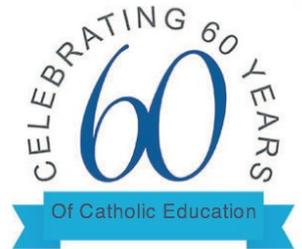




St Bernadette's School



Friday 23 June 2017

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Dear Parents,

The post below referring to our use of social media came through on my twitter feed this week and it has prompted me to include it and some parenting tips from Michael Grose in the newsletter.

Social media can be used to build people up or tear them down. It's not the tool but the user of the tool that makes a difference.

Screen time and technology use are a part of life for most children aged 6-11 years. So it's important for us to help children to develop healthy screen time habits. Screen time for school-age children is about choosing quality programs and apps and developing healthy screen habits.

Did you know that current Australian statistics reveal that 1 in 6 primary school aged children have their own device and use it every day? *Michael Grose urges parents to "start conversations with children about using social media at a young age to prepare them to be savvy users when we're not around." His advice goes on to say that.....*

Parents of every generation have always found ways to frame messages of safety and success for their children to remember. Parents of past generations who only had to contend with the offline or real world intuitively knew that they needed to teach child important lessons about safety and manners rather than assume they'll be understood.

The same maxim holds true for the world of social media that children now inhabit from an increasingly young age. Even though our children are growing up with technology as a part of their everyday lives, they will still make plenty of mistakes while using it.

This means we need to have direct conversations with our kids about the comments and posts that are okay to make using social media of all forms.

As parents we teach our kids to talk politely and clearly so that they know how to speak to others when we're not around. In effect, we give our kids social scripts to fall back on when they talk to friends, teachers and relatives. There's no guarantee they'll look an adult in the eye when they speak to them, but our discussions, reminders and lessons about manners will hopefully hold up when we're not around.

The same applies to social media. Our conversations and lessons will prepare them to be savvy users when we're not around.

I commend to you Michael Grose's Parenting Insights "Digital Social Skills" attached to this newsletter, for reading.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



We congratulate and continue to pray for all those children from our parish who will receive their First Communion this weekend and on the following weekend.



Jesus Christ is truly present in our midst. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ. The word 'communion' means to be united with and the word 'Eucharist', comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'.

Week 10 Dates

Mon 26 June
8.30am Assembly
2.45—4.30pm
Motiv8sports

Tue 27 June
9am Kindy 2018 School Tour
10am Term 2 -
Principal's Morning Tea
1.10pm Choir

Wed 28 June
Student Banking

Thurs 29 June
Stage 2 Boys & Girls
Soccer Gala Day

Fri 30 June
SRC CRAZY SOCK & Gold Coin Day
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly & T2 School
Values Awards
Last Day Term 2

Term 3:
Mon 17 July
School resumes for Staff
& Students

Coming Dates:

Wed 26 July
Design2Shine 4B
Netball Gala Day

Thurs 27 July
Design2Shine 4B
Yr 1 Incursion

Fri 28 July
Grandparents' Day
starts at 9am (see Page
3 for details)

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May these children be united with us as one parish family and may they give thanks for the special gift of the body and blood of Christ.

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| Zander Cheng | Dean Guy |
| Angelique Daniele | Zachary Hughes |
| Joshua Foo | Daniella Jelwan |
| Xavier Hennessey | Charlotte Lee |
| Cooper McGlynn | Cassandra Losurdo |
| Jack Robertson | Georgia Pratt |
| Lana Taha | Sabrina Puglisi |
| Roman Taha | Anna Weppner |
| Charlie Barone | Tess Ellis |

Next Week

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| Aidan Ashkar | Tyler Beames |
| Isla Clark | Nicole Del Rio |
| Logan Emmas | Sarah Jacinto |
| Angus McGovern | Lachlan McLaren |
| Genevieve Sing | Imogen Vines |
| Sienna Wooler | Landen Besters |
| Meleni Ariyanayagam | Olivia Boxshall |
| Claudia Chambers | Gabriel de Ponte |
| Brayden Leuzzi | Ailish Lincoln |
| Jack Overend | Juliet Radman |
| Tyler Smith | Aidan Sweeney |
| Mark Bradshaw | Owen Suyko |

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Staffing in Term 3

Mr Visser will be taking Long Service Leave for Term 3. During this time Mrs Borg has been appointed as Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Thorpe will increase her days and teach Year 5G full time. We all wish Mr Visser a wonderful long service leave.

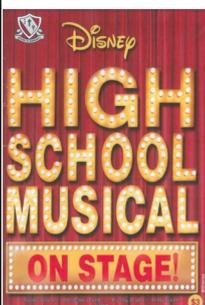
SRC Crazy Sock & Gold Coin Donation Day

Students are asked to wear sport uniform and 'crazy socks' next **Friday 30 June** in support of our SRCs Mobility Rocks fundraiser for a gold coin donation.



