

# St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 11

## Wednesday 27th July 2022



### PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TERM



Joachim and Anne

*Dear God, bless our grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.  
For the ways they help me and make me strong, I give thanks.  
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.  
For the ways they have set an example for me and encouraged me, I am grateful.  
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.  
Let them find peace and rest from their work.  
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.  
Bless them always until they come to rest in you. Amen.  
St Bernadette - pray for us.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, July 26th, the Catholic Church celebrated the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne - the Grandparents of Jesus. This Friday, we will acknowledge the contributions grandparents make to families and communities, especially our school community, at the 9:15am mass in St Bernadette's Church. We hope you can join us at this special mass. To all our grandparents, thanks for all the gifts of life, love and faith you have given us.

Last week the Staff had an engaging and wonderful conference. On Day 1 Kathy Harrison led us as we looked at children who are gifted and talented and how we can cater for them in the learning spaces. On Day 2, Mark Baker supported us in Building our Emotional Intelligence to improve the way we work together. A Conference like this would not be possible without your support, so I thank you for providing care for your children on these 2 days, allowing the staff to have this valuable and productive learning time together.

We are so close to getting ALL families logged on to OPEROO - our communication app for newsletters, excursion forms, etc. From now on, all parent communication will now be going out via Operoo. If you need help to log in, then please contact Ms Chapman on [hcfoehn@stbsunshineth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hcfoehn@stbsunshineth.catholic.edu.au).

Last night our Confirmation candidates and their families gathered at school to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr Elio Capra. Fr Elio was most interesting and engaging and we all learnt lots about this sacrament and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to all families for your support with all the illness and COVID that is around at the moment. Thank you to those who are encouraging their children to wear masks, who are keeping their children home and caring for them when sick and for keeping them home if they are a close contact. We really appreciate what each one of you are doing in keeping our school and community safe and open!!

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan Gill  
Principal

### **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.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Thursday 28th July - **Parent Helpers Workshop 9:30am and 2:30pm**
  - Friday 29th July - **Grandparents Mass @ 9:15am**
  - Monday 1st August - **Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo**
  - August 2nd and 3rd - **School Nurse for Preps**
  - August 8th - 11th - **Dental Van at St Bernadette's**
  - Thursday 18th August - **Confirmation for Year 6 children at 7:00pm**
  - Friday 2nd September - **Fathers' Day Mass and Breakfast**
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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***

