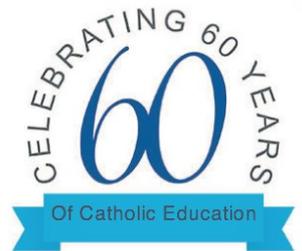




St Bernadette's School



Friday 4 May 2018

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Dear Parents,

“When we are open to God’s grace, even the impossible becomes possible.”
Pope Francis

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We have an exciting term ahead of us for students and families. Our extra curricular activities will recommence; the Year 6 Interschool Debating Competition commences; all students K-6 will be participating in our Peer Support Programme; in Week 3 our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN and all students will attend the ‘Power of One’ Anti Bullying Workshops; in Week 5 our senior students, Year 6, will be attending their overnight Canberra Camp excursion; in Week 6 Senior Constable Rob Patterson will visit the school to present to both our students and parents about the very important subject - Cyber Safety; there will be an a-thon day later in the term; you will receive your child’s first semester report at the end of term and will again have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child’s learning, and of course there will be many sporting opportunities, and our Athletics Carnival.

I encourage you to come along and enjoy your child’s learning and the many activities and Open Classroom sessions that will be offered throughout the term - the children love welcoming you into their classrooms and having you join them at carnivals, incursions and workshops.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

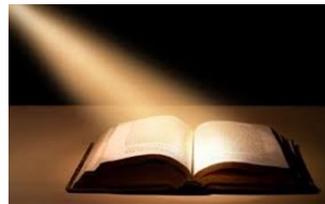
R.E. NEWS



Each grade not only focuses on the Gospel of Mark in the classroom but each grade studies a particular piece of scripture that relates to their unit topic. For example, Year 4 in their Prayer unit studies the scripture ‘The Lords Prayer’ from Matthew’s Gospel.

There are 3 Senses the students use to interpret and respond to the scripture. The responses use the senses in classroom instruction to aid in instruction, and help measure student growth.

The Literal Sense is students responding to the Who, What, When and Why in the passage. They respond to the facts of the passage in a 1st Century context. In the Spiritual Sense they are interpreting; • Who God is in the passage • What are the relevant Church Teachings • What guidance is there to live a good Christian life • What is the connection to Heaven • Is there a connection to the Sacraments?



In the Application Sense the students will show how what they have learnt will impact on their life through an action or through prayer. **Mrs Shane Robinson—REC**

Week 2 Dates

- Mon 7 May**
8.30am Assembly
Lunchtime Clubs:
Library, Homework
- Tue 8 May**
8-10am Uniform Shop
Lunchtime Clubs:
Library, Choir, Science, Lego
- Wed 9 May**
Mothers’ Day Stall
Student Banking Day
Waste Free Lunch Day
Lunchtime Club:
Library, Art, Robotics & Coding, Gardening
- Thurs 10 May**
Lunchtime Club:
Library, Chess
- Fri 11 May**
Mothers Day Celebration
8am Open Classrooms
9am Mass followed by morning tea
1.40pm Whole School Assembly (Church)
- Coming Dates:**
- Tues 15 May**
NAPLAN—Writing & Language
- Wed 16 May**
NAPLAN—Reading
- Thurs 17 May**
NAPLAN—Numeracy
- Fri 18 May**
NAPLAN—Catch Up Day
Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop



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

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

Unfortunately, due to unavoidable circumstances our successful canteen tender provider has had to withdraw from the arrangement to provide a Canteen service to the school.



We received this news just today. We will now revisit the tender process to engage the service of another provider. **Therefore, there will be no canteen until further notice.**

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is 91.5%

Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 2, 4 and 5 who have begun the term reaching our school goal of 90%.

It is vital that children are at school every day of the school term as our learning continues from the first day!



Attendance

A reminder that all absences require a note of explanation to the class teacher. Your prompt response with this is appreciated

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 1	85.7%	Yr 5	93.9%
Yr 2	98.6%	Yr 6	87.5%
Yr 3	89.7%		

Social Skill- Focus (Self Management: Goal Setting) Weeks 1 and 2

Being a Balanced Student at St Bernadette's

The pace of life is very fast. Getting the balance right is a difficult challenge. Most people are very busy and there are many demands on our time. However, each day has only 24 hours and each week has 7 days. Schools are really important. At St Bernadette's we try to provide lots of opportunities for the students to develop academic skills like reading, writing, maths, science etc, but also sport, music, drama, art and most importantly their social and spiritual development. Our aim is a balanced program so that the students develop some skills and knowledge in all areas and find out what they love doing because they have an interest in it.

Being balanced means having a range of interests. We work hard, rest, exercise, have a balanced diet and have fun. This applies to all of us to ensure that we lead a happy and fulfilling life, no matter what our age is.

Family Discussion Questions:

How many hours sleep are you getting?

What are your interests?

Do we eat well? Is there one thing we could improve?

What would we do on a TV/Technology free night?

Do we take time for the family to just sit and enjoy conversation?

Take some time to think about your balanced lifestyle.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Peer Support – Stronger Together

Next week we will commence our Peer Support program as part of the Personal Development and Health curriculum. Peer Support is a teacher/peer facilitated program that provides students with a supportive learning environment in which to develop the skills, attitudes and strategies to improve their social and emotional wellbeing. During our Peer Support lessons, students will work in small groups across K-6 focusing on working together through a number of structured activities.

This term we will be working through a module called **Stronger Together**. This program focuses on students developing appropriate strategies to deal with challenging friendship or peer related issues, by building and maintaining positive relationships.

Peer Support continued ...

Our Peer Support program will take place every Monday, just before lunch. Our first session in Week 2, enables the students to get to know everyone in their group, agree on how they will work well together and interact cooperatively with other students across the school. They will also begin to think about their strengths and resilience skills, by discussing positive relationships or friendships and what to do if they experience harmful and hurtful behaviours. We would like to encourage you to talk with your children about their Peer Support lessons, as it will help to reinforce the positive concepts learnt each week.

We look forward to sharing our learning journey with you each week.

Mrs Borg - Peer Support Coordinator

Sport Uniform Days—Term 2

Kindy	Thursday & Friday
Yr 1	Tuesday & Friday
Yr 2	Monday & Wednesday
Yr 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Yr 4	Monday & Thursday
Yr 5	Tuesday & Friday
Yr 6	Wednesday & Thursday



Premier's Reading Challenge

What wonderful reading over the holidays! Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:

Georgia Gillogly, Keona D'Souza, Samuel Khamis, Madison Pena, Lucas Reyna, Aarshia Arun, Yule Choi, Zoran Djurusic, Harper Moynahan, Aleksander Puleo, Micaela Ragone, Gianni Castellan, Sebastian Haywood, Sophia Khamis, Nicholas Reyna, Haley Gonzales, Jason Khoudair, Nathan Colaco, Angelique Daniele, Alyssa Khoudair, Georgia Pratt, Sabrina Puglisi, Aimee Coulter, Marisa Frketic, Paul Homsy, Dominique Jothy, Kayla Zaiter, Hilda Mormul, Renee Sakkal, Danielle Khoudair.



Kindergarten Blue

Due to the completion of the building works around the school, KB's doorway will now be our main entry and exit point throughout the day. Due to this, the school asks that when KB children come to school in the morning they walk down to the classroom, put their bag on the bag rack outside the classroom and then go to the bottom court to play and be ready for morning line up at 8:30am. Bags will no longer be placed on the driveway in the morning commencing Monday in Week 2.



Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Your children have settled in beautifully to Kindergarten and you should be very proud of the love of learning they have been demonstrating.

Student Photo Days

On **Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th**

May our school photographers will be here. Photo envelopes were sent home yesterday for you to complete and return to school prior to photo day. All students are to wear their full winter uniform on their designated photo day. A schedule will be placed in the newsletter the week before. Sibling photos are also available and will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday during recess and lunch. Sibling (family envelopes) were also sent home yesterday with eldest child, if you did not receive one please contact the office.



P&F Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall for children to purchase a gift for mum/grandma will be held on **Wednesday 9th May**. Prices start from \$2-\$10. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send money in on the day. For students in Kindergarten/Year 1 it is a good idea to place money in an envelope/snap lock bag with their name and class on it.

Mothers' Day Celebrations

An invitation has been sent to all of our mums to attend our Mothers Day Celebration on Friday 11 May.

8am Open Classrooms

9am Mass followed by Morning Tea



PowerPoint for Mothers' Day

Families are invited to email 1 photo (of mum with children) to: bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au to be included in our PowerPoint in the Church. Photos are to be received no later than **Monday 7th May**. Unfortunately, photos received after this date cannot be included. Thank you!

Working Bee

Please be advised of our upcoming Working Bee on Saturday 16th June between 8.30am and 1pm. Parents and students can come along and help us keep our school looking fabulous. Further details to follow.



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)

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop was the place to be on Tuesday! We sure had a busy start to the term. It's not too late to organise your child's winter uniform before we officially transition in Week 3.

The uniform shop will be open Tuesday from 8-10am. To avoid delays while in store don't forget you can send in your winter order form via the school office or email it directly to uniformshop.stbpnf@gmail.com

Orders received prior to 10am Tuesday will be filled that day and sent home with your child.

Reminder—Grandparents' Day

Thursday 2nd August

Anzac Ceremony this morning:



Congratulations to Mrs Joanne Calabria (Teacher's Aide) on the birth of her first grandchild 'Chiara Gabriela Fulop' born to daughter Amanda and her husband Steven. Best wishes to the family.



School Band

Best of luck to our school 'Performance Band' who are participating in the annual St Madeleine's Kenthurst Country Fair 'battle of the bands' this Sunday. Senior band members, if you have not already sent your RSVP for this event, please email Mr Butler on damian@teachingservices.com.au

From the School Counsellor...

Last year I ran the 123 Magic course with Anoushka Houseman at St Bernadette's. We had many parents attend and they found the course extremely helpful. Please note the following dates for the course running locally this May/June.

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching

For parents with children aged between 2 - 12 years

The 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Program provides parents with a balanced approach to managing their children's behaviour while teaching their children skills to better manage their emotions, understand boundaries, and take responsibility for their own behaviour.

Limited childcare, bookings are required

MONDAYS 14/05/18– 18/06/18

10:00am - 12:00noon

The Hills Family Centre, T1, Level 4, Unit 437, 14

Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

Contact: Tanya on 8805 7207

and

Chinese/ English

WEDNESDAYS 23/05/18– 27/06/18

10:00am - 12:00 noon

Kings Rd Preschool, 1-3 Kings Rd, Castle Hill

Contact: Imelda on 9626 6620

Parish News:

PENTECOST SUNDAY 20TH 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!

