



St Bernadette's School Newsletter

Wednesday 15th December 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

How long the path which leads to you!

Lord, come to meet us, be our way.

Emmanuel, come and save your people!

How heavy the burden of our hearts!

Lord, come to meet us, be our rest.

Emmanuel, come and save your people!

How dark and difficult the journey to your star!

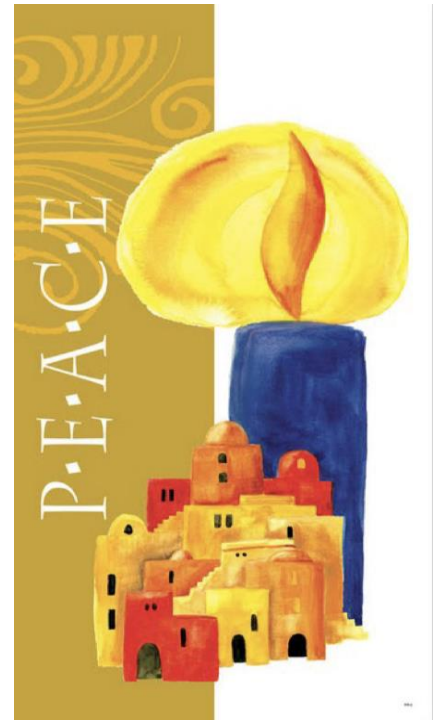
Lord, come to meet us, be our light.

Emmanuel, come and save your people!

How often we wander, stumbling in the darkness!

Lord, come to meet us, be our brother.

Emmanuel, come and save your people!



COME LORD JESUS - FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PEACE THIS ADVENT

St Bernadette - pray for us.

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students,

Well this is the last newsletter for what has been a challenging, yet wonderful year at St Bernadette's. As I look back on all that we have encountered and achieved this year - including numerous lockdowns and periods of remote learning - I feel very proud to be part of such a diverse, friendly, caring and vibrant community.

On Monday night we celebrated our Year 6 Graduates. These young people have once again been great examples of all we stand for at St Bernadette's. They are a talented and mature group of individuals who have shown great leadership, dedication to learning and support for each other and their teachers. Congratulations to these children and their families. We wish you well as you move onto secondary school.

We bid farewell to Karen and Holly. Both of these staff members, in their own individual ways, have contributed greatly to our school. Karen has been a passionate and dedicated leader of Mathematics learning and teaching. Holly has demonstrated a wonderful commitment to the learning and wellbeing of her students and their families. Both of them have become valued and respected colleagues and friends. We thank you, we will miss you and we wish you well for the future.

Thank you to the children of St Bernadette's who are an absolute joy to work and learn with. Their ability to adapt and change during this year has shown how resilient and determined they are. They have taken every opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who constantly support our school and the work we do with your children. You have been a wonderful support to your children's

education, especially during the challenging times of remote learning. Thank you for entrusting your children to us — it is a privilege to care for and nurture your children and we appreciate your support and friendship.

Thanks also to Fr John for his spiritual guidance, leadership and support of our school over the year. You are a very important and valued part of our faith community.

Finally, a very BIG thank you to all the staff who give of their gifts, talents and time so freely to enable your children to grow and reach their full potential. During this year, in the toughest of times, I have witnessed their incredible capacity to go above and beyond and be their very best, so that our children continue to grow and learn. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff who truly commit themselves to the full flourishing of ALL students and families, by providing wonderful learning opportunities and a safe, caring and welcoming environment. We are truly blessed. Thank you.

We acknowledge and farewell the following families who end their time at St Bernadette's this year:

Lazarovski, Tang, Martin, Hetacia, Nguyen(Sylvia), Alfaro, Barnabas, Dinh, Do(Christina), Do(Anderson), Do(Sarah), Do(Tram), Duong(Christopher), Duong(Ricky), Ho, Huynh, Le(Abby), Le(Angelica), Le(Julia), Lee, Luu, Ngo, Nguyen(Hugo), Nguyen(Jessica), Nguyen(Lilia), Pham, Stumpo, Tesfay Kesete, Thai, Tombleson, Tran(Duy), Tran(Jovan), Tran(Michael), Tran(Phat), Van and Vuong.

We thank them for their contributions to our school community and wish them all the very best for the future.

*During this Christmas Season, may you and your families be blessed with
the spirit of Christmas, which is peace;
the gladness of the season, which is hope;
the heart of the season, which is love.
And may the New Year bring you good health
and happiness and a refreshed spirit.*



*Have a great holiday everyone. I look forward to your safe return in 2022.
God bless, Brendan*

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - THURSDAY

To celebrate the end of the school year, the children are able to wear CASUAL CLOTHES on THURSDAY. **A reminder that school finishes at 1:00pm on Thursday.**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the children who won prizes in the Christmas Raffle this year. A very big thank you to the Parents in Partnership group for organising this raffle and for putting together the wonderful prizes. Thanks also to our most generous community who donated the many items and bought the raffle tickets. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Winners of the raffle were:

Prep	Giordano (PG) Albert (PG)	Year 3	Benjamin (3P) Sarah (3S)
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	Camilla (PS)		Sophie (3S)
Year 1	Eli (1T) Issac (1T) Nelly (1M) Winchester (1M)	Year 4	Alexis (4H) Aiden (4E) Grace (4H)
Year 2	Chantelle (2C) Noah P (2C) Jayden (2P)	Year 5	Kiet (5C) Julian (5C) Antonella (5S)
Teachers	Brendan Rosie Cherie Jane Bern Fred Steph James	Year 6	Kira (6L) Christina (6R) Michael R (6R)

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS 2022

I wish to inform you of the following school closure days in 2022. These days are for staff development and are an important part of ensuring our school offers the best education and that our staff are up-to-date with educational developments.

Monday 31st January	Staff Development Day
Thursday 23rd June	Learning Conversations
July 21st and 22nd	Staff Conference - Maths/Wellbeing
Monday 31st October	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 6th December	Planning for 2023
Friday 17th December	Curriculum Day

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 Family Fee	\$1200 per family
- Education Levies	\$300 per student
- Camp Prep - Yr 3	\$10 per student
- Camp Yr 4	\$185 per student
- Camp Yr 5 & 6	\$275 per student
- Sacrament Yr 3	\$15 per student
- Sacrament Yr 4	\$20 per student
- Sacrament Yr 6	\$20 per student
- Interschool Sports - Yr 5 & 6	\$30 per student
- Graduation Yr 6	\$20 per student
- Swimming - Prep - Yr 4	\$90 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 come and see me to discuss your options.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 16th December

End of Year Liturgy at 10:30am (via Zoom)
Term 4 finishes at 1:00pm

2022

Friday 28th January

Staff return - Staff Day - NO STUDENTS

Monday 31st January

Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 1st February

School starts for all Year levels

Wednesday 2nd February

No school for Preps

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.

Stay safe,
Brendan Gill
PRINCIPAL

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH, SUNSHINE NORTH **CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES 2021**

Friday 24th December

6:00pm - Family Nativity Mass

8:00pm - Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday 25th December

8:30am - Christmas Day Mass

9:45am - Polish Mass

11:00am - Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 26th December

8:30am - Mass

9:45am - Polish Mass

11:00am - Mass

7:00pm - Mass

