

# St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 1

## Wednesday 7th February 2024



Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather as a community of believers, a family of your children. we thank you for the rest and recreation of the holidays and our safe return to St Bernadette's.

we thank you for the promise of the days ahead and for the blessing of your presence. Be with us this year. open our hearts to become people with and for others.

Help us to be learners, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice.

Keep us safe in body and spirit.

Let us be gentle with ourselves while striving to serve you.

And may we always be a source of support, encouragement and love to others. Amen!

**St Bernadette - Pray for us.**



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all St Bernadette's families to the 2024 School Year. I hope and pray that this will be a happy, exciting and engaging 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, wearing the correct uniform and have all the things they need in their school bag.

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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.

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

Leah, Jayden, Thomas, Danai, Elliot, Mira, Noah, Celine, Orlando, Dominic, Hayden, Milla, Pia, Favour, Harry, Kai, Minh, Evey, Angela, Helen, Mason, Sam, Victoria, Grace, Bianca, Elle, Hayden, Nicholas, Nolan, Sophia, Tommy, William, Charlie, Agam, Roger, Annabelle, Anthony, Rosy, Kristina, Eddie, Kaya, Mateo, Wyatt, Danielle, Nhi, Olivia, Camilla and Raphael

and the following **new students** and their families -

Jessica, Alex and Nathan

and the following **staff** -

Ms Claudia Mattas (5C), Mr Christopher O’Rielly (PO) and Mr Nick Tresize (6T)

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

## MEET AND GREETINGS

The staff and I are looking forward to meeting you at the Meet and Greet meetings this **Monday 12th February**. Please make sure you have made a booking according to the instructions that were sent out on Operoo. 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. **THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY, HOWEVER STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEET AND GREETINGS MEETINGS.** Unfortunately Camp Australia is unable to provide full day care on this day. I hope families are able to make other arrangements. My apologies for the inconvenience.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Yesterday was **Safer Internet Day** - a worldwide opportunity to raise awareness of online safety issues. In Australia, the eSafety Commissioner leads this initiative. They educate people about online safety risks, like online abuse, how to be safe online and where to go for help.

This Safer Internet Day we’re encouraging you to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect.

**Connect** safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

**Reflect** on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

**Protect** yourself and others by visiting [eSafety.gov.au](https://eSafety.gov.au) to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

By doing these things and sharing the Connect. Reflect. Protect message, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.

## 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. Children should be at school before this bell.



[eSafety.gov.au/SID](https://eSafety.gov.au/SID)

- 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 3:15pm every day.** The school gates will open at 3:00pm and will be closed at 3:30pm.
- **School Assembly** is on a Wednesday at 2:45pm in Pioneers Hall. All 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 3:15pm - 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.

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP(PiP) NEWS

A very warm welcome back to school from the PiP Team. We are looking forward to having a wonderful year, building connections and friendships in our school community. We have a couple of events coming up:



1. **Coffee Van** - to celebrate the end of Week 2, we will have a coffee van in the school yard from 8:30am - 9:00am. There will also be a few donuts for those with a sweet tooth!!
2. **Community Coffee and Chat** - Tuesday 13th February from 2:45pm-3:15pm. Parents are invited to gather in the Community Kitchen to have a tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. Come solve the world's problems; share parenting tips and frustrations; get advice on what to put in your child's lunchbox; even debrief on the latest eps of MAFS and Survivor!!! It's a great way to connect with other parents.
3. **PiP Meeting** - our first meeting for 2024 is FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY at 2:00pm at school. Actual room TBA. We would love to see many parents attend our first meeting and find out about the PiP group and what its hopes and plans are for 2024. You can be involved as little or as much as you want - just be involved would be great. We have a Facebook group called **PiP St.B** - please send a request through to join the group.

Hopefully we will see you at one of the above events. PiP Team

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1:

- **St Bernadette's Parish Garage Sale** - February 10th and 11th (see notice below)
- **Meet and Greet** - Monday 12th February - 11:00am - 8:00pm - NO SCHOOL. CHILDREN TO ATTEND MEETING WITH TEACHER AND PARENTS
- **Prep/Year 1 Testing** - Wednesday 14th February - NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS OR YEAR 1. Children to attend school only for testing appointment
- **Ash Wednesday Mass** - Wednesday 14th February at 12:00pm in the Church.
- **Bishop Martin Ashe visiting** - Friday 16th February - Mass with Year 3 - 6 @ 9:15am
- **Prep/Year 1 Testing** - Wednesday 21st February - NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS OR YEAR 1. Children to attend school only for testing appointment
- **Prep/Year 1 Testing** - Wednesday 28th February - NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS OR YEAR 1. Children to attend school only for testing appointment
- **Year 1/2 Parent Information Night** - Tuesday 5th March @ 7:00pm
- **Labour Day Holiday - No School** - Monday 11th March
- **Catholic Education Week** - March 10th - 17th
- **NAPLAN Assessments** (Year 3 and 5 only) - March 13th - 25th
- **School Photos** - Tuesday 19th March
- **Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 28th April - at 9:15am
- **School Finishes for Term 1** - Thursday 28th March at 1:00pm

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF TERM 2:

- **School starts - Term 2** - Monday 15th April @ 8:45am
- **Feast of St Bernadette** - Tuesday 16th April - Mass at 9:15am
- **St Bernadette's Feast Activity Day** - Friday 19th April
- **Year 5/6 Camp, Adanac** - April 22nd - 25th
- **ANZAC Day - NO SCHOOL - Public Holiday** - Thursday 25th April
- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - NO SCHOOL** - Friday 26th April

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website [www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)  
Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the Newsletter.

## ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL - STAFFING FOR 2024

### Class Teachers for 2024

Prep L - Ms Jacqueline Lumsden

Year 1S - Ms Suzanne Sciberras

Year 2G - Miss Dani Granata

Year 3P - Mr Daniel Powel

Year 4M - Ms Nicole Marevic & Ms Franca Tiziani

Year 5C - Miss Elise Casamento

Year 6R - Mr James Reitmaier

Prep O - Mr Christopher O'Rielly

Year 1M - Ms Michelle Sepe

Year 2H - Miss Monica Hughes

Year 3T - Miss Cecilia Tran

Year 4W - Ms Kate Wills

Year 5M - Ms Claudia Mattas

Year 6T - Mr Nick Tresize

### Leaders for 2024

Principal - Mr Brendan Gill

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

Religious Education Leader - Ms Nicole Marevic  
Learning Diversity Leader - Mr Fredrik Zeinstra  
Literacy Leader & Co Teacher - Ms Lyn Sciberras  
Mathematics Leader & Co Teacher - Mrs Renee Cassar  
Student Wellbeing Leader - Mrs Gill Baxter (Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri)  
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader - Mrs Gill Baxter (Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri)  
Family Engagement in Learning Leader - Ms Eliza Katz (Fri)

### **Support and Specialist Staff for 2023**

Strategic Learning & Teaching - Mrs Leonie McCarthy (Mon/Tues/Wed)  
Strategic Literacy Support - Ms Melinda Evans  
Reading Recovery - Mrs Julie Whatman (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs)  
Co-teacher (Prep) - Mrs Jenny Marshall (Mon/Thurs)  
Visual Arts - Mrs Joanne Butler (Tues/Wed/Thurs)  
Physical Education - Mr Ian Miller  
Music - Mrs Jenny Marshall (Tues/Wed/Thurs)  
Digital Technologies and Robotics - Mrs Christine Roberts (Tues/Wed)  
Italian (Year 2 - 6) - Mr Matteo Maccio (Mon/Fri)  
Italian (Year Prep & 1) - Mrs Jane Gilmartin (Tues)  
Community Kitchen - Mrs Jane Gilmartin (Thurs/Fri)  
Evodia Resource Centre Manager - Ms Bernadette Fenech  
Resource Assistant & Vietnamese Interpreter - Ms Thi Phan  
Burmese Interpreter - Ms Ruth Hlawn Ceu (Wednesday 12:00pm - 3:00pm)

### **Learning Assistants for 2024**

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

### **School Administration for 2024**

Admin & HR Manager - Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz	Student Admin - Mrs Sandra Attard Borg
Finance Admin - Ms Errica Mastrilli	Admin - Ms Jackie Neves
Canteen Manager - Ms Marita Debattista	Canteen Assistant - Ms Rachel Gilmore
Maintenance - Mr Sam Yelda / Mr Joe Tabone	School Counsellor - Ms Sarah Judde
Speech Pathologists - Ms Claire Huynh (Mon)	

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](mailto:@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au). For example Brendan Gill - [bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au). I can also be contacted at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

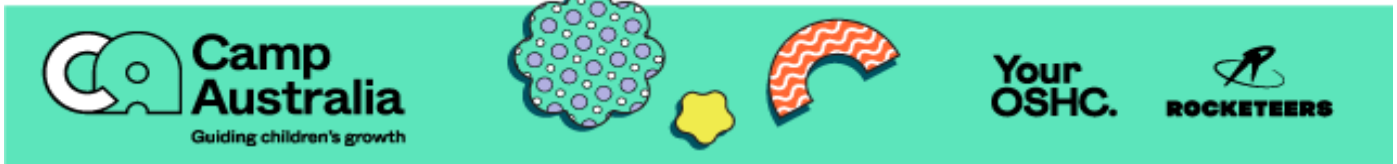
Take care and have a great week  
Brendan  
Principal

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# ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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](mailto: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

experience music [www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment](http://www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment).

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## GARAGE SALE

COME ALONG AND JOIN US



Where: St Bernadette's Community Centre, Cooke Avenue, Sunshine North

Date: Saturday & Sunday  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Time: From 9 am to 2.00 pm

HEAPS OF BARGAINS  
INCLUDING HOUSEHOLD GOODS,  
PLANTS, BOOKS AND  
101 OTHER ITEMS





**Be Bold.  
Be Brave.  
Be You.**



Thanks to feedback from our families, children and educators, Big Art is back and bigger than ever. It's not just here for a week or two, but it's here to stay – giving your child the chance to explore their creative individuality every week.

Big Art is all about providing the ultimate platform for your child to unlock their potential and showcase their artistic talents.

In 2024, we are expanding our Big Art program to feature weekly **Big Art Fridays** in After School Care, as well as **Big Art Days** every holiday season and a termly **Big Art Competition**, creating unmatched opportunities for children to shine, grow, and be recognised in their communities.

Unlock your child's creative potential and add a splash of colour to their days with Big Art. Register with Camp Australia to stay up to date with everything happening in Big Art 2024!



Your OSHC.

**On Fridays we pARTy!**  
Art-inspired activities every Friday in Your OSHC After School Care.



**Adventures in creativity!**  
A full day of diverse art activities exclusive for Rocketeers holiday program.



9 Feb to 1 Mar

**Show the world your true colours!**  
Showcasing children's talents on a national stage with awesome prizes.

## OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Program, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between.

From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

### 2024 Info Sessions

- Tuesday 13th February 7pm AEDT
- Thursday 15th February 12.30pm AEDT

[campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions](https://campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions)

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