When you receive a marvellous gift, you do not put it on a shelf and leave it there never to be looked at again! Yet that is what happens whenever we hide the many wonderful talents and traits that God has given us.

Perhaps He has blessed you with a warm, outgoing personality and a natural love of people. Or maybe you have been blessed with a quiet and sensitive soul, quick to express compassion and let others know you care. Either way, it is possible that you hide a portion of your God-given individuality because you fear what others may say or think about you. But is that any way to treat a gift?

Imagine this: your heavenly Father hands you several boxes, each containing a special trait, a unique characteristic, something He wants for you alone. So open the boxes one by one and lift out what is inside. Smile, thank God profusely, and then use it for the good of everyone around you. What a way to show Him your appreciation!

Dear God I want to use the wonderful gifts That You have so graciously given to me. Amen.

Our Creative Arts Showcase evening was another opportunity for the St Bernadette’s children to share and celebrate their special gifts and talents.

Congratulations to all those children who performed in the Creative Arts Showcase evening last night at Oakhill College. 15 of our Band students participated in the Combined EXPO Band entertaining the audience as they found their seats and then performing an entertaining repertoire including a song from the movie Frozen. I must again take the opportunity to thank the band students from St Michael’s Baulkham Hills, St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills and St Angela’s Castle Hill who performed with our students.

Our school choir sang an arrangement of new songs as well as a favourite ‘Fire Fly’ and the Year 3 Percussion Group entertained us with 3 percussion scores including Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Throughout the evening the audience was treated to the public speaking talents of our Year 6 students Olivia Carrozzi, Kishya Lye and Bailey Williams. Of course we will never forget the remarkable performances of the Expo Creative Arts Performance Group. Well done boys and girls and congratulations and thank you to Band Directors Damien Butler and Steven Lavis, Choir Teachers Mrs Lois Donnelly and Mrs Georgie Hurba, Percussion and Music Teacher Mrs Elizabeth Evans, and the Creative Arts Team Mrs Jenny Godwin, Mrs Karen Orsini, Miss Rhianna Thomas and Mrs Amanda Thorpe. A very special thanks to our Compere Mrs Mary Doheny and the support crew of staff – Mrs Cathy Watt, Mrs Gaye Crammond, Mrs Dot Pickard, Mrs Pam Hord, Mrs Lyn Sweetnam and Mrs Chris Fuoco who assisted on the evening. Creative Arts is certainly alive and flourishing at St Bernadette’s!

Spirit of God, Grant me:
the gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes,
the gift of counsel to make difficult decisions
the gifts of knowledge and understanding to use my mind to know you and to love you,
the gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disappointments
the gift of piety to be able to express my special love and commitment to you,
and the right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere God’s Love
Amen
From the Principal:

Band Chamber Music Concert
St Bernadette’s has over 100 students who participate in band lessons each Friday. Last Friday evening their parents and families were treated to a Chamber Music Concert and it was remarkable to witness the growth in skill and confidence of all of the children. Congratulations to the band children and to their teachers Mr Damian Butler, Mr Dan Masman and Ms Maddie O’Connor.

Lock Down Drill
As part of our WHS procedures, St Bernadette’s will be conducting a Lockdown drill next **Thursday, 18th September, 2014**. If you will be on school grounds at this time we ask that you follow instructions during the drill. An announcement will be made that the school is going into an immediate lockdown.

Student Representative Council
Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated as SRC members for Term 4:

- 2B  Gabrielle Younis
- 2G  Timothy Kelly
- 2W  Noah Vassallo
- 3B  Patrick Stennett
- 3G  Luciana Romanski
- 3W  Hayley Bounassif
- 4B  Samantha Kelly
- 4G  Veronica Dodd
- 4W  Lauren Fisher
- 5B  Aaliyah Gnanasekaram
- 5G  Holly Bounassif
- 5W  Zachary Tchetchenian
- 6B  Nicole Sroba
- 6G  Sadhbh Hogan
- 6W  Paige Iwatani

School Uniform
A reminder to parents that the school sports shoe is a predominately white jogger. If you are purchasing new sports shoes for your child during the school holidays you are requested to follow these guidelines so that your child is following the uniform code of the school. Should you purchase a sports shoe with coloured shoe laces please change these for white laces for wear at school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 10 Term 3
Parent helpers please arrive at 10.25am for recess and 12.45pm for lunch

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Thank you for your help and support in the Tuckshop. It is very much appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 16th September between 8.00am and 10.00am.

