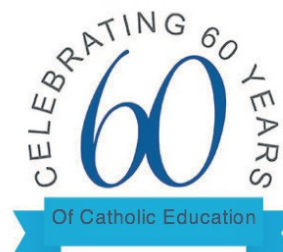




St Bernadette's School



Friday 4 August 2017

No. 23

Dear Parents,

Our relationship with others is very important to us and something that we all spend a good deal of time working on. This starts first and foremost in the context of family life: learning acceptance of others and their needs, especially when they compete or conflict with our own; celebrating, rejoicing and supporting the giftedness of each other; adopting forgiveness of others and actively developing, nurturing and sustaining relationships so that they grow and change over time to recognise the different stages of development.

The school continues and extends this understanding and development of relationships which we know will be a whole of life experience. As a catholic school community St Bernadette's first and foremost has a rich resource in the scriptures which guide us in what our relationship to God is meant to be and how we can have that kind of relationship. It shows us how we should interact and treat each other.

In Mark 12:30, Jesus tells us that our first responsibility is to Him,

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength".

This same theme is reiterated in many places in the Bible (Deuteronomy 6:5, 13:3, 30:6; Matthew 22:37; Luke 10:27).

Putting the Lord first in our lives is the most important decision we could ever make. A life built around anything else but God, is a life built on shaky foundations. There is no surer foundation for life than a relationship with God through [faith in Jesus Christ](#). It is this relationship that the catholic school and the catholic family base all other relationships upon.

At St Bernadette's, relationships are enhanced when children encourage one another in their work and their play, support one another to achieve their personal best or to attempt a skill they have been struggling

with, and forgive each other when they have been hurt by someone else's words or actions.

The apostle Paul said that we can be sure we are treating others the way God would have us treat them if we simply followed this commandment:

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Mrs. Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



At St. Bernadette's we will celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day, which is celebrated on the 8th of August with a mass. This is also the date of her death in 1909.

<http://www.marymackillop.org.au/>

Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. Her love for poor children knew no bounds. She established a Catholic school system for children who were isolated and in poor circumstances. She had a practical love for those who were poor and destitute setting up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for those who were most vulnerable in the society of her time.

Pause for Reflection:

In what way is God calling me to bring good news to those who are poor? Prayer: God of love your heart reaches out to those who are poor in our world. Open our eyes and ears to hear the cries of your people bound down by the injustices of this world. May we like Mary MacKillop respond in word and action to the struggling people of our world? St Mary of the Cross, serving the neglected ones, pray for us.

Action: Today reach out to someone in your neighbourhood who is in need.

Week 4 Dates

Mon 7th August

8.30am Assembly

2.45—4.30pm

Motiv8sports

Tue 8th August

9:15am Mary MacKillop Mass

11:15am Musica Viva Concert Years - K, 1, 2, 3G and 3W

1:45pm Musica Viva Concert Years - 4, 5, 6 and 3B

1.10pm Choir

Wed 9th August

7:30am Junior/Senior Relay training

2:45pm Sporting Schools Tennis Sessions
Student Banking

Fri 11th August

Kindergarten Excursion
Whole School Assembly

Coming Dates:

Mon 14th August

Years 3/4 Boys and Girls Basketball Trials

Tue 15th August

Junior/Senior Relay training

Wed 16th August

Years 5/6 Girls Basketball Trials
Father's Day Stall
Wrapping Day:

Fri 18th August

Years 5/6 Boys Basketball Trials

Tue 22nd August

Information Session for Parents of 2018 Kindy

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Census Day August 4th 2017

Today was CENSUS DAY. As with any school day, all children are expected to be at school.

However, if your child was **ABSENT, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU** either **EMAIL, or PROVIDE A LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO THE CLASS TEACHER**, as soon as possible, even if you know that your child will be away for more days.

Children's Workbooks coming home on Friday 18 August:

In Week 5 the children will be bringing home their Religious Education workbooks. We encourage you to talk to your child about their exciting learnings this term. Some conversation starters might include:-

- Show me a piece of work that you are really proud of in this book?
- What new skills have you learnt in writing?
- What text types have you been using?
- Are there areas that you would like to improve in and why?

The children are extremely proud of their work and will be delighted if you are able to write a comment to them in their book. We encourage you to write this comment after their last piece of work. Children really do enjoy receiving feedback from you and they also like to know that you are aware of what they are doing at school. Your comment also allows the teacher to see that you were able to take the time to walk through it with your child. You are asked to return the book promptly on Monday August 21st 2017 so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Reminder: Leaving Students

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.

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to Jackson Leib for an outstanding gymnastic achievement over the weekend

Congratulations to Tayla Milicevic (6G) who was selected for the Metro West U12 girls soccer team competing at the State Titles in Mudgee in the September School Holidays.

