



St Bernadette's School Newsletter

Wednesday 10th November 2021

REMEMBRANCE DAY

In the morning and the evening . . .

We will remember them.

In life's comings and goings

We will remember them.

In the tears and the memories

We will remember them.

In the stories and the letters

We will remember them.

In the photos and the tributes

We will remember them.

In the silence and the stillness

We will remember them.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

St Bernadette - pray for us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow the whole school, and in fact, the whole nation will stop at 11:00am, on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Remembrance Day reminds us that we must not take for granted the peace and harmony that we enjoy in our country. We pay tribute to the people who have kept, and still protect and keep, our country safe.

A lot can happen in 2 weeks, and it has been wonderful to have all the children back on site learning and playing in the learning spaces and in the playground - it's St B's at its best!! I assure you, teachers and students are back in the swing of learning and teaching, and are looking forward to getting the most out of the last 5-6 weeks of the year. As always, I encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding how your child is going at school. It is expected that ALL children are back onsite and attending school daily.

COVID SAFETY AT SCHOOL

St Bernadette's is doing its best to ensure the health and safety of our children, staff and community. As part of our COVID SAFE PLAN, we have adopted numerous practices and procedures to minimise the risk of infection. Some of those practices include:

- Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will wear face masks when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies.
- Students in Prep - Year 2 are recommended to wear face masks when at school and attending an OSHC program
- All staff at school have met current vaccination status requirements
- Windows and doors are opened to promote ventilation and improve the air quality
- There is minimal mixing between classes during learning time. The operable walls have been used to minimise this mixing also.
- Children use hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the classroom.

I thank you for your ongoing support with all of these practices.

SCHOOL PARKING - WESTMORELAND RD

As you may have noticed, the council have already installed the polls for the new NO STANDING signs on Westmoreland Rd. Once the signs are attached, parents/carers will need to ensure they obey these new signs.

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 still seeking expressions of interest from parents/carers who would like to be 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. I have already had a couple of volunteers, but would like to get 2-3 more. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please email me at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

SCHOOL IPADS - DISABLING

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 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

ALL children should now be wearing their **SUMMER UNIFORM. HATS** must be worn when outside during Term 4. I have noticed that some children are not wearing the school uniform correctly, and are also not following expectations regarding hair and jewellery. I would appreciate your support in ensuring we maintain our high standards of uniform wearing at St Bernadette's. The uniform is readily available through the school office and is reasonably priced. Second-hand uniforms are also available.

BOOKWEEK PARADE AND ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

We will be celebrating Bookweek on Friday 19th November with a parade of characters and a variety of book-based activities. On this day, students are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character and take part in a Book Character Parade. Please note that costumes do not have to be elaborate. We encourage you to be creative with what you have at home, rather than purchasing costumes.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents in Partnership Team are about to launch their Christmas raffle. More information will be sent home soon.

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 fees/levies 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 11th November
Tuesday 16th November

Wednesday 17th November
Friday 19th November
November 22nd and 23rd
Tuesday 23rd November
Thursday 25th November
November 24th - 26th
Tuesday 7th December
Friday 10th December
Thursday 16th December

Remembrance Day
Prep 2022 School Visit Groups
First Eucharist - Grade 4 at 7:00pm
First Eucharist - Grade 5 at 7:00pm
Bookweek Parade and Activities
Grade 4 Camp at Sunnystones
Prep 2022 School Visit Groups
Confirmation - Grade 6 at 7:00pm
Sempre Dental Van
School Orientation Day incl Preps 2022
School Closure Day - NO SCHOOL
End of Year Mass at 10:30am
Term 4 finishes at 1:00pm

2022

Tuesday 1st February

School starts for all Year levels

Stay safe,
Brendan Gill
PRINCIPAL

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD