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St Bernadette's School - Letter of Welcome 2021

A Student's Prayer for the New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for
Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to
experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities
that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies
and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers
and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all St Bernadette's families to the 2021 School Year. I hope and pray that this will be a happy, engaging and safe year for all in our community.

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have received in coming to St Bernadette's. I feel very excited about working with you all. Joanne, staff and community have done a wonderful job of creating an excellent school. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you to continue on this great work.

We have had a great start to the year with the children settling into their classrooms and routines with ease.

We welcome the following **new students** and their families to our school community -
Ariela, Rebecca, Hayley, Elysse and Josh Rubin

and the following **Prep children** and their families -

Elijah, Tommaso, Jayden, Izabella, Lincoln, Francis, Sophia, William, Olivia, Jacob, Luka, Heidi, Marcus, Giordano, Athena, Bella, Lincoln, Andre, Claudia, Isaac, Justin, Lukas, Cairon, Camilla, Celina, Ethan, Emilija, Michael, Bradley, Justin, Daniel, Maisie, Jonas, Nancy, Nathan, Ha Thaw Ma, Kanushree, Amelia, Ezra, Albert, Chelsea, Chris, Fiona, Kyle, Emma, Liam, Bawi Dawt Sang, Phoenix, Jax, Jay, Maisie, Kayden and Amos

and the following **staff** -

Mrs Jennifer Marshall (1M), Signor Matteo Maccio (Italian Teacher) and Ms Kim Nguyen (Maths Leader P-2)

We thank you all for choosing to join our community and hope you enjoy your time with us at St Bernadette's.

- During Term 1, we can have some very hot weather. As we are a Sunsmart school it is compulsory that your child has a school hat to wear or they will have to sit in the shade.
- A reminder that the first bell rings at 8:45am.
- The school gates open in the morning at 8:30am and will now close at 8:45am. Entry after this time is through the front office door.
- School finishes at 3:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at 3:00pm on a Wednesday.

- At the end of the day, children move to the playground when the music is going. Children cannot go home until the bell rings at 3:30pm.
- For the safety of all parents, carers and children, please do not gather on the deck outside the Evodia Resource Centre at the end of the day. This will allow the children to come out into the playground.
- School Assembly is on a Wednesday at 2:30pm. Due to COVID restrictions, we are still unable to have parents/carers at assembly, however, they will be available online. Zoom links to follow.
- Camp Australia runs a before and after school program for students from 6:30am-8:30am in the mornings and 3:45pm-6:00pm in the afternoons. Students at school before 8:30am or after 3:45pm are required to attend this program.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office via phone 9311 8872 or email your child's teacher by 9:15am.
- If you have a valid Health Care Card, please complete the attached form. For more information or assistance with this contact the office staff.

Class Teachers for 2021

Prep Purple - Miss Daniela Granata

Year 1M - Mrs Jenny Marshall

Year 2P - Mr Daniel Powell

Year 3P - Miss Holly Phillips

Year 4E - Miss Stephanie Elam

Year 5S - Miss Emma Scerri

Year 6L - Miss Shruti Lad

Prep Yellow - Miss Melissa Szulik

Year 1T - Miss Cecilia Tran

Year 2C - Miss Michelle Camenzuli

Year 3S - Miss Lynette Sciberras

Year 4H - Miss Monica Hughes

Year 5C - Miss Elise Casamento

Year 6R - Mr James Reitmaier

Leaders for 2021

Principal - Mr Brendan Gill

Deputy Principal and ICT Leader - Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn

Religious Education Leader - Miss Amanda Browne

Student Diversity Leader & Arts Leader - Mr Fredrik Zeinstra

Literacy P-2 Leader & Co Teacher - Mrs Sarah Turner

Literacy 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher - Mr Sean Walshe

Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher - Ms Kim Nguyen

Mathematics 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher - Mrs Karen Costabile

Student Wellbeing Leader - Mrs Renee Cassar

Family Engagement in Learning Leader - Miss Stephanie Elam

Cluster Engagement Learning Leader - Mrs Gill Baxter

Support and Specialist Staff for 2021

Visual Arts - Mrs Joanne Butler

Physical Education - Mr Ian Miller

Music - Mr Fredrik Zeinstra

Strategic Learning & Teaching - Mrs Leonie McCarthy

Strategic Literacy Support - Mrs Nicky Harley

Reading Recovery - Mrs Julie Whatman

Digital Technologies and Robotics - Mrs Christine Roberts

Italian - Mr Matteo Maccio & Mrs Jane Gilmartin

Community Kitchen - Mrs Jane Gilmartin

Evodia Resource Centre Manager - Ms Bernadette Fenech

Assistant & Translator - Ms Thi Phan

Learning Assistants for 2021

Ms Mary Balzan

Ms Marita Debattista

Mrs Johanna Hennessey

Mrs Amanda Nguyen

Ms Alex Rossi

Mrs Rosemary Romeo

Mrs Cherie Saad

Mrs Mary Semaan

School Administration for 2021

Student Administration & Communication & Manager - Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz

Student Administration & Communication - Mrs Sandra Attard Borg

Finance & Human Resources - Mrs Joanne McNabb and Ms Errica Mastrilli

Canteen Manager - Ms Marita Debattista

Assistant - Ms Rachel Gilmore

Maintenance - Mr Joe Tabone

School Counsellor - Ms Sarah Judde

Should you need to contact any staff member, please phone on 9311 8872 or email the staff member. Emails are simply first initial and surname followed by @stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. For example John Smith - jsmith@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. To contact me via email principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:

- a. **Prep Timetable** - there is no school for Preps on the first 3 Wednesdays - February 3rd, 10th and 17th. From Monday 22nd February they will be at school full-time.
- b. **CyberSafety Parent Sessions - Years 3-6**
This is a reminder that our Year 3 - 6 Cyber Safety evening for parents will be held on **Wednesday, 10th February**.
Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we will be holding two meetings:
2:45PM - 3:30PM - EVODIA DISCOVERY CENTRE (50 people maximum)
7:00PM - 7:45PM - PIONEERS HALL (120 people maximum)
We are requesting that only one parent/guardian attends this meeting due to restrictions. There will be Vietnamese and Burmese interpreters **ONLY** at the 7:00pm meeting. Please make sure you wear a MASK to this meeting.
- c. **Meet 'n Greet** - we look forward to meeting via whereby.com with every family in Week 5 – 22nd - 26th February. Stay tuned for a letter about this important event. We wish to partner and engage with you AND your child in the learning.
- d. **Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass** is on Wednesday 17th February at 12:15pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this mass is for students and staff only. A Zoom link to the mass will be sent later.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Once again, Experience Music are offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. For more information and how to enrol, please visit www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment or see the included flier.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS VICTORIA - esafety webinars

For those families in Grade Prep-2 who may want some information around esafety, CSPV are hosting a webinar that will look at how parents and carers can support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships and what to do if things go wrong.

It will cover:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
 - understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
 - where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.
- The webinar will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Dates for webinars in Victoria:

Tuesday 9 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 10 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 10 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Monday 15 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Monday 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Register at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this letter.

All the very best for the year ahead.

Cheers,

Brendan

Principal