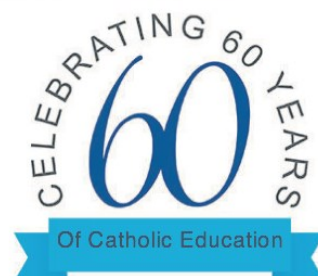




St Bernadette's School



Friday 6 April 2018

No. 10

Dear Parents,

Like St Bernadette we follow the star of Jesus Christ

We will be concluding Term 1 on a high note next week as we celebrate our school's feast day.

This special day is very important to our school because it reminds us of how in our everyday lives we too can be saints - living the message of the gospels and upholding our school values.

Generations of students have been educated at St Bernadette's over the past 62 years and each student who has been educated here has memories of what they have learnt about our patron saint, in particular her commitment to "Striving to grow with the courage as she showed Strength through Gentleness."

The generation of students currently being educated at St Bernadette's proudly sing our school song in liturgies and on special occasions. When we do this we are celebrating the life of St Bernadette, recognising our proud rich history and renewing our commitment to our school motto "Strength through Gentleness". Today I share with you for your reflection, the words of our School Song "**Strength through Gentleness**".

*In the land of the Dharug people an orchard
grew on the hill
then the Mercy Sisters built a school
where children are growing still*

*With each new generation
our proud traditions grow
and surrounded by creation
we come to know that we find our*

*Strength through gentleness
strong in spirit and gentle of heart
and together we do our best
to follow Jesus Christ*

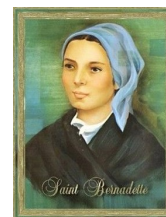
*Bernadette was kind and gentle surprised to hear
Mary's call
but with inner strength and faithfulness
she shared God's love with all*

Like St Bernadette we follow
the star of Jesus Christ
together with our friends
we walk in the light where we find our
Strength through Gentleness

R.E. NEWS

On Friday 13th we will be reflecting on the life of St Bernadette of Lourdes who our Parish and school are named after.

St Bernadette was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France and died April 16, 1879 in Nevers. She was a young girl whose visions of the Blessed Lady led to the founding of the shrine of Lourdes.



Bernadette was the eldest of 9 children from a poor family. She often suffered from ill health. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, at the age of 14, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the nearby Massabielle grotto, from which the Parish newsletter takes its name. Mary revealed her identity with the words "I am the Immaculate Conception" and, among other messages and affirmations, told Bernadette that a chapel should be built there. Bernadette steadfastly defended the genuineness of these visions despite strong opposition from her parents, the local clergy, and civil authorities, and she faithfully transmitted Mary's messages. However her humility, truthfulness and modesty encouraged many others to believe in her visions.

A few years after her visions she became a nun and took the name Sister Marie Bernadette. She was later canonised by Pope Pius XI who authenticated her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.

I would like to invite parents to join in our reflection of St Bernadette with the celebration of mass on Friday 13th April at 9:15am in the Church.

Shane Robinson—REC

Week 11 Dates

Mon 9 April
8.30am Assembly
Choir- Captivate
Rehearsal—John XXIII
3pm Motiv8sports

Tue 10 April
8-10am Uniform Shop
8-45am K-2 Dance Fever
Showcase
3-4pm Dance Fever
Afterschool Club

Wed 11 April
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day
11am Yr 4 PBL Expo—
Hall

Thurs 12 April
Yr 6 Peer Support
Leaders
10am Term 1—
Principal's Morning Tea
3-4pm Sporting School
Sydney FC Soccer

Fri 13 April
St Bernadette's Feast Day
9.15am Mass—Church
Last day of Term 1

Term 2, Week 1:

Mon 30 April
Staff Dev & Pupil Free Day

Tue 1 May
Students return
Diocesan Cross Country

Wed 2 May
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day

Thurs 3 May
Yr 1 Incursion—Science

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St Bernadette's Day Awards

In recognition of our School Feast Day, each year the class teachers award one of the most prestigious awards that can be earned by our students - the St Bernadette's Award - one award per class. This award is given to a student who demonstrates our school values in their interactions with other students and with staff, parents and visitors to our school. The 2018 St Bernadette's Day Awards will be presented at the conclusion of our St Bernadette's Feast Day mass on Friday 13th April at 9:15am.



St Bernadette's Day Disco

The children will further celebrate our school feast day by enjoying a school disco. The disco's for each grade will be

K-2: 11am-12

Yrs 3-4 12-1pm

Yrs 5 & 6: 1:40-2:40



Canteen

Please be reminded that the last day of the school canteen operation for Term 1 is **Wednesday 11th April**. All children will need to bring their lunch to school on Thursday and Friday next week. As communicated to you in an earlier newsletter we are currently seeking tenders for the operation of our Canteen and hope to have a service provided for the beginning of Term 2.

