

# St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 17

## Wednesday 9th November 2022



### PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



In the morning and the evening . . . **we will remember them.**  
In life's comings and goings . . . **we will remember them.**  
In the tears and the memories . . . **we will remember them.**  
In the stories and the letters . . . **we will remember them.**  
In the photos and the tributes . . . **we will remember them.**  
In the silence and the stillness . . . **we will remember them.**

**St Bernadette – pray for us.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday we will gather at our Memorial Mass to remember all those who are special to us who have died and pray that they will have eternal rest in heaven. The mass will be in St Bernadette's Church and will begin at 9:15am.

This Friday is also Remembrance Day. The whole school, and in fact, the whole nation will stop at 11:00am, on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Remembrance Day reminds us that we must not take for granted the peace and harmony that we enjoy in our country. We pay tribute to the people who have kept, and still protect and keep, our country safe.

Staff and students continue to work very hard on our production of The Lion King Jr. Lots of time and effort has been put into rehearsing, creating, singing, dancing and acting. It is really important that the children attend school for these rehearsals. This Thursday is one such day, when each of the casts will get a chance to run through the production from start to finish. It is important that all children are at school on this day, unless they have a suitable reason for not being here, eg. they are sick.

We are continuing 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.

To assist with this process, **any family who is leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year, is asked to please notify the office** by phone or email [admin@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au) at your earliest convenience. This request is for families of students in Prep to Year 5.

At the end of this term, your child will receive their Semester 2 report, outlining their achievements and areas for growth. Learning Conversations associated with these reports are optional. If you would like a conversation with your child's teacher about their learning, please contact the office and book a time on Tuesday 13th December between 2:30pm and 5:30pm.

## SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2023

St Bernadette's aims to keep a Catholic Education affordable and achievable for all families who seek it for their children. In consultation with our Business Manager and School Advisory Council, there will be a small rise in both the fees and levies. For 2023, School Fees have been set at \$1230 and Levies at \$320. If you are having difficulty paying these fees/levies, please contact the office or myself to discuss the matter.

## PAYMENT PLANS FOR SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES

All families who pay their fees with a payment plan will receive a letter shortly to set up a new payment plan for the 2023 fees and levies. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## THE LION KING JR

Thank you to those families who have already purchased their 2 tickets to our production of The Lion King Jr. The remaining tickets will be released this Friday, enabling families to purchase more tickets as needed.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

ALL children should now be wearing SUMMER UNIFORM. HATS must be worn at all times when outside during Term 4. Please assist us by ensuring your child is only wearing an approved school uniform. Nail polish and additional jewellery, aside from stud or sleeper earrings, is not permitted.

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP (PiP) NEWS

The next PiP Meeting is on this Friday 11th November at 2:15pm in the Community Kitchen.

PiP are still looking for volunteers to help out with the Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Christmas Raffle. 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 are our before and after school care provider. 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:

- Thursday 10th November Full run through of 'The Lion King Jr'
- Friday 11th November Mass for the Deceased @ 9:15am in the Church  
Remembrance Day  
Parents in Partnership (PiP) Meeting 2:15pm Community Kitchen
- Saturday 26th November State Election Sausage Sizzle
- Tuesday 29th November Advent Liturgy @ 8:55am via Zoom
- Wednesday 30th November Lion King Jnr Performance (Cast - FIRE) - 1:00pm & 7:00pm
- Thursday 1st December Lion King Jnr Performance (Cast - WATER) - 1:00pm & 7:00pm
- Tuesday 6th December School Closure Day - Inquiry Planning for 2023
- Thursday 8th December Step-up Day - Teachers/classes for 2023
- Tuesday 13th December Graduation and Liturgy for Year 6 students
- 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.*

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***