

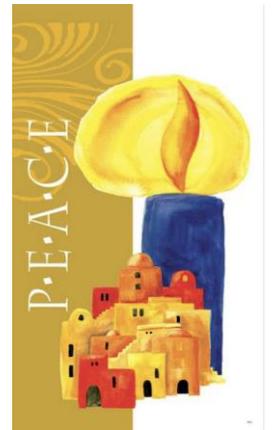
St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 20

Friday 16th December 2022



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*How long the path which leads to you!
Lord, come to meet us, be our way.
Emmanuel, come and save your people!
How heavy the burden of our hearts!
Lord, come to meet us, be our rest.
Emmanuel, come and save your people!
How dark and difficult the journey to your star!
Lord, come to meet us, be our light.
Emmanuel, come and save your people!
How often we wander, stumbling in the darkness!
Lord, come to meet us, be our brother.
Emmanuel, come and save your people!*



COME LORD JESUS - FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PEACE THIS ADVENT

St Bernadette - pray for us.

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students,

Well this is the last newsletter for what has been another challenging, yet wonderful year at St Bernadette's. We began this year with a great sense of hope, however, 2022 has thrown some different challenges at us as we have dealt with COVID, staff shortages, unusual weather and ongoing As I look back on all that we have encountered and achieved this year - including numerous lockdowns and periods of remote learning - I feel very proud to be part of such a diverse, friendly, caring and vibrant community.

On Tuesday night we celebrated our Year 6 Graduates. These young people have once again been great examples of all that we stand for at St Bernadette's. They are a talented and mature group of individuals who have shown great leadership, dedication to their learning and support for each other and their teachers. Congratulations to these children and their families. We wish you well as you move onto secondary school. We bid farewell to Ms Elam, Mr Walshe, Ms Lad, Ms Tiziani and Ms Bird. All of these staff members, in their own individual ways, have contributed greatly to our school. Ms Elam has been a wonderful teacher and great supporter of our productions and family school partnerships. Mr Walshe has been a passionate and dedicated leader of Literacy learning and teaching. Ms Lad has demonstrated a wonderful commitment to the growth and development of her students. Ms Bird has been a wonderful teacher and support in the Prep area. We also say an official farewell to Mrs Hunter. Bec has been on parental leave, but has resigned from her position at St B's as her family is moving to NSW. Mrs Hunter was a great teacher at St B's and established many wonderful relationships with students, families and colleagues. All of these staff have become valued and respected colleagues and friends. We thank them, we will miss them and we wish them all well for the future.

Thank you to the children of St Bernadette's who are an absolute joy to work and learn with. Their ability to adapt and change during the COVID years and then complete a full year at school, has shown how resilient and determined they are. They have taken every opportunity to reach their full potential, and are ready for a well-deserved break.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families who constantly support our school and partner with us in educating your children. You have been a wonderful support to your children's education. Thank you for

entrusting your children to us — it is a privilege to care for and nurture your children and we appreciate your support and friendship.

Thanks also to Fr John for his spiritual guidance, leadership and support of our school over the year. Fr John is a very important and valued part of our faith community.

Finally, a very BIG thank you to all the staff who give of their gifts, talents and time so freely to enable your children to grow and reach their full potential. When we thought things would be different this year, I have once again witnessed the incredible capacity of our staff to go above and beyond and be their very best, so that our children continue to grow and learn. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff who truly commit themselves to the full flourishing of ALL students and families, by providing wonderful learning opportunities and a safe, caring and welcoming environment. We are truly blessed. Thank you.

We acknowledge and farewell the following families who end their time at St Bernadette's this year:

Barone (Aaliyah), Bonello (Jaylee), Bui (Trinity), Campbell (Hayden), Diep (Tyler), Florence (James), Hart (Matilda), Iang Za Par (Lily), Johnstone (Jonathan), Kuljis (Zianni), Le (Huy Gia Do), Luu (Tri), Marasigan (Ezra Tala), Navarro (Erin), Nguyen (Jaymie), Nguyen (Khoi Phong), Nguyen (Khoi Mike), Nguyen (Ruby), Nguyen (Tiana), Pandher (Mannat), Pham (Khang), Pham (Leanne), Quach (Phu Loi Bi), To (Dora/Kira), Truong (Erika), Vella (Penelope), Yang (Katherine), Thai (Nathan/Justin), Peteli (Vizari) and Sathing (Silas/Jem Jem).

We thank them for their contributions to our school community and wish them all the very best for the future.

*During this Christmas Season,
may you and your families be blessed with
the spirit of Christmas, which is peace;
the gladness of the season, which is hope;
the heart of the season, which is love.
And may the New Year bring you good health
and happiness and a refreshed spirit.
Have a great holiday everyone. I look forward to
your safe return in 2023.*

God bless, Brendan



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - FRIDAY

To celebrate the end of the school year, the children are able to wear CASUAL CLOTHES on FRIDAY. **A reminder that school finishes at 1:00pm on Friday.** There will be no canteen on Friday

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the children who won prizes in the Christmas Raffle this year. A very big thank you to the Parents in Partnership group for organising this raffle and for putting together the wonderful prizes. Thanks also to our most generous community who donated the many items and bought the raffle tickets. Together we raised almost \$1800. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Winners of the raffle were:

Prep	Evan (PG) Rudransh (PG) Newton (PL) David (Adam's Dad PL)	Year 1	Sophia (1S) Keiran (1S) Emilija (1T) Jonas (1T)	Year 2	Mia (2C) Sarah (2T) Atlas (2T) Hannah L (2T)
Year 3	Chanel (3E) Emma (3P) Cindy (3P)	Year 4	Christina (4H) Jacob (4H) Missie (4E)	Year 5	Olivia (5C) Bella (5C) Kevin P (5C)

	Kaylie (3E)		Leo (4E)		Emma (5S)
Year 6	Tina (6R) Kristine (6R) Ruby (6R) Hayden (6L)				

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS 2023

I wish to inform you of the following school closure days in 2023. These days are for staff development and are an important part of ensuring our school offers the best education and that our staff are up-to-date with educational developments.

Monday 30th January	Staff Development Day
Monday 24th April	School Review Preparation
Thursday 23rd June	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 9th August	Staff Seminar - Student Wellbeing
Monday 6th November	Curriculum Day
Monday 4th December	Planning for 2023
Tuesday 19th December	Curriculum Day

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. A full list of the fees and levies are as follows:

- School Family Fee	\$1230 per family
- Education Levies	\$320 per student
- Camp Prep - Yr 2	\$10 per student
- Camp Yr 3 (Sunnystones)	\$140 per student
- Camp Yr 4 (Doxa-Malmsbury)	\$90 per student
- Camp Yr 5/6	\$280 per student
- Sacrament Yr 3	\$15 per student
- Sacrament Yr 4	\$20 per student
- Sacrament Yr 6	\$20 per student
- Interschool Sport Yr 5/6	\$30 per student
- Graduation Yr 6	\$20 per student
- Swimming Prep - Yr 4	\$90 per student

You will notice that in 2023, Year 3 children will be attending an overnight camp. This will be at Camp Sunnystones and will occur in Term 3.

PAYMENT PLANS FOR SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES

All families who pay their fees with a payment plan will have received a letter to set up a new payment plan for the 2023 fees and levies. Could you please complete these and return to the office. If any families wish to set up Direct Debit or Credit Card payment, 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. There are a number of families with outstanding amounts. ***Could you please make sure you have paid your fees and levies in full by the end of the term.***

HEALTH CARE CARD FOR 2023

If any families have received a new or renewed Health Care Card, could you please contact the office so that we can update your details.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS/BAGS

