



St Bernadette's School Newsletter Wednesday 26th May 2021



Our Lady Help of Christians

Holy Mother of God, mother of us all - Pray for us.

Mother of Christ, strong and constant - Pray for us.

Woman of courage, brave and determined - Pray for us.

Woman of love, trusting and hope-filled - Pray for us.

Queen of angels, queen of peace - Pray for us.

Help of Christians, protector of our land - Pray for us.

Creator God, you made this great land of Australia and placed us under the patronage of Mary. May we look to her for inspiration so that we might create a community based on justice, compassion and mercy. We ask this prayer through Jesus, your Son. Amen.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patron of Catholic Education in Australia - pray for us.

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last Monday was the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, one of the two Patron Saints of Australia. It was also the day that Australian Catholic Schools celebrated 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. What a wonderful achievement, that the hard work and determination of priests and religious 200 years ago, still carries on today. The Catholic Education system in Australia is something the Church is proud of. We thank those who went before and we give praise and thanks to those staff who work in our schools, especially St Bernadette's.

On Monday, 8 of our student leaders and 2 staff attended a celebratory mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. It was a wonderful event, with many of the schools in the archdiocese represented.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION

Highpoint Shopping Centre, Maribyrnong has been listed as a Tier 1 exposure site, due to the recent COVID outbreak in Melbourne's North.

Details are as follows:

Highpoint Shopping Centre

Thursday 20th May 2021 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Tier 1 - Get tested immediately and stay isolated until further notice

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ANY FAMILY WHO WAS AT HIGHPOINT AT THIS TIME FOLLOWS THE DIRECTIVES FROM THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AND GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY AND STAY HOME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Thanks, in advance, to those families who are following this advice.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 – such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, chills or sweats, or change in sense of smell or taste – get a test immediately. To see where to get tested, visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>

QR CODE

From May 28th, all schools in Victoria are required to have a **QR CODE** for visitors to sign into the school using the Service Victoria App on any smartphone. Please make sure you sign in using the QR CODE when you visit the school.

STAFF NEWS

I wish to inform you that Jo McNabb will be concluding her time at St Bernadette's at the end of the month. Jo has worked at St Bernadette's for over 20 years. She has been a welcoming and friendly face in the office and has successfully managed the financial affairs of the school. Although we will miss Jo dearly, we wish her well in her new role.

STAFF CONFERENCE - THURSDAY 3RD JUNE AND FRIDAY 4TH JUNE - NO SCHOOL

On June 3rd and 4th next week, all staff will be attending the annual St Bernadette's Staff Conference. The focus of the conference is Staff Wellbeing 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 June at 3:00pm. These children and their families came together last Tuesday to reflect on the Eucharist. It was a wonderful evening, with the children and their parents learning more about the importance and sacredness of the Eucharist. We ask God's blessing on these children, their families and teachers as they prepare to be welcomed to the Table of the Lord on June 6th.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP



The Parents in Partnership group met on Friday 14th May at 2:30pm. It was a productive meeting that resulted in some clear plans for the future.

The group will be starting Tea Time Monday on **MONDAY 31st MAY** at 3:00PM. This is an opportunity for any interested parents/carers/friends to gather in the Community Kitchen for a cuppa, biscuit and chat just before pick up. Come along, bring a St B's friend, relax and have a cup of tea or coffee. It's a great way to get to know other parents and families.

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 with the QR CODE 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

This week is FOOD ALLERGY WEEK and is a great 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

OUR NEXT BEYBLADE DAY IS THIS FRIDAY 28TH MAY

Thank you for your help and support with this

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for Term 2:

June 3rd and 4th	Staff Conference - NO SCHOOL
Sunday 6th June	First Eucharist - 3:00pm
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Friday 18th June	Parents in Partnership Meeting at 2:30pm
Monday 21st	Semester 1 Reports go home
Thursday 24th June	Learning Conversations - SCHOOL by appointment time
Friday 25th June	Term 2 finishes at 1:00pm

Take care and stay safe,

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.

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.