School Open Day for Kindergarten 2014
Parents of children ready to commence Kindergarten in 2014 are warmly invited to attend our school Open Day on Tuesday, 7th May 2013. There will be two Information Sessions and School Tours - 9.00am and 1.30pm. Please extend this invitation to those in our parish who you know would be interested in attending.

Staff Development Day
On Monday the staff commenced their professional learning focused on the new NSW Syllabus. This learning will continue for the remainder of this year at staff meetings and other opportunities as they arise. The new English and Maths Syllabuses will be introduced at St Bernadette's in 2014.

Congratulations
I would like to congratulate Mrs Bojanowski (formerly Miss Bianca Bombardiere, Kindergarten Blue teacher) and her husband Pete on their nuptials in the holidays. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best as they start their married life together.

SRC Inaugural Meeting
The SRC met with Mr Visser and Mrs Nettleton and discussed the roles of the representatives. The necessary plans were also made for future meetings. Throughout the term teachers and students will forward their suggestions to the Student Council via their representatives.

Celebrating Talents
Congratulations to Lachlan Baguley in 5W who proudly played the Last Post and Reveille at our school ANZAC ceremony on Tuesday. This is a tremendous effort and we are all very proud of him!

Talent Show
Planning and auditions for the Talent Show continue. Thank you to Mrs Bojanowski, Mrs Lee, Mrs Macey, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Uno and Mrs Crammond for their continued hard work at lunch times to facilitate this event.

Funding cuts put State's future in jeopardy
**R.E. NEWS**

**The Angelus**
This week has seen the introduction of ‘The Angelus’ across the entire school. The Angelus is a simple prayer recalling the Incarnation - the gift of God’s Son - and dates back to the 12th Century.

At 12 noon every day, a bell rings across the PA system, calling the entire school community to a short time of prayer and reflection. The school pauses to recite this ancient prayer and to take stock of their day. All Catholic schools in the diocese of Parramatta join in saying this prayer daily.

The praying of the Angelus has come about as the result of a request from Bishop Anthony Fisher OP to all. “While the Angelus will only take a few minutes to pray each day, it is an important reminder that there is more to life, much more, than the toil of everyday routines,” said Bishop Anthony.

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**Inter-School Debating Competition**
The following Year 6 students will be participating in the Hills Interschool Debating Competition throughout Terms 2 and 3. Congratulations and good luck to these children:

- Dillon Antoni
- Harrison Bayssari
- Natasha Durney-Steel
- Luca Ferraro
- Hugo Manieri
- Abbey McConnell
- Joseph Patchell
- Christina Saad
- Rachel Steenson
- Saara Stenberg
- Jack Towner
- Natalie Winiarski

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**Mothers’ Day Celebrations**
**Friday 10th May**

Mass: 9.15am in the Church

Morning Tea: 10.30–11.15am

Open Classrooms: 11.15–12pm

Hope all of our mums will be able to join us on this special occasion.

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**Mothers’ Day Stall**
**Wednesday 8th May 2013**

**Spoil Mum or Grandma This Mothers’ Day**

**Beautiful Gifts to choose from including:**

- Homewares
- Bags
- Pamper packs
- And so much more

**Prices** from $3.00 up to $10.00

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**Child Protection Information Line – Royal Commission**
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

The dedicated information line will provide information about how schools are handling child protection matters and will be able to respond to individual enquiries and assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services if needed.

The Child Protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education Office staff member. A message service is also available on this line.

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**Congratulations to Grace Michell in 4 Gold** who made the final of the 200m Individual Medley and finished 5th in the State. Grace also made the final of the 50m butterfly and finished 7th in the State.
P&F Mum’s Night Out Friday 3rd May 2013 in the Hall
It is not too late to join us for this fabulous evening. Come on mums treat yourself, bring along a friend, your sister, mother, aunty and enjoy a night pampering yourself – you deserve it!

Mums’ Night Out

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR - $10
FRIDAY, 3RD MAY

Our annual Mums’ Night Out event is on
Friday 3 May at 7.30pm.

Bring your mum and your best friend!

There will be amazing stalls by Maria Nicola Jewellery, Nutrimetics, Bernie’s Beauty, Apple Cart Co, Hills Nails and much more!

For the first time this year ... wine tasting by Pieroth.

Refreshments by our very own Hospitality Committee and Aussie Farmers.

Just $10 per person. RSVP: Thursday, 2nd May.

Businesses exhibiting on the night:

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Please CLICK on the link below and ‘LIKE’ the St Bernadette’s Fun Fair Facebook page for regular updates and shout outs for help!

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 7th May between 8.00am and 10.00am.

Uniform is either summer or winter until Week 3 when all children should be in full winter uniform. Thank you.

R.I.P. ‡‡ Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Collyer family (Liam 1B and Jake 3B), following the recent passing of their Grandfather. May he rest in peace.

HELP NEEDED
We are looking for parents who can help volunteer in the car park of a morning to assist with Kiss ‘n Drop. You can volunteer once a week or once a fortnight on a day you choose from 8am-8:40am. If you have time to spare please email shope@iprimus.com.au and advise of the day you would be available to help and your choice of weekly or fortnightly. The car park is a busy place in the mornings we would appreciate your help to keep our children safe.

SPORT DAYS
Term 2:
Kindergarten: Monday & Friday
Year 1: Monday & Thursday
Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4: Wednesday & Friday
Year 5: Tuesday*, Wednesday & Friday * varies
Year 6: Mon—6B, Tue—6G & 6W, Wed—All Year 6

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

Good Guy’s Vouchers
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Book Club Thanks!
A huge thank you to Mrs Cherie Ho and Mrs Lucy Losurdo for their help in coordinating the book club orders last term. Your time is helping the children of St Bernadette’s is much appreciated.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 2 Term 1
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.

We will be collecting Woolworths reward vouchers again this year.

Please send in the completed Woolworths cards/and or stickers.
Starts: Monday 8th April.
Thank you for your support.
Please let friends, relatives and neighbours know about our Kindergarten 2014 Open Day.

Gilroy Catholic College—Applications for Year 7, 2014 close on Friday, 12th April 2013.