Former St Bernadette's Students are STAR Material

Last week Mount St Benedict College put on a production of *High School Musical*. The cast was made of many of St Bernadette's former students who stole the show as leads. Gabriella was played by Claire Ward (2012), Chelsea McEntee (2011) had the role of Sharpay and Kiera Walkerden was the very funny Jack Scott.



Many other girls were in the chorus and had minor roles. One parent said that her daughter found the love of music from her time at St Bernadette's and thanked Mrs Evans for her efforts with the students. Three sold out performances and an extra show added by popular demand - it was an incredible show! Well done to our talented former students.

On Saturday night, June 17, Kristy Hourigan former St Bernadette's student, was the guest speaker at the 10th Annual Grace Gala Ball at the International Convention Centre. A charity night raising over \$750 000 for the Grace Centre for critically ill newborn babies at Westmead Children's Hospital and the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Kristy, who has cerebral palsy delivered a touching speech of her life story to a room of over five hundred people. She shared both her highs and lows but most importantly how both these amazing places helped shape the person she is today. Kristy was supported by family and friends on the night and she spoke beautifully.



Weeks 9-10 Social Skill Focus: Being a Good Communicator at St Bernadette's

The purpose of communication is to pass information from one person to another. Good communicators get their message across and understand what others are communicating as well.

At St Bernadette's our goal is to be a good listener and speaker ensuring that we can be understood in the classroom and on the playground. It is important that we can both get our message across to others as well as receiving and understanding what others are communicating with us.

Being able to communicate is essential within our school environment ensuring that everyone is listened to and understood. We all have a voice, it is how we use it that is important.

Family Discussion Starters:

- How has written communication changed in your lifetime?
- What are the different forms of communication?
- Is the internet good for families? What are the good points and the bad points?

Communication involves TWO sides. Are you a good communicator getting your message across and understanding what others are communicating as well?

Mrs Kathy Watt

MATHS CORNER [continued from last week] adapted from primarymaths.com.au

Why is Maths taught differently now?

When we ask children questions, we can identify their misconceptions, we can build on their incomplete understanding, and ensure they are learning from their

<p>When we 'ask' children about maths, we find out what they understand!</p>	<p>area of need, and we can check that children have learnt what we intended them to learn!</p>	<p>When we 'tell' children about maths, we find out what we understand!</p>
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When we question, it allows children to grapple with problematic knowledge – sometimes known as confusion!

Questioning allows children to identify and explain what they currently understand – and what they don't yet understand!

And, confusion is great because it means that we are learning!

It means we are working with new knowledge that doesn't quite match what we already know. It means we are working towards knowledge that is beyond our current level of understanding. True learning comes about when we extend ourselves beyond what we already know rather than doing what we already know over and over again. This is known as 'roaming the known' where children may be able to do something but not take the next step in their learning to develop further. [to be continued...]

Attendance

Congratulations once again as we achieved our **90%+** target. This past week we have achieved 91.1%

Almost every grade achieved 90% or more. Well done everyone. One more week to go this term.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Those reading records are rising up! Up! Up!

Kindy: Matilda Cowper Sienna Smith

Yr 1: Natalie Alam Elizabeth De Souza

Yr 2: Mikayla Alam Felicity Miller
Scarlett Sahyoun Ava Smith
Lucia Sorbello

Yr 3: Liam Conlin Ysabella Jaucian

Yr 4: Alivia Dowling Lucas Geaitani
Sarah Jacinto Brayden Leuzzi
Zachary Miller Juliet Radman
Tyler Smith Marc-Anthony Zeaier

Yr 5: Rachael Hanna Sophie Kouchoo
Alessia Lalli Shydan Magtoto
Toby Reitemann Seth Robinson
Grace Zeaier

Yr 6: Ella Lincoln

Grandparents' Day

We hope that lots of Grandparents will be able to join us as we celebrate this very special day. The program for the morning will be:

9am Open Classrooms

9.45am Liturgy in the Church

10.30am Morning Tea in the Hall



A note will be sent home first day next term. In the meantime, please inform all grandparents!

Our congratulations to the Sakkal family on the birth of a baby girl, Eva, sister to Emma in KW & Renee in 2B. Our best wishes to the family.



2017 School Fees – Term 2

Term 2 School Fee accounts are now overdue and we ask that payment of Term 2 fees be finalised as soon as possible either by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILLPAY.

Should you wish to discuss your outstanding account please email/contact Mrs Cassidy on 9634-2898 or email (bern-chilfees@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 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 terms school fees **will be** charged for your child/children.

St Bernadette's Football Club

Despicable Me 3—Castle Hill Event Cinemas—All invited to our Movie Night—Wed 28 June 6.30pm \$16 pp. Tickets available through SBFC team managers or on the night.

LOST PROPERTY

Girls salmon coloured sleeveless jacket size 3 by Lily & Dan left at school. If this is your daughter's please contact the office on 9634 2898.

1 x fitness type watch and 1 other watch. If your child has lost these—please contact the office.



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

*Maths Assessment Interview