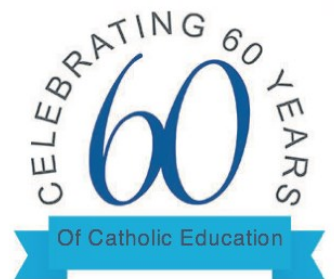




St Bernadette's School



Friday 8 June 2018

No. 17

Dear Parents,

No doubt there has always been and will always be a tension between wanting to make our children happy and putting limits on their behaviour: Too much love and affection and a child becomes spoiled, expecting their every need and want to be met regardless of other people's needs and wants; too much discipline and control and a child develops a low sense of worth and a lack of self-control.

Basically, our parenting instincts are good ones. If we use our head and trust our heart, then, we will mostly make good decisions. Our aim should be to teach our children to understand their own behaviour, to be responsible for their choices and respect themselves and others.

Sometimes, by looking at the extremes of parenting behaviour, we can clarify what we want and need to be. For example, if we chose a "strict" style we would be demanding, punishing and not allowing our child choices. We would demand total obedience and discourage independence; we would resort to yelling and threatening to impose control. The result for our children would be low self-esteem, an inability to think for themselves, the risk that they might become followers and follow those who don't have their best interests at heart. If we chose an "easy-going, slack" style we would set no guidelines, provide no structure and avoid asserting authority; we would be uninvolved and unavailable and make no demands. The result for our children would be lack of self-control, immaturity in their thinking process; they would be irresponsible and so accustomed to having their own way, that they would become very frustrated in situations where they can't have their own way and perhaps become aggressive.

Maybe we need to seek refuge in the adage, "All things in moderation."

We need to have a well balanced approach to parenting where we set high standards, firmly enforce rules and encourage independence; we need to be able to be good at two-way communication – having our say and listening – and be able to give and take. In return our children, hopefully, will be responsible, independent and aware of the needs of others, have healthy self-esteem and confidence and know the importance and benefits of self-control.

"Spirit of God within me, help me to trust in Your wisdom, to walk in faith and compassion, to be truly human in every aspect of my life as a parent. Amen."

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink'; Matthew 25: 35.

This quote from Matthew's Gospel reminds us the important value of Justice for our neighbour and the importance of the dignity of the human person. The Church promotes that every person, especially the most disadvantaged and marginalized, should have reasonable access to more than just the basic necessities. To remind us of Jesus' love for others and the importance of promoting social justice we are asking for the St Bernadette's community to help support *The Philippines Hygiene Project*.

Please keep the children of the parish who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist, in your prayers.



Dates for your Diary:

Rehearsal for First Eucharist Masses – Saturday 16th June 2pm & 3:30pm
First Eucharist Masses – Weekend of 24th June and 1st July: Saturday 6pm Vigil, Sunday 9am, 10:30 & 6pm
Closing Ceremony – Term 3 Friday 3rd August 7:30pm

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Week 7 Dates

Mon 11 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tue 12 June
8.30am Assembly
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 13 June
Student Banking
Waste Free Lunch Day
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—Eastern Creek
Yr 6 Debating

Sat 16 June
9am P&F Working Bee—All welcome!

Coming Dates:

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

Thurs 21 June
4W Design2Shine

Fri 22 June
4W Design2Shine
A-Thon Day

Tues 26 June
Athletics Carnival

Fri 6 July
St Bernadette's Has Got Talent Show

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

Staff Leave

Mrs Beggs will be accessing leave for the remainder of Term 2 commencing next Thursday 14th June 2018. During this time Mrs Borg will take up the position of Acting Assistant Principal.

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 June at 7pm for ALL Year One Parents AND any other parent who would like to learn more about the Year 1 to 6 reports. This is a compulsory meeting for all Year One 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. Please RSVP your attendance by emailing the school using the subject: Half Yearly Report Meeting.

Parent Interviews

Next week the School Interview booking site will be opened for parents to make appointments with class teachers as part of the half yearly reporting cycle. Reports will be sent home with children on Wednesday 27th June 2018. Interviews will take place from Thursday 28th June 2018 with the late interview evening being Wednesday 4th July 2018. The teachers look forward to this opportunity to meet with parents to discuss the learning of their children.

