

St Bernadette's School Newsletter 3

Wednesday 1st March 2023



*As we begin Our Lenten Journey
Gracious God, as we continue our Lenten
journey, help us to be people of hope.*

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of love.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of compassion.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of justice.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of courage.

God, you are with us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

St Bernadette - Pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for keeping your children at home yesterday. I understand that it may have been quite inconvenient for many families, so I appreciate your cooperation with the unexpected closure day. I can report the power went out at 8:30am and returned at 2:30pm. I also heard there was no access to Willey St due to the Powercor works. The day working from home gave the staff the opportunity to complete important online compliance tasks, such as Mandatory Reporting and Occupational Health and Safety as well as some planning.

Last week we celebrated mass to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It was great to see many of our parents join us, as well as the parishioners. Although Lent is a rather sombre season of repentance, it is also a season of opportunity - opportunity for prayer, supporting others and growing closer to God. As the prayer suggests, 'God is with us' through Lent as we 'turn away from sin and live as Jesus did'. Lent also begins Project Compassion - Caritas' major fundraiser. I encourage you to support them this year as they work hard to support others.

In these first few weeks of school, the children have not only been engaged in their normal learning activities, but teachers have also been conducting assessments on each student. These assessments enable teachers to identify students strengths and opportunities for growth. Data gathered from these assessments inform what is taught and how, to ensure student learning is targeted and personalised.

Our Prep students begin full-time schooling this week. We look forward to them joining us for their first assembly today. Assembly is every Wednesday at 2:30pm in Pioneers Hall. All parents, carers and families are welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Last week, the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marked the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is *'For All Future Generations'* and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion. Each family has received a Project Compassion box for their donations. For more information, go to www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion



PARKING ON WESTMORELAND RD

A reminder that there are parking restrictions on the bays in Westmoreland Rd. This area is now designated a NO PARKING ZONE from 8:00AM to 9:15AM AND 2:45PM to 4:00PM

The NO PARKING restriction means a vehicle can stop for only 2 minutes and the driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.

This will give all parents the opportunity to drop-off and pick-up children more easily.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

Last year, St Bernadette's School Advisory Council met 5 times throughout the year. Our meetings were informative, productive and successful. All members of the SAC play an important role in sharing their thoughts, ideas and responses as representatives of the Parent and school community. Last year, the Council suggested we have greater representation from our School Community, particularly the Vietnamese and Burmese families. These groups are not represented on the Council, however, both groups have a large presence in the school. Therefore, I invite parents/carers from our Vietnamese and Burmese community who are interested in joining the School Advisory Council to let me know in person or via email/phone. Every voice is valued as we work towards getting a greater cross section of parents on the SAC.

Take care and have a great week

Brendan
Principal

SOME GENERAL REMINDERS

- 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. Families are invited to attend.
- **School Canteen** operates Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- 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.

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.

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 - bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. I can also be contacted at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

HEALTH CARE CARD

If you have a valid Health Care Card, you are eligible for some support through the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. For more information or assistance with this contact the office staff.



PIP MEETING - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH @ 2:30PM

The PIP group are having a meeting this Friday to begin planning for the Family Movie Night to be held on Friday 31st March. Volunteers are needed to ensure this event runs smoothly and is a great opportunity for our school community to gather together.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1:

- **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 20th - 22nd
- **Backflips Against Bullying Incursion** - March 27th
- **Parent eSafety Presentation** - March 30th @ 7:00pm
- **School Photos** - Tuesday 4th April
- **Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 6th April @ 9:15am
- **School Finishes for Term 1** - Thursday 6th April @ 1:00pm



ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUNSHINE NORTH **9311 8872**

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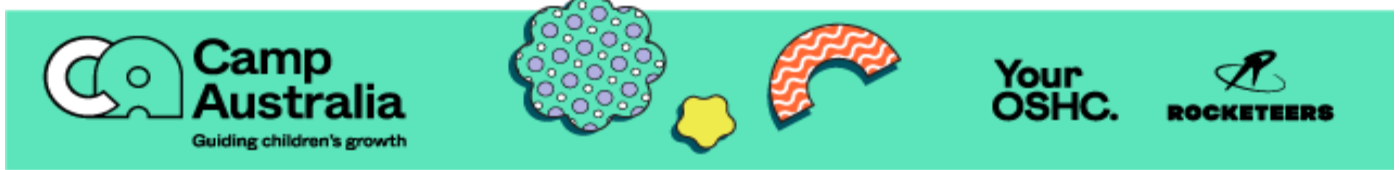
ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2024 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2024, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE, OR COLLECT ONE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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.



EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music are offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's. Lessons are available for guitar, keyboards, drums and voice.

For more information and how to enrol, please visit www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment.