



St Bernadette's School



Friday 7 June 2019 — Term 2 Week 6

No. 17

Dear Parents,

'Just let these children be kids' Professor Ken Robinson Author of 'You, Your Child and School: Navigate Your Way to the Best Education'.

Professor Ken Robinson is currently visiting and addressing a cross section of educators in Sydney. He cites recent research which has revealed that many children are suffering from what he calls a 'play deficit'. That is they spend either less than an hour a day or no time at all playing without supervision. A particular piece of research he discusses, alarmingly claims that by the age of 5, children have spent the equivalent of one year in front of a screen! Our children are either overscheduled into structured activities or are spending valuable playtime in front of screens. Why does he feel that this is worthy of our concern? Play is vital for every young person's physical and emotional development. Unstructured play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength.

Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at all ages engage and interact in the world around them.

Children need to socialise and run around as well as engage in the arts, music, science and maths in order that they grow and flourish.

For schools this means providing a balanced diet of curriculum and providing the conditions in order for children to function properly. For parents it means - preserving time for children to actually play rather than attend organised activities and setting boundaries for your children in relation to the use of devices and social media - both contribute enormously to increasing children's stress levels.

Mrs Leanne Nettleton—Principal

R.E. NEWS



Pentecost always falls 50 days after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. It is often called the 'the birthday of the Church'.

The disciples of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that is what Jesus told them would happen. Just before He was taken up to heaven he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they would be his witnesses in the whole world (Acts 1:8). The disciples and other Christians had come together to thank God and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a strong wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were singing.



Next they saw tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. When the tongues of fire came they were filled with the Holy Spirit and the disciples began speaking in different languages. The main message for the disciples was to go out and spread the Good News.

That is our mission today as Catholics. We must spread the Good News to all we meet. Let others know about our faith, do not be afraid to let everyone know that we follow Christ. Perhaps this week we could do that by inviting a friend or family member along to come to Mass with us. We could also follow Christ's example of caring for others by donating on **Fri 28th June** at Pyjama Day, for St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.

Mrs Shane Robinson—REC

Important Dates for Sacramental Programme:

11 June Tours of the Church 7 pm
12 June Tours of the Church 7 pm
15 June Rehearsal for 1st Communion 2 pm
15 June Rehearsal for 1st Communion 3:30 pm
22 June First Communion Mass 6 pm
23 June First Communion Mass 10:30 am
29 June First Communion Mass 6 pm
30 June First Communion Mass 10:30 am

Week 7 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 10 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tue 11 June
8.30am Morning Assembly
8-10am Uniform Shop

Wed 12 June
Student Banking Day
Stage 2 & 3 Rugby
League Gala Day

Thurs 13 June
Yr 4 Excursion
Stage 2 Soccer Trials
Girls & Boys
7 pm Chatterbox Live
Q&A with Mr Greg
Whitby, Executive
Director, CEDP

Fri 14 June
7.30am ChiFUNese
Mandarin Class
NSWCPS Cross Country,
Eastern Creek
Build A-thon Day
Yr 6 Debating

Coming Dates:

Weeks 9 & 10
Parent/Teacher/Student
Learning Conversations
Late night:
Wed 26th June

Thurs 27 June
Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day -

Fri 28 June
Pyjama Day / Gold Coin Day

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

Next School Tour: Thurs 20th June 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

Safeguarding our Children

An outcome of the Royal Commission has been a heightened awareness and responsibility by all in the community that everyone has a responsibility to keep our children safe. Schools are particularly responsible for ensuring that the policies and procedures that we have related to Child Protection are enacted.

One significant procedure that we have as a school is related to how our children are dismissed and collected by parents in the afternoon. As a reminder to you, **No** parent is to collect their child from within the school other than at the Tuckshop Terrace area. Please do not make arrangements to meet your children within the school eg outside classrooms, along verandahs, on the handball courts, on the basketball courts or on the synthetic grass areas.

Parents meeting their children at the bottom of the school do so either at the bottom of the school internal driveway, (not within the gates) or on the other side of Brisbane Road. Those children being collected at the bottom of the school must be part of the Brisbane Road Walking Line and collected either at the bottom of the driveway before the Walking Line turns to go towards the crossing or on the other side of Brisbane Road once the walking line has crossed the road. For obvious safety reasons, no child exits the school unaccompanied via the Brisbane Road walkway or the gate near the primary toilets into the car park. Please be sure to update your child's going home arrangements if or when they change throughout the year. When we work together in partnership we can keep our children safe.

