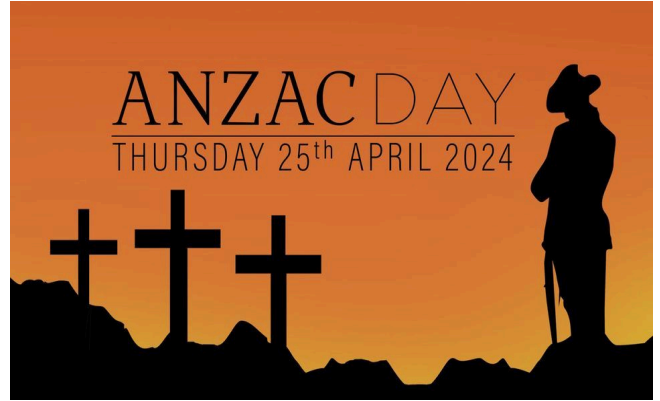


St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 5

Wednesday 24th April 2024

PRAYER for ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is a day when Australians and New Zealanders remember and honour those who fought and died for freedom. We gather not to glorify war but to remember those who have served our country during times of crisis and to reflect upon their selfless sacrifice. Conscious that there are many men and women around the world still working for peace, we hold fast to the powerful hope that peace can exist today.



God of Life, in this season of Easter,
We rejoice in the New Life your Son the Risen Jesus gives us.
You offer us hope. You offer us peace.
We thank you for this treasured land of ours today,
as we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought to protect our country.
Help us to strive for peace in all we do.
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen
LEST WE FORGET
St Bernadette - Pray for us.
GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow, Thursday, we commemorate ANZAC Day, a significant and truly national celebration that is embraced by young and old alike. As a nation, it is important that we encourage all to remember and give thanks to those who fought for our country and other nations, and for those who continue to seek and maintain freedom and peace throughout the world.

Term 2 has started well with lots of things happening in these first 2 weeks. Last Tuesday we gathered in the Church to celebrate the feast day of our Patron, St Bernadette. It was a beautiful ceremony recognising the many gifts and attributes of Bernadette. On Friday, we celebrate in a different way, with the children enjoying a variety of activities. Proactive provided some challenging and fun activities that had the children active and engaged. In the classrooms, children heard the story of St Bernadette and then created friendship bracelets in the spirit of St Bernadette. Thanks to Nicole and Heidi for organising these events and for the staff who enthusiastically supported the events.

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.

Yesterday I visited our Year 5/6 children and staff at Camp Adanac, up in the Dandenongs. They are having a wonderful time, enjoying a range of activities including the giant swing, waterslide, archery and camp cooking. They have been blessed with great weather. Camps are a great opportunity for our children to build resilience, face a variety of new challenges and build great friendships. We are grateful to those staff who have given up their time to ensure our children have such an enjoyable and wonderful experience.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP NEWS

In consultation with the PiP Coordinator, Rose and School Advisory Council, I have decided to put a hold on the operations of the Parents in Partnership group. Unfortunately, there appears to be a lack of support for this group, making their activities difficult to coordinate and to happen. For example, there were only 2 volunteers who completed the tasks for the Easter Raffle. Their activities cannot continue if it all rests on 1 or 2 volunteers.

If you have any ideas on how to improve support for this group and/or develop enthusiasm and willingness among parents, please feel free to email or phone me to share your thoughts. The PiP group is a key group in building our sense of community and in providing opportunities for our children and families to socialise and enjoy themselves. I look forward to hearing/reading your ideas.

IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Over the next few months, a number of jobs will be completed around the school to improve and maintain our excellent facilities. The adventure playground will be refurbished, timber decking will be replaced and timber areas around the school will be painted/stained. We are also getting some new sand for the sandpits - which the children will be very happy about. If any one is able to help with spreading/moving the sand, could you please let the office know. All you need is a shovel, wheelbarrow and some time. Every little bit helps.

These improvements can only happen with the support of parents and carers paying and keeping up-to-date with their school fees. Thank you, for your support with this.

UNIFORMS - NEW AND SECONDHAND

We have received our stock of winter uniforms. If you require any Winter uniform items, please contact the office and complete the order form. We also have 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. **Children must be in full winter uniform by Monday 29th April.**

GIFTING PANTRY



The Gifting Pantry is up and running again at St Bernadette's this year. The Pantry aims to provide food and goods to those who may be struggling to buy the necessary things for daily use like sugar, flour, rice, pasta, tea and canned goods. The pantry is located in the front foyer near the Office.

At St Bernadette's we believe that each person should be treated with dignity and respect and have access to nutritious food. We want people to feel comfortable to access the Pantry whenever they may need it.

We encourage you to bring your own bag to place the items into or you can take a bag and bring it back again if and when you need more items.

With the Gifting Pantry, we encourage people to gift what they can and take what they need.

Sometimes, we decide to send a bag of things home with a child. Please take this as an offer of care and support, and not of judgement. We aim to support those families who may benefit from this.

If you are gifting to the pantry, please make sure the expiry date is not soon.

If you have any questions about the Gifting Pantry please speak with Nicole Marevic or email her on nmarevic@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week,
Brendan - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2:

- **ANZAC Day - NO SCHOOL - Public Holiday - Thursday 25th April**
- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - NO SCHOOL - Friday 26th April**
- **Year 1/2 Excursion to Scienceworks - Monday 29th April**
- **Year 5/6 Excursion to Scienceworks - Monday 6th May**
- **Mothers' Day Breakfast/Mass - Friday 10th May 7:30am and 9:15am**
- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PHONICS - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 16th May**
- **Year 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo - Thursday 23rd May**
- **King's Birthday Holiday - Monday 10th June - NO SCHOOL**
- **First Eucharist Family Night - Tuesday 18th June @ 7:00pm**
- **Learning Conversations - Thursday 27th June - NO SCHOOL**
- **Last Day of Term 2 - Friday 28th June - School finishes at 1:00pm**

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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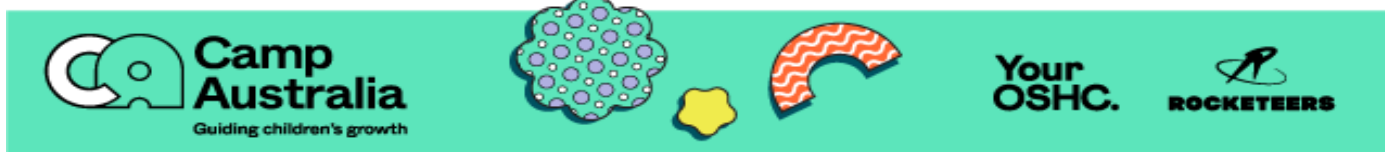
ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2025 ARE NOW OPEN.

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

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.