Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to St Bernadette’s Primary School, the parish school of St Bernadette’s, Castle Hill.

Your child is unique and special with his or her own gifts and talents and we are honoured that you wish to share the journey with us as these gifts unfold.

We aim for excellence in teaching and learning at St Bernadette’s. We aim to provide children with many opportunities to experience personal success as they grow and develop in our care.

We emphasise:

 Nurturing the ‘whole’ person – spiritually, socially, physically, emotionally, culturally, intellectually … based on the Gospel values;
 Providing opportunities to experience success and learning at their individual level;
 Helping your child to experience God’s love in an environment of prayer, support, celebration and belonging, which will foster their personal faith.

We invite you to continue your fundamental role as first educator of your children. For the past four or five years you have been the prime teacher who assisted them to learn and grow. We will work in partnership with you and encourage you to be an active member of this wonderful school community.

We feel privileged that you have chosen St Bernadette’s Primary School and look forward to an exciting learning journey in the years ahead. It is a great school and we hope you will find it a dynamic learning community for your child.

Be sure to check our website for newsletters and school information. (Website address above)

Best wishes,

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

Strength through Gentleness

‘With each new generation
our proud traditions grow
and surrounded by creation
we come to know … that we find our
Strength through Gentleness
strong in spirit and gentle of heart.

(Excerpt from our school song
A McKenna 2009)’

‘Strength through Gentleness’
THE ENROLMENT PROCESS

Please complete the Kindergarten Enrolment Application Form and return to the school office by Friday, 1st May 2015. We will need to sight the original documents listed below and you are also requested to provide a copy attached to your enrolment form:

- child’s Birth Certificate
- child’s Baptismal Certificate
- child’s current immunisation record
- passport/visa (if your child and/or parent is not an Australian citizen)
- rate notice, lease agreement etc, on the property if you are moving into the parish

Please also provide:

- Current photograph of your child (attached to enrolment form)
- Copy of your child’s latest pre-school report

1. ‘Open Day’ – An information session has been organised for new families to the school community. On Tuesday, 10th March, we will gather in the School Hall at 9am to discuss St Bernadette’s and take a short tour of the school with our school leaders.

2. Parent/Child Interviews – Mrs Nettleton, (Principal) will then meet with you and your child during Term 2. This opportunity enables us to welcome your child, undertake some simple assessments and to answer any of your immediate questions about the school. An appointment can be made upon return of the completed forms.

3. Letters of Acceptance – After we complete the Parent/Child Interviews, the enrolment committee meets to decide upon each child’s eligibility against the enrolment criteria mentioned in the school enrolment policy and the child’s readiness for school. The first round of acceptance letters will hopefully be sent out by the end of the Term 2, although this can be delayed as we try to accommodate the many families wanting to enrol at St Bernadette’s.

4. Readiness for School – In Term 4, we have an evening meeting for parents where we discuss strategies to assist you in preparing your child for school at St Bernadette’s. This date will be confirmed in the acceptance letters in July.

5. Orientation and Transition – We provide a number of opportunities to enable your child to become familiar with the school, teachers, and classrooms and also to meet some of the other children who will be in their class or grade. This occurs during Term 4. Dates will be advertised in the acceptance letters along with details of our Term 4 playgroup program.

Thank you again for selecting St Bernadette’s as the Catholic School for your child. In partnership, we will provide a quality education in a caring and challenging learning environment. We look forward to your participation in our school community.

Kind regards,

Leanne Nettleton
Principal