Dear Parents,

Fathers Day is a good time to stop and appreciate a unique person that God has put into our lives- our father.

On this special day we are given the opportunity to particularly recall and affirm the special gifts that our fathers bring to our families- protection, a sense of humour, words of guidance and wisdom, helpfulness, security, forgiveness, compassion, strength and courage to name just a few.

When we think of Fathers we think especially of our own dads and grandfathers and the other male father figures we have in our lives – Father John, Father Eugene and Father JJ. It is easy to take our fathers for granted but on a day such as Fathers Day we can thank our dads for providing for our physical needs - the house we live in, the food we eat, the clothes we wear. We can thank them for the wisdom they share --even though they may not always have all the answers. Finally, we can thank them for setting a good example for us to follow.

We wish all the fathers in our St Bernadette’s community a happy Fathers Day and we pray :-

Dear Jesus,
we thank you for our
fathers and we pray that you will
bless them with the wisdom needed
to be good fathers.
God bless Father John,
Father Eugene and Father JJ
Amen

PS. Dear Dads we hope that you enjoy the Job Advertisement on the back

Today we celebrated our wonderful dads with a beautiful liturgy celebrated by Father J.J. The hall was packed with lots of dads and children who woke up early to come to Mass and ask for God’s blessings on the special man in their life who guides them and loves them unconditionally.

Father J.J shared some words of wisdom with us about being able to recognise the gifts that God has given. He told us to always have hope and trust in God and to reach out and grab those gifts we are offered. These gifts are only gifts if we use them in community.

We thank the special ‘fathers’ in our school, Father John, Father Eugene and Father J.J for the way they guide us in our faith.

A huge thanks to our wonderful mums led by Fiona Carrozz i and Katrina Leonardi who prepared and served a delicious breakfast to our dads this morning. I know that no one would have gone home hungry. Special thanks to Jeff Younis and Duncan Everett for all their help in setting up for our breakfast

We wish all our dads a fantastic Fathers Day on Sunday and hope they get spoilt with lots of hugs and kisses and special time with their children.

Mrs Jenny Godwin
Religious Education Co-ordinator
From the Principal:

Catholic Out of School Hours Care Services

As you may be aware, St Bernadette’s Out of School Hours (OOSH) Centre Inc. recently passed a resolution to cease operations in April 2014 and voluntarily wind up the association.

The School Principal Mrs Nettleton, Fr Boyle Parish Priest and Clare Parker representing the OOSH had met with CEO representatives to explore possibilities for the OOSH service. This resulted in a request for Catholic Out of School Hours Care to establish a service at St Bernadette’s, as the existing service was struggling and new regulations were not helping the situation.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) is now in a position to commence arrangements to obtain government approval to open a COSHC service at St Bernadette’s Castle Hill. COSHC is operated by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) on behalf of the Diocese and presently operates 15 services across the Diocese.

New regulations effective from January 2012 have resulted in much more onerous obligations and red tape for Out of School Hours Care services. Consequently the lead time to open a new service is several months longer. Development Approval is also required from the local council and this can take several months.

COSHC will soon undertake a survey through the school to gather information on likely attendance levels for before school care, after school care and vacation care. This information is needed to determine staffing and resource levels for the service.

Further information on COSHC enrolments and fees will be provided to families after the survey results have been assessed. COSHC intend holding an Enrolment and Parent/Carer Information session at the school in Term 4 of 2013 in preparation for the opening of a COSHC service at the start of Term 2 of 2014

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR: Week 8 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.

Coming Dates

Week 8

Wed, 4th Sept
- Yrs 5 & 6 Basketball

Thurs, 5th Sept
- Yr 5 Bathurst
- Design2Shire 4B

Fri, 6th Sept
- Yr 5 Bathurst
- Filler Basket Day
- Design2Shine 4B & 4W

CONGRATULATIONS:
Recently Lachlan Baguley took part in the Dural Showcase Evening at the Galston Club. Lachlan performed Antonin Dvorak Largo from the New World Symphony. Congratulations Lachlan on a fine performance.