Summer uniform is now available to order. Order forms were emailed to parents recently and further copies are available from our website: Parents/notes from school/whole school/2014—2015 Summer Uniform Order Form.
At the start of Term 3, Year 6 began to prepare for Risky Business. This was something new and very exciting for us. This process involved designing and making a product to sell on the Risky Business market day. Firstly the CEOs of each group wrote a letter to get approval from Mrs Nettleton to be able to make and sell their products. Once Mrs Nettleton approved and suggested changes to our product we got to start working with our companies to produce an exciting product to market and sell. Each group member brought in $10 to give their company a budget of $60 or $70 to spend on supplies to make our product.

Then our accountants started to make up our budget to see if we would have enough money to allow us to successfully produce our product. Our researchers made a survey to ask the students around the school if they would buy our products and other questions about colour and price. Our purchasing officers made a flow chart of how to create our product and they bought the supplies from the shops. We needed to advertise our products so we made an advertisement and posters so everyone knew where to purchase our product and how much it would cost. This was taken care of by our marketing managers. And to keep track of our meetings we had a secretary who recorded the minutes. They were very helpful and offered lots of good ideas.

When it came time to make our products, each of the 14 groups made at least 100 items, some products took longer than others! But with some blood, sweat and tears (from the students and teachers) we got through it and proudly produced some of the greatest products associated in Risky Business history.

After we made all of our products, we set up our displays and invited our parents to come in and see all of our products and they all agreed that our products would raise a lot of money that would go to charity overseas during Mission Week - they were so impressed that they wanted to buy our products. They also viewed our portfolios that showed them what everyone in our company was responsible for and how the product was produced. Our Year 6 parents had a great time and so did we, showing them our achievements.

The next day was market day when we sell all our products to all the students in the school. We had set up our stalls the previous day and were ready for them to come. They rushed in and bought all the products they could find, leaving no stall with any product left- we sold out each time. By the end of the day every stall sold all their stock and raised loads of money.

All of Year 6 had heaps of fun and on behalf of them we would like to say thank you to the whole school for purchasing our products and to all of the people who helped us. We learnt so much and can you believe it? We were doing Maths, English, Science, Drama (advertising campaigns), Art and Craft and working collaboratively to help make our group a profitable company!

Written By: Callum Willard, Adrian Yu, Isabella Dodd and Madeleine Johnson
R.I.P. ††
Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Ingegneri family (Mrs Ingegneri 4W teacher), following the recent passing of her father-in-law. May he rest in peace.

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Parish News

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2014-2015: Parish families who would like their child to commence preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist need to attend one of our information evenings held on Monday 13 or Tuesday 14 October. Both evenings will commence at 7:30pm and will be held in the Church. These evenings are for parents only and should last approximately one hour. Children who are in at least Year 3 are eligible to commence Sacramental preparation. For more information, please contact Alice Bradshaw on 9634 2622 (Mon & Tue) or sacraments@stbernadette.org.au.
Good Guys’ Vouchers

Just a reminder that if you make a purchase at the Good Guys, to ask for your ‘School Reward Vouchers’. The school buys goods from them to help with A-thons, Fun Fairs etc.

Are you moving in 2014?

To estimate enrolments for 2015, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Bernadette’s at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

If your child is changing schools for 2015 please let us know. We have considerable pressure for enrolments into Year 5 and 6 and would like to offer positions to these families. You are reminded that CEO policy is that families need to give the school one full terms notice in writing in these circumstances.

NEW WEBSITE DETAILS

Child Protection

A reminder for parents who are required to ‘UPDATE’ their child protection and for ‘NEW’ parents to the school.

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE. This training is available online at: http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and MUST be completed every two years. This is the new link as of July 2014.

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, tuckshop, uniform shop or any help around the school.

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