Dear Parents,

As a Catholic school, our Catholic values and traditions are at the centre of the way we teach, the way we build community, the way we reconcile with each other and the way we celebrate. Over the last two weeks as a school community we have been focusing on the social skill of including others. This has given the children and the teachers the opportunity of exploring the many ways that we can accept the differences that naturally occur within our community. No two people are the same - we each look different, sound different, think differently and come from families that represent a wide diversity of cultures, customs and backgrounds.

While difference is something to be celebrated, it can also bring about challenge when it comes to acceptance and understanding. As a Catholic community we have our rich tradition and teachings to refer to. Difference requires each of us to be open to diversity and to be prepared to understand the other’s circumstances and or thinking. When we are able to do both, all individuals within our community are able to feel included.

That is, everyone will experience a sense of belonging; we will all feel respected and valued for who we are; and above all we will feel a level of supportive energy and commitment from others that will allow us each to do our personal best. Let us pray:

God, Creator of all,
help us to recognize that each of us
has abilities and each of us has limitations.
And yet we all have a part to play in bringing about Your Kingdom.
You love each of us profoundly.
In the spirit of gratitude and solidarity,
we ask you to increase our awareness
of both the gifts and the needs of those around us.
Open our hearts, minds and doors to the gifts of every person.
Help us to become truly welcoming communities
where everyone can find their place at Your table.
We ask this in Your name, Amen.

Leanne Nettleton—Principal

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**R.E. NEWS**

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

This greatly anticipated celebration will be held on Tuesday, 18th September. From 8:40am- 9:10am, the school Band (Beginner and Concert bands) will be playing in the church. Our Liturgy begins at 9:15am and is followed by a delicious Morning Tea and a Book Fair.

We look forward to a wonderful morning of celebrating together! Please remember to return RSVP slips to the committee who are organising the catering. As parking is always a challenge, please consider dropping grandparents to the church and picking them up when the Book Fair and Morning Tea conclude at 11:30am.

Due to the limited seating available for this large gathering, we ask that ONLY grandparents/special friends attend.

As Grandparents collect their grandchildren from the classrooms, they might like to have a quick look at the work displayed, before going to the Book Fair in the Library!

8:45 – 9: 10 Band playing in the church.
9:15 -10am Liturgy
10-11am Book Fair and Morning Tea (Grandparents to collect grandchildren from their classes to take to the Book Fair).
11:30am Book Fair concludes

Monica Fitzalan
Religious Education Coordinator
**From the Principal:**

**Slapped Cheek**
There have been a small number of cases of Slapped Cheek reported in our community. If your child presents with any of the symptoms of this illness - runny nose, fever, aches and pains, a rash and red cheeks it is very important for you to seek medical advice and to inform the school of any diagnosis. This information is important as the virus can place pregnant women and children with suppressed immunity at risk. Please keep your child home from school if they are sick.

**Council Patrols**
Council Patrol Officers will be monitoring our school access areas on a daily basis - most particularly Brisbane Road at the beginning and end of the school day. Parents are reminded to be mindful when entering and exiting the school in the afternoons. Please do not endanger our children or put them at risk by speeding through the car park or turning right at the bottom of the driveway when exiting. By their nature, children are impulsive, less predictable and harder to see than adults.

Our staff who are monitoring the driveway for those children who walk home are most concerned by the behavior of many of the drivers who enter and exit the driveway. You are reminded that it is illegal to use a mobile phone while driving.

**Kiss 'n Drop**
Thanks to our very energetic parent helpers who have really made this service much more efficient and safer in the mornings. Parents are asked to keep driving once they have dropped off their children. Please do not stop in the bottom car park to wave goodbye to the children. This is causing delays in the morning and there have been some near misses as cars have nearly collided.

**Car Pick Up in the afternoon**
Parents are reminded that to use this service you **DO NOT** enter the school grounds until 3.00pm. There are a number of parents entering the car park prior to this and taking up car spaces while they wait until it is 3.00pm. These parents are causing all sorts of havoc reversing out of car spaces to then use the Car Pick Up Service. Everyone is asked to please respect the rules of the Car Pick Up Service so that it is fair and safe for everyone. Beyond this repeated request I see that the only remaining solution is that parents who persist in entering the car park before 3.00pm will lose the right to use the Car Pick Up Service.

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**R.E. NEWS**

**Mission Week**
Next week, St Bernadette’s celebrates Mission Week! During this time, children delight in donating their time, talents and money to show their love for people less fortunate than themselves. At recess and lunch time, primary students have organised activities and stalls to raise money for malnourished children in East Timor. Children are invited to bring some spending money in, to purchase from the stalls which will be running all week.