This year in response to parent and teacher feedback about the timing of interviews please note that we are trying to improve the punctuality of all interviews and the amount of time that parents are able to meet with teachers. For your information:-

- Interviews will be spaced at 15 minute intervals, though it is not expected that most interviews will take up the whole 15 minutes.
- Parents are requested to contact the teacher to schedule an appointment at another time if they need an extended interview that will take longer than 15 minutes.
- Parents who have more than one teacher to see are asked not to book consecutive time slots so as avoid running late for the next appointment. The location of classrooms makes it impossible to move in time from one interview to the next if the appointment is booked back to back with another appointment.

• If you are running late for your interview time, your interview can only take place for the booked time so as not to impact on the schedule of other interviews.

• Teachers will have a commitment to the published Interview Timetable that appears outside each classroom / learning space and they will appreciate parents also adhering to the time allocation.

An email will be sent to parents on Tuesday 12th June with all the details needed to access the online booking site.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's learning progress.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day—Attendance rate to date is 92.7%

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities.

MISSING (SCHOOL) = MISSING OUT

Congratulations to Kinder, Year 4 and 5 who have maintained their targets above 90% and well done to Year 2 who are back at 100%. A marvellous achievement. Our attendance levels are recorded below:

Kindy	91.0%	Yr 4	96.1%
Yr 1	88.9%	Yr 5	95.4%
Yr 2	100%	Yr 6	
Yr 3	88.5%		

Canteen

We are pleased to let you know that the canteen is operating. You are able to use your Munchmonitor account to view the menu and make lunch orders. If you would like to set up a Munchmonitor account you can do this by following the instructions contained in the email sent to you last week. All families are encouraged to use the online ordering system for lunch orders. Children are only able to purchase canteen items over the counter using cash.



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>

A-THON Day

In Term 2 we will be holding our annual school fundraiser event, our A-Thon day.

This year's theme is an **Inquire A-thon!**

Imagine being a scientist for a day, inquiring about the world around you. Imagine the possibilities of things we can investigate and learn about! What discoveries will we uncover? What amazing insights we will gain or learn as part of our inquiry. The possibilities are endless!

Throughout our A-Thon our students will be engaged in a number of activities that will connect, engage and promote our curiosity within learning across a number of key curriculum areas.

Mark this very special date in your calendars and watch this space for more information about our exciting A-Thon. Thank you.

A-Thon Committee

ST BERNADETTE'S

WE'VE GOT TALENT

**SINGING DANCING ACTING TELLING JOKES
CHEERLEADING**

Have You Got Talent?

This year we will be again hosting our St Bernadette's Has Got Talent show. All students in Kinder and Year One will be presenting a class item at the talent show. All students from Years 2 – 6 are invited to perform at their grade talent show which will occur in Week 9. From the grade talent show two acts will be invited to perform at a special assembly on Friday 6th July after lunch. So dust off those dancing shoes and tune your guitar and have your voice prepared to show everyone what hidden talents you possess.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our beautiful readers at St Bernadette's who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge:



Nevan Fernando, Emily Boxshall, Martin Lousin, Evelyn Salter, Isaac Sung, Gabriella Papandrea, Rachel Sahabu Mia Papandrea, Olivia Drogaris, Daniel Egan, Cooper McGlynn, Imogen Vines, Holly Williams, Noah Bailey Laila Campagna, Christian Farfoud, Joseph Hadchiti, Chloe Henrico, Blake Noonan, Jardyn Orsini, Nicholas Peharda, Seth Robinson, Daniel Samperi, Elias Semaan, Thomas Silvester and Liam Taggart.

SRC Waste Audit

On Wednesday this week the SRC held a waste audit. We collected all the rubbish, counted it and then sorted it to see where most of our rubbish was coming from.

We were shocked to see how much rubbish there was! There was a lot of food thrown away that was not touched.

A lot of food was only partially eaten and could have been kept for later. There were drinks bought from the canteen and opened but then just thrown away? So why did someone buy it?

We counted over 600 pieces of rubbish for the day! It was really disappointing that there was so much rubbish on the day we try to be waste free. We estimated that 60% of the waste could have gone home in lunch boxes!



