



St Bernadette's School



Friday 2 August 2019 — Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

What a busy and exciting time we have had at St Bernadette's this week. We have had many opportunities to see our school values in action as we continued our learning, participated in sporting events hosted international visitors from Texas and opened our doors to our grandparents. We even had a visit from Spiderman, Captain America and Obi Wan Kenobi as we celebrated 100 sleeps until our fun fair!

Firstly, I would like to thank our families for the wonderful celebration yesterday with our grandparents. Much organisation goes into a special event such as this one and we value the contribution that the many parents who helped with all aspects of the day gave. Thank you!

Our grandparents are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Oftentimes children will listen to grandparents even when they are not listening to us their parents. Grandparents are our link to the family history.

On Tuesday we hosted educators from Texas who were here to see our project-based learning in stage 3 in action. They were especially impressed with how articulate the students were when discussing their learning. Well done Years 5 and 6!

Our primary students participated in the netball and soccer gala days and as usual represented our school with distinction. Not only in their ability to play but through their friendship and sporting behaviour that makes them a credit to St Bernadette's. You can read about their efforts further in our newsletter.

Have a lovely week,
Melissa Beggs
Acting Principal

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Pope Francis

R.E. NEWS



There was a wealthy landowner who lived in the Scottish Highlands. There was an emptiness in his life. He had no religious belief, he lived alone, possessed by his possessions. In the gate lodge at the entrance to his estate lived John his farm manager. John was a man of simple faith and deep religious commitment. One morning the landowner was looking out on the valley, he said to himself, 'It is all mine' when he heard the doorbell ringing. He found John on the doorstep. 'What's the matter John?' he asked. 'John looked embarrassed. 'Sir, last night I had a dream, and in it the Lord told me that the richest man in the valley would die tonight at midnight. The landowner dismissed him, but John's words kept bothering him, so he went to the local doctor for a complete check-up. The doctor pronounced him fit as a fiddle. When midnight passed and he was still in the land of the living he went up the stairs to bed. He then heard the doorbell. It was 12.30. At the door was John's daughter in tears. 'Mummy sent me to tell you that Daddy died at midnight.' The landowner froze as it was suddenly made clear to him who was the richest man in the valley.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS
Bill Keane
"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a GIFT. That's why it's called the present."

In the parable in Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21) Jesus invites us to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. The richest man in the valley may not be the one with the most money. Jesus said, "Watch and be on your guard because a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." (Luke 12:15). Have a wonderful Week.

Sally Coppini—Acting REC

Week 3 Dates

Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Mon 5 August
8.30am Assembly

Tue 6 August
8-10am Uniform Shop
9.15am K 2020 OT Parent Workshop (School Hall)

Wed 7 August
Student Banking Day
Yrs 5 & 6 Soccer Gala Day—Wanderers Cup

Thurs 8 August
9am Mary MacKillop Mass K to Yr 6

Coming Dates:

Tues 13 August
Infants Athletics Carnival
Yr 6 Voice of Youth Diocesan Education Mass and Expo at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Wed 14 August
7.30pm P&F Meeting

Thurs 15 August
Hills Zone Athletics

Fri 16 August
Yr 6 Debating

Tue 27 August
Father's Day Stall

Wed 28 August
Yrs 3 to 6 Hills Basketball Gala Day

Thur 29 August
Yrs 3-6
Milo Cricket

Fri 30 August
6.45am Fathers Day Celebrations (Church)

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020
Next School Tour: Thurs 15 August 9am Please Register: 02 9407 6600

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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

St Bernadette's Primary School, Castle Hill

School Hours: our school day commences at 8:30 am with dismissal at 2:45pm.

Children are encouraged to arrive at school after supervision begins at 8:00 am. If children need to be left before this, arrangements for their care can be made at the Before and After School Centre adjacent to the school.

We do understand that some children will arrive at school earlier for Band, sport trials before or after school with suitable arrangements made by parents for their collection in the afternoons.

When children do arrive at school just before 8am supervision begins, they are invited to sit quietly in the Passive Grass Area. At all times we are ensuring the safety of the children at St Bernadette's and appreciate your cooperation with our school hours and teacher supervision times.

Kathy Watt
Acting Assistant Principal

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information. Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Social Skills—

St. Bernadette's Social Skills for this semester will be aligned with our school's implementation of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) - an approach which supports both the overall well-being of students. Research indicates that when students feel safe and cared for and have a sense of belonging, they are able to achieve their potential in all aspects of their learning. PBS4L is a school-wide initiative that encompasses our school values and school motto and helps the students to learn and understand the school's shared values and goals.

Our overarching expectations are: **RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT, SAFE and LEARNER.**

Weeks 1 & 2

Recognising my Personal Strengths at St Bernadette's 'LEARNER'

Our school motto is 'Strength through Gentleness' and it is this motto that is the basis of the relationships that we endeavour to build with those in our school.

We define 'strength' as the state of being strong; muscular power, mental power, moral power and power by reason of influence.

'Gentleness' is defined as the value and quality of one's character.

It is timely that we consider our school motto and the impression its meaning has on our social interactions, as we begin the second part of our school year.

We have been discussing the word 'success' and our own personal strengths that allow us to be successful at school and at home.

Our students will begin to develop an awareness that doing their 'personal best' - recognising their strengths, helps them to be successful and that it feels great when you have accomplished something that you set out to do. Everyone needs to feel satisfied when they have done their best.

Family Discussions:

- Help your child to discuss and identify their own personal strengths and examples of their success and how they felt about it.
- Pay attention to times when they are unhappy and have taken positive steps to become happier and draw on their personal strengths.
- Communicate enthusiasm for all types of successes you observe and how they achieved them.

Mrs Kathy Watt

Attendance—Every Learner Every Day

Our attendance rate is **86.6%** and still remains below our schools 90% target. Congratulations to Kindy and Year 5 with their attendance rates meeting the 90% target. Meeting our attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed academically and socially when they attend school consistently. We encourage all parents to assist their child by being present and ready to start each day at 8:30 am. Learning begins when the school day starts. Thank you to those parents who notify the teachers when students are absent as this is a requirement for our roll, that students absences and the reasons why are recorded, preferably the next day the student returns to school.

Kindy	90.6%	Yr 4	87.7%
Yr 1	85.5%	Yr 5	91.3%
Yr 2	77.2%	Yr 6	87.3%
Yr 3	84.7%		

'Don't be late, school won't wait'

Semester 2 SRC Members

Congratulations to the following new members of the School Representative Council. Each student received their badge today at our assembly. We look forward to working with you.

- 2B Patrick Kelly
- 2G Emma Sakkal
- 3B Sofia Papandrea
- 3G Chelsea Nicolaou
- 3W Sophie Pratt
- 4B Angelique Debelak
- 4G Keira Pereira
- 4W Mikayla Alam
- 5B Charlie Akle
- 5G Sophia Black
- 5W Liam Worne
- 6B Georgia Pratt
- 6G Christopher Khoudair
- 6W Brayden Leuzzi

Miss Georgia Fitzalan & Mrs Mrs Melissa Beggs
SRC Coordinators

Grandparents Day

Thank you to all the Grandparents who celebrated with us on Thursday in the classrooms and at Mass. We pray for all those Grandparents who have died and are sharing in their rewards in Heaven. The children enjoyed sharing their special Grandparents work with you. Thank you to the wonderful parents who organised the beautiful morning tea.



Grandparents Day Thanks

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who gave up their time this morning to help set up and serve all our wonderful grandparents. Thanks also to the parents who provided all the lovely morning tea that our grandparents really appreciated.



Congratulations to the following STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Social Skill: Respecting Others at St Bernadette's

Class	Student of the Week	Student of the Week	Social Skill Award
KB	Not for Publication	Hanna Saham	Evan Parame
KG	Victoria Kalina	Jai Kirkwood	Ava Zeaiter
KW	Benjamin Maggs	Gabriella Baker	Charles Watson
1B	Tessa Kaufmann	Samuel Khamis	Rachel Zeaiter
1G	Nevan Fernando	Not for Publication	Layla Dmello
1W	Harry Watson	Maya Abaza	Oscar Barone
2B	Xavier Lavulo	Oscar O'Byrne	Zoran Djurisic
2G	Julia Foong	Sofia George	Aleksander Puleo
3B	Isaac Beshay	Mia Parame	Addisyn Ream
3G	Fabian Crecca	Andrea Yacoub	Julianna Zaiter
3W	Chelsea Fayle	Samuel Lean-Fore	Charlotte Ward
4B	Jenice Luong	Joseph Anthony-Raad	David Lievano
4G	Matthew Hanna	Caleb Gomez	Lanna Heneghan
4W	Carla Kamel	Harry Palmer	Paul Makhoulf
5B	Cohen Orsini	Amelia Smith	Deangelo Chedid
5G	Ashton Pulvirenti	Georgina Kassis	Liam Conlin
5W	Liam Worne	Antonio Wadih	Isabella De Souza
6B	Cassandra Losurdo	Terence Nwabuokey	Luke Giallonardo
6G	Sarah Lievano	Christopher Khoudair	Anna Weppner
6W	Lucas Karam	Michaela Scrooby	Brayden Leuzzi

Celebrating Talents

Congratulations to Charlotte Ward in 3W who was selected into the NSW Gymnastics Team Future squad for 2019. This involves 3 clinics and a 3 day camp at the AIS Canberra.

Principal's Awards:

Isabella Botros 6G
Jeslyn Ariyanayagam 6G



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to 5 Gold. All the children in Mrs Metwally's class have completed the reading challenge! You are the champions.



Sports News Infants Athletics Carnival



All children in Years Kindy to Year 2
Tuesday 13th August
9:00am - 12:00pm
At St Bernadette's

Years 3/4 Soccer Gala Day - A word from the players:

On Tuesday this week, St Bernadette's took 3 teams to the soccer gala day out at Penrith. The children were so excited, especially after having the original date postponed due to wet weather. I had an amazing experience as a referee. I noticed that all the kid participating in the gala day were very talented as well being good sports. It was fun to watch a soccer game from a different perspective.



