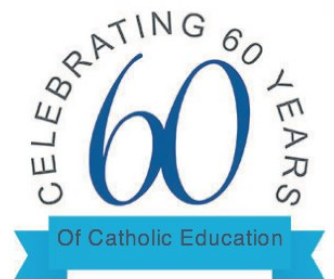




St Bernadette's School



Friday 25 May 2018

No. 15

Dear Parents,

*“God of all nations,
may the Spirit who inspired the Apostles
to know how to live and teach the message of
your Son’s Gospel,
be our source of inspiration.
May the gifts of the Spirit
be alive in all aspects of our daily living.
Amen.”*

In our parent role, we have responsibility not only for the physical and intellectual welfare of our children but their spiritual welfare as well. None of us lives in isolation, particularly our children, who yearn for the company of their peers and are subjected to its various influences. Peer influence and the social influence of our materialistic society provide many challenges to our children and the concept of living a Christian lifestyle can be easily over run.

If we are in the habit of calling on the Gifts of the Spirit within us – wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel – to assist us in our life’s challenges, we can encourage our children to do likewise. The Holy Spirit is our life companion, always available, never judgemental, always a living act of God’s love in our life.

Our children share or have had passed onto them, many of our physical and intellectual attributes; they are united to us in all aspects of their existence. In much the same way they share with us the same Spirit given fully to all of us through Confirmation. This enables us to be linked to our children in body, mind and Spirit.

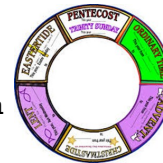
Leanne Nettleton
Principal

R.E. NEWS



Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ’s life in a pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates the Paschal Mystery, the birth, life, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The Church’s liturgical cycle recalls the Paschal Mystery over a yearly cycle. At Mass we also remember the Paschal Mystery and are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This Sunday we will celebrate Mass for the Most Holy Trinity. This celebrates one of the oldest traditions of the church, to call God by the names of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These are the three persons of the Holy Trinity.



Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time, which is the period we are now going back to. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.

The children in our parish, who are currently preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist, can point out the items in the church that are coloured to reflect the current season of the church.

In every classroom the prayer table is also covered with a coloured cloth to reflect the Liturgical season.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 5 Dates

Mon 28 May
8.30am Assembly
12.30pm Peer Support

Tue 29 May
8-10am Uniform Shop
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Wed 30 May
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Thurs 31 May
Yr 5 Hyde Park Exc.
9am School Tour for K—
Yr 6 2019

Fri 1 June
Choir-Captivate
Rehearsal

Coming Dates:

Mon 11 June
Queen’s Birthday
Holiday

Wed 13 June
7pm Yr 1 Parent Report
Meeting

Thurs 14 June
7.30am ICAS Writing
Comp
Yr 4 Hambledon
Cottage Exc.

Fri 15 June
NSWCPSCCC Cross
Country

Sat 16 June
P&F Working Bee

Wed 20 June
9am School Tour for K—
Yr 6 2019

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

Half Yearly Report Meeting for All Year One Parents and all interested Parents

A Parent Meeting will be held in Week 7 on Wednesday 13/6 at 7pm for ALL Year One Parents and any other parent who would like to learn more about the Year 1- 6 reports. This is a compulsory meeting for all Year 1 parents as it contains essential information for parents whose children are moving from the Kindergarten report at the end of last Year to the half yearly Year One report. This meeting will be a great opportunity for parents to have any questions answered that they may have about half yearly reports.



Why is my child's teacher not at school?

From time to time your child's teacher may not be at school or perhaps is at school but is not teaching the class. Teachers, like all workers have access to sick leave and other forms of leave such as carers, bereavement, and long service leave. In addition, teachers can be involved in professional learning that may take them away from the school on a day. At other times your child's teacher is at school implementing assessments, conducting parent interviews in relation to personalised plans or student learning needs or implementing or supporting specialised programmes. During all of these times casual staff are employed to teach that teacher's class. At St Bernadette's we have an excellent group of casual teachers who regularly teach at our school. Casual teachers implement the programme left by the class teacher or work closely with the other teachers on the grade to implement the regular class program. Should you have any questions about casual teachers on your child's class please contact the grade mentor for that grade:-

Kindergarten:- Mrs Beggs
Year 1:- Ms Sweetnam
Year 2:- Mrs Beggs
Year 3:- Mrs Borg
Year 4:- Mrs Watt
Year 5:- Mrs Nettleton
Year 6:- Mrs Robinson

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey

Thank you to those parents who have already participated in the Parent Feedback Survey. There is still time for you to participate if you haven't already. Just use the following link to the URL which will give you access to the survey <https://www.tellthemfromme.com/sbchill>

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. I encourage all families to take the opportunity to provide this very valuable feedback to our school.

Canteen

A reminder that there is NO CANTEEN until further notice. We will be able to inform you next week of the outcome of our latest tender process.

Car Park, Tuckshop Terrace Collection and Car Pick Up Service

As with all schools, traffic around the school poses a potential danger to children and families. Thank you to all those parents who use the car park safely - this includes driving slowly up and down the driveway, parking only in designated areas and only accessing the school from Brisbane Road.



It is important that drivers using our car park are not holding mobile phones as they drive along.

Parents who use the Tuckshop Terrace to pick up their children are urged to pick up their children and leave the car park promptly so that the Car Pick Up service can operate effectively.

Parents can only park in the top two levels of the car park NOT in the level outside the administration block. Parents should not therefore be walking children through the car park outside the administration block or down the driveway - this is extremely dangerous.

Please note that children will not be placed into cars at the Car Pick up service if :-

- The driver is holding a mobile phone
- Baby seats block the safety door access (it is unsafe for staff and children to walk out onto the driveway to access the car)

Thank you for working with the school to keep all our children and families safe.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Another good week for Reading at St Bernadettes. Congratulations to the following children for completing the PRC.

