



# St Bernadette's School Newsletter

## Wednesday 27th October 2021

### MISSION SUNDAY

Heavenly Father,

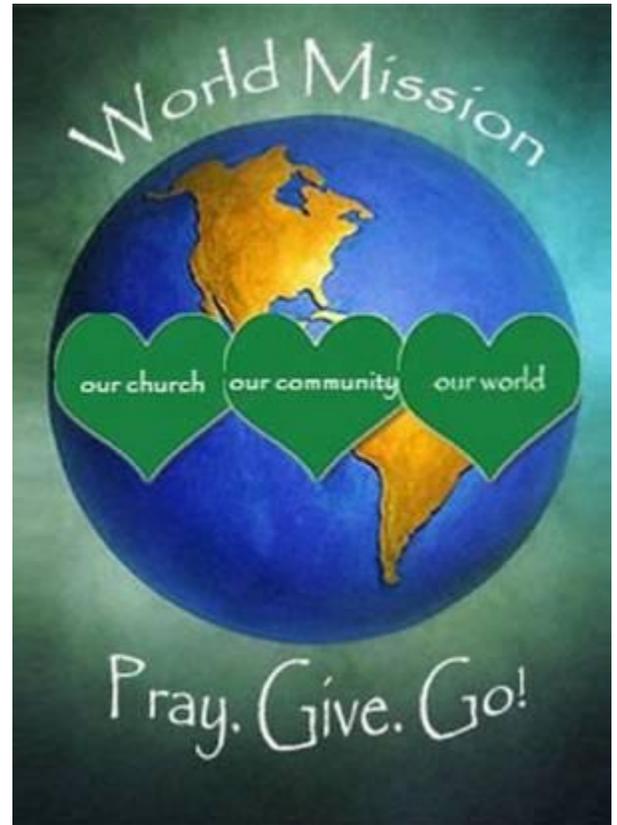
Jesus commissioned his followers to  
"Go and make disciples of all nations!"

Through our Baptism we share  
in this mission of the Church.

Empower us, by the gifts of the Holy Spirit,  
to be courageous and active in bearing  
witness to the Gospel, that we too may bring  
life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to  
experience the saving love and mercy  
of Jesus Christ. Amen.

St Bernadette - pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday we celebrated World Mission Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on the Church's call to bring the love of Jesus to all in the world. Christ calls each one of us to be actively engaged in this mission, to go out and invite everyone you find. No one is excluded from this mission, from God's compassionate love. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also our brothers and sisters. We are very lucky at St Bernadette's to be led by Fr John and the order that he is part of - the Missionary Society of St Paul(MSSP). Today we give thanks for Fr John's presence and leadership in our school and parish community and pray for the continued success of the mission of the MSSP. May Jesus' compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

It has been wonderful to see many of the classrooms at school filled once again with children, learning and laughter. The children and staff were very excited to be back at school and to reconnect with their friends and teachers. Although the staggered return has been a little confusing and difficult to navigate, it has enabled us to return safely to learning at school. As per last weekend's update from the Premier, ALL ST BERNADETTE'S STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO LEARNING AT SCHOOL FROM WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.

#### **RETURN TO SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

Below is a table explaining which Year levels attend each day

|                               |                                |                                  |                                 |                               |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>25/10</b> | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>26/10</b> | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>27/10</b> | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>28/10</b> | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>29/10</b> |
| PREP                          | PREP<br>YEAR 3/4               | PREP<br>YEAR 3/4                 | YEAR 1/2<br>YEAR 5/6            | YEAR 1/2<br>YEAR 5/6          |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>1/11</b>  | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>2/11</b>  | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>3/11</b>  | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>4/11</b>  | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>5/11</b>  |
| CURRIC DAY<br>NO SCHOOL       | MELB CUP<br>NO SCHOOL          | ALL<br>STUDENTS                  | ALL<br>STUDENTS                 | ALL<br>STUDENTS               |

## **MASKS AT SCHOOL**

On Friday 8th October, the Chief Health Officer:

- Directs students in Year 3 to Year 6 to wear face masks when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies.
- Recommends that all other children wear face masks when at school, attending an OSHC program

If your child is attending school and they are in Grade 3 or above, they can bring a mask from home, otherwise we will provide them with one to wear at school. If your child has a medical exemption from wearing a mask, then please send an email to [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

## **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - Friday 29th October**

World Teachers' Day will be celebrated across Australia on Friday 29 October 2021, a bit later than the international day due to our school holidays. It's a chance to celebrate teaching and for communities to thank teachers. Here at St Bernadette's we are blessed with talented, enthusiastic and dedicated teachers, who care greatly about our children's learning and wellbeing. I'm sure you will agree that our teachers and support staff have again been amazing this year juggling the demands of onsite and remote learning, and always being there for our children and families. It did not take me long to learn that St Bernadette's teachers and support staff are passionate and first-class!! On behalf of you all I thank them and celebrate them and wish them all a HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY.

## **SCHOOL PARKING - WESTMORELAND RD**

Over the next 2 weeks, the council will be installing NO STANDING signs on the bays in Westmoreland Rd. Once installed, parents/carers will need to ensure they obey these new signs. Please keep your eye out for these new signs.

## **MACSSIS SURVEYS**

150 Families were randomly chosen to complete a survey to help the school identify areas of strength and areas for growth/improvement. Thank you to the 24 families who have already completed it. **WE NEED ANOTHER 24 FAMILIES TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY TO GET MORE RELIABLE AND REPRESENTATIVE DATA.** If you did receive the email, you have 3 more days to complete the survey. We would appreciate more families completing the survey as we really value your opinion and feedback.

## **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

As part of the new governance structure in Catholic Schools, St Bernadette's is required to establish a School Advisory Council. I am seeking expressions of interest from parents/carers who would like to part of this Advisory Council. I would also be happy to receive recommendations of parents/carers who you believe would be valuable members of this group. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please email me at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

## **SCHOOL IPADS**

The School iPads are an important part of student learning, especially during times of Remote Learning. However, like any device that connects to the world wide web, they need to be used responsibly and with supervision, especially for children of primary school age. The school has organised to have the iPads disabled from 8:00pm till 7:30am. During this time, children will not be able to access anything on the iPad. We will trial this for the remainder of the year.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Children can wear either summer or winter uniform up until Melbourne Cup Weekend. From Wednesday 3rd November, ALL children will be expected to be wearing SUMMER UNIFORM. HATS must be worn when outside during Term 4.

## **SCHOOL CANTEEN**

The school canteen will be open from Monday 8th November. Lunch orders will be available on MONDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY.

## **SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2022**

The school fees and levies have been set for 2022. In consultation with the MACS Business Manager, schools fees and levies for 2022 will be:

- School Fees - \$1200 per family
- Education Levies - \$300 per student

As many of you will be aware, the school has kept the fees/levies the same for the last 2 years as a recognition of the challenging events of the last 18 months. Next year's costs represent a small increase of around 5% in total. As always, the school endeavours to keep Catholic education affordable for all families. If you are having difficulty paying these fees/levies, please make a time to come and see me to discuss your options.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

Stay safe,  
Brendan Gill  
PRINCIPAL

***GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD***