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A Prayer for Mothers!

Loving God, we thank you for our mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of our mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'THANK YOU' - this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you God, our grateful praise. Amen.

Dear Parents and Carers,

How wonderful was it to see our hall filled with children, staff, mothers and grandmothers on Friday morning. It was a great occasion to celebrate our mothers and to join as a community in prayer to give thanks for and bless our mothers and grandmothers, aunts and godmothers and mother figures. We look forward to the ongoing involvement and support of our families in a COVID safe way.

Thank you to the Year 1 and 6 children and families and staff who attended mass on Sunday. Attending the Sunday mass is a great way of expressing our role and partnership with the parish.

This term is proving to be another busy one, with teachers already developing the template for the end of semester reports. These will be sent out to parents/carers towards the end of the term. There will also be an opportunity to discuss this report with your child's teacher before the end of term.

STAFF NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some changes in staffing. Recently we have said goodbye to Mary Semaan and Jo Hennessy. We thank Mary and Jo for their wonderful contribution to our school community and to the learning and wellbeing of our children.

This week we have 2 new Learning Support Officers starting. Suzy Asmee will be supporting in the Year 4 area. Rosie Cremona will be supporting in the Year 5 area. I know you will join with me in welcoming them into the St Bernadette's School community. We wish them well and trust they will enjoy their time with us.

NAPLAN - YEAR 3 AND 5

This week our Year 3 and 5 children will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. During the week they will complete 4 assessment tasks under the guidance and care of the staff. The key purpose of these assessments is to provide trend, whole school and system data. They are one assessment piece among the many that our capable and skilled staff collect to ensure your child's learning is engaging and targeted.

STAFF CONFERENCE - THURSDAY 3RD JUNE AND FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

On June 3rd and 4th, all staff will be attending the annual St Bernadette's Staff Conference. The focus of the conference is Staff Wellbeing and Collaboration and Mathematics. **There will be no school on both of these days.** *Camp Australia OSHC* is seeking interest from families who are looking for full-day care on one or both of these days. If you are interested, please contact Antonella.



SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST - YEAR 4 AND 5

Please pray for the children in Year 4 and 5 who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist** for the first time on Sunday 6th May at 3:00pm. We ask God's blessing on them, their families and teachers as they prepare to be welcomed to the Table of the Lord.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

The next Parents in Partnership meeting is this Friday 14th May at 2:30pm in the Staff Lounge. All are welcome. Some of the things we will be discussing are:

- The new School Advisory Council that all Catholic Schools need to establish
- Numeracy Intervention
- Fundraising and Community events
- Engaging fathers/male carers in the school and their child's education.

It would be great to see lots of parents and carers joining us for this meeting.

ASSEMBLY

Parents, carers and families are welcome to join us at assembly on Wednesdays at 2:30pm. Please make sure you enter through the front office, sign in and wear a mask while in the hall.

SEESAW

SeeSaw is now the main way of communicating with families at St Bernadette's. 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.

FOOD ALLERGIES

A reminder to all families that we have several children in the school with allergies to particular food. For some children, this allergy is quite significant and can cause serious health issues. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE/SHARE FOOD OR ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SHARE FOOD WITH OTHER CHILDREN.** This could have serious consequences for the child, so we ask your cooperation with this.

CAMP AUSTRALIA OSHC

Our OSHC gives children enriching out of school and pupil free day experiences. Our dedicated approach provides a service that **is tailored to St Bernadette's Primary School**, ensuring that the evolving requirements of your children, School and community are met.

The program at St Bernadette's Primary School *Your OSHC* is unique and tailored to the needs of the children in the service. In every session, the staff design a featured activity to amaze the children. Complementing the feature activity are experience zones that give children the freedom of choice and guide them to learn through play.

Contact Details:

Phone: 1300 105 343 email: info@campaustralia.com.au

BEYBLADES

Beyblades can **ONLY** be brought to school on the last Friday of the month.

OUR NEXT BEYBLADE DAY IS FRIDAY 28TH MAY

Thank you for your help and support with this

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 in the hall with CAMP Australia.

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for Term 2:

May 11-13

Friday 14th May

Tuesday 18th May

June 3rd and 4th

Sunday 6th June

Monday 14th June

Friday 18th June

Monday 21st

Thursday 24th June

Friday 25th June

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

Parents in Partnership Meeting at 2:30pm

First Eucharist Family Night @ 7:00pm

Staff Conference - NO SCHOOL

First Eucharist - 3:00pm

Queens Birthday Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Parents in Partnership Meeting at 2:30pm

Semester 1 Reports go home

Learning Conversations - NO SCHOOL

Term 2 finishes at 1:00pm

Take care and stay safe,
Brendan
Principal



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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.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC



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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.

