

St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 2

Wednesday 21st February 2024



On 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,

We have had a busy couple of weeks at St Bernadette's, as we continue with our learning and teaching and assessments and the beginning of Lent. It was great to see so many of you attend the Meet and Greet meetings last Monday. The Meet and Greets are a great opportunity for you as parents/carers to share the incredible knowledge you have of your children with us, so that together, we can meet their learning and wellbeing needs. If you could not attend on Monday, I encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher to organise another time to meet.

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.

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.

Our Regional Bishop, Martin Ashe, visited us last Friday. He celebrated mass, visited the classrooms, met with the Leadership Team and had morning tea with Staff. It was wonderful to spend time with Bishop Martin and Fr Silvio and share the great work we are doing here at St Bernadette's.

In these first few weeks of school, the children have been engaged in their normal learning activities. Alongside this, teachers have also been released from their teaching duties to conduct 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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We have a very good supply of second hand uniforms at the moment due to the generosity of families. All items are \$5. Please see the ladies in the office if you wish to purchase.

STUDENT/FAMILY DOCUMENTATION - VISAS, CITIZENSHIP, ETC

If you, or your child's, visa or citizenship status changes, please contact the office and bring in the updated visas/forms/certificates, so that we can update our information at school. Thank you.

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS 2024

Today at assembly we announced the remainder of our Student Leaders for 2024.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	Missie Tran	Minh Nguyen
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS	Ra No Paw Imme	Ema Fratric
MAHONEY HOUSE CAPTAIN	Gavin Trinh	
MAHONEY VICE CAPTAIN	Tam Le	
MACKILLOP HOUSE CAPTAIN	Giaphi Tchen	
MACKILLOP VICE CAPTAIN	Kaylie Tran	
MCKAY HOUSE CAPTAIN	Benjamin Ho	
MCKAY VICE CAPTAIN	Nashe Cedric Chirenje	
MAMO HOUSE CAPTAIN	Nikki Pham	
MAMO VICE CAPTAIN	Lachlan Dong	

SRC MEMBERS

6T - Leo Nguyen	6R - Penny Tu
5M - Chantelle Gueco	5C - Chanel Gueco
4M - Winchester Tantiogco	4W - Genevieve Luu
3T - Phoenix So	3P - Chelsea Nguyen
2H - Nakai Daisy Chirenje	2G - Keira Tarona
1M - Leo Jong	1S - Jude Tran

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Phong Nguyen	Kathy Le	Josephine Luu	Sarah Nguyen
Deniz Mann	Sarah Mac	Martin Dvorak	Chiara Sorgiovanni
Jacob Chaw Che	Lucas Ta	Helen Thai	Luca Truong
Christina Tran	Ivy Tran	Sienna Duong	Lucas Mai

We congratulate these children on their leadership roles and look forward to them contributing their voice and taking an active part in decision making in the school.

Take care and have a great week. Brendan - Principal

SOME GENERAL REMINDERS . . .

- Every child is asked to provide 2 boxes of tissues for the classroom please.
- Most children now have access to their iPad for their learning. If they are taking them home, please make sure children charge this at home each night and bring it to school every day. **Please note: while at home the iPad operates on your wifi, therefore your securities, connections, etc. Children should be supervised while on their iPads**
- A reminder that the first bell rings at 8:45am. Children should be at school before this bell.
- **School finishes at 3:15pm every day.** The school gates will open at 3:00pm and will be closed at 3:30pm.
- 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.

HEALTH CARE CARD

If you have a valid Health Care Card, you are eligible for support through the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. 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 had our first meeting last Friday. Although there were only a few of us there, it was a most informative and productive meeting. Brendan spoke about the smooth start to the year, and how everyone has settled in well to the learning and routines. Fred Zeinstra spoke about his work as Learning Diversity Leader, and how he coordinates the support for children with learning difficulties. Did you know we have a Speech Therapist 1 day a week and a School Counsellor 2 days a week?

Events coming up:

1. **Community Coffee and Chat** - Every fortnight beginning Tuesday 5th March 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.
2. **Food with Friends** - Friday 22nd March - more details to come

3. **Easter Raffle** - Drawn 27th March at assembly - more details to follow
Hopefully we will see you at one of the above events. PiP Team

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow **for all**

future generations.

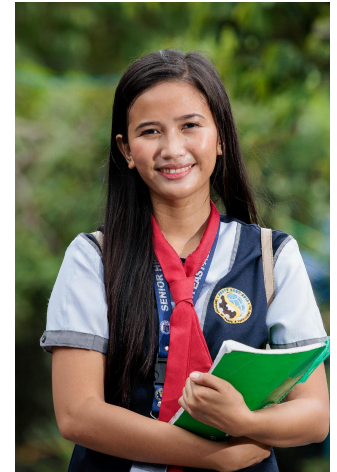
Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1:

- **Prep/Year 1 Testing** - Wednesday 28th February - NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS OR YEAR 1. Children to attend school only for testing appointment
- **District Cross Country** - Friday 1st March
- **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
- **Parent Helpers Workshops** - March 14th @ 9:00am and 2:30pm
- **School Photos** - Tuesday 19th March
- **Year 1/2 Parent Information Night** - Tuesday 5th March @ 7:00pm
- **PiP Food with Friends** - Friday 22nd March
- **School Finishes for Term 1** - Thursday 28th March at 1:00pm
- **Easter Sunday** - Sunday 31st March

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
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.

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ENROL NOW

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2025 ARE NOW OPEN.
IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2025, 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

experience music www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment.