Social Skills Weeks 3 & 4 Term 3

Respecting Others At St. Bernadette's (Responsible Decision-Making)

Respecting ourselves, others and their property, and accepting responsibility for what you say or do. This includes being honest and truthful with everyone within our school community. We respect others and ourselves when we believe that others deserve to be treated with kindness and feel motivated to contribute to the common good for all.

The following quotes both from Year 6 students and others outlines for us the meaning of respect and its importance in building friendships and a caring school environment where we look after our own belongings and each other.

"If you respect others, they will respect you." (Yr. 6 student)

"Don't expect respect if you don't respect others." (Yr. 6 student)

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." (Bryant H. McGill)

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners." (Laurence Sterne)

"To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is even greater." (Bono)

Mrs Kathy Watt

Schools test readiness for Naplan Online



In August and September, schools around the country will have an opportunity to assess their readiness to move to Naplan Online in 2019. The school readiness test aims to ensure each school is prepared to undertake Naplan Online and has sufficient bandwidth and wireless connectivity.

In Week 7, our school will be undertaking the Naplan Online readiness test, with students in Year 3 and Year 5 participating in an assessment called an Omnibus test. The Omnibus Test is a combination of the reading, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy components of Naplan. Year 5 will also undertake an online writing assessment. This readiness test is not a test of the individual children's academic performance but a test of the technical aspects of administering Naplan Online. Therefore parents and schools will not receive individual student performance results.

Further information with regards to our school's readiness test for Naplan Online will be sent home to parents during Week 4.

Communication about School related matters

Should you ever have a query or concern that you would like to address about your child's learning or well being, please contact your child's class teacher, the grade coordinator/mentor or Mrs Borg (Term 3) or Mrs Nettleton.

Please note that it is never appropriate to approach other school children for clarification of an issue or event that you may have concerns about.

Matters are always best handled by the teachers and school. Contacting other parents to investigate school based circumstances or to discuss children's friendships etc is not always beneficial. Thank you for your consideration of the rights of all our students and families.

Grade Coordinators/Mentors

K Mrs Hord

Yr1 Ms Sweetnam

Yrs 2 Mrs Borg

Yr 3 Mrs Nettleton

Yr 4 Mrs Watt

Yr 5 Mrs Lean-Fore (Term 3)

Yr 6 Mrs Robinson

Canteen Reminders

Parents are reminded that

- it is their responsibility to regularly check the canteen menu to ensure that the food that is ordered by/for your child meets their individual dietary requirements. This is particularly important for children with food allergies
- over the counter sales are only made by cash (students cannot charge over the counter sale items to their Munch Monitor account)

Going Home Arrangements

Parents please ensure that your child's going home arrangements are always updated with your child's class teacher. Please avoid calling the office on a day to day basis with changes to these arrangements as it is unsettling for children to have arrangements frequently changed and it is often difficult to always get messages to the classrooms when the students are frequently involved in other activities.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the McGlynn family, following the recent passing of their Great Grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Attendance

Every Learner, Every Day, All Day!

This week our attendance is slightly below our goal of above 90% attendance. This week we have achieved an overall attendance of **89.7%**.

Congratulations to the grades who again have been achieving 90%+ attendance. Well done Kindergarten again for achieving 95.4% attendance this week.

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	● 95.4%
01	● 89.3%
02	● 85.4%
03	● 93.5%
04	● 92.4%
05	● 90.1%
06	● 83.0%

At St Bernadette's our mantra is *Every Learner, Every Day, All Day*. We believe our students deserve the very best education and that **'Every Day Counts'** as the level of student attendance can impact on their learning. We also understand that at times students are absent from school due to sickness or illness or for other circumstances. If your child is absent from school, it is a legal requirement for parents to provide an explanation outlining why your child is absent via a note or email, as soon as your child returns to school.

Peer Support

The Importance of Goal Setting!

This week in Peer Support the Peer Support Leaders and students have worked together, learning how important it is to take small steps towards achieving a goal.

During our lesson, each student has developed a goal they are currently working on either at home or at school. Based on this goal our students have discussed a range of strategies and developed two small steps to assist them in achieving their goal. We encourage you to ask your child to share their goal and small steps they need to work on to achieve their goal. Through this discussion we can continue our learning from last lesson of persevering and staying positive whilst working towards our goal.

Thankyou

Thank you to all our families for the delicious food you sent in for Grandparents day. We had a lot of positive feedback and it was your generosity that made the event so successful.

