

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 4  
Wednesday 27th March 2024

## PRAYER for HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, as we prepare to enter  
this sacred and solemn time  
when we see again the depth  
and mystery of your love for us, help us:  
to follow where you go,  
to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry,  
to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die;  
so that, when you are raised to life again,  
we may share in your endless joy. Amen.  
St Bernadette - Pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



***SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00PM TOMORROW!!***

***CHILDREN CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TOMORROW.  
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR PROJECT COMPASSION.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of Term 1 has come around very quickly. These last 9 weeks have seen staff and children engaged in many different and exciting learning opportunities. It has been a very settled term, with children quickly settling into the routines of school and daily learning. Huge thanks to all our school community - children, staff, parents/carers - for their support in making it such a wonderful first term.

Last week Heidi and I attended the Victorian Association of Catholic Primary School Principals (VACPSP) Conference. It was an amazing experience with many inspiring and engaging speakers. From the passion of Craig Foster and his commitment to free those seeking asylum, and the hope and desperation of Saroo Brierley who found his parents after being separated for 25 years, to the talented and energetic First Nation's Mitch Tambo and the survive to thrive story of Jelena Dokic - each speaker nailed the theme of 'Engage, think and lead with Strength'. Our time

---

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.

at this conference was thought-provoking, stirring in both of us a desire to lead with the values and hope that each speaker espoused.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who took part in the NAPLAN assessments. This can be quite a challenging time for both staff and students, however, I am proud of the way each of them gave their very best in completing each assessment and the support given to do so.

There has been a lot in the media lately about the teaching of Reading in schools. At St Bernadette's, we are constantly evaluating our programs to ensure they are based on current research and are best suited to our students. This year we have adopted a new phonics program titled UFLI Foundations - an explicit and systematic phonics program. To ensure all staff are confident in using this program, we will be having a staff development day where all staff will be trained in the delivery of this program. This school closure day will be help on Thursday 16th May. There will be no school on this day.

This weekend, all Christians enter into a most significant time of the year - the Easter Season - where we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to take time over these sacred and special days to recognise the true meaning of Easter – to acknowledge what Jesus did and to acknowledge God's great love for us in sacrificing his Son. We are not only Australians enjoying a few days off work as a family, but we are also Catholics/Christians whose God loves us unconditionally and that our Saviour and best friend gave us the ultimate gift—His life!

### **UNIFORMS - NEW AND SECONDHAND**

We have just received our stock of winter uniforms in preparation for next Term. If you require and Winter uniform items, please contact the office and complete the order form. We also have a very good supply of second hand uniforms at the moment due to the generosity of many families. All items are \$5. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase any of these items.

**Term 1 finishes TOMORROW, THURSDAY 28TH MARCH at 1:00PM. Children can wear casual clothes on this day. Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to go towards Project Compassion.**

Wishing you and your families a safe and restful holiday. May your Easter be blessed and Holy and filled with the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

Have a wonderful holiday,

Brendan - Principal

---

### **HEALTH CARE CARD**

If you have a valid Health Care Card, please contact the office. You are eligible for financial support through the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund and you may also qualify for a reduction in your school fees. For more information or assistance with this contact the office staff.



## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP(PiP) NEWS - EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your generous support of the Easter Raffle. A huge thanks also to the Parents in Partnership group for organising this fun activity. The winners of the raffle are as follows:

### Prep

Mateo (PL)  
Phi(Grace) (PO)  
William O (PO)  
Sarah(Thomas B) (PO)  
Danai Tiffany (PO)

### Year 1

Phong (1M)  
Evan (1M)  
Hieu (1S)  
Theodore (1S)

### Year 2

Mia (2G)

Ana (2G)  
Aston (2H)  
Brandon (2H)

### Year 3

Kyle (3P)  
Celina (3P)  
Maisie (3T)  
Liam (3T)

### Year 4

Phillip(Emanuel (4M)  
Anthony (4M)  
Mercedes (4W)  
Mia (4W)

Amy (4W)

### Year 5

Kaylie (5M)  
Noah (5M)  
Charlie (5M)  
Annabella (5C)  
Chanel (5C)

### Year 6

Chiara (6T)  
Leo (6T)  
Nathan (6R)  
Luis (6R)



### Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.



Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection..

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1:

- **Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 28th March at 9:15am
- **School Finishes for Term 1** - Thursday 28th March at 1:00pm
- **Good Friday** - Friday 29th March
- **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
- **Prep Information Night** - Tuesday 16th April @ 7:00pm
- **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
- **Mothers' Day Breakfast/Mass** - Friday 10th May 7:30am and 9:15am
- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PHONICS - NO SCHOOL** - Thursday 16th May

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.

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

---

## HOLY WEEK MASSES AT ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

### 28TH MARCH - HOLY THURSDAY

- 7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

### 29TH MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY

- 10:00am Meditation on the Sorrowful Mother
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
*NB: Today is a day of fasting and abstinence.*

### 30TH MARCH - EASTER SATURDAY

- 3:00pm A Blessing of the Food (Polish)
- 7:00pm Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

### 31ST MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30am, 9:45am (Polish) & 11:00am, 12:30pm (Vietnamese)  
*NB: NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY*



# ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES



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

# 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.



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

## Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2023/2024 School Crossing  
Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at [www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au](http://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au)  
Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is  
shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing  
safety of our children.

School Crossings Victoria INC, PO BOX 3032 Mornington 3931, [schoolcrossings@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcrossings@gmail.com); [www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au](http://www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au)

## 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

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