Children's Work Books Coming Home

Today the children will be bringing home their Mathematics books to share with you. In these books you will be able to see the topics that the children have been learning about in Maths. Please remember that not all your child's mathematical work is recorded in their workbooks. Children undertake a great deal of mental computation, reasoning and problem solving in class activities recorded elsewhere. They are also often required to articulate their thinking 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 value your comments and it allows us to see that the book did indeed leave the school bag and that you have taken the time to walk through it with your child. Additionally, we ask that the books be returned promptly to school on Monday so that your child can continue their written work in the appropriate book.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

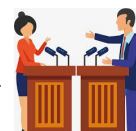
In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below: <http://tellthemfromme.com/stbernadettesch>

2019 Hills Cluster Debating Competition

Last week saw the first Round of our Interschool Debating Competition commence for the year. This is a competition for Year 6 students from St Bernadette's, St Madeleine's Kenthurst, St Angela's Castle Hill, St Michael's Baulkham Hills, Christ the King North Rocks and St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills. In Round One our debating teams debated with Christ the King North Rocks presenting arguments on the topic 'It is more fun to go to a camp than a resort. Congratulations to both our teams and thank you parents for supporting your child in the lead-up to the debate and for your presence on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Lincoln for providing transportation. Thank you to Sr Patty Abdrew who is our adjudicator for the 2019 debating season.



Affirmative

Nathan Colaco
Ailish Lincoln
Anna Weppner
Brayden Leuzzi

Negative

Amy Ballesty
Claudia Homsi
Eva Cooper
Gabrielle Youssef

Build A-Thon Day—Fri 14 June

The 2019 Build A-thon is almost here! On Friday, 14th June (Week 7) the children will engage in many exciting building challenges as part of our 2019 Build A-thon school fundraiser. **The prize for the family who raises the most money is a FAMILY RIDE PASS for our FUN FAIR in November.** There will be prizes for the students and class who raise the most money in the school. We also have ten raffle prizes to be won. Remember, the more sponsors you receive the more chances you will have in the raffle! If any parents have donations for the raffle prizes could you please contact the school office. This would be greatly appreciated.

Parent/Student/Teacher Learning Conversations

Please see last week's newsletter for full details of our upcoming Learning Conversations. A reminder to book a parent/student/teacher interview please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **ggkeq** The booking site is now open. Reports will be sent home with children on Monday 24th June and interviews will take place from Tuesday 25th June with the late interview evening being Wednesday 26th June.



Year 6 trip to Canberra

On the 23rd and 24th May, Year 6 embarked on the biggest journey of their life together. They journeyed to Australia's Capital to learn the history and the politics that belong in our beloved CANBERRA!!!! In the morning of the 23rd May, Year six woke up early and headed to school. Darren, the driver of the first bus, drove half of Year six to McDonald's, where the students got to spend their money on morning tea.

After the students filled their stomachs with morning tea, the bus drivers drove Year six to Canberra.

Arriving at Questacon, we went to the Souvenir Shop to buy quick gifts, for us and our family. Then we went into the room of the FreeFall. Everyone was pumped to watch friends nervously dropped from a bar. We cheered everyone on and laughed, but soon we had to leave that room and continue on to the next. There we explored the Natural World. We saw lightning and experienced what it was like to be in an earthquake. It was extraordinary. Then we moved into the last two rooms. To explore, we used microscopes and other little tools. These things included thongs and marbles. Our Questacon fun came to an end, but we moved outside for a nice lunch.



The lunch that our parents had packed us was delicious, but we soon had to move onto the High Court. There we visited three Court Rooms. Court 1, 2 and 3. They were amazing and the guide told us amazing cases that had come to the courtrooms. We soon had to leave and continue onto Parliament House.



Next, we arrived at the Parliament House. It was GRAND!!! There, the students finally had a chance to visit the two Houses of Parliament: The Senate and The House of Representatives. The students learned about how the Parliament House is used to visit the two Houses of Parliament: The Senate and The House of Representatives.



The students learned about how the Parliament House is used. Are you ready for a night full of sport? Well, Year 6 was. We boarded the bus to go to ... Australian Institute of Sport!!!

The AIS was lit up by the time we were there. Our tour guides were actually training at the Australian Institute of Sport at the time. This means that they knew the place like it was their house. We saw the gym, volleyball, pool, Olympic Hall of Fame and more. Then we went into the Sports Tech room. We played simulated games such as bike racing, rowing, skiing, skeleton and wheelchair racing. It was good, feeling like you had just won a gold medal. We left the AIS feeling inspired, but tired from our big day.

It was time to head to our place to sleep, the IBIS hotel. We left our luggage in our rooms, then running down the stairs, we all went down to dinner. We ate a full meal, and after dessert, we left the dining room, with a full stomach and felt very refined. It was time for a good night's sleep.

Good morning Canberra! It was the 24th May, our second day in Canberra. After breakfast, we left in our coaches at 8am and we headed to the Commonwealth Park, the beautiful SIEV X. The war memorial that recognised the lost refugees. Next our bus driver took us on a tour, through the different embassies. There was the Indian, Chinese, Greek, American and many more. Soon, we had to go to Old Parliament House! Then the students had lunch in the senators garden. Then, year six visited the ANZAC War Memorial. They learned about what it was like being in war, famous soldiers and what they did.



Finally, it was time to go home, bus 2 turned the radio on and we all sang songs to keep us happy. We soon came to another stop; afternoon tea at Macca's and everyone enjoyed their little meal. They opened their Questacon souvenirs and then continued on their way. When it was time to get off, Year 6 thanked their bus drivers and returned to their proud parents.

Overall, it was extraordinary and a camp to remember.
Written by Enya, Georgina, Sarah, Year 6 2019

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This amount has already been factored into the overall cost of Year 6 excursions for this year. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Being a Creative Student 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 | Daniel Truong | Samara Rodrigues | Andre Van Jour |
| KG | Xavier Lai | Orson Wang | Elliott Lavis |
| KW | Alana geeganage | Ella Wassif | Gabriella Baker |
| 1B | Benjamin McLaren | Emilia Crecca | Gabriel Saad |
| 1G | Sienna Khoudair | Lachlan O'Connor | Isaac Saad |
| 1W | Samara Colaco | Zara Mortlock | Rachel Tan |
| 2B | Ethan Mi | Abigail Wigham | Sienna Smith |
| 2G | Murphy Sun | Jessica Coghlan | Rafael Lamata |
| 3B | Xavier Schellack | Not for Publication | Not for Publication |
| 3G | Sebastian Napoli | Matilda Maggs | Kristina Jelwan |
| 3W | Adam Wassif | Olivia Damiano | Holly Procter |
| 4B | Marcus Chheng | Sienna Leuzzi | Isabella Forder |
| 4G | Jai Salter | Chloe Karam | Olivia Goss |
| 4W | Ava Rendulic | Daniel giallonardo | Renee Sakal |
| 5B | Leah Symin | Nathaniel Barone | Layaan Arraf |
| 5G | Isabella Long | Kaiden Taggart | Antonio Zeaiter |
| 5W | Hannah Cherian | Samuel Akle | Henry Wang |
| 6B | Luke Giallonardo | Georgia Pratt | Enya Hui |
| 6G | Zoe Baroni | Isabella Botros | Nathan Colaco |
| 6W | Angelina Zaiter | Brayden Leuzzi | Lucas Karam |



ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020 & Years 1 to 6

Please contact the school office if you would like to register for a school tour / enrol your child in 2020.

Principal's Awards:

Eve Lincoln 1B
Nicholas Masina 2G
Audrey Michael 2G
Sofia George 2G
Ava Berrell 2G



Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to **Enya Hui in 6 Blue** who was awarded a pass with high distinction in her recent Horn AMEB music exam. Enya also achieved a 1st place in the Sydney Metropolitan Band Branch Under 13 Novice Trumpet in the Susan Caesar Award.

Attendance

Every Learner Every Day Attendance rate is 89.0%

At St Bernadette's we believe it is important for students to attend each day so they can maximise their learning opportunities. Due to the flu season being upon us we have dropped below our target of 90% this week for the first time this year but after a rest over the long weekend we hope to see everyone back and well. We miss you at school! Our attendance levels for this week are recorded below.

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| K | 90.8% | Year 4 | 88.9% |
| Yr 1 | 85.5% | Year 5 | 90.4% |
| Yr 2 | 84.5% | Year 6 | 89.8% |
| Yr 3 | 91.8% | | |

School Uniform

Thank you to all students who are wearing their full winter uniform—and how smart do you look? However, some students are still coming to school without school ties/tab ties. Please check your child's uniform to ensure that they have their full winter uniform on before coming to school. A reminder that all uniform should be labelled. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sports News - Gala Day trials

Yrs 3 & 4 (Stage 2) Soccer Trials—Boys & Girls
Thursday 13th June, 2:45 - 4:00pm Grass Area
Bring sports clothes and a drink bottle. (No boots or shinpads needed for trials).

School Fees

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.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Mrs Pamela Hord (former Learning Support Teacher) and her family following the recent passing of her mother. May she rest in peace.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Saad family (Lucy in 3 White) and her family following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.



R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Daniele family (Angelique in 6 White) and her family following the recent passing of her grandfather. May he rest in peace.



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COSHC—Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, Thursday 27th June 2019 is a Pupil Free Day. COSHC at St Bernadette's Castle Hill is able to offer positions however places are limited. Applications close and will not be accepted after 4:00 pm on Friday 21st June 2019. Please email Casey at coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au for forms and any further questions.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care dates for the upcoming winter school holidays have now been released and we hope you can join in our fun! We are open from 6:45 am to 6:15 pm with excursions, incursions and in centre days already planned. Applications close and will not be accepted after 4:00 pm on Friday 21st June 2019. Please email Casey at coshcstbernadettescastlehill@parra.catholic.edu.au for forms and any further questions.

P & F News:

Uniform Shop Closed—

Please be advised that the uniform shop will be closed on **Tuesday 23 July** due to the Athletics Carnival.



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

All sponsorship enquiries: Belisa Papandrea on Belisa.papandrea@gmail.com or 0408 344 250.

Carlile Swimming, Cherrybrook (9980 7822).
Swimming lessons for all ages.

Visit: <https://www.carlile.com.au/cherrybrook/>



Term Dates

Term 2: Mon 29 April—Fri 5 July

Staff Spirituality & Pupil Free Day—Thurs 27 June

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September

Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for students)

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Bernadette's is once again collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Just place your stickers onto the sheet that was provided and emailed to you and then once full please send to the office. Children don't forget you can earn colour house spirit points for collecting and bringing in stickers. Thank you!