Nicholas Ward
Matilda Couper
Jaden Zaiter
Riley McGlynn
Charlotte Ward
Samantha Simmons
Isabella Botros
Claudia Chambers
Zander Cheng
Alivia Downling
Daniella Jelwan
Caitlin Leong
Isabella Muscat

Every Learner Every Day

Attendance rate to date is **90.5%**

Our community believes that every day counts for every child.
Our attendance levels are recorded below:

Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level	Scholastic Year	School Year Attendance Level
K	86.5%	4	96.1%
1	87.3%	5	90.8%
2	96.3%	6	86.1%
3	89.7%		

As we enter the colder months it is important that if your child is sick, they do not come to school. However when is sick too sick for school? Please read the guidelines below to assist with your decision when best to keep your child at home.

Please alert the school if your child is going to be absent for more than a day due to illness via phone or email.

every learner every day

When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...	Keep me home if ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat) ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis) ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

2018 School Fees – Term 2

Term 2 School Fee statements were sent home from the Catholic Education Office last week, and the due date is **Wednesday, 6th June**. 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.

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.

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

Social Skill: Being a Caring Student at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Georgia Gillogly	Lachlan O'Connor	Phoebe Goss
KG	Eva Chambers	Nevan Fernando	Not for publication
KW	Ashlee Nguyen	Christian Rizk	Mariella Zaiter
1B	Patrick Kelly	Micaela Ragone	Lila Oliver
1G	Alastair Mattin	Ava Berrell	Harper Moynahan
2B	Ryder Egan	Krishel Sathees Kumar	Sophie Pratt
2G	Salote Ah Siu	Kevin Philips	Zara Osborn
2W	Isaac Beshay	Olivia Damiano	Olivia Joukhadar
3B	Lanna Heneghan	Sara Uricoechea	Liam McGovern
3G	Ava Redulic	Jack Robinson	Diego Garcia Behrens
3W	Jasmine Drogaris	Joseph-Anthony Raad	Marcus Chheng
4B	Najeeb Haddad	Grace Zwaine	Emily Nguyen
4G	Jacob Elias	Joshua Zeaiter	Lily Proctor
4W	Xavier Bunassif	Bridget Clemente	Eva Bailey
5B	Ailish Lincoln	Cooper McGlynn	Gabriel de Ponte
5G	Christopher Khoudair	Charlotte Lee	Georgia Pratt
5W	Ella-Rose Semaan	Charbel Zeaiter	Sienna Symin
6B	Caitlin Leong	Roman Taha	Lily Coleiro
6G	Kiara Claridge	Savannah Moubarak	Mitchell Daly
6W	Laila Campagna	Nicholas Peharda	Lorenzo Rubalcaba

Principal's Awards:

Vienne Schwebel 6B
Louis Malandrino 6B
Caitlin Leong 6B
Aditi Gowda 2B



Peer Support

In Week 5, we will again focus on the different relationships we have each day and how we interact with special people in our life in a positive way. In order for us to enhance the relationships we have, we need to identify times when we make decisions and act in a way that supports or hinders our relationships.

We all make mistakes and we can all act in ways that hurt or upset our relationships with others. It is being able to identify these times and change our behaviour to ensure we are sustaining positive relationships with others.

Across the school, Peer Support Leaders, teachers and students will develop strategies we can all focus on to ensure we are continuing to build an inclusive environment at St Bernadette's, where we all belong and feel a part of our wonderful school community. Over the weekend we encourage all parents to talk with their children about when they have handled changing situations well and the strategies they can draw upon when situations are challenging, ready for their lesson on Monday.

Mrs Borg - Peer Support Coordinator

School Photo Days

Tuesday 29th May and Wednesday 30th May:

All students will be having their photo taken at school on either Tues 29 or Wed 30 May—their allocated photo day is below:

Tuesday 29th

Year 5, 6 and Year 2

Recess & Lunch—Sibling photos

Wednesday 30th

Kinder, Year 1, 3, and Year 4

Recess & Lunch—Sibling photos



A reminder that all students are to be in full winter uniform on their designated photo day. If you have not yet sent in your photo envelope—please do so on Monday.

P&F Working Bee - Saturday 16 June

As autumn comes to an end the gardens and grounds at St Bernadette's are ready for a bit of 'TLC'. The school P&F are organising a working bee and invite all members of the St Bernadette's community to come along and help us keep St Bernadette's beautiful.



We will be working from 9am-12:30pm but you don't have to come for the full day, just whatever time you can spare. Morning tea is provided and it is a great way to meet new friends and families whilst making a difference to our community.

To register your interest in attending please click on the link below - <https://goo.gl/forms/EgyqrvyZzSLjzZZn2>



Parish News

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill: Altar Servers Training and Recruitment

St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, is currently looking to recruit young Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion as guardians at the altar (i.e. **altar servers**), assisting the priest in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Training sessions:

Wednesday 13th June, 2018 at 6:15pm for 6:30pm start;
Sunday 17th June, 2018 after the 10:30am Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2018

Parish families who are interested in their child commencing preparation for the sacrament of confirmation are asked to attend one of our information evenings held on: **Monday 25 or Tuesday 26 June**



Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm in the Church. This preparation process is suitable for children who are in Year 6 or above, who have received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and eucharist (holy communion). Evenings will last approximately one hour and children do not need to attend. Please contact Alice Bradshaw (Sacramental Co-ordinator) at the parish office on 9634 2622 or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au, for more information.

Catherine McAuley Westmead—School Open Morning Tuesday 29 May 9.15—11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2020. Both children and adults are most welcome. Please contact school reception on 9849 9100 if you would 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)