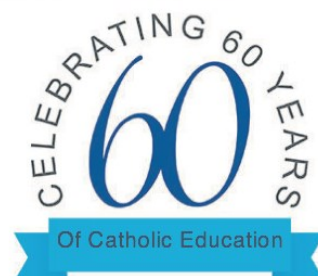




# St Bernadette's School



Friday 10th May 2018

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## Happy Mothers' Day to all our beautiful St Bernadette's Mothers

*Blessed are mothers  
who do without for us,  
they will be rewarded.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who lose sleep when we are sick,  
they will find rest.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who teach us how to pray, they  
will share God's kingdom.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who comfort us,  
they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who teach us right from wrong,  
they will know justice.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who share with us  
the meaning of peace,  
they shall know peace.*

*Blessed are mothers  
who teach us the importance  
of loving God and each other,  
they shall see God.*

**Leanne Nettleton—Principal**

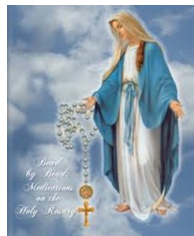


## R.E. NEWS



We celebrated our wonderful mothers this week, where the children had the opportunity to tell their mums how special they are to them.

We pray especially to our Mother Mary to guide and protect all mothers. May is the month where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Mary was conceived and lived a life 'full of Grace' (Lk. 1:28). And she wishes very much to share the graces given her by God on our behalf. For centuries, Catholics have set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary. It then came into tradition that we also celebrate Mother's Day during May.



We can honour Mary by setting up a special prayer space or by saying the Rosary. As it is May, next week each class will receive an 'Our Lady's Peace Bag'. The bag will go home weekly with each child in the class according to the class roll. You will be able to use the Rosary beads, Statue of Mary and prayers in the bag for your family prayer. We should honour Mary not just because it is tradition but because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

A reminder that Parish children who are preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist the first preparation session is next week on Tuesday at 7pm or Saturday at 3:30pm. We ask that that you please keep these children in your prayers.

**Shane Robinson—REC**

## Week 3 Dates

**Sun 13 May**  
**Happy Mothers' Day**

**Mon 14 May**  
8.30am Assembly

**Tue 15 May**  
8-10am Uniform Shop  
NAPLAN—Writing & Language Conventions

**Wed 16 May**  
Student Banking  
Waste Free Lunch Day  
NAPLAN—Reading

**Thurs 17 May**  
NAPLAN—Numeracy

**Fri 18 May**  
NAPLAN—Catch up day  
Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop  
Yr 6 Debating

## Coming Dates:

**Thurs 24 & Fri 25 May**  
Yr 6 Canberra Exc.

**Thurs 24 May**  
4G Design2Shine Project

**Fri 25 May**  
4G Design2Shine Project

**Tues 29 May**  
School Photos

**Wed 30 May**  
School Photos

**Thurs 31 May**  
9—10am School Tours  
for Kindy to Yr 6 2019

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**

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**Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free Wednesdays**  
**Don't forget – EVERY Wednesday pack a waste free lunch.**

### **Enrolling Now—Kindergarten to Yr 6 2019** **School Tours: Thursday 31 May 9—10am and Wednesday 20 June 9—10am.**

Prospective parents are invited to attend our next School Tour on either of the above dates. Come in and meet our principal and have a tour of our school/classrooms. Please contact the school office to reserve your place on 9407 6600 or email us at [Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### **Battle of the Bands**

Congratulations to the St Bernadette's Band who performed at the St Madeleine's Country Fair in the Battle of the Bands and were awarded 3rd Place. Well done to all band members and to Mr Butler.

### **World Youth Day Raffle Tickets**

In parishes across our diocese recently we have been hearing about Panama WYD 2019. Bishop Vincent Long has launched Parramatta's Raffle for Panama World Youth Day 2019. Over the lead up to the previous WYD's the raffle has been a key means towards subsidising costs for pilgrim's from our diocese who participate in the WYD experience, which this time will include Mexico, Panama and USA in January 2019. Today each family in our school will receive a raffle ticket book. Prizes in the WYD raffle include a Mazda 2 car, new iPhone Xs, Apple Watch and iPad, gift vouchers and other attractive prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 27th October 2018. Each raffle booklet has 10 tickets in a book @ \$2 per ticket / \$20 per book. If you are able to support the WYD initiative by selling some or all of the tickets from the booklet sent home this would be greatly appreciated. All sold ticket butts and unsold ticket books **MUST** be returned by Tuesday 15th May 2018.