Year 1 "End of Term" Family Night
Castle Hill RSL
Sunday 15th September
From 4pm

Football Cards and Trading Cards
Parents and children are reminded that Football cards and trading cards are not to be brought to school.
Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to Jonathan Lu on winning a SILVER MEDAL for Australia in Malaysia at the recent 7th International World Taekwondo Federation Championship

On Tuesday 27 August St Bernadette’s played against our neighbours St Michael’s in Round 3 of the Mark Taylor Shield at Ted Horwood Reserve.

St Bernadette’s won the toss and took the field. Despite St Michael’s strong batting line-up, our bowlers were able to restrict their score to 2 for 42 at the break after 15 overs and 6 for 129 after 30 overs. The best of our bowlers were Andrew (2/13), Lachlan (1/9) and Nick (1/32), while Stephin and Tom held a couple of superb catches in the outfield.

Some tight bowling by St Michael's restricted us to 3 for 34 after 15 overs and a final total of 88 runs off 28 overs. The best of our batsmen were Tom (24), Jack (16) and Aaron (11). Congratulations to St Michael’s, who were the better team on the day, we wish them every success in the final rounds ahead.

Well done boys, we made it to the top 16. This was a great achievement due to your outstanding team spirit and support for each other. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who provided regular support at the matches, this was most appreciated.

Mr Bye, Mr Donnelly

PARRAMATA DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
held Friday 23rd August, 2013

Congratulations to the following children who placed in the top four of their event and will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Athletics trials on Tuesday, 17th September at Homebush:

Well done boys, we made it to the top 16. This was a great achievement due to your outstanding team spirit and support for each other. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who provided regular support at the matches, this was most appreciated.

Mr Bye—Sports Coordinator

The Baroque Dance Group consisting of Olivia Spiteri and Olivia Mack performed for the class this week. It was a stunning performance enjoyed by 6G

The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 3rd September between 8.00am and 10.00am.

As the weather is quite warm children can commence wearing the summer uniform. Parents please dress children in either summer or winter uniform not a mixture of the two.

Summer Uniform

Please be advised that summer uniform will be available to purchase on Tuesday of Week 9. The 2013/2014 School Uniform Order form will be emailed to parents today and uploaded onto our website. New Summer Shirts for boys will be available for purchase from Week 9.

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the Rakuljik family (Nicole 5G and Thomas 6G), following the recent passing of their grandfather. May he rest in peace.
Our aim this year is to support local children living in out-of-home-care through The Pyjama Foundation’s Love of Learning Program in which volunteer adult mentors develop supportive relationships with children in foster care, helping them to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. The program is used as a primary intervention strategy to address the poor literacy and educational achievements frequently experienced by children living in out of home care. 100 children are being supported by The Pyjama Foundation in the local area with many more children on the waiting list.

1. Each class at St Bernadette’s will be asked to raise money during weeks 9 and 10 for a pencil case with stationery items. $1 per student would easily achieve this.
2. There will be a Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 17th September. Order forms will be sent home on Monday 2nd September.
3. Teachers and senior students will make and organise Maths and Literacy games.
4. There will be a Pyjama Day and a gold coin collection on Tuesday 17th September when all students and staff are encouraged to wear their pyjamas. Sensible shoes need to be worn.
5. Year 6 students are participating in a unit of work called “Risky Business”. The profit from the items they sell from their businesses will be used to purchase books for the Pyjama Foundation.

The number of children in out-of-home-care rose by 51% between 2005 and 2010 to around 36 000. Our aim at St Bernadette’s is to make a difference to at least some of these children.

Thank you for your support.

Helen Games
JOB ADVERTISEMENT

POSITION:
Father, Dad, Daddy,

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Long term, team players needed, for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, including evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities! Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The rest of your life.
Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs $5.
Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly.
Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 100 kmh in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf.
Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.
Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects.
Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next.
Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys, and battery operated devices.
Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.
Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.
Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION:
None. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:
None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION:
Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses.
A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent.
When you die, you give them whatever is left.
The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

BENEFITS:
While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.