Our top three waste areas were plastic wrappers from chips and biscuits, plastic containers from drinks and yoghurts and food scraps. We also noticed a lot of plastic sticks from lollies.

We need to do better and look after our environment! So can we remember to use reusable containers for our snacks and only bring what we need so there is less waste?

If we don't finish our food we can take it home for a snack later in the day. If we all work together we can make our school better!

Thank you

St Bernadette's SRC

School Fees

Term 2 School Fees were due on **Wednesday, 6th June, 2018**. If you haven't already finalised your account for Term 2, we ask if you could please make a payment now or should you wish to make an arrangement for 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.

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

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

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Sebastian Jeri	Harry Overend	Madison Pena
KG	Parker Roberts	Rachel Tan	Samuel Khamis
KW	Alexa Kouknas	Harrison Thom	Not for Publication
1B	Evelyn Salter	Isaac Sung	Thomas Macey
1G	James Zeaiter	Rovinya Fernando	Max Abouhamad
2B	Hayden Dmello	Xander Younan	Elizabeth D'Souza
2G	Jack Kirkham	Tiana Symin	Mia Parame
2W	John Dimitriou	Chelsea Fayle	Elle Dibble
3B	Felicity Miller	Melanie Wong	Jason Khoudair
3G	Kenan Ozcan	Samantha Simmons	Hilda Mormul
3W	Haley Gonzales	Woo Chan Lee	David Lievano
4B	Cassandra Perez-Rigatos	Patrick Windress	Eleanor Read
4G	Samantha Badenhorst	Anthony Gomez	Bennett Moynahan
4W	Isabella De Souza	Ryan Suwandy	Ella Lagana
5B	Juliet Radman	Tyler Smith	Anna Weppner
5G	Isabella Botros	Lucas Karam	Zelda Mormul
5W	Aidan Ashkar	Gabrielle Youssef	Imogen Vines
6B	Deema Arraf	Ethan Zerafa	Vienne Schwebel
6G	Liam Collyer	Rachael Hanna	Stella Kemmis
6W	Timothy Kelly	Isabella Muscat	Paul Homs

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Charlotte Ward in 2W** who has been selected into the 2018 Gymnastics International Levels Team Future NSW State Squad. This is an outstanding achievement and a great reward to Charlotte who has demonstrated commitment and hard work during her Gymnastic training sessions at the same time as dedicating herself to her education at St Bernadette's.

Congratulations to **Haley Gonzales in 3W** who has been selected into the Gymnastics NSW WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics) Team Future Squad 8-9 years old.

Principal's Awards:

Ava Rendulic 3G
Aleksander Puleo 1G
Benjamin-Jude Raad 1G
Julia Foong 1G
Abigail Wigham 1B
Matilda Cowper 1B
Xavier Ranieri 1B
Johnny Symin 1B



Safe People, Safe Places

Parents are reminded to regularly remind children of the following:-

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

Source: NSW Police

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)

COSHC—Winter Vacation Care

Vacation care enrolments are now open for the Winter holiday period 9th July to 20th July 2018. Please contact Casey on 0408 582 535 for a booking form or more information. Email: coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au

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.



SBFC Movie Night—Wed 4 July @ 6.30pm

The Incredibles 2 Cost \$16pp Contact Brett Allan on 0406 007 384 for further details.

Ronald McDonald House—Movie Night Wed 27 June 6-8pm—Event Cinemas, Castle Hill

Ronald McDonald House Westmead with the support of Castle Hill Events is hosting a movie night. Cost is \$30pp (includes movie, popcorn and drink) with 100% of all proceeds will go towards Ronald McDonald House.



Movie—Hotel Transylvania 3. This will be your chance to see the film before its official opening from luxurious Vmax seating after the kids enjoy a fun and quirky 'red carpet' experience. Come along and have some fun whilst supporting a very worthy cause. Complete booking form: ana.jovanovic@rmhc.org.au. Tel: 9806 7111 for further details.

Change of Bus Timetable

There are a few time changes for the morning buses which will affect children at St Bernadette's School from 4.6.2018. Please check Hillsbus website: www.transportnsw.info for further details.

Oakhill College 11th Annual Gala Day

Sat 16 June 9—4pm. Come along and join in the fun. There is something for everyone. Sports, stalls, fun and rides. 423-513 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill.