



St Bernadette's School



Friday 16 February 2018

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Dear Parents,

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks for compassion in this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Teresa of Ávila

As we move into Lent we each have the opportunity to be Christ's hands, Christ's energy and spokespeople for Christ's love and to "be more" than we already are.

St Frances of Assisi said that "It is in giving that we receive."

Giving is an expression of freedom and self-sufficiency. It is being aware of what is needed and then as St Mary McKillop modelled in her life "Doing something about it". St Teresa of Avila, St Frances and St Mary McKillop inspire us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and be self giving.

*"God our father,
we thank You for the gift of life
and for the gifts of the Spirit within us.
Help us to be givers to the people
in our lives so, that through us,
those people may come to know You.
Amen."*

**Leanne Nettleton
Principal**

R.E. NEWS



The Season of Lent

The three practices of Lent are; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer: The children in class have been praying special Lenten prayers as they draw closer to God in preparation for Easter.



Fasting: Many children have chosen to give up a favourite toy, game or food treat for the duration of Lent as they begin to realise the suffering so many people in our world experience every day.

Almsgiving: Is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

St Bernadette's is always so generous in their support of Caritas Australia and our Project Compassion appeal. This year our target is \$70 per class to send a Syrian child to school in Jordan. Many of these children have no school to attend in Syria because of the bombings that have occurred there. Helping educate these children gives them opportunity for freedom and a better life.

Thank you for your generous donations to Caritas on Shrove Tuesday. We have already raised over **\$500** for this wonderful cause.

God of the Wilderness you were with Jesus in his struggle to seek the right path. Be with us as we face the seductions that our world offers as the path to happiness. Teach us through your Word and the example of others to grow through challenge and live life to the full.

Shane Robinson—REC

Week 4

Mon 19 February
Zone Swimming
Carnival
8.30am Assembly
2.45pm Motiv8sports

Tue 20 February
8-10am Uniform Shop
1.10pm Choir
3-4pm Dance Fever
Club Yrs 3-6 Girls/boys

Wed 21 February
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day

Thurs 22 February

Fri 22 February
Band Practice

Coming Dates:

Wed 28 February
7.30pm P&F Meeting
All parents invited

Tues 6 March
Open Day Kindy 19
9am Information Session
followed by school tours
Yr 1 Excursion

Wed 21 March
Harmony Day

KINDERGARTEN 2019 ENROLMENT / INFORMATION SESSION & SCHOOL TOUR - TUESDAY 6 MARCH AT 9:00AM

Please pass this information onto neighbours and friends who are interested in enrolling their children at St Bernadette's.



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

Congratulations to Year 5

Our Year 5 students attended Camp at Vision Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday along with their teachers. Everyone enjoyed a great time getting to know each other and bonding as a grade. The children tested their resilience as they participated in a number of team building activities. The highlight as usual was the water slide however every activity was enjoyed by all the children. A huge thank you to our Year 5 teaching team Mrs Metwally, Mr Bamford and Mrs Orsini as well as Mrs Beggs who all injected so much energy and enthusiasm into the camp.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK INCLUDING Open Day & Enrolment Day for Kindergarten 2019

Prospective parents are invited to attend our Open Day & Enrolment Day on **Tuesday 6th March 9—12 noon.**

Please register your attendance on 9407 6600.

Information session at 9am followed by tour of the school.



Current families are asked to 'register your intention to enrol' by contacting the school office on 9407 6600 before end of February 2018. Please notify us if you will be attending the Open Day presentation.

Engaging with Maths

As we begin a new school year as parents and teachers it is important that we encourage our children to do their best with every learning opportunity.



Sometimes we hear children and adults alike say, "I am not good at Maths!" or "Maths is too hard!"

As a community we can help turn this around. The following is an excerpt from an article, titled "Engaging Maths" which addresses four ways, in which parents can help build success in maths.

The link is below if you would like to read the full article:

<https://engagingmaths.com/2018/01/15/tips-for-parents-to-help-kids-succeed-at-maths/>

1. Be positive about maths!

Be conscious of the way you talk about maths. Acknowledge that it can be difficult at times but using words such as "Let's work it out" or "How we can we solve this puzzle?" will go along way to demonstrating that perseverance and investigation is needed.

2. Maintain a positive relationship between school and teachers

If possible attend parent forums about maths, discuss issues with the teacher if your child is anxious or having difficulty. Our job is to assist children reach their full potential and working together on an issue is the best way forward!

3. Know what your child is learning.

At St Bernadette's we follow the mandated maths curriculum and understand that for children to be proficient in using their maths knowledge effectively they require an understanding about how numbers work. Rote learning alone does not equip students to be flexible and adaptable when mathematical problems are presented. The curriculum is available for all parents.

4. Make maths a part of your everyday activities.

There is maths in nearly everything we do from working out time, to cooking, construction projects and tallying the cost of shopping.

Look for the opportunities to bring maths into the everyday conversations between you and your children.

We look forward to engaging with maths each day at St Bernadette's and discovering where our journey may lead as we solve problems and learn strategies to assist our learning.

RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE POLICY

As part of the St Bernadette's policies for Student Wellbeing and Management we have a school policy regarding respectful language.