Advance Notice

Due to building works relating to installation of the awning in front of the Admin block, we will need to make other arrangements for Car Pick up on Wed 11th to Friday 13th April next week. If you are able to collect your child using the tuckshop terrace rather than the car pick up this would be helpful otherwise, on Tuesday you will receive an email informing you about where and how the Car Pick Up service will operate for those families still requiring Car Pick Up on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **90.9%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child.

Our attendance levels are recorded below. Our target is for at least 90% attendance for each student. Unfortunately with the exception of Year 2 attendance in all years has fallen this week. It is very important that children are at school every day of the school term. Our learning continues to the last day!

Kindy: 91%	Yr 4: 92.1%
Yr 1: 87.0%	Yr 5: 92.4%
Yr 2: 100%	Yr 6: 87.5%
Yr 3: 85.9%	



School Values Awards Term 1

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recipients of this term's School Values Awards sponsored by Century 21, Castle Hill.

These awards are presented to two children who are nominated for living our core values of respect, honesty, care and compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Congratulations to:
Mia Lagana 6W and
William Abouhamad 4W



Thanks to Century 21 for their continued support of our School Values Awards and St Bernadette's School.



Child Protection

Parents wishing to help out at school/on excursions must have completed the Child Protection Online course first. This can be accessed via our website or details are below:

Step 1: Complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form for each volunteer location

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

Step 2: Complete the online training module – required every second year.

[TRAINING MODULE](#)

Dance Fever For Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2

On Tuesday 10th April from 8:45- 9:45 the Infants students will have the opportunity to show off their newly learnt dance moves. Parents are invited to come along and join us on top court. You'll be amazed at the moves these students have.



Student Absences

A reminder that if your child is absent from school for a day/two days due to illness etc., a note from parents is required on their return.

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

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

***Social Skill:
Having the Ability to 'Bounce Back' (Self Management)***

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Not for Publication	Samuel Wakim	Tessa Kaufmann
KG	Sienna Khoudair	Isaac Saad	Victoria Ibrahim
KW	Isaiah Mathews	Mariella Zaiter	Harrison Thom
1B	Alyssa Hawkes	Cooper Keremelevski	Joanna Asarloglou
1G	Jed Alameen	Julia Foong	Nicholas Masina
2B	Aditi Gowda	Xavier Schellack	Emma Ballesty
2G	Emily Mitchell	Jai Stuart	Samuel Lean-Fore
2W	Zara Hawkes	Oscar Nicholson	Sebastian Haywood
3B	Evie Hogan	Paloma Lopez	Will Boxshall
3G	Alexander Barone	Elle Gaya	Anna Dimitriou
3W	Angelique Debelak	Michael Lalli	Rachel Sahabu
4B	Mia Papandrea	Rhys Zerafa	Ella Macey
4G	Nicholas Beames	Antonio Zeaiter	Nathaniel Barone
4W	Isabella De Souza	Ella Lagana	Andrew Zalloua
5B	Daniella Jelwan	Alyssa Khoudair	Brayden Leuzzi
5G	Claudia Chambers	Marc-Anthony Zeaiter	Holly Williams
5W	Amy Ballesty	Michael Khoudair	Nicholas Power
6B	Aimee Coulter	Marisa Frketic	Jacob Goss
6G	Lauren Ballesty	Katerina Giannakakos	Mischa McGuirk
6W	Paul Homs	Holly Miller	Isabella Muscat

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Thomas Heyes 6W** and **Louis Malandrino 6B** who both tried out for the Parramatta Diocesan Cricket Team.

Kailyn Joseph St Bernadette's graduate, competing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games!

Congratulations to Kailyn Joseph, former student now attending Gilroy College. Kailyn will represent Australia at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in long jump (T37-38). When Kailyn attended St Bernadette's she set a goal for herself to become an elite athlete. Well done Kailyn we are so proud of your hard work and achievements. Kailyn will compete on Sunday 8th April at 3:18pm in Women's T38 Long Jump Final.

Principal's Awards:

Daniel Samperi 6B
Nicholas Gomez 6B
Grace Semaan 2B
Emma Ballesty 2B



Primary Cross Country Carnival

Last Thursday was the perfect day to run the St Bernadette's Cross Country Carnival at Crestwood Reserve. Students aged 8 - 12 tackled the tough course, up hills, across bridges, through the winding paths and back to the finish line.