The raffle will be drawn on 27 October 2018 at the Lifted Live event held in the grounds of St Patrick's cathedral, Parramatta. All sold or unsold tickets can be returned to the school office in an envelope marked WYD Raffle. Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative and of Panama WYD 2019.

### **Canteen**

A reminder that there is **NO CANTEEN** until further notice. We have 2 businesses tendering for the contract and will keep you informed of the progress of this process.



### **Digital Security Presentation**

**Wednesday 6th June 7.00pm—At School**

### **Digital Security Presentation**

'Digital Security' is a Police presentation covering privacy/reputation management and cyber bullying. Cyber safety is the primary non-academic problem that schools and young people experience today. Parents and carers must know how to use technology and should know what to avoid, where to seek help and what their children are doing online.



Presented by Senior Constable Rob Paterson, youth Liaison Officer at The Hills Local Area Command. As YLO for the last ten years, Rob works with Young Offenders, at-risk children and delivers educational programs and safety information to 65 schools in The Hills LAC.



If you would like to attend please RSVP to the school on: [bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Fri 1st June.

### **Attendance**

**Every Learner Every Day**

**Attendance rate to date is 90.7%**

**Did you know??**

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

We believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below.

Congratulations again to Years 2, 4 and 5 for maintaining over 90% for the second week in a row.

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 1	84.1%	Yr 5	92.4%
Yr 2	97.8%	Yr 6	86.1%
Yr 3	89.7%		

### **School Uniform**

Students wishing to continue to wear their summer uniform can do so for next week, Week 3 and we will aim to move into our winter uniform in Week 4. Our uniform shop is open every Tuesday morning between 8 and 10am if you wish to purchase items. Our winter uniform order form is on our website (Community/ Notes from School/ Whole School) and can be emailed to the school or directly to the uniform shop on [uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com).





## Peer Support – Stronger Together

WOW! What a fantastic start to our Peer Support Program. This week we launched our Stronger Together, Peer Support program K-6. Students eagerly met their Year 6 Peer Support Leader, Peer Support Teacher and other members of their group. Across the school there was a buzz of excitement and positive discussions on how Peer Support groups will respectfully work together each week.

Next week, on Monday, students will again meet with their Peer Support group, focusing on identifying things we are good at and how they can help us when times are rough. We all have different skills and strengths and sometimes we need to call on others who can assist us. Knowing who to call on and when, can also be a strength in itself. If we are trying to help out a friend who is being hurt, we need to know who to go to for help. Knowing what our strengths are gives us confidence to use them in situations when we feel challenged. Yet sometimes we find it hard to identify all of our strengths. Over the weekend we encourage all parents to talk with their children about their child's strengths, which will help prepare them for their Peer Support lesson next week.

*"We all have some that we are good at, these are our strengths. How we can use our strengths when we are faced with challenges."*



## School Photos

Students will have their photos taken at school on Tuesday 29th / Wednesday 30th May. Photo envelopes have already been sent home including 'sibling' envelopes. Please return all photo envelopes to the class teacher as soon as possible. A schedule will be in next week's newsletter and sibling photos will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday at recess and lunch.



## Premier's Reading Challenge

Great reading this week, keep up the fantastic effort. Congratulations to the following students: **Samara Colaco, Christopher de Ponte, Phoebe Goss, Cruz Lamata, Lachlan O'Connor, Ava Berrell, Rovinya Fernando, Patrick Kelly, Alastair Mattin, Khiara Heyes, Sophie Pratt, Olivia Goss, Grace Kalina, Harry Palmer, Douglas Windress, William Abouhamad, Layaan Arraf, Lana Formosa, Lucas Heyes, Patrick Windress, Joshua Foo, Genevieve Sing, Marc Anthony Zeaiter, Jacob Goss, Thomas Heyes.**

## 2018 School Fees – Term 2

**Term 2** School Fee statements will be sent home from the Catholic Education Office next week and will be due on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you to those families who have finalised Term 1 school fees. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 1, could you make payment as soon as possible or should you wish to make an arrangement for the payment of your 2018 School fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or email [vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au).

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

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.