We believe as a Catholic school community that everyone is unique and made in the image of Christ and as such we all have the right to be treated with respect and the responsibility to do the same for others we meet. The children are encouraged to use their words and actions with care so that we can continue to engage with each other in a positive and friendly environment and maintain the excellent interactions with each other that I have observed in my first few weeks here.

St Bernadette's is a lovely place to engage with learning due to the respectful and friendly way we all interact with each other - big and small!

Melissa Beggs—Assistant Principal

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

***Social Skill:
Being a Great Friend at St Bernadette's***

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
<i>KB</i>	Not for Publication	Zachary Drogaris	Daniel Rowe
<i>KG</i>	Jacob Baker	Layla Dmello	Michael Mitchell
<i>KW</i>	Bianca Hanna	Evanna Hui	Lily Alam
<i>1B</i>	Xavier Ranieri	Hetika Vijay	Joshua Mathews
<i>1G</i>	Yule Choi	Miriam Naoum	Emily Boxshall
<i>2B</i>	Not for Publication	Marissa Zeaiter	Amelia Lavis
<i>2G</i>	Jackson Randall	Lucy Saad	Juliana Zaiter
<i>2W</i>	Jackson Leib	Sofia Papandrea	Khiara Heyes
<i>3B</i>	Olivia Goss	Jet Jackson	Piper Johnson
<i>3G</i>	Sofia Aiossa	Matthew Khoudair	Mikayla Alam
<i>3W</i>	Isaac Frketic	Caterina Porte	Peter Yacoub
<i>4B</i>	Charlie Akle	Olivia Kirkham	Amelia Smith
<i>4G</i>	Lucas Heyes	Lily Procter	Morgan Smith
<i>4W</i>	Samuel Akle	Hannah Cherian	Lucas Campagna
<i>5B</i>	Tess Ellis	Tyler Beames	Ashleigh Scrooby
<i>5G</i>	Charlie Barone	Michaela Scrooby	Olivia Boxshall
<i>5W</i>	Genevieve Sing	Imogen Vines	Jack Overend
<i>6B</i>	Louis Malandrino	Lana Taha	Nicholas Gomez
<i>6G</i>	Mitchell Daly	Savannah Moubarak	Rachael Hanna
<i>6W</i>	Thomas Silvester	Kayla Zaiter	Isabella Willard

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Genevieve Sing in 5W** on being selected to represent in the MacKillop Girls Basketball Selection Trials.

Attendance

Thank you parents of St Bernadette's for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. As you can see our school average this week is 95.5% which exceeds our target of 90%. Congratulations to all the grades who have shown excellent attendance.

K - 93.9%
1 - 96.8%
2 - 98.6%
3 - 93.6%
4 - 96%
5 - 95.4%
6 - 94.4%



We love seeing you at school!

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees accounts will be sent home next week from the Catholic Education Office and are due **Wednesday, 21st March, 2018**. Parents will have the opportunity again this year to take up the **Flexible Payment Plan (FPP)** offer online and by post. Forms should be returned for processing by **9th March, 2018**. Should parents not return these forms by due date, the family may receive a reminder notice. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL or should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407-6600 or email bern-chilfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

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.

Canteen /Munch Monitors

We ask all parents to please contact Munch Monitors direct on **1300 796 190** if you are having issues relating to your canteen account when ordering for your child/children. If your child/children does not receive their lunch order on any one day the canteen will notify our school office and families will be contacted by phone to address the situation for your child.

Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you for all the vouchers that are being sent into the school office. Don't forget to remind neighbours/grandparents that they can save them for us too!



Gilroy Catholic College—Open Evening for Enrolments—Year 7 2019

Gilroy Catholic College is holding its annual Open Evening for Enrolments on Wednesday 21st February 2018. There will be tours of the College at 5 and 7pm and our Principal Cheryl Merryweather will give a talk in the school hall at 6.15pm. To make a tour booking, please phone 8853 8200 with your preferred tour time. Application packages will be available on the night. Applications close on Thursday 8 March 2018.

St Bernadette's Netball Club

Netball Reminder—Registrations Closing TONIGHT - 11:00pm Friday 16 February

St Bernadette's Netball Club will close its main round of online registrations at 11:00pm on 16 February. Find out about our fees, where we play, where we train and how to register by visiting our website: <http://sbnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>.

Kindergarten and Year 1 boys and girls can learn to play netball in our NetSetGo program at the school netball court, commencing at 3:00pm on 23 February. The cost is \$65.

Email the registrar, Pauline Andrew at stbncregistrar@hotmail.com, or call her on 0403 762 796 if you'd like to join us or you'd like to know more.

Oakhill College Open Day

We warmly welcome prospective students and families to the Oakhill College Open Day on Sunday, 11 March 2018. The day will run from 11.00am – 3.00pm and provides a great opportunity to meet our Principal, Brother Steve Hogan, staff and current students. Tours are guided by students showcasing subject displays, co-curricular activities and performances by one of the many College musical ensembles. Come and explore our beautiful grounds and inspect the facilities and resources at the College. Principal's Address at 11.30am and 1.30pm. Visit our website to register your interest - www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au

Term 1 2018

Mon 29 January—Fri 13 April

Term 2 2018

Mon 30th April—Staff Development & Pupil Free Day
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)