All children were excellent participants making us very proud of how active they are. Team spirit was fantastic, with lots of cheering and supporting of each other. Parent helpers were once again outstanding in their assistance throughout the day. We couldn't have achieved such successful day without you. **THANKYOU!** Congratulations to the following students who will progress through to the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 1st May as part of St Bernadette's Cross Country Team:

U8/9 Combined

Anthony Gomes
Douglas Windress
Cooper Dowling
Alex Barone
Oscar Polley
David Lievano
Paloma Lopez
Emily Mitchell
Charlotte Ward
Tahlia Haj
Sophia Aiossa
Savannah Jaucian

Under 10

Andrew Zalloua
Liam Worne
Cohen Orsini
Charlie Akle
Patrick Windress
Jason Knight
Eva Bailey
Charlotte Cowper
Olivia Kirkham
Leah Kebblewhite
Valentina Anderson
Eva Cooper

Under 11

Nicholas Gomez
Timothy Kelly
Angus Northey
Jarratt Allan
Lachlan McLaren
Tyler Beames
Alivia Dowling
Enya Hui
Genevieve Sing
Olivia Boxshall
Imogen Vines
Angelina Zaiter

Under 12

Harry Rushton
Blake Noonan
Thomas Silvester
Jacob Goss
Toby Reitemann
Jardyn Orsini
Tahlia Smith
Emily Kouchoo
Mia Lagana
Marisa Frketic

The Cross Country House winners are: **The Blue Team!**



Dance Fever

On Wednesday evening 180 Year 3 to 6 students and their families, made their way to Quaycentre, Homebush to participate in the Dance Fever Challenge Night. Students arrived in their best dancing outfits ready to take the floor, in a night of dancing. They danced the Waltz, the Samba and Hip Hop.

Teachers and parents were delighted with the enthusiasm and skill that was on display. The children performed beautifully across the dance floor, many achieving finals placings and several received ribbons for their impressive style and technique. Special mention to our Year 5 students who were awarded overall winner of their age group, and to Year 6 students who were awarded overall equal winner of their age group.

The evening ended with our showcase. Children marched into position in their Military outfits - black and khaki. They owned the stage from the moment they stepped on, demonstrating elements of Dance learnt throughout the term including Space, Dynamics, Shape and Motion. Their movements were sharp and well-synchronised. Their chants were in perfect unison and in time with the music. Congratulations to all of our Dance Fever Team for your outstanding performance on the night - deserving winners of Showdance.



School Zones

Parents and families are reminded that School Zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday 13 April 2018 and resume on Monday 30 April 2017.

Artwork Competition for National Child Protection Week

Does your child love drawing? All students are invited to create an artwork to illustrate what they think is important in a strong, safe community.

The winning artworks will be used as part of the campaign for National Child Protection Week including on posters and social media.

- Winners will receive \$200 and \$50 gift vouchers as well as recognition for their work!
- Entries close: Next Wednesday 11 April 2018

How to enter:

- Artwork can be drawn or painted on A3 paper (can be landscape or portrait)
- Artwork should use pictures rather than words (a few words are ok, but we're mostly after pictures)
- Return your artwork to Belinda Burgess (School Counsellor) via the school office. Belinda will then keep the original at school and email a photo to NAPCAN for the competition.

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue and reminder letters have been sent home to families from the Catholic Education Office. Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY & POSTBILLPAY.

If you take advantage of the BPAY facility to pay your school fees, you will need your biller code and reference code which are located on the bottom right hand side of your school fee account. Should you wish to make arrangements for the payment of your 2018 school fees please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or by email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Also a reminder to 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 term's school fees will be charged for your child/children.

P&F NEWS:

Uniform Shop— Winter uniforms are now available for purchase. Please visit the uniform shop on Tuesdays from 8-10am. Alternatively you can return the winter order form to us via the office or email it directly to: uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com. A 'winter' order form was emailed to all parents last week. It is also available for download from our website: Community/Notes and Forms/Whole School/2018 Winter Uniform Order Form.



In Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 2 students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform depending on the weather (but not a mixture of uniforms). In Week 3, Term 2 we ask that all students be in full winter uniform.

Mothers' Day Drinks

Calling all St Bernadette's mum's—you are invited to attend our Mother's Day Drinks on Friday 4 May 7:30pm at Castle Hill RSL (Upstairs Bar). RSVP to your class parent by Monday 30th April.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Ah Siu family (Leo in 3G and Salote in 2G), following the recent passing of their grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Term 1 2018

Mon 29 January—Fri 13 April

Term 2 2018

Mon 30th April—Staff Development 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)