## P&F News:

### Working Bee—Saturday 16th June

Please note this date in your diary—parents and students are invited to come along and help with small jobs around the school for an hour or so (whatever you can spare). Further details will follow soon.



## Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all our families who supported our Mothers' Day Stall by purchasing gifts. Also thank you to the mums who came in and helped with running the stall—your time was much appreciated.

**Congratulations to the following  
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

***Social Skill: Being a Balanced Student at St Bernadette's***

<b><i>Class</i></b>	<b><i>Student of the Week</i></b>	<b><i>Student of the Week</i></b>	<b><i>Social Skill Award</i></b>
<b><i>KB</i></b>	Not for Publication	Nicholas Botros	Zara Mortlock
<b><i>KG</i></b>	Jingyi Liang	Benjamin McLaren	Harry Watson
<b><i>KW</i></b>	Jamie Haj	Rachel Zeaiter	Not for Publication
<b><i>1B</i></b>	Abigail Wigham	Jaden Zaiter	Abby Guy
<b><i>1G</i></b>	Sofia Giallonardo	Rafael Lamata	Emma Sakkal
<b><i>2B</i></b>	Not for Publication	Adam Wassif	Andrea Yacoub
<b><i>2G</i></b>	Gabriella Papandrea	Sebastian Napoli	Tess Gooley
<b><i>2W</i></b>	Kristina Jelwan	Chelsea Nicolaou	Charlotte Ward
<b><i>3B</i></b>	Ava Smith	Hannah Wall	Christopher Zaiter
<b><i>3G</i></b>	Carla Kamel	Kevin Le	Thasandi Fonseka
<b><i>3W</i></b>	Maya Keremelevski	Rhys Timbrell	Charlotte McLaren
<b><i>4B</i></b>	Valentina Anderson	Isabella Scotti	Aidan Leong
<b><i>4G</i></b>	Charlotte Cowper	Lana Formosa	Mia Khoudair
<b><i>4W</i></b>	Liam Worne	Sebastian van Jour	Maya Sallounn
<b><i>5B</i></b>	Luke Giallonardo	Jorja Mizzi	Eva Cooper
<b><i>5G</i></b>	Meleni Ariyanayagam	Dean Guy	Zander Cheng
<b><i>5W</i></b>	Nathan Colaco	Alivia Dowling	Sarah Jacinto
<b><i>6B</i></b>	Lachlan Crimston	Alessia Lalli	Joseph Hadchiti
<b><i>6G</i></b>	Ryan McMahon	Dilara Ozcan	Lauren Ballesty
<b><i>6W</i></b>	Christian Farfoud	Brieanah Moujalli	Amy Hammersley

**Principal's Awards:**

Abby Guy 1B  
Yen-Shuo Chen 1B  
Ashton Allan 2W  
Jackson Randall 2G  
Emily Mitchell 2G  
Jackson Leib 2W  
Amelia Lavis 2B  
John Dimitriou 2W  
Mia Lee 2W



### Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Choir, Science & Lego

Wed—Library, Art, Robotics & Coding, Gardening

Thurs—Library, Chess

### Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences.

Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 5 days or more. This form is on our website: Community/Notes from School/Administration Forms/Application for Extended Leave.

Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton. Thank you for your assistance.

### Child Protection—Online

A reminder to parents that it is a diocesan requirement that you must have completed the Child Protection Module ONLINE if you would like to volunteer at school. The link for the child protection module is available below or from our website (right hand side). Please note there are two steps to complete the online course.



<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, in the uniform shop or any other help around the school

An email confirmation of both steps is then sent directly to the school to confirm your child protection is completed and valid for two years.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Parish News:

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

St Bernadette's Parish, 367 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill 11.30am—3pm Please join us for a day of fun, entertainment, games for the kids and international food: Chinese, Lebanese, Italian, Mexican, Australian, Malaysian, Aussie BBQ and more. Food tickets \$10 for a book of 5, available after all Masses this weekend—5th / 6th May and 12th /13th May, also on the day. See you there!

#### Catherine McAuley Westmead—School Open Morning 9.15am—Enrolments for Yr 7 2020

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome. Please contact school reception on 9849 9100 if you could like to attend.



### Term 2 2018

Tuesday 1 May (students return) to Fri 6 July

### Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

### Term 4

Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December (for students)