



# St Bernadette's School Newsletter

## Wednesday 8th December 2021

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.*

*He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.*

*He is the Saviour of us all.*

*O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light  
the third advent candle - the candle of Joy.*

*May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's  
promise of salvation.*

*May Jesus come quickly and not delay!*



### **COME LORD JESUS - FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR JOY THIS ADVENT**

*St Bernadette - pray for us.*

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Today, Wednesday 8th December, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - a feast which recognises the life of Mary 'conceived and born free of sin'. This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent calls us to rejoice that Jesus is coming and to celebrate that Mary said 'YES' to God. Today and during Advent we are called, like Mary, to ponder the action of God in our lives.

Last week was quite a challenging week for all of us on so many levels. It was the first time COVID had entered our school community. I understand it was an anxious and worrying time for many. I want to acknowledge the great work of the staff and admin team at St B's in coping with this event, ensuring the learning continued and the community was supported and kept informed. There were a total of 10 cases in our outbreak - 3 adults and 7 children.

This **FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER** is a **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** to allow teachers to plan for learning in 2022. I realise that this may be a further inconvenience given recent events, however, the date was booked at the end of last year, and is part of our planning process. The day will be facilitated by Kath Murdoch, world-renowned expert in Inquiry Learning. The day will provide teachers with the opportunity to begin planning Inquiry units of work for 2022. I thank you, in advance, for your support of this day.

Congratulations to the following children who were confirmed on Thursday 25th November:

Josh, Adol, Julie, Emilie, Lilia, Evelyn, Natalie, Duy (Danny), Minh Anh (Millie), Madeline, Sarah, Abby,  
Hugo, Amelia, Theresa, Zia and Michael

A very big thank you to the children's teachers - James and Shruti - who have been preparing them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and to the families who have supported this process. Thanks also to Amanda Browne, our Religious Education Leader, for preparing the mass, to Jenny Marshall for providing the beautiful music and all staff who were able to attend. Thanks also to Fr John for celebrating the mass and conferring the sacrament upon these children.

## **STAFFING NEWS**

I wish to inform the community that Karen Costabile and Holly Phillips will be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year. Karen is moving to St Francis of Assisi, Tarneit as Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching. Holly is moving to St Catherine of Siena's, Melton South as Classroom Teacher. Both of these staff have been outstanding in their commitment to the learning and wellbeing of our children. They are valued members of our staff and community and we will miss their presence in our school. We wish Karen and Holly all the very best in their new endeavours.

Eliza Katz will be returning to St Bernadette's in a part-time role in 2022 and Nicky Harley will continue her leave. We welcome Jacqui Crane, Franca Tiziani and Jacque Lumsden to St Bernadette's in 2022. All three of these staff come to us with a wealth of wisdom and experience and I am looking forward to working with them as part of our team here at St B's. There is a full list of staffing and roles for next year on the last page of this newsletter.

## **SCHOOL FEES 2021 AND 2022**

Thank you to all those families who are up to date with their school fee payments or who have paid in full already. We are in the process of working out what fees/levies need to be refunded given that some of these activities did not take place during COVID.

I'd also like to invite and encourage families to set up a NEW DIRECT DEBIT or CREDIT CARD payment arrangement for 2022. This is a great way to pay your fees and helps families to budget for these costs. Simply set it up and the rest is done for you. Please fill out the attached form if you wish to do so.

## **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**

The Council have now installed the NO PARKING signs. I thank you for your cooperation and support of the intention of these signs. I have been told by the Council that they will send officers out to patrol the area to ensure everyone is doing the right thing. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email me at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The Parents in Partnership Christmas Raffle is well under way. Thank you to those families who have brought in items and/or have purchased/sold tickets. This will be a fun way of celebrating the end of the year and is an exciting event for adults and children alike.

## 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 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).

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Thursday 16th December

### School Closure Day - NO SCHOOL

Student Reports go home

Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony at 7:00pm

End of Year Liturgy at 10:30am

Term 4 finishes at 1:00pm

## 2022

Friday 28th January

Monday 31st January

Tuesday 1st February

Wednesday 2nd February

Staff return - Staff Day - NO STUDENTS

Staff Planning Day - NO STUDENTS

School starts for all Year levels

No school for Preps

Stay safe,  
Brendan Gill  
PRINCIPAL

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

# ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL - STAFFING FOR 2022

## Class Teachers

Prep G - Miss Daniela Granata  
Year 1S - Mrs Melissa Szulik  
Year 2C - Miss Michelle Camenzuli  
Year 3E - Ms Melinda Evans  
Year 4E - Miss Stephanie Elam  
Year 5C - Miss Elise Casamento  
Year 6L - Miss Shruti Lad

Prep L - Miss Jacquie Lumsden  
Year 1T - Miss Cecilia Tran  
Year 2T - Mrs Franca Tiziani  
Year 3P - Mr Daniel Powell  
Year 4H - Miss Monica Hughes  
Year 5S - Miss Emma Scerri  
Year 6R - Mr James Reitmaier

## Leadership and Strategic Support

Principal -  
Deputy Principal and ICT Leader -  
Religious Education Leader -  
Parish Priest -  
Student Diversity Leader & Arts Leader -  
Literacy P-2 Leader & Co Teacher -  
Literacy 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher -  
Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher -  
Mathematics 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher -  
Student Wellbeing Leader -  
Family Engagement in Learning Leader -  
Cluster Engagement Learning Leader -

Mr Brendan Gill  
Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn  
Miss Amanda Browne  
Fr John Taliana MSSP  
Mr Fredrik Zeinstra  
Mrs Sarah Turner  
Mr Sean Walshe  
Ms Kim Nguyen  
Mrs Jacqui Crane  
Ms Renee Cassar  
Mrs Eliza Katz  
Mrs Gill Baxter

## Support and Specialist Staff

Visual Arts -  
Physical Education -  
Music -  
Strategic Learning & Teaching Year Prep -  
Strategic Learning & Teaching Year 1/2 -  
Strategic Literacy Support -  
Reading Recovery -  
Digital Technologies and Robotics -  
Italian -  
Community Kitchen Program -  
Evodia Discovery Centre Manager -  
EDC Assistant & Translator -

Mrs Joanne Butler  
Mr Ian Miller  
Mrs Jenny Marshall  
Mrs Eliza Katz and Mrs Jenny Marshall  
Mrs Leonie McCarthy  
Ms Lyn Sciberras  
Mrs Julie Whatman  
Mrs Christine Roberts  
Mr Matteo Maccio & Mrs Jane Gilmartin  
Mrs Jane Gilmartin  
Ms Bernadette Fenech  
Ms Thi Phan

## Learning Support Officers

Ms Alex Rossi  
Ms Marita Debattista  
Mrs Suzy Asmee

Mrs Amanda Nguyen  
Ms Mary Balzan

Mrs Cherie Saad  
Mrs Rosie Cremona

Mrs Deb Shaw  
Mrs Rosemary Romeo

## School Administration

Administration Manager -  
Student Administration -  
Finance Administration -  
Canteen Manager -  
Canteen Assistant -  
Maintenance -  
School Counsellor -

Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz  
Mrs Sandra Attard Borg  
Ms Errica Mastrilli  
Ms Marita Debattista  
Mrs Rachel Gilmore  
Mr Joe Tabone  
Ms Sarah Judde