

St Bernadette's School Newsletter - Week 10
Wednesday 31st March 2021



Holy Week
Journey Together

A PRAYER AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, as we approach this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of your love for us, help us:

to follow where you go,
to stop where you stumble,
to listen when you cry,
to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die;
so that,
when you are raised to life again, we may
share in your endless joy. Amen.

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00PM TOMORROW
CHILDREN CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TOMORROW.
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to enter into a most significant time in the Church's year - the Easter Season - where we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I encourage you take time over these coming few days to recognise the true meaning of Easter – to acknowledge what Jesus did and to acknowledge God's great love for us in sacrificing his Son. We are not only Australians enjoying a few days off work as a family, but that we are also Catholics whose God loves us unconditionally and that our Saviour and best friend gave us the ultimate gift—His life!

So I encourage you (and me) to:

- share a meal on **Holy Thursday** – breaking bread and giving thanks for the wonderful things in our lives and family.
- place a cross or crucifix in a prominent place in your house or tent or caravan on **Good Friday** and spend a few quiet moments before it in prayer or silence.
- light a candle on **Easter Saturday** night and/or **Easter Sunday** and, as was one of our family traditions, when you break the first Easter egg shout, "JESUS IS RISEN!!"
- attend the Easter ceremonies.
- watch this song and video clip that I believe captures the essence of the Easter story in a very modern and meaningful way.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXixy4wIXsc>

It's hard to believe the term is over already—it only seems like yesterday we were welcoming back the students and families for the start of the year. It's been a great term, highlighted by the welcoming of 56 new students and their families. I feel very privileged to be part of this wonderful community and all the opportunities it offers to students, families and staff. The staff have done a wonderful job in ensuring Term 1 has been a great success and in promoting the development and growth of all children. Next term we are looking forward to parents being able to be more involved in the life of the school given that COVID restrictions continue to ease. My thanks to everyone who has contributed to our busy and successful term.

BULLYING - NO WAY DAY

St Bernadette's was a sea of ORANGE last Thursday as we celebrated Bullying - NO WAY! Day. The children participated in a number of activities, including writing their pledges to build a respectful and inclusive school that is free of bullying. Thank you to Mrs Cassar and staff for organising this event.



SEESAW

SeeSaw is now the main way of communicating with families at St Bernadette's. Flexibuzz will no longer be used. SeeSaw can be used to send messages to teachers/families, see your child's learning, communicate whole school events, view photos of what's happening in the school and read the newsletter. If you are not enrolled in SeeSaw, please contact your child's teacher via email or send a written note including your email.

BEYBLADES

Throughout Term 1 we have been monitoring the children playing with Beyblades. On many occasions, they have been the cause of great concern for teachers on yard duty. Beyblades have gone missing. Children have been arguing and fighting over beyblades. Bigger children have been taking advantage of smaller children and their Beyblades. Therefore, I have decided to implement the following rule:

**BEYBLADES CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON
THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.
IN TERM 2, THIS WILL MEAN BEYBLADES CAN ONLY BE
BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON:**

Friday 30th April

Friday 28th May

Friday 25th June

We will trial this for Term 2 and see how it goes.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students and staff who attended the camp at Mt Evelyn recently. The camp was a great success and such a highlight for the children after missing out last year. BIG THANKS to the staff who attended. It is a big commitment to give 3 days away from family, friends and home.

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to our winners of the Easter Raffle.

Prep

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

Staff

Thank you all for your wonderful support of this fundraiser through your donations and buying of tickets. Special thanks to the PiP team for organising and conducting this raffle.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children in Grade 3 and 4 who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Tuesday 27th April.

CHILDREN LATE TO SCHOOL AND LATE TO BE PICKED UP.

A reminder that school begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:30pm (3:00pm on a Wednesday). There are still a number of children who are turning up late every day. This is impacting on their ability to settle in the morning and connect with their class, and this in turn, affects their learning.

Supervision is provided till 3:45pm (3:15pm on a Wednesday) for students. There are a number of students who are being picked up after this time. This is not fair to the child or the staff, as we have meetings to attend and work to complete. If you are going to be late, please organise for your child to attend after school care with CAMP Australia.

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates between now and the end of term:

Thursday 1st April	Easter Liturgy at 9:15am
	School Finishes for Term 1 at 1:00pm
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday
Friday 16th April	Feast of St Bernadette
Monday 19th April	Term 2 begins at 8:45am
Friday 23rd April	School Celebration of St Bernadette's Feast Day
Sunday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 27th April	Celebration of First Reconciliation for Grades 3 and 4

PARKING

Parking around the school is continuing to be an issue. Our focus is always on keeping our children and community safe. We are very lucky at St Bernadette's that we have lots of areas for parking around the school. After last week's notice about parking there are still parents doing the wrong thing, so here are a few more reminders:

DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON WESTMORLAND ROAD OR ANYWHERE AROUND THE SCHOOL!!

DO NOT GET IN/OUT OF YOUR CAR OR CALL CHILDREN TO YOUR CAR IF YOU ARE NOT PARKED PROPERLY!!

These actions are very dangerous. If it continues, I will have no choice but to seek support from the Brimbank Council and these cars may receive a warning or even a fine. PLEASE

CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN WHEN DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL.

May your Easter be blessed and Holy. Through participating in the Easter rituals (and/or your own rituals at home) may you discover a renewed significance and sacredness during this very Holy Week. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. If you are travelling, please travel safe and ensure you follow government guidelines regarding travel permits, etc.

Take care, stay safe and happy holidays,
Brendan
Principal



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ENROL NOW

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2022 ARE NOW OPEN.
IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2022, THEY ARE
ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.
DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE,
OR COLLECT ONE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima with shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.



Halima aspired to "Be More" and is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

- In the Cox's Bazar district, women and children make up 78% of the total refugee population where 52% of children are aged 0-17. ([UNHCR](#))

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Our team had its first meeting this month. Some of the topics covered included news about Literacy Learning, new Numeracy interventions being planned, and our Easter Raffle details.

We look forward to getting back into partnering between school, families and students. Please join us for our next meeting on May 14th @ 2.30pm.

HOLY WEEK AT ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

Holy Thursday – 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday – 2nd April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm and 6:00pm

Holy Saturday – 3rd April

Mass of the Resurrection 7:00pm

Easter Sunday – 4th April

8.30am, 9.45am(Polish), 11.00am and 12.30pm(Vietnamese)

COVID UPDATE

At schools, face masks are no longer mandatory in all indoor spaces for school staff and students aged 12 or older.

Requirements for the use of masks are outlined below. Visitors and parents must also observe this guidance.

- Face masks are recommended, but not mandatory, for use by staff, students and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
 - People aged 12 years and over must always carry a face mask – unless they have a lawful exemption.
 - People aged 12 years and over must wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses and when in taxis or ride-share vehicles – unless they have a lawful exemption.
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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.



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 newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding what's in the newsletter, please contact me via the school number or email principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.
