

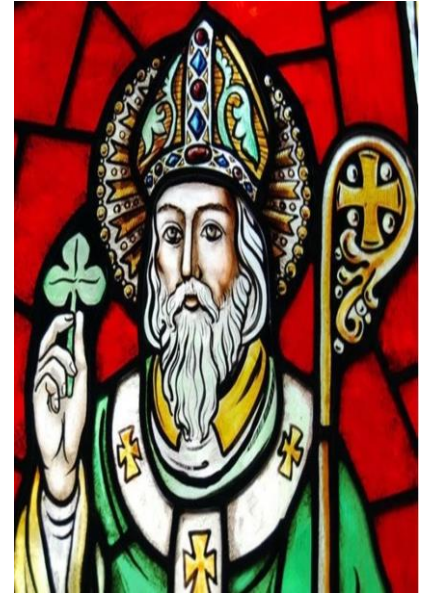
St Bernadette's School Newsletter 4

Wednesday 15th March 2023



ST PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD
St Bernadette - Pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and everything that Melbourne and the wonderful weather had to offer.

Happy Catholic Education Week! This week we celebrate everything that is wonderful about Catholic Education and in particular life and learning at St Bernadette's. This year's theme, 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 is 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'.

Forming lives – Catholic education seeks to provide the young with the best kind of education possible, one that fosters a formation of the whole person that is deeply and enduringly humanising.

Faith, hope and love – Catholic education forms individuals with more than just skills, but with the virtues to live life as transformative agents in our communities. By cultivating a maturing of faith and the intellectual life through the modelling of good relationships, Catholic students are prepared for living fruitfully in the world.

In the light of Jesus Christ – Christ is our inspiration, the very life of our purpose as Catholic educators. Everything we do is illuminated by this. (MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World, p. 8)

Here at St Bs, the staff are fully committed to forming the lives of our children, with the support of parents, carers and families. We place a strong emphasis not only on learning, but on a child's wellbeing, as this can and does have a great impact on a child's readiness and ability to learn.

This Friday, 8 of our school leaders will attend the St Patrick's Day Mass and Concert along with many other students and teachers from schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

NAPLAN - YEAR 3 AND 5

Over the next two weeks, the Year 3 and 5 children will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy(NAPLAN). NAPLAN is usually held in May, but has been moved to March for 2023. During these weeks they will complete 4 assessment tasks under the guidance and care of the staff. Most of the assessments will take place online. The key purpose of these assessments is to provide trend, whole school and system data. They are one assessment piece among the many that our capable and skilled staff collect to ensure your child's learning is engaging and targeted.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 4TH APRIL

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 4th April. **ALL students are expected to be in SUMMER UNIFORM on this day.** St Bernadette's takes great pride in our school uniform, and occasions such as school photos, are a wonderful opportunity for us to look our best, show pride in our school and demonstrate our belonging. Here is a reminder of what the Summer Uniform includes:

- School dress
- Dark grey shorts
- White short sleeved shirt with logo
- White or burgundy socks
- Black leather shoes
- Hair accessories are to be white, black or burgundy only
- Hair is to be worn neat & tidy. Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- No cosmetics eg. nail polish, make-up are not to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers(one per ear only) and watches are the only acceptable jewellery .

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform. If you need to purchase any items for photo day, please contact the office ASAP.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - #embraceequity

On Tuesday 8th March, the world celebrated International Women's Day - an opportunity to 'imagine and promote a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity.

We are very fortunate here at St Bernadette's to have a long presence of courageous, intelligent and strong women who have led and contributed to our wonderful community and to the wellbeing and learning of our children. I wish to acknowledge the women of the past and those women amongst us now. Thank you for all you do. We will continue to support your presence, involvement and action at St Bernadette's as together we #embraceequity

CYBER SAFETY NIGHT

On Thursday 30th March at 7:00pm, we will be holding our Cyber Safety Night, "**Raising Kids in a Digital World 2023**". We will be discussing the latest trends and challenges in online safety for primary school children. This is a **compulsory event for parents of children in Years 3 - 6** and an invitation for parents of children in Prep - Year 2. We believe that cybersafety is a shared responsibility and we recommend that all parents attend this event to learn about the latest tools and strategies to help keep their children safe online.

