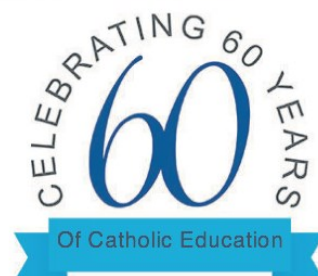




St Bernadette's School



Friday 31 August 2018 — Term 3 Week 6

No. 27

Dear Parents,

Happy Fathers' Day!

Happy Fathers' Day to all our St Bernadette's dads, grandads and uncles - we wish you a wonderful day on Sunday!

On Father's Day let us remember that we have been given a heritage of dedication and faithfulness from the fathers we encounter in the Bible and from those fathers who exemplify the best qualities of parenting.

In the Bible it is Abraham who is counted as the father of faith and he is revered in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The word "faith" is an important component to remember because it means trust in God--being able to rely on that which is dependable.

Joseph of Galilee is an exemplary father in the Bible. He married Mary, despite the unusual circumstances of her pregnancy. He dared to be unconventional because he trusted that God was working through her and him. He was a righteous man who dared to take on the roles of husband and foster father. And as refugees from danger, after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is clear that he protected his family by going beyond what was familiar to find a safe haven. We can learn much about fatherhood from Joseph.

Another father that captures the imagination is a man called Jairus. We read about him in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. He was a man of importance whose daughter was dying and he came to Jesus, fell at his feet and begged Jesus to help his child. The actions of Jairus revealed his character. He trusted that God could help and it didn't matter that he had wealth and prestige. He humbled himself for the sake of his daughter.

A final father from the Bible that is impressive is the one who had two sons, one of whom went astray.

This is, of course, the story told by Jesus of the prodigal son. The father in the parable teaches his two sons powerful lessons of love: the one who went astray who discovered that his father's care came to him even when he had run away from it and the other who struggled to understand such extravagant love in the face of his brother's failures and his own fidelity. The father in the story, like God, never gave up on either of his children.

*Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:
Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us
and support us through life.*

*Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal
role of guiding us through life.*

*And God our Father, who will always teach
justly and grant us boundless mercy.*

Mrs Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Over the next weeks all our grades K to Yr 6 are studying Mission units in R.E. The children will be exploring the concept of loving service and relating it to mission based on Jesus' example as portrayed in different Scripture examples such as 'Jesus washing the Disciple's Feet' and the parable of the 'Good Samaritan'.

Students will also research various organisations involved in social justice and how their mission is based on Jesus's example. The St Vincent de Paul Society is one Catholic organisation that aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Continued ...



Week 7 Dates

Mon 3 September
8.30am Assembly
Yr 6 VOY Cluster Final
2.45pm Motive8sports

Tue 4 September
8-10am Uniform Shop
MusicaViva Incursion
Choir Rehearsal (off-site)

Wed 5 September
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day
7.30pm P&F Meeting—
All welcome

Thurs 6 September
9am K—Yr 6 2019
School Tour

Fri 7 September
Yr 6 Debating vs St
Angela's

Coming Dates:

Wed 12 September
7pm Parent Online
Cyber Safety
Workshop—PLEASE
RSVP

Fri 14 September
9am Preschoolers
Concert

Fri 21 September
5-8pm P&F Family Fun
Night

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 **Phone:** 9407 6600 **Fax:** 9680 2282

Email: BernadetteCH@parra.catholic.edu.au **Website:** <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettesprimary/> **Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/StBernadettes2>

RE NEWS continued

The St Vincent de Paul Society has introduced a group that works in primary schools. It is a group of young people who get together to help those in need within their school and local community. Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues, to the St Vincent de Paul Society and to living faith through action. At St Bernadette's Years 3 to 6 are able to join Mini Vinnies. This year Mini Vinnies have helped with the following **Outreach and Social Justice Projects**; sending toothbrushes to The Oral Hygiene Project in the Philippines, The Food Bank Drive for Refugees and the Farmer's Drought Appeal.

In Term 4 we will be assisting with fundraising for World Youth Day and collecting goods for Christmas hampers for the underprivileged in our community. If any students are interested in becoming part of Mini Vinnies and assisting with Outreach and social justice projects, please contact myself or Miss Bleakly in Year 6. **Shane Robinson—REC**

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 88.8% Our community believes that every day counts for every child. Our attendance levels are recorded below. Congratulations to Year 2, 4 and 5 who continue to exceed the schools target of 90% each week. We look forward to seeing everyone each day at school.

Kindy	89.5%	Yr 4	90.7%
Yr 1	85.5%	Yr 5	90.8%
Yr 2	93.0%	Yr 6	87.5%
Yr 3	84.9%		

Voice of Youth Competition (VOY)

Each year, Yr 6 students have the opportunity to participate in the Parramatta Diocese VOY Competition. This competition allows students to select a topic which they are passionate about. We would like to congratulate our 12 VOY School Finalists who demonstrated their public speaking skills as they delivered their well researched speeches to their parents, teachers, peers and Yr 5 students. We even had 2 of our students present their speeches via video. Congratulations to **Thomas Silvester** and **Jarratt Allan** who were selected as the winners, with **Jardyn Orsini** named as Runner Up. Thomas discussed the notion of 'Disconnecting from Relationships as a result of technology', whereas, Jarratt presented his recent experience of 'Surviving a Tonsillectomy'. Jardyn discussed the 'Advantages of Technology within the 21st Century'. We would also like to congratulate **Kalya Zaiter** who was awarded the Social Justice Award for her speech on Refugees. Thomas and Jarratt will represent our school at the Cluster Final on Monday 3rd September at Holy Cross Glenwood. We wish both Thomas and Jarratt all the very best for Monday.



Parking in Brisbane Road, Garthowen Cres, Mercer Street and Telfer Road

As you are very aware, parking around the school has been made even more complex with the relocation of the NWRL Site office into Brisbane Road. Parents are reminded that it is illegal to park across a driveway or to have your vehicle protruding across a driveway when parking. Council Officers and the Police continue to patrol the local streets and will issue fines if you breach the parking rules. Please be mindful of where you are parking and obey the regulations. The P&F are sending a letter to council on your behalf to see if some solution to this problem can be found.



DRIVEWAYS
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from \$337 and 2 demerit points

HSIE/S&T Workbooks

In Week 8 the children will be bringing home their HSIE/ S&T books. Please take the time to look through, discuss and enjoy the work and responses your child has completed, that relate to the units of work they have been completing. Please remember that not all work undertaken in this Key Learning Area is recorded in workbooks. Students are often required to articulate their thinking and record their writing in a group. We encourage you to write a comment to your child in their book after their last piece of work. Children really do treasure your comments and it allows us to see that your child did share their work with you. Please return your child's book to school on Monday so that they can continue to do their work at school.



School Tour —Kindergarten to Yr 6 2019 9am Thursday 6 September

Prospective parents are invited to attend our school tour on Thursday 6 September at 9am. If you know of any family, friends or neighbours wishing to enrol their child at St Bernadette's next year please invite them to this school tour and to register their interest with the school office on 9407 6600.

SRC News!

Principal @ St Bernadette's

Are you the leader we are looking for?

The SRC are again inviting students to apply for the job of Principal for a Day. Students are asked to send in a 1—2 minute video of themselves which includes:

- ◇ Name and class
- ◇ A brief introduction
- ◇ Why they want to be principal for a day
- ◇ What they would do for St Bernadette's if they were chosen as Principal for a Day

The judging panel will be looking for a **sizzling start** to the video along with creativity and the ability to engage the audience. Videos are to be sent to the school email address (Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au) by **Friday 14th September**.



Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Making Responsible Decisions at St Bernadette's

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Student of the Week</i>	<i>Social Skill Award</i>
KB	Phoebe Goss	Samuel Wakim	Lachlan O'Connor
KG	Sebastian Aloschi	Jingyi Liang	Eva Chambers
KW	Not for Publication	Bianca Hanna	Georgia Elias
1B	Abby Guy	Johnny Symin	Micaela Rigone
1G	Adam Gamble	Alexia Haddad	Valda Mormul
2B	Peter Georges	Grace Semaan	Ashton Baker
2G	Salote Ah Siu	Jai Salter	Lucy Saad
2W	Sebastian Haywood	Chelsea Nicolaou	Jackson Leib
3B	Paloma Lopez	Christopher Zaiter	Matthew Hanna
3G	Harry Palmer	Renee Sakkal	Sofia Aiossa
3W	Lucia Sorbello	Peter Yacoub	Sienna de Juan
4B	Ysabella Jaucian	Amelia Smith	Antonio Wadih
4G	Bennett Moynahan	Natalie Samperi	Kaiden Taggart
4W	Gregory Zucconi	Maya Salloum	Matthew Barone
5B	Cassandra Losurdo	Daniella Jelwan	Tyler Beames
5G	Enya Hui	Hilary Zhang	Zoe Baroni
5W	Aiden Ashkar	Sienna Symin	Ella-Rose Semaan
6B	Nicholas Gomez	Joseph Hadchiti	Roman Taha
6G	Nicholas Samperi	Shydan Magtoto	Matilda Polley
6W	Gabriella Younis	Grace Zeaiter	Thomas Heyes