Thanks to the following parents who helped on the day –Amanda Baker, Ludes Fernando, Rhonda Zeaiter, Alison Silvester, Dianne Zeaiter, Ann Hishion, Joanne Lagana, Charlene Worne, Maria Monje, Belisa Papandrea, Alisar Malandrino, Mary Zaiter, Yez Napoli, Paula Yacoub, Irene Asarloglow, Laura Symin, Arosha, Yi-Ping Chiu, Adel Kouknas, Mark Lean-Fore, Jeff Younis and Nick Gooley.

The Hospitality Team

Book Week

19-26th August

"Escape to Everywhere" Is the theme for this year. Reading can take us anywhere we want at anytime!



Book Parade

In Week 6 this term as part of our celebrations for the Book week we will have a book parade:

Be a Book Character for a day.

No Superheroes please!

The children are very excited about dressing up as their favorite character from a book they have read for our Book Week Parade.

Please encourage your children to use their creativity and imagination when they are deciding on their costume.

Some simple examples could be:

Scarecrow from Wizard of Oz—track pants and long sleeved t shirt with hay hanging out of the sleeves and pants.

James and the Giant Peach—jeans and shirt with a giant paper Mache peach from a balloon.

Robin Hood—brown pants and shirt with a green tunic tied at the waist and a green felt hat

(&maybe a bow, but keep the arrows at home!) I am sure there will be many great ideas for costumes.

Congratulations!

Camellia Fernando

from Year 2 decided to give to others for her 8th birthday this year - the gift of her hair. She wanted to give her hair to a girl who doesn't have her own. Congratulations to Camellia, with the help of Hair with Heart, your gift will surely help to make specialized wigs for girls who have lost their hair due to a medical condition such as cancer.



[https://](https://www.variety.org.au/get-involved/hair-donation/)

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Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 29th
August

Wrapping Day
When—Wednesday
16th August
Time—9:30am



Basketball Trials



Coming up in Week 5, we will be running our basketball trials for the Norwest Basketball Gala Day at the end of August. All trials will be held before school on top court.

If your child would like to trial for a team, please arrange for them to be at school:

Week 5

7:30am Monday 14th August Years 3/4 Boys and Girls Basketball Trials

7:30am Wednesday 16th August Years 5/6 Girls Basketball Trials

7:30am Friday 18th August Years 5/6 Boys Basketball Trials

Information Session for

Parents of 2018 Kindergarten Children

"Fine Motor and Handwriting"

Tuesday 22nd August 2017

9:00am-10:00am in the Hall

Please RSVP by email to the office

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the PRC this week and last week:

Miriam Naoum

Micaela Ragone

Keeran Mazuvancheri-Perera

Charlotte McLaren

Lachlan McLaren

Matthew Baker

Rosalie McGinty

Annabelle Farag

Isabell Forder

Elle Gaya

Frederick Anderson

Denzel Coutinho

Juliana Farag

Thomas McGinty

Term Dates 2017

Term 3:

Mon 17 July to Fri 22 September

Term 4:

Mon 9 October to Monday 18 December

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

Stage 2 Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday 2nd August, 3 teams from Stage 2 represented St Bernadette's at the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park in Penrith. What a gorgeous day weather-wise for the boys and girls who participated in this event. This was a welcome relief after having it postponed last term, due to rain. All 3 teams played with skill and in the spirit of the game, being led by our wonderful parent volunteers Mr Knight, Mr Gomez, Mr Long, Mrs Lievano, Mrs Beames and Mrs Northey who coached and managed the children throughout the day.

Congratulations to the Year 3 boys team, who were undefeated: winning 3 and drawing 3 games, finishing 2nd in their pool.



Stage 3 Wanderers Cup Gala Day

On Thursday 3rd August, 2 teams from Stage 3 represented St Bernadette's at the Wanderers Cup Gala Day at Binalong Reserve, Toongabbie. Both teams had wins throughout the day, playing great football under the guidance of their coaches Mr Tole, Mr West and Mr Ryan. There were many memorable plays throughout the day, with the boys and girls demonstrating a high level of skill across the field.

Congratulations to the Red team who came 2nd overall today. They progressed to the final, after placing top of their pool. They played out a tough match against an equally strong side, Toongabbie PS. The game went into overtime with a scoreline of 0-0. Teams were then reduced to 3 players each. St Bernadette's conceded a penalty which Toongabbie scored off to win the game.

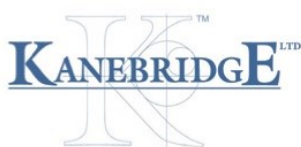




Friday 13th October 3pm till 8:30pm

We would like to thank and recognise those companies who are sponsoring our Fun Fair this year. We hope you can support them as they are supporting our school community by donating sponsorship money and prizes.

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