

# St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 13

## Wednesday 24th August 2022



### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



*Your Spirit, Lord, is truth and love. May it set us free.*

***Come to us, Spirit of the Lord!***

*Your Spirit, Lord, is gentleness. May it bring us peace.*

***Come to us, Spirit of the Lord!***

*Your Spirit, Lord, renews all the earth. May it renew the depths of our hearts.*

***Come to us, Spirit of the Lord!***

*Your Spirit, Lord, fills the whole universe. May it open our hearts to give praise.*

***Come to us, Spirit of the Lord!***

*Hear our prayer. Live among us and raise us to new life.*

*Amen.*

*St Bernadette - Pray for us.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a big week as we celebrated 2 important events in our Catholic Identity. On Monday we celebrated the **Feast of the Assumption** - a beautiful recognition of Mary and her life of service, strength and discipleship. On Thursday night 25 of our Year 6 students gathered with family, sponsors and staff to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. It was a wonderful celebration led by Fr John who encouraged the children to be ambassadors of the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit they receive at Baptism and Confirmation. Congratulations to the children, sponsors and families on their involvement in the preparation and celebration. A huge thank you to Amanda, Jenny, Shruti, James, Monica, Cecilia and staff who were involved in the preparation and celebration also. On the night we were also led by a wonderful student choir consisting of Tala, Sara, and Thiluja. Thank you girls for giving of your time and talents.

This week we are celebrating CBCA **Bookweek - Dreaming with Eyes Open**. Although we are not having a dress-up day, due to it being a Production year, the children have been enjoying reading and discussing these books in the learning spaces this week.

Today, Wednesday, a number of children are competing in the **District Athletics Carnival** and Newport Athletics Track. Thanks to the support of Mr Miller, the children have been practising for some time and are very excited to be competing in this event.

Next Friday 2nd September we will be celebrating all dads in our community at our annual **Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mass**. Breakfast will be in pioneers Hall from 7:30am. We

will then celebrate mass at 9:15am in the church. All dads and father figures are welcome to attend along with other family members.

Preparations and rehearsals are well underway for our end of year production - **Lion King Jnr**. Students have begun dance rehearsals with Renee and the cast have been busy rehearsing on a weekly basis. The choir has also been busy and is sounding amazing. Well done to all staff and students who are involved in these rehearsals. We will be seeking help from parents/carers with costumes and make-up. Stay tuned for more information shortly.

Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct **school uniform** each day. With PE and dance rehearsals during the week, I realise that this can be difficult to keep on track, however, we have such a lovely uniform here at St Bernadette's, so I encourage all students to wear it correctly and proudly. A reminder there are also uniform expectations regarding hair, jewellery and nail polish. They are ;

- *Hair is to be worn neat & tidy at all times. Shoulder length hair must be tied back. Hair is to be tied with burgundy, black or white hair ties. Hair is to conform to reasonable social and health standards.*
- *Cosmetics, including nail polish, make-up, false eye-lashes or nails, are not to be worn at school.*
- *Stud earrings and sleepers worn in ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery (one per ear only).*
- *If children are unable to wear their school uniform for any reason, a note signed by their parent/carer informing the teacher is required.*

Thank you for your support with our uniform expectations.

### **ST BERNADETTE'S BEANIES**

St Bernadette's Beanies are NOW AVAILABLE for purchase from the office. The Beanies are \$15 each. Please be sure to WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE TAG inside the beanie.

### **CANTEEN**

Due to the excitement of the canteen reopening at recess, it has become very busy with long lines of students waiting. To make things safer and fairer the canteen will be open to certain grades each day.

Monday - Preps, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday - Year 3 and Year 4

Friday - Year 5 and Year 6

Students will only be able to purchase ONE item at recess.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan Gill

Principal

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:**

- August 22nd - 26th                      **Bookweek - "Dreaming with Eyes Open"**
- Wednesday 31st August              **Year 5 attending CCCCs production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.**

- Thursday 1st September      **School Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00pm**
- Friday 2nd September        **Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7:30am**
- Father's Day Mass at 9:15am**
- Monday 5th September       **Year 5/6 Market Day**
- Friday 9th September        **Year 3 Activity Day**
- Sunday 11th September      **Parish Mass - Year Prep and Year 5 at 11:00am**
- September 12th - 13th       **Year 4 Camp at Sunnystones**
- Friday 16th September       **Term 3 finishes at 1:00pm**

## **CURRENT COVID ADVICE**

As we are already seeing in the news, winter has seen an increase in the spread of cold, flu and COVID. I encourage you all to continue monitoring closely the health and wellbeing of yourself and your children. If your children are not feeling well, please do not send them to school. Thank you for everything you are doing to keep our school open and safe.

I have been asked to pass on the following information:

### **Parents/carers who are COVID positive**

Parents/carers are able to leave isolation, if other arrangements cannot be made, to transport their non-infectious child via private vehicle to and/or from school. The person leaving self-isolation must travel directly to and from the location, making no stops, unless there is an emergency or as required by law. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to deliver the person to and from school, and must wear a face covering whilst outside the place of self-isolation.

### **Face masks**

Schools are asked to remind staff, students and families that the current advice from the Victorian government is that it is recommended face masks are worn in indoor settings (except for close contacts, who **must** wear a mask indoors unless an exception applies).

### **Expanded eligibility for fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose**

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has updated its recommendations around fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccination. From Monday 11 July 2022, people over 30 years will be eligible for a fourth dose. ATAGI recommends that people aged 50 to 64 years should have their fourth dose, while those aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth dose. For further information see the ATAGI website.

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## **EXPERIENCE MUSIC**

Experience Music is offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. For more information and how to enrol, please visit [www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment](http://www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment).




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A reminder that all dates appear on the school website [www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)  
Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this newsletter.

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](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

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