Wrap With Love: If you can knit and have time, please remember to knit the squares for the [Wrap with Love](#). Details and the pattern for the squares were in the last two school newsletters. Students who would like to knit at school will be given the opportunity to do so at lunch time next week.

We are also collecting sunglasses and glasses that you no longer need.

Many thanks for your continued support of our outreach to others. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

*Helen Games*

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**Maths Olymp-a-thon**

**Two weeks to go** until our Maths Olymp-a-thon on Thursday, 20th September!

Thank you to all our families for helping to fill their tens frames with pledges. There are great prizes to be won, so keep up the great work. Just a reminder that money does not need to be brought into school until after the Maths Olymp-a-thon.

The teachers are busy at work planning a day full of maths and sporting activities. They can’t wait to workout everyone’s brains and bodies!

**Maths Olymp-a-thon Challenge:**

Use each of the numbers 1 to 6 once.
Write one in each circle.
Numbers next to each other must not be joined.
For example, 3 must not be joined to 2 or 4.

*Maths Olymp-a-thon Committee*
Norwest Basketball Challenge
Huge congratulations to our undefeated Senior Girls and Boys Basketball teams who won the Norwest Basketball Challenge A Grade Championship! Both teams displayed amazing skills and sportsmanship. Their dedication to their early morning training sessions paid off! A big thank you to all of the parents who helped with managing and scoring on the day, it wouldn’t have been possible without you.

Rhiarna Thomas

P & F News!
The P & F has again this week donated $15,000 to the school to be used for the purchase of much needed library books/literacy and teaching resources.

Thank you to parents for supporting our P&F Association in their many fundraising events.

Sportsmanship and Fair Play are the Social Skills that we will be focusing on at St Bernadette’s for the next fortnight. The students will be reminded of this skill in their classrooms and at assemblies. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child at home this week about the importance of displaying Sportsmanship and Fair Play.

Mrs Melinda Bullen

Coming Dates

WEEK 9
Mon, 10th Sept  •  MISSION WEEK
Tues, 11th Sept  •  Year 6 Risky Business Selling Day
Thurs, 13th Sept  •  MacKillop Athletics
Fri, 14th Sept  •  Yrs 3 and 4 Riverside Theatre Exc.

Congratulations to the following
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Including others at St Bernadette’s

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- **Friday, 7th September 2012**
**Other Items of Interest**

**UNIFORM SHOP**
The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 11th September between 8.00am and 10.00am. Parent helpers rostered for that day are: Sera Sirianni and Vesna Rakuljic. Thank you for giving your time.

Congratulations to the following students who entered the ICAS English Competition:

**Year 3:**
Credit — Holly Bounassif, Adam Byrnes, Conor Duggan, Georgiana Dumanpit, Brendan Nguyen, Sophie Noonan.

**Year 4:**
Distinction — Olivia Carrozzi, Callum Willard
Credit - Cloe Chan, Aidan Conlin, Samuel Hennessey, Christopher Ho, Jack Kelly, Andrew Mizzi, Nicola Rakuljic, Amelia Sing.

**Year 5:**
High Distinction — Emma Bugaria, Natasha Durney-Steel
Distinction — Danika Rojas, Rishon Roysue, Dylan Schweda.
Credit — Dillon Antoni, Natalia Bennett, Luca Ferraro, Luis Garcia Behrens, Thomas Hennessey, Tiana Hinton, Jack Towner.

**Year 6:**
Distinction — Patrick Langford, Claire Ward, Justin Yu
Credit — Erika Arana, Amelia Kelly, David Sirianni.

Also congratulations to Vinh Nguyen in 6G who achieved Distinction in the NSW Science Competition.

Good Guy’s Vouchers
Our total is: $351!
Thank you for your support!

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

**Are you leaving us at the end of the year?**
We already have quite a list of prospective families on a waiting list for next year. If you already know that your child will be leaving St Bernadette’s at the end of this year, would you kindly notify Mrs Nettleton in writing.

**Attention Year Six Parents**
The dinner note is now due. Please return as soon as possible.
The Family Picnic set down for 16th September has been cancelled.
Yr 6 Grade Parents

**REMINDER:**
Application for Exemption From Attendance at School
Schools in the Parramatta Diocese have been informed that when families request to take their child(ren) out of school during term time it is necessary for them now to complete an Application for Exemption From Attendance at School form (PRIOR to taking your child out of school). This form can be downloaded from the school website (PARENTS/HANDBOOK/STUDENT ATTENDANCE). On completion, the form is to be sent to the school office so that a Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School can be issued to parents. Parents are advised that when this certificate is issued they will need to have this with them during the period of exemption that has been granted. This certificate is a legal document.

Lollipop’s Playland
Lollipop’s - a local playland and café - is supporting St Bernadette’s. For every dollar spent at Lollipop’s on entry fees or a party, they will donate 10 cents to our school.
The Hills Leisure Centre, 10 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill Ph: 9680 8868
Eggy 100 HD: Free
This is a free application designed to help children recognise and learn sight words.

Bianca Bombardiere

Watching the children decide on what they think their DAD or Grandad would like is so wonderful to see. They are so overwhelmed and so excited with the experience.

A GRAND PROFIT of $3210.30 was achieved. This was a fantastic result, and we wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make this possible. We cannot thank you enough for your most generous support.

Another big THANK YOU to the wonderful mums: Patricia Carnevale, Jenny Zadro, Rose George, Sonia Kassis, Rosina Murphy, Louise Oxford, Jennifer Wakeling, Brenda Hughes, Rania Homsi, Pam Waters, Cherie Ho, Therese Younis, Michelle Towner, Fiona Carrozzi, Marnie Parington, Katrina Leonardi, Katrina Obeid, Reem Kashkourian, Karen D’Souza, Karen Byrnes, Carolyn James, Carol Barakat, Pauline Andrews, Anne Marie Sullivan, Paola Pereanez, Marian Dodd, Annabella Catanese, Stacey Daly, Karen Maher, Susan Goodlace, Leslie Doran and Bernadette Rushe, who so graciously gave up their time to help with either wrapping or selling.

Many thanks also to the following people who so generously made donations towards the Father’s Day Stall: Emily and Jenny Zadro, George and Reem Kashkourian, Annabella Catanese, Sonia Kassis and Rose George.

It is always so amazing to see such a dedicated, generous and energetic community at St Bernadette’s, THANK YOU!!

P & F Association

Hills Local Area Command Youth Liaison Officer
Senior Constable Rob Paterson is the Youth Liaison Officer who delivered our student and parent workshops on Cybersafety. He can be contacted on 9680 5399 should you wish to discuss any matter related to Cybersafety or bullying.

Leanne Nettleton
Principal

WAKE UP AND READ!!!
The children certainly got the message about the importance of reading. Frank Ozo used a variety of techniques including magic and puppets to keep the children engaged and entertained. They were trying to work out how Frank did the magic tricks and the puppets had everyone’s attention.

Mrs Crammond

Summer Uniforms
Summer uniform will be available to purchase from Week 9. As in previous years, children are permitted to wear their winter uniform if parents wish until Week 3, Term 4. In Week 3, Term 4 we ask that all children be in their full summer uniform.

The order form for summer uniform will be emailed to all parents with today’s newsletter. Further copies are available from the website.

We have introduced our new unisex sport shorts. They are a micro fibre material, the same as the jackets and track pants. This material will help keep their colour unlike the rugby style short, which does fade over time. Children may still wear the rugby style short though they will not be available to re-order from next week.

Thank you,
School Uniform Coordinators

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER
WEEK 3, TERM 4
From the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby:

UCANN Parent Forum

The Understanding Children with Additional Needs Network (UCANN) invites parents and caregivers to attend a free parent forum to discuss ways to support your child’s learning needs. The forum will be on Wednesday 12 September 7.00pm held at St Thomas Aquinas Primary, Springwood. For more information visit http://bit.ly/MywmbU

2012 Emmaus Golf Day

Friday 5 October 2012 - Springwood Golf Club Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. For more information click here.

Social Skills

Parents supporting children struggling to make peer relationships

This workshop offers parents practical strategies to assist young children to manage anxious social situations.

Based on the experience of clinic-based workshops, we explore worries, fears and phobias using a variety of activities to help children identify their own personal triggers for anxiety and how to best manage.

This workshop empowers children and their families to better understand and accept their sensitivities while developing positive and practical strategies to overcome them.

It will also cover:

- How to accept and redirect persistent worries or anxiety-based behaviour.
- How to express fears or phobias in the home setting;
- How to practice relaxation to modify behaviour;
- How to take responsibility and change unhelpful thoughts.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thur, 20 September 2012, 18:00 – 20:00
Where: Level 1, Opposite Anytime Fitness
Main Street, Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill NSW 2155
Cost: $10 per person
Registrations: Contact Emma on 8805 7288

"It takes a village to raise a child"

Congratulations to Mr Kelly, (one of our dads) who was an official on the Australian Olympic Team who managed to get a photo with HRH Prince Charles.

Saturday 15 September, 2012 4pm – 9.30pm  Castle Hill Heritage park

Oakhill College Open Day 2012

Oakhill College Open Day will be held on Sunday 14th October, 2012 from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. All families interested in the College are welcome to attend. Tours of the College and facilities will be held intermittently throughout the afternoon. A special welcome is extended to Year 5 students and their families who may be interested in the Year 7, 2014 intake. For further information please contact the Registrar, Mrs Maryanne Cordina-Maree on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au Booking is not required.