The event will be held in Pioneer's Hall. We will be giving away a number of \$50 Coles/Myer gift vouchers to families who attend, so come along for your chance to win. We look forward to seeing

you there. Please note that this session is recommended for adults only and babysitting will be provided.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2023

Congratulations go to our School Leaders for 2023. It was great to be able to present these children to our school community and to present them with their leadership badges. I am looking forward to these leaders taking an active role in the school and having input into many decision making processes.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS Genevieve Le Christopher Tran

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS Martin Dvorak Minh Nguyen

MAHONEY HOUSE CAPTAIN Stella Do

MAHONEY VICE CAPTAIN Sienna Duong

MACKILLOP HOUSE CAPTAIN Grace Gordon

MACKILLOP VICE CAPTAIN Missie Tran

MCKAY HOUSE CAPTAIN Caden Ha

MCKAY VICE CAPTAIN Ivy Tran

MAMO HOUSE CAPTAIN Anna Tran

MAMO VICE CAPTAIN Penny Tu

SRC MEMBERS

6M - Isabella Mai

6R - Christine Duong

5S - Sarah Nguyen

5C - Liam Nagorny

4H - Isabella Nguyen

4W - Jackson McKenner

3G - Jordan Pausic

3P - Alana Nagorny

2E - Lukas Tran

2S - Nancy Hoang

1T - Jaslene Nguyen

1S - Henry Nguyen

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Olivia Murphy

Jadu Selvakumar

Tiffany Duong

Aimee Moreira

Annabelle Truong

Amy Pham

Sophia Sidhu

Mia Phan

Efraim Sa Ru

Andy Hau

Faith Tran

Tiffany

Bozajkovski

Elysse Tran

Cecilia Nguyen

Aiden Tran

Alexis Murphy

Emma Pastras

Nyanlok Chuol

Darren Mai

Felix Ly

Nivriti Bandila

PROJECT COMPASSION

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn

Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

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.

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 - bjill@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.



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP(PiP) NEWS

The PiP Team have had a very busy start to the year, and have 2 great events underway for this term.

- **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** - On Friday 31st March, there will be a family movie night on MacKillop Sports Field featuring the movie "The Bad Guys". Details were sent home in a flyer on Monday.
 - **EASTER RAFFLE** - Each family is invited to donate Easter items to the raffle and purchase/sell raffle tickets. Notes for this event will be coming out soon.
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 and 2:

- **NAPLAN Assessments** (Year 3 and 5 only) - March 15th - 27th
 - **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 16th March
 - **Year 5/6 Camp, Mt Evelyn** - March 20th - 22nd
 - **Backflips Against Bullying Incursion** - March 27th
 - **Parent eSafety Presentation** - Thursday 30th March @ 7:00pm
 - Family Movie Night - The Bad Guys - Friday 31st March
 - **School Photos** - Tuesday 4th April
 - **Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 6th April @ 9:15am
 - **School Finishes for Term 1** - Thursday 6th April @ 1:00pm
 - **Good Friday** - Friday 7th April
 - **Easter Sunday** - Sunday 9th April
 - **School Closure Day** - Monday 24th April - NO SCHOOL
 - **ANZAC Day** - Tuesday 25th April - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
 - **Term 2 Commences** - Wednesday 26th April at 8:45am
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SUNSHINE NORTH **9311 8872**

ENROL NOW

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2024 ARE NOW OPEN.

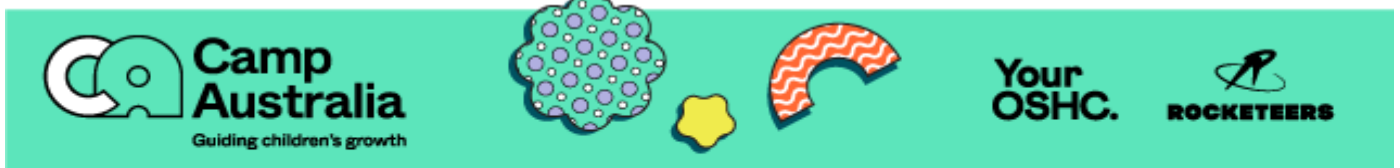
IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2024, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

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

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.