After speaking with some of our players and coaches, I heard about the events of their day. One of the boys teams came 2nd in their pool - they had a clean sheet, with no

goals scored against them all day. The other boys team, played hard and showed a resilience in their games throughout the day. The girls team had many girls in it, who had never played before and gave it a try. It was great to see the effort they put into every game.

We should also say a huge thank you to the coaches for giving up their time to assist the children both on and off the field.

It was truly a great day. - **Sarah Lievano**

Netball Gala Day - A word from the players:

On Wednesday, the 31st of July, the Annual Invitational Netball Gala Day was held at Kellyville netball courts. Approximately 60 children from Years 3-6 participated in the carnival. All participants, coaches, managers and umpires had a very enjoyable day and tried their best, luckily we were all blessed with dry weather.

Congratulations to all the children who participated, everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship and tried their best throughout the entire day!

The 9 years girls green team, 10 girls and 12 girls green team were the division winners on the day! Well done on their outstanding effort! Many thanks to all the parents, umpires and older sisters who helped with coaching, managing and umpiring. Special thanks to all the St Bernadette's netball committee for not only giving up their time on the day but for all their hard work in making this day possible for the students to enjoy. A number of other schools in our diocese commented on the friendly atmosphere and the excellent organisation of the day. Thank you to Miss Morelli, Miss Bleakley and Mrs Hourigan for all their help on the day. - **Justin Lim 6B**



GALA DAY INFO

Soccer Gala Day Team Training:



Years 5/6 Boys
Tuesday 6th August
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Greenup Park, Castle Hill

Years 5/6 Girls
Tuesday 6th August
Lunchtime
Grass Area

Basketball Team Trials:
WEEK 3 before school.



Years 5/6 Girls
Monday 5th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Years 5/6 Boys
Tuesday 6th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Years 3/4 Girls
Wednesday 7th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Years 3/4 Boys
Friday 9th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Cricket Team Trials:
WEEK 4 before school.



Years 5/6 Boys & Girls
Wednesday 14th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Years 3/4 Boys & Girls
Friday 16th August
7:30am **BEFORE SCHOOL**
Top Court

Lunchtime Clubs

Tuesday	Lego	Kindy to Yr 6
	Choir	Yrs 3 to 6
	Little Techies	Yrs 1 & 2
	Library	Kindy to Yr 6
Wednesday	Library	Kindy to Yr 6
Thursday	Chess	Kindy to Yr 6
	Library	Kindy to Yr 6

Student Leave

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods will now be included in Student Attendance Data as absences. Parents are requested to complete an Application for Extended Leave form for absences of **5 school days or more**. This form is on our website: Community/School Notes/Administration Forms. Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) **at least three weeks** prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Nettleton. Thank you for your assistance.

Child Protection—Online

A reminder to parents that it is a diocesan requirement that you must have completed the Child Protection Module ONLINE if you would like to volunteer at school. The link for the child protection module is available below or from our website (right hand side). Please note there are **two** steps to complete the online course.



<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

All parents must have completed the above prior to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, in the uniform shop or any other help around the school. An email confirmation of both steps is then sent directly to the school to confirm your child protection is completed and valid for two years. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hillsbus School Service—Changes 12 August 2019

Parents are advised to check the school timetable for the school bus as some times have changed on some routes. A reminder that all students must have a valid Opal card and must tap on and off.

P & F News:



SAVE THE DATE: Fri 8 November 3pm onwards

COME JOIN US
P&F Meeting
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 7:30 PM
SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Reports on P&F and school activities
- Meet other parents & contribute
- Last P&F meeting before Fun Fair!

Oakhill College Basketball Club Enrolments 2019/2020 SUMMER COMPETITION

Are you in Year 6 and enrolled at Oakhill College in 2020? Joining the Oakhill Basketball Club is a great way for any of the boys at your school that may be attending Oakhill College in 2020 to play local comp basketball in the Hills District Summer Comp at Hills Sports Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill. This is a great opportunity to get together and meet some new friends before you start at the College.

We are placing teams together for the Summer Comp commencing Term 4, 2019 and Term 1, 2020. Players will be placed in U/14's comp competing against boys their own age.

Enrolment forms should be submitted to the Oakhill Basketball Club by return email no later than **Friday 9th August, 2019**.

Please note that we do our best to place all boys into an Oakhill Team, depending on the number of boys enrolled. We also welcome parents who wish to volunteer as Coaches and Managers for these teams. For enquiries, please email us at oakhillcollegebasketball@gmail.com or contact us via our website: www.oakhillbasketball.club

R.I.P. †† Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the **D'Souza & Colaco** families (Keona in 1B & Samara in 1W), following the recent passing of their grandmother. May she rest in peace.



Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 22 July—Fri 27 September
Term 4: Mon 14 October to Wed 18 December (for students)