

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 11

Wednesday 19th July 2023

PRAYER FOR WINTER (*Leunig*)

We give thanks for the blessing of WINTER:

a season to cherish the heart.

To make warmth and quiet for the heart.

To make soups and broths for the heart.

To cook for the heart and read for the heart.

To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.

To sleep deeply and gently with the heart.

To dream with the heart.

To spend time with the heart.

A long, long time of peace with the heart.

St Bernadette - Pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. We are over half way through the year and half way through Winter!! The year is quickly passing by. I hope you all were able to enjoy some family time over the break and the rest from school routines. It is often said that Term 3 is the 'quieter and less busy term', however, if you look at the calendar of events in this newsletter, I'm not sure that will be the case. Teachers and leaders have also planned an engaging term of learning, with some really exciting and interesting units of work. Shortly you will receive the newsletters for your child's year level with further information about the term's learning and activities.

Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night - Tuesday 18th July.

*Martin, Vitty, Yanai Kezius, Xenia, Sophia, Amy, Isaac, Austin, Ariela, Sam,
Jasmine, Riley, Jordan, Hannah, Eli, Mercedes, Violet, Hannah, Joel, Alex,
Maddy, Elisha, Winchester, Atlas, Charlie, Nelly and Minh-Vy*

It was a lovely celebration, where the children celebrated the ongoing love and forgiveness of God through this sacrament. Thank you to the parents and families who have supported the children through their preparation. Thanks also to the teachers and staff who have helped prepare the children, and to Miss Browne for overseeing the sacrament and preparing the ceremony.

Throughout a term, teachers are required to complete many different administrative, planning and assessment tasks. Some of these take considerable time, and so to assist with the completion of these tasks, teachers are released from the classroom. For example, in these first few weeks of Term 3, you may notice classroom teachers being released to complete term planning, reading assessments of children, Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs), organisation for camps and

St Bernadette's respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the owners of the land on which we live, play and learn at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

All students attending St. Bernadette's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

professional learning - just to name a few. These are all important activities and requirements. Please be assured, we do our best to minimise these times, however, we are fortunate at St Bs to have an excellent group of emergency teachers who are very familiar with the school, so that the learning can continue and expectations and routines are maintained.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Social Emotional Learning Family Night - Wednesday August 16th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

At St. Bernadette's we use the Berry Street Education Model to create safe, healthy, welcoming and engaging learning spaces for our students. We also use Berry St materials to plan our Social and Emotional Learning. To enable us to partner with you in supporting our children when they are anxious or stressed, we have engaged Berry St to run a Parent Learning evening at St Bernadette's.

You are invited to come to our family information night, where you can learn:

- practical strategies to help your child when they are stressed or upset at home
- what is happening in your child's brain when they have a meltdown
- how to help your child calm down, so that they can learn to do this more independently

This promises to be a valuable and informative sessions. Interpreters will also be provided.

For more information, please email: gbaxter@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week and take care,

Brendan Gill - Principal

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP(PiP) NEWS

The PiP Group are very excited to announce the following activities for Term 3.

COOKING NIGHTS

Come and join in an evening of friendship and food as you learn to cook a number of dishes from a range of cultures represented in our school. These nights will run from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Dates and cuisines are as follows:

July 28th - Greek (Elaine)

August 25th - Greek (Elaine)

October 27th - Maltese (Rose)

November 24th - Vietnamese (Julie)

Cost of each evening will be \$20 to cover the cost of ingredients. Due to the size of the Community Kitchen, we will only be able to cater for 20 participants. Tickets are on sale for July 28th.

FAMILY BUSH DANCE NIGHT - FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST

On Friday 11th August we will be holding a Family Bush Night conducted by the Billy Tea Bush Band. This event will be held in the Parish Centre on Cook Ave and will run from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Cost will be \$10 per family. Tickets now on sale from the office.

The next meeting of the PiP Group is FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST at 2:15pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

- **Prep 2024 Sibling Interviews** - Monday July 24th and 25th
 - **Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea** - Wednesday 26th July @ 9:15am
 - **Prep Breakfast and 100 days of School** - Friday 28th July
 - **PiP Food With Friends (Greek)** - Friday 28th July @ 7:00pm
 - **First Eucharist (Group 1)** - Saturday 29th July @ 6:30pm
 - **First Eucharist (Group 2)** - Sunday 30th July @ 11:00am
 - **Assembly 6R** - Wednesday 2nd August
 - **Staff Conference** - Wednesday 9th August - **NO SCHOOL**
 - **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 10th August @ 7:00pm
 - **Fr John's Farewell Assembly** - Thursday 10th August @ 10:30am
 - **Family Bush Dance** - Friday 11th August @ 6:30pm
 - **Year 3 Camp Sunnystones** - August 15 and 16
 - **Assembly 6M** - Wednesday 16th August
 - **Parent Information Night - Berry St** - Wednesday 16th August @ 6:30pm
 - **Parents in Partnership Meeting** - Friday 18th August @ 2:15pm
 - **Bookweek - *Read, Grow, Inspire!*** - August 21 - 25
 - **Assembly 5S** - Wednesday 23rd August
 - **Bookweek Parade** - Thursday 24th August
 - **PiP Food with Friends(Greek)** - Friday 25th August @ 7:00pm
 - **Confirmation Family Night** - Tuesday 29th August @ 7:00pm
 - **Assembly 5C** - Wednesday 30th August
 - **Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mass** - Friday 1st September from 7:30am
 - **Pasta Making Day** - Monday 4th September
 - **Sharing of Learning** - Wednesday 6th September from 2:30pm
 - **School Review** - September 11th and 12th
 - **Assembly 4H** - Wednesday 13th September
 - **Confirmation Ceremony** - Thursday 14th September @ 7:00pm
 - **End of Term Mass** - Friday 15th September @ 9:15am
 - **End of Term 3** - Friday 15th September @ 1:00pm
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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 will be operating full-day care on Thursday 22nd June (the day of the Learning Conversations). Please contact them on 1300 105 343 or email info@campaustralia.com.au.

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.

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.

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