

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 18

Wednesday 23rd November 2022



AS WE BEGIN ADVENT WE PRAY ...

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

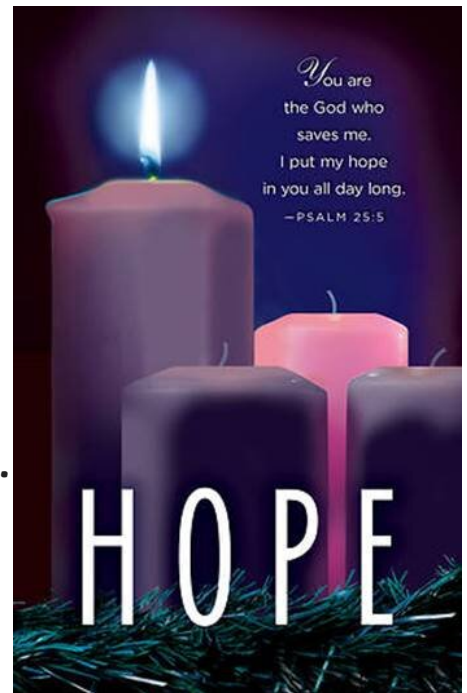
He is a sign of your love.

*Help us walk in that love during the weeks of
Advent,*

as we wait in hope and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

St Bernadette - pray for us.



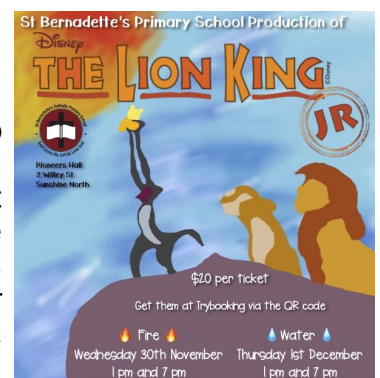
Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday begins the Season of Advent - a time to prepare our hearts and homes to welcome hope, joy, peace and love in the person of Jesus Christ at Christmas. May it be a special time for us all to pray, reflect and to reach out to those around us.

COME LORD JESUS - FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR HOPE AND LOVE THIS ADVENT!

It was great to see so many families from Year 2, 3 and 4 at St Bernadette's Church last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It was great to have Fr John back safe and sound and celebrating with us. A BIG thank you to the children who sang in the choir - Amy, Martin D, Mythili, Vitty, Minh, Martin B, Rosemary, Matthew, Emma, Ava and Christina. They were beautifully led by Mrs Marshall and the sound they produced was wonderful!!

Pioneers Hall has been transformed into a performance space and theatre, all in readiness for our production of 'The Lion King Jr' next week. We had a run through using the staging and lighting on Monday, and it's really starting to come together. Thank you to Mr Zeintstra, Mrs Butler and her husband Steve, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Marshall who have been working on weekends to get things ready. Special thanks to Steve and Sebastian Packer for putting up the black plastic to block out the light. With just on a week till the opening, there is a real sense of excitement around the school. I hope you have all got your tickets. Both of the evening performances are almost sold out. There are still a number of seats available for the day performances.



Today we had the second of our transition sessions for our Preps starting in 2023. At this stage we have 49 Preps starting next year, with a good mix of existing and new families. St Bernadette's has a strong and stable enrolment which looks great for the future of the school.

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 at your earliest convenience. This request is for families of students in Prep to Year 5.

SOCK-ER-TOBER KICK OFF

This Friday, the children will need to bring their sock-ball they have made to school and see how far they can kick it!! I hope the children have been gathering sponsors. A reminder that all money raised will go towards the work of Catholic Missions in Ethiopia.

STUDENT REPORTS AND LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

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.

SCHOOL FEES 2022

Thank you to all those families who are up to date with their school fee payments or who have paid them in full already. Could you please make sure you have paid your fees and levies in full by the end of the term.

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 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>

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.

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 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:

- Friday 25th November **Sock-er-tober Kick-off**
Parents in Partnership (PiP) Meeting 2:15pm Community Kitchen
- Saturday 26th November **State Election Sausage Sizzle - Volunteers needed**
- 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 - 9:15am - 10:45am**
- Tuesday 13th December **Graduation and Liturgy for Year 6 students at 7:00pm**
- 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.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

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

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website 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.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD