



St Bernadette's School Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Refugee Week

This week is refugee week - a week when we celebrate the many positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The ultimate aim of the week is to create better understanding between different communities, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

The theme of this year's Refugee Week is, '*Unity – The way forward*'. Join with us as we call for a spirit of unity as we recover from isolation and build a world of unity and cooperation. Over the years, St Bernadette's has welcomed many refugees to our school community. We are ever so grateful to them for the way their lives, story and diversity has enriched our great school. We are strongly committed to be a school of welcome and inclusion, 'embracing our diversity' each and every day.



Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes.

Bring them safely to the place where they long to be.

Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

St Bernadette - pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been so nice having our school filled once more with learning and living and laughing. Schools are definitely a community - a community of learning and wellbeing - and we certainly missed our community during lockdown. Thanks again for all the great work you and the children and the staff did through lockdown. Remote learning is never easy on any many levels, but everyone certainly gave it their best and did a great job.

It is hard to believe that Term 2 is almost over, and that means we are half way through the year. You will have received your child's report on Monday, and I hope you were able to take time to celebrate your child's learning and discuss with them any areas for improvement. A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on THURSDAY as the teachers will be participating in the learning conversations.

The school term finishes on FRIDAY at 1:00PM.

Children can wear CASUAL CLOTHES on the last day of school.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS - THURSDAY - ONLINE (NO SCHOOL)

On Thursday, you will have a chance to meet online with the teachers and discuss further the report and your child's learning for Semester 1. These learning conversations will take place via WHEREBY. Links and codes have been sent out already. PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL.

CARITAS COVID RESPONSE - INDIA

Thank you to all those children and families who supported our fundraiser last Friday and wore Orange, White, Green and/or Blue. Altogether we raised over \$570. This is a wonderful effort. I'm sure Caritas will put this money to great use.

QR CODE

The school now has a **QR CODE** in place for visitors to sign into the school using the Service Victoria App. Please make sure you sign in using the QR CODE when you visit the school.

STAFF CONFERENCE - TUESDAY 7TH and WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

New dates have been set for the staff conference. It will now be held on September 7th and 8th. There will be no school on these days. Camp Australia will run full day care for all school children who require care.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - YEAR 4 AND 5 - NEW DATES!!

We have new DATES for the celebration of First Eucharist. Fr John has kindly arranged for 2 celebrations to take place.

Year 4 children - Sunday 18th July at 3:00pm

Year 5 children - Sunday 25th July at 3:00pm

At this stage, we are not sure of how many people will be allowed to attend these masses. We shall monitor this closely over the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for the children in Year 4 and 5 who are preparing to receive this sacrament. We ask God's blessing on these children, their families and teachers as they prepare to be welcomed to the Table of the Lord.

IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some important dates for Term 2 and 3:

Monday 21st June

Thursday 24th June

Friday 25th June

Monday 12th July

Sunday 18th July

Semester 1 Reports went home

Learning Conversations - ONLINE using WHEREBY Codes

NO SCHOOL - PUPIL FREE DAY

Term 2 finishes at 1:00pm

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Term 3 starts at 8:45am

First Eucharist - Year 4 at 3:00pm

July 21st - 23rd
Sunday 25th July
July 22nd and 23rd
Thursday 2nd September
September 7th and 8th
Friday 17th September

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First Eucharist - Year 5 at 3:00pm
Year 4 Camp at Camp Sunnystones
Confirmation Ceremony - Year 6
Staff Conference - NO SCHOOL
Term 3 ends at 1:00pm

Thank you all for another wonderful term. Although this term has had its challenges, there has been much to celebrate at the same time. 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, testing, isolating, etc.

Take care, stay safe and happy holidays,

Brendan
Principal

- GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD -

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website
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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.

