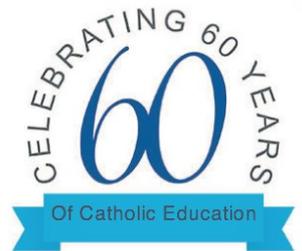




St Bernadette's School



Friday 15 June 2018

No. 18

Dear Parents,

There has never been a shortage of advice to parents as to how we should go about educating and raising our children. People in Victorian times used fairy tales and nursery rhymes to stimulate and instruct the moral imagination of their children. Plato thought that children should be brought up in such a way that they will fall in love with virtue and hate vice; he thought that a child would fall in love with virtue by being exposed to the right kinds of stories, music and art.

When we wish to explain the difference between right and wrong to our children, we can use various "do's and don'ts". However we know that even more powerful than rules is the example that we are to our children. Being a good example is probably our most important job and is definitely the job that we spend the most time worrying about. There is no definitive parenting guide that suits every family or every circumstance. We do however have our Catholic Values that help to support and guide us.

Children are always listening and absorbing our words and actions. If we want our children to be responsible for their own character crafting, we need to be responsible for the physical and moral environment in which the crafting takes place. We don't become wiser, more patient, more self-disciplined, more truthful, more courageous, more forgiving persons automatically. We do so by deliberately striving to be that kind of person. Character building is an "inside job". It's a personal responsibility that lasts a lifetime - it's a work in progress. Our children rely on us to teach them to be skilled "builders".

*"Spirit of God,
Be in our children and in the vision they
have for their lives;
Be in us and in the advice we give them
by word and action.
Amen."*

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



A Parent's Prayer

Loving God,

*You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.*

We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.

*Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.*

*Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.*

*May our children come to know you, the one
true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

*May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and
goodness.*

*May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all
things.*

*May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.*

*May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord. Amen.*

Week 8 Dates

Mon 18 June
8.30am Assembly

Tue 19 June
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 20 June
**9am School Tour for
K to Yr 6 2019**
Student Banking Day
Waste Free Lunch Day

Thurs 21 June
4W Design2Shine

Fri 22 June
4W Design2Shine
A-Thon Day Inquire A-
Thon
1.40pm Whole School
Assembly

Coming Dates:

Sun 24 June
9—10.30am Eucharist
Masses

Tues 26 June
**Athletics Carnival (K
to Yr 6)**

Sun 1 July
9—10.30am Eucharist
Masses

Fri 6 July
Talent Show
Last day of Term 2

Term 3
Staff & Students return
Monday 23 July

P & F WORKING BEE TOMORROW - 9AM ONWARDS

If you can spare an hour or more we would really appreciate your help in keeping St Bernadette's looking beautiful.



Parent Interviews

The School Interview booking site is now open 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 15mins intervals, though it is not expected that most interviews will take up the whole 15mins
- 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 mins
- Parents who have more than one teacher to see are asked not to book consecutive timelots 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



Book School Interviews Online

To book a parent teacher interview please go to:
www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **zaysn**.

Hills Cluster Debating Competition

Today our debaters debated the topic 'Spectators are beneficial to sporting events'. Congratulations to both teams for their hardwork and preparation . Thank you also to Mr Jeff Younis who came in and spoke to the students about his experience as an NRL official.

Affirmative Team:

Lily Coleiro
Kiara Claridge
Jardyn Orsini
Paul Homsy

Negative Team:

Deema Arraf
Vienne Schwebel
Joanna Iwanowski
Liam Taggart

Social Skills Weeks 7 & 8

Responsible Decision Making: Respecting Others—Being a Fair and Considerate Student at St Bernadette's

Being fair is about the way we treat other people. The old saying of "Treat other people, the way you would like to be treated," is certainly true- especially at our school St Bernadette's.

People who are fair, believe in justice and a fair go for all. Fair people don't judge others on their race, religion, gender, disability, appearance, the clothes they wear or how much money they have. Fair people realise that rules are made to keep everyone safe. They know that together we can accomplish great things, if everyone is given a fair go in our school community.

Family Discussion Starters

What are your responsibilities in the family?
Have you ever felt discriminated against?
Is the world we live in a fair place?

Never look down on anyone else unless you are helping them up.

Mrs Kathy Watt

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.

Congratulations to Kinder, Year 2, Year 4 and 5 who have maintained their targets above 90%. A fantastic achievement. Well done and keep it up. Our attendance levels are recorded below:

Kindy	94.0%	Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 1	90.5%	Yr 5	92.3%
Yr 2	98.6%	Yr 6	88.9%
Yr 3	89.7%		

Peer Support – Stronger Together

In Week 8, our Peer Support lesson will focus on students working together through a series of problem solving and decision-making activities. Students along with the Peer Support leader will analyse how and why we make the decisions we do.

We all make many choices each and every day. Depending on the type of choice we make, our decisions can have a long-term effect on our safety, the safety of others and on our relationships. By focusing on the influences and how we make choices, students can begin to understand how their daily choices can have a deeper impact than what they first thought. We encourage all parents to talk with their child over the weekend about some of the choices they make when they are at school. This will assist all students when they are discussing their ideas during Peer Support on Monday.

Mrs Borg - Peer Support Coordinator

Inquiry A-Thon

At St Bernadette's we pride ourselves on creating learning experiences that allow students to critically think about a problem, inquire and investigation a problem in order to collaboratively design a range of possible solutions.

This year our school fundraiser, 'Inquiry A-thon', will celebrate and promote how students develop a deep understanding of concepts by fostering a sense of curiosity, allow students to critically think about proposed problems and learn by investigating. On Wednesday 20th June (Week 8), students across the school will be engaged in learning tasks linked to syllabus outcomes to English, Mathematics, Science & Technology and PDHPE.

This week students will be bringing home a note about the A-thon and a sponsorship card. The school is always very appreciative of the support that families give to fundraising activities. Thank you in advance for your support of the Inquiry A-Thon.

During the day each student will be complete five key learning tasks. Students will be asking friends and family to sponsor them to complete these five tasks. Not only will students enjoy a fun filled day working together and designing a range of solutions, they will be increasing their chance of winning fantastic prizes by raising money for our school.

We look forward to sharing our fun A-thon day with you next week on Facebook and through the newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

A-thon Committee

WE'VE GOT TALENT

**SINGING DANCING ACTING TELLING JOKES
CHEERLEADING**

This week some of the students are considering entering the "St Bernadette's We've Got Talent Show" and are beginning to organise performances in readiness for their grade Talent Show. Consent to perform notes are available from class teachers. Students are reminded to return this information sheet, about their act to their class teacher as soon as possible. Class teachers will view the performances prior to the Grade Talent Show to ensure that the act reflects the spirit of the day.

Dates for the grade Talent Shows are as follows

Date	Time/Grade	Venue
Wed 27/6	11:15am Yr 3	Hall
Thurs 28/6	8:45am Yr 5	Hall
	11:15am Yr 4	Hall
Fri 29/6	8:45am Yr 2	Hall
	11:15am Yr 6	Yr 6 LS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students on completing the PRC this week. Special mention to 5G for being the first class to complete the challenge—great effort!



Lily Alam, Jeslyn Ariyanayagam, Elle Gaya, Nicholas Masina, Isabella Perete, Nicholas Beames, Xavier Bounassif, Bridget Clemente, Juliana Farag, Ella Hammersley, Georgina Kassis, Ella Lagana, Amy Ballesty, Eva Cooper, Gabriel de Ponte, Tess Ellis, Xavier Hennessey, Cassandra Losurdo, Zachary Miller, Gabrielle Youssef, Charbel Zeaiter and Niamh Bradley.



Congratulations to two former students **Peter Obeid** and **Matthew D'Souza** who were installed as acolytes during the Rite of Institution of Acolytes at Parramatta Cathedral last night.

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.



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

LOST KEYS!

A set of Kia car keys were lost at school yesterday at the office sign in area. Could we ask parents that were in the office yesterday morning to please check that they have the correct keys. Please call the office 9407 6600 if you have them. Thank you.

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

Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences.

Parents are requested to complete an **Application for Extended Leave** form for absences of 5 days or more. This form is on our website: Community/School Notes / Administration Forms/Application for Extended Leave.

Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton. Thank you for your assistance.

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)

Australian Girls Choir

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in June. Phone: 9922 6733 or email Sydney@aspagroup.com.au

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, June 20, 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.

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.



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.

SBFC Movie Night—Wed 4 July @ 6.30pm

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