

# St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 16

## Wednesday 26th October 2022



### PRAYER FOR OUR STAFF



*Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers, look upon our teachers with love.  
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds and to never give up on us who fall behind.  
Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed and encourage us when we fail.  
Bless them with gentle patience for the path of learning is never easy.  
Kindle a spirit and passion in them; it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us.  
Help them see the potential in each student as their belief in us means much.  
Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning as it shows us to not fear new knowledge.  
Inspire them to touch the future as they influence how big we dream for ourselves.*

*Bless our teachers who have come before for their work endures to this day.  
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers to build up with their words, to love with their mind and to share with their heart. Amen*

### **St Bernadette – pray for us.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Friday is World Teachers' Day - a chance for the world to acknowledge the great work of teachers. This Friday gives us a chance, at St Bernadette's, to celebrate and thank the teachers and staff who work in our school. Every day the staff show great commitment, enthusiasm and dedication, especially so over the last 2 years. I am in awe of their generosity and willingness and I give thanks, every day, that I get to lead and serve such a dedicated group of educators. **Hats off to our teachers and staff!!** - the teachers and staff of St Bernadette's - the ones with us now, all those who have gone before and all those who are yet to come. God Bless our staff

We are beginning to work on **class groupings** for next year. A lot of time and effort is put into this process, so as to ensure classes are balanced. If you, as a parent or carer, have a request regarding your child and their class next year, please email this request to me at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au). This is not an opportunity to choose teachers, as teachers have not been allocated to classes for next year, and there may be some changes. However, this is a chance to make requests regarding an optimal learning environment for your child. These requests will be treated with the strictest confidentiality, and I ask that you do the same.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers our past students who are completing VCE exams this week. We hope and pray that they will complete the exams to the best of their ability.

## SWIMMING

The Prep to Year 4 children have been enjoying their swimming lessons so far this term, and I have been told, they are all doing very well and showing improvement and confidence. A big thank you to Mr Miller and the office staff for organising this and to the staff for supervising. Thanks also to those parents and carers who go along to support their children and help out.

## STAFF NEWS

I wish to inform the school community that Mr Sean Walshe will be leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year. Mr Walshe has gained a position as Deputy Principal and Classroom Teacher at Annunciation School, Brooklyn. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Walshe and we wish him well. Mr Walshe is a wonderful teacher, leader and colleague, and has established strong relationships with children and families. We will farewell him formally at the end of the year.

I also wish to advise that Miss Elizaeth Militello will be joining us in the Junior Primary area of St Bs. Elizabeth comes to us from Christ the King Primary School, Braybrook and comes highly recommended. She has experience in education and in disability support. We look forward to welcoming Elizabeth next year.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

From **Wednesday 2nd November**, ALL children will be expected to be wearing SUMMER UNIFORM. HATS must be worn at all times when outside during Term 4.

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP(PiP) NEWS

A very successful PiP Meeting was held last Friday with 12 parents attending. We discussed the Election Day Sausage Sizzle and the Christmas Raffle, and the group committed to running these this year. PiP are now looking for volunteers to help out with both of these events. Please email [pip@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pip@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested in helping out and supporting these events. We look forward to providing further opportunities for our families to connect and engage with each other.

PiP have created a Facebook Group to be able to include and update all the parents from the school community - whether you are able to join Parents In Partnership meetings or not. This will allow timely communication in relation to events, have a clear calendar of what is coming and be able to do polls and rosters. Please join by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/425437366403817>

## CANTEEN

The canteen is open from 2:00pm - 2:15pm on the following days for these.

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.

## CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia, our before and after school care provider, will be providing a full day of care on Monday 31st October for the pupil free day. Please contact them on 1300 105 343 or email [info@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@campaustralia.com.au) should you wish to book a place.



Camp Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Elders, both past and present.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan Gill  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4:

- Mondays **Year 3/4 Swimming**

- Fridays **Year Prep/1/2 Swimming**
- Friday 28th October **World Teachers' Day**
- Monday 31st October **Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday 1st November **Melbourne Cup Holiday - NO SCHOOL**  
**All Saints Day**
- Wednesday 2nd November **All Souls Day**
- Friday 11th November **Mass for the Deceased @ 9:15am in the Church**  
**Remembrance Day**
- Tuesday 29th November **Advent Liturgy @ 8:55am via Zoom**
- Wednesday 30th November **Lion King Jnr Performance (Cast - FIRE)**
- Thursday 1st December **Lion King Jnr Performance (Cast - WATER)**
- Tuesday 6th December **School Closure Day - Inquiry Planning for 2023**
- Thursday 8th December **Step-up Day - Teachers/classes for 2023**
- Friday 16th December **School finishes for 2022 at 1:00pm**

### **CURRENT COVID ADVICE**

*I encourage you to continue to keep your children at home if they are unwell and to use the RATs provided to test if your child has symptoms. Children and staff will be supported to wear masks if they wish.*

*I thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school and community safe.*

### **Changes to COVID-19 isolation requirements**

It is **strongly recommended** that **students**:

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

Where **students** become symptomatic at school, they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 reporting requirements**

The Department of Health **recommends** that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, school and household.

### **Face masks**

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Department of Health **recommends** that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the department **recommends** that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for 10 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

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## EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music is offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. For more information visit [www.experiencemusic.com.au](http://www.experiencemusic.com.au). If you are keen to enrol your child, 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***