski	Dominique Jothy
	Ryan McMahon	Nicholas Peharda

Another great week of reading. If your stuck indoors this weekend—READ!!!

## Attention Keen Sewers—Parent Helpers

Are there any mums who love to embroider or sew, who would like to help out with our craft/sewing classes beginning next Tuesday 13th June. Please contact the school office for further details 9634 2898. Thank you!

## 2017 School Fees – Term 2

**Term 2** School Fee accounts are due next week. We ask that payment of Term 2 school fees be finalised **no later than Thursday, 15th June, 2017.**

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY.

Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2017 Term 2-3 School fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9634 2898 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Just a reminder to all 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 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 terms school fees **will be** charged for your child/children.



## 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](mailto:sacraments@stbernadette.org.au), for more information.

### NAIDOC Week at Parliament House

#### Tue 4 July 2017

An open invitation is extended to families to attend: 'NAIDOC at Our House' 10—3pm. A free fun day with activities for the whole family inspired by this year's NAIDOC week theme—Our Languages Matter. Sausage sizzle on the day \$3. Contact [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or 9230 2047 for further details.

### St Bernadette's Football Club Movie Night

Wed 28 June 6.30pm @ Event Cinemas Castle Hill. Cost \$16 pp. Tickets available through SBFC team managers or on the night.

### Life Choices Foundation Family Day

Families are invited to attend our Family Day on Sunday 23 July at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. A huge amount of free activities for all ages from face painting, jumping castles, petting zoo, musicians, dodgem cars, giant slides to a flying fox and more! There is also a massive car show. Entry is via a gold coin donation. Further information at: <https://lifechoicesfoundation.com.au/events/>

**R.I.P.** †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Salalila family (Ysabella in 6B), following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.



### Term Dates 2017 / 2018

#### Term 2 2017:

Wed 26 April to Fri 30 June

#### Term 3 2017:

Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September

#### Term 4 2017:

Mon 9 October to Monday 18 December

#### Term 1 2018:

**Mon 29 Jan**

Staff Development / Pupil Free Day / \*MAI Day

**Tue 30 Jan**

\*MAI Day / Pupil Free Day

**Wed 31 Jan**

Yrs 1 to 6 commence

\* Maths Assessment Interview

### Netball Gala Day—Wednesday 26 July

If you have a BHSNA District Green Umpire Badge and are available to umpire at our Gala Day, please contact the school office on 9634 2898.

