

St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 1

Wednesday 1st February 2023



Lord Jesus, be with me as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my learning and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in them and in my new friends.
Jesus, inspire me to always do my best this year!

Amen

St Bernadette - Pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all St Bernadette's families to the 2023 School Year. I hope and pray that this will be a happy, exciting and safe year for all in our community.

We have had a great start to the year with the children settling into their classrooms and routines with ease. I wish to thank you in advance for your ongoing support in ensuring children are at school on time, in the correct uniform and have all the things they need in their school bag.

We welcome the following **new students** and their families to our school community

Easter, Janine, Aliah, Adit, Hannah and Ava

and the following **Prep children** and their families -

April, Arthur, Grace, Brian, Violet, Izabelle, Zach, Ava, William, Sara, Annie, Theodore, Leo, Leena, Teresa, Ashley, Aaron, Jayson, Benjamin, Sarah, Margaret, Ethan, Tiana, Coralie, Emily, Lewis, Hieu, Mila, Maria, Jackson, Audrey, Adalyn, Cartia, Alannah, Alina, An Troung, Bella, Dylan, Minh, Jennifer, Joanna, Liam, Phong, Rio, Ava, Evan, Henry, Jude, Evelyn,

and the following **staff** -

Miss Elizabeth Militello (Prep M), Ms Kate Wills (4W), Miss Nicole Marevic (6M),
and Mrs Suzanne Scaromazzino (LSO - Year 1)

We thank you all for choosing to join our community and hope you enjoy your time with us at St Bernadette's.

SOME GENERAL REMINDERS AS WE START THE TERM

- During Term 1, we can have some very hot weather. As we are a Sunsmart school it is compulsory that your child has a **school hat** to wear or they will have to sit in the shade.

- A reminder that the first bell rings at 8:45am.
- The school gates open in the morning at 8:30am and will close at 8:45am. Entry after this time is through the front office door.
- School finishes at 3:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and at **3:00pm on a Wednesday**.
- **School Assembly** is on a Wednesday at 2:30pm in Pioneers Hall and families are invited to attend.
- **School Canteen** operates Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- Camp Australia run the before and after school care program for students from 6:00am-8:30am in the mornings and 3:45pm - 6:00pm in the afternoons.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office via phone 9311 8872 or email your child's teacher by 9:15am.
- If you have a valid **Health Care Card**, please complete the attached form. For more information or assistance with this contact the office staff.

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL - STAFFING FOR 2023

Class Teachers for 2023

Prep L - Ms Jacqueline Lumsden

Year 1S - Ms Melissa Szulik

Year 2C - Ms Michelle Camenzuli

Year 3G - Miss Dani Granata

Year 4H - Miss Monica Hughes

Year 5C - Miss Elise Casamento

Year 6M - Miss Nicole Marevic

Prep M - Miss Elizabeth Militello

Year 1T - Miss Cecilia Tran

Year 2E - Ms Melinda Evans

Year 3P - Mr Daniel Powel

Year 4W - Ms Kate Wills

Year 5S - Miss Emma Scerri

Year 6R - Mr James Reitmaier

Leaders for 2023

Principal - Mr Brendan Gill

Deputy Principal and Learning and Teaching Leader- Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn

Religious Education Leader - Miss Amanda Browne

Student Diversity Leader & Arts Leader - Mr Fredrik Zeinstra

Literacy P-2 Leader & Co Teacher - Mrs Sarah Turner

Literacy 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher - Ms Lyn Sciberras

Mathematics P-2 Leader & Co Teacher - Ms Kim Nguyen

Mathematics 3-6 Leader & Co Teacher - Mrs Jacqlyn Crane

Student Wellbeing Leader - Mrs Renee Cassar

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader - Mrs Gill Baxter

Family Engagement in Learning Leader - Miss Dani Granata

Cluster Engagement Learning Leader - Mrs Gill Baxter

Support and Specialist Staff for 2023

Strategic Learning & Teaching - Mrs Leonie McCarthy

Strategic Literacy Support - TBA

Strategic Maths Support - Miss Lana Frost

Reading Recovery - Mrs Julie Whatman

Co-teacher (Prep) - Mrs Jenny Marshall and Mrs Franca Tiziani

Visual Arts - Mrs Joanne Butler

Physical Education - Mr Ian Miller

Music - Mrs Jenny Marshall

Digital Technologies and Robotics - Mrs Christine Roberts
Italian - Mr Matteo Maccio & Mrs Jane Gilmartin
Community Kitchen - Mrs Jane Gilmartin

Evodia Resource Centre Manager - Ms Bernadette Fenech
Assistant & Translator - Ms Thi Phan

Learning Assistants for 2023

Mrs Amanda Nguyen (Prep)	Mrs Alex Rossi (Year 1)
Mrs Susan Scaramozzino (Year 1)	Mrs Cherie Saad (Year 2)
Ms Mary Balzan (Year 3)	Mrs Rosie Cremona (Year 4)
Ms Deb Shaw (Year 4/5)	Ms Marita Debattista (Year 1 and 6)
Mrs Suzy Asmee (Year 5/6)	Mrs Rosemary Romeo (Year 6)

School Administration for 2023

Administration & HR Manager - Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz
Student Administration - Mrs Sandra Attard Borg
Finance Administration - Ms Errica Mastrilli
Canteen Manager - Ms Marita Debattista
Canteen Assistant - Ms Rachel Gilmore
Maintenance - Mr Joe Tabone
School Counsellor - Ms Sarah Judde
Speech Pathologists - Ms Claire Huynh & Ms Nour Osman

Should you need to contact any staff member, please phone on 9311 8872 or email the staff member. Emails are simply first initial and surname followed by @stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au For example Brendan Gill - bjill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. I can also be contacted at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1:

- **Prep Timetable** - there is no school for Preps on the first 4 Wednesdays - February 1st, 8th and 15th and 22nd. From Monday 27th February they will be at school full-time.
- **Parent, Teacher and Student Meet N Greets** - These important meetings will take place on **Monday 13th February**. THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY, HOWEVER STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND THE MEET AND GREETINGS. Meet and Greets are a wonderful way for classroom teachers to get to know a little more about the children they teach. You, as parents and carers, know so much about your children, it is important that we work together in partnership to ensure each child's learning and wellbeing needs are met. More information about these will be sent home shortly.
- **Ash Wednesday Mass** - Wednesday 22nd February at 12:15pm the Church.
- **Labour Day Holiday - No School** - Monday 13th March
- **NAPLAN Assessments** (Year 3 and 5 only) - March 15th - 27th
- **Year 5/6 Camp, Mt Evelyn** - March 22nd - 25th
- **Backflips Against Bullying Incursion** - March 27th
- **Parent eSafety Presentation** - March 30th
- **School Photos** - Tuesday 4th April
- **Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 6th April - at 9:15am
- **School Finishes for Term 1** - Friday 8th April at 1:00pm

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Once again, Experience Music are offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. For more information and how to enrol, please 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 the Newsletter.

Take care and have a great week

Brendan

Principal