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Genevieve Sing** Yr 5 and **Amy Hammersley** Yr 6 as their U12 division 1 basketball team were undefeated Metro and NSW State Champions.

Congratulations to ex students **Katie Sing** (Yr 8 Gilroy) and **Rebecca O'Brien** (Yr 7 Loreto) as their U14 division 1 basketball team also won the Metro Junior League and were undefeated at the NSW State Championships. The team will now compete against 23 of the top teams in Australia at Nationals in Shepparton, Victoria in October.



Principal's Awards:

Bridget Clemente 4W
Lucia Aiossa 1G
Jessica Coghlan 1G
Emma Sakkal 1G
William Abouhamad 4W
Kenan Ozcan 3G
Valentina Anderson 4B
Isabella Scotti 4B
Leah Kebblewhite 4W
Matilda Maggs 2B
Timothy Kelly 6W
Niamh Bradley 6W
Paavni Kumar 5W
Isaac Frketic 3W



What's happening in Maths at St Bernadette's?

Each of our Maths Teams competing in the Mathematical Assoc of WA finished in the top half of their competition with our Year 5 team finishing on points equal third but overall fifth on a count back on time taken in the quiz.

This is a very impressive result for our first attempt at this competition which involves teams chosen from all over Australia.

Congratulations to the following team members for their enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to persist and persevere to obtain their answers.

Year 3:

Sofia Aiossa, David Lievano, Lucas Ranieri, Sebastian Vioria

Year 4:

Xavier Bounassif, Liam Conlin, Isabella Scotti, Ella Hammersley

Year 5:

Eva Cooper, Zander Cheng, Xavier Hennessey, Lucas Karam

Year 6:

Elias Semaan, Paul Homsy, Chloe Gething, Timothy Kelly

Maths Brainteasers

Can you solve this week's brainteasers?

1. I caught a bus the other day with a very interesting number.

It has four digits

It's less than 2000

Its digits add up to 10

If you reverse its digits, you get the same number (it's a palindrome)

Can you work out the number on the bus?

2. You probably know that half of 12 is six. But the other day, I caught a glimpse of a clock peeking between buildings. At that moment, I noticed that sometimes, half of 12 is seven.

How is this possible?

See next week for the solutions!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations—we're nearly there!

Aidan Jaucian, Amelie Saliba, Ryder Egan, Peter Georges, Savannah Jaucian, Jude Saliba, Grace Semaan, Jai Stuart, Andrea Yacoub, Daniel Giallonardo, Evie Hogan, Jai Salter, Charlie Akle, Samuel Akle, Eva Bailey, Joel Dierkx, Najeeb Haddad, Jasone Iwanowski, Jason-Leigh Knight, Aidan Leong, Levi Parame, Kaiden Taggart, Luke giallonardo, Sarah Lievano, Nicholas Power, Stella Kemmis, Dilara Ozcan and Marcus Yacoub.

Lunchtime Clubs:

Mon—Library & Homework

Tues—Library, Gardening, Choir, Science & Lego

Wed—Library, Art, Robotics & Coding, Gardening & Little Techies

Thurs—Library, Chess

2019 World Youth Day Mexico – Let's Help Mrs Blazevic

As we announced in the newsletter a few weeks ago, one of our teachers, Mrs Blazevic, is attending World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019. In an effort to raise as many funds as possible to assist in sending her over, I would like to remind you of the raffle that is being drawn in October. There are still raffle tickets available for purchase online at: <https://www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019> or if you would

like a booklet, we still have a number available at the school office. Tickets are \$2.00 each and there are 10 fantastic prizes to be won. **First prize is a Mazda 2 valued at \$17,000.** Entries close on Sunday 30th September. When purchasing tickets, please choose St Bernadette's, Castle Hill in the dropdown.



In Term 4, children will be invited to wear Mexican inspired **mufti** for a donation, **and** we will be having a **Krispy Kreme doughnut drive** where dozens of delicious Krispy Kreme's will be available for pre-order by families. Dates of these two events will be coming shortly. Watch this space.

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees were due on **Wednesday, 29th August**. Thank you to all families who have finalised their 2018 school fee account. If you haven't already finalised your account for 2018, we ask if you could please make payment now or should you wish to discuss your account please contact Mrs Vicki Cassidy on 9407 6600 or email vcassidy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Fees can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS, BPAY or POSTBILL.

School Leavers

We are planning for the 2019 school year and to help us with this please let the office know if your family will not be continuing at St Bernadette's in 2019. 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.

Reminder to Year 6 Parents

The Year 6 Yearbook Committee need your school-related photos to create a memorable Yearbook for the students. Visit <https://goo.gl/2xw67E> for the Parents Guide on how to upload photos. Photo submissions close October 15 so please upload photos before this date to ensure that your child is included within the Yearbook.

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. A three-session program for parents and carers at St Paul the Apostle Primary School, Winston Hills on Wednesdays 5th, 12th and 19th September 9.30—11.30am. Flyer with registration and further details is sent with this newsletter via email.

Fathers Day Stall Thanks!

A huge thank you to all the helpers who assisted with wrapping of the gifts and yesterday on the stall. Your help is always appreciated. Thank you also to parents for your support. All profits made at the Fathers Day Stall go directly back into the school to purchase education material for your children.

P&F Association

Family Fun Night FAQ's

Wow, over 200 people coming already and still three weeks until the event, this is turning into a event not to be missed!

What if I have special dietary requirements?

There will be a gluten-free and vegetarian option on the night and all our vendors will be nut-free.

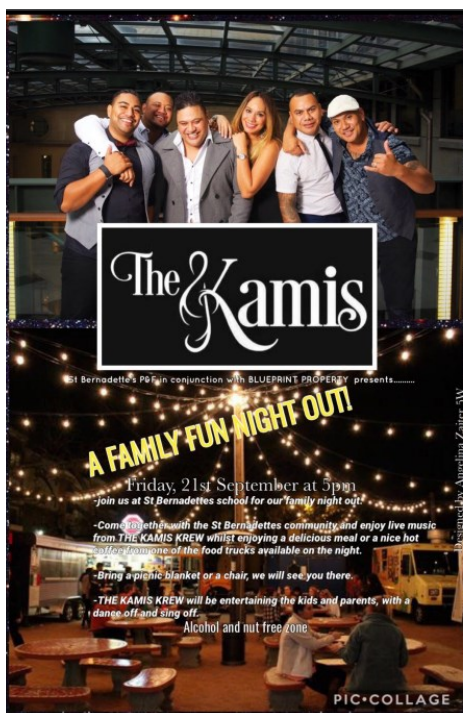
Will parking be a problem?

Parking is always a challenge at St Bernadette's so please consider car-pooling with friends or catching public transport if you can. If not, please remember to use courtesy in and out of the parish car park and regular rules apply including no entry from Old Northern Road.

Do I really need to RSVP?

YES - and every online RSVP will go into the draw to win our lucky door prize, one of three \$50 gift cards (Smiggle, Movies, Myer).

Keep an eye on Facebook and Instagram for more information or email president.stbpnf@gmail.com



RSVP appreciated – [click here](#)

Happy Fathers' Day!



St Bernadette's Out of School Hours Care Spring Vacation Care 2018 Program

Tue 2nd to Fri 12th October 2018

If you are interested in enrolling your child at COSHC during the holidays please contact them on the number below. A full program of activities is organised. Casey at COSHC on 0408 582 535.

St Bernadette's Football Club

Congratulations to our U12 Champions, Grand Final Winners last weekend! What a fantastic finish to the Winter Football Season.



SBFC Presentation Day

SBFC players, coaches, managers - bring your family for a fun day out.

When - Sunday 9th September

Where - Eric Mobbs Reserve

Time - 10:30am to 2:30pm

Awards presentation. Free activities including face painting and jumping castle. Prizes to win. Don't miss this great celebration with your team mates.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday 5 September 2018. Tour the college and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The college is now enrolling for 2020. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Kalina family (Grace in 3G), following the recent passing of her grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Term 3 2018

Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September

Term 4

Mon 15 October to Wed 19 December (for students)