

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 6

Wednesday 30th April 2025

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS!

*I said a quiet prayer for you
to thank the Lord above,
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderness and love.
I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in times of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be! Amen*

St Bernadette - Pray for us, for our mothers and our families.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a very smooth start to the term, and already there are lots of exciting and engaging things happening or planned for the term ahead. Already, there have been many exciting events, such as, Year 5/6 camp, Prep excursion to see the chicken coup at Sunshine North Primary School, our production of The Wizard of Oz has been cast and Year 3/4 excursion to Polly Woodside and Cook's Cottage tomorrow. We have certainly hit the ground running. It already promises to be an engaging and exciting term.

It is hard to find someone who has not been affected by the life and influence of **Pope Francis**. His funeral on Saturday was a very fitting tribute to a Pope that has led the Church, and indeed the world, with peace, respect, acceptance and love. The Catholic Church is a very different one than it was 12 years ago, and I know, I am grateful to Pope Francis for this. We gathered as a school community last Thursday to pray for Pope Francis, and give thanks for his life and legacy.

Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, he tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy toward sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

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.

Last Thursday, we also gathered to acknowledge **ANZAC Day** - a very significant date in our national calendar. Not only do we pray for those people who lost their lives on April 25th 1915, but we pray for all lives lost in all wars. We also stop to pray for PEACE - a peace that will fill our lives, our school, our families, our community and our world. There are so many places in need of this peace.

PEACE RUN

While on the subject of peace - this Friday, we will be hosting members from the **Peace Run**, as they pass through Sunshine North on their way to Geelong. The aim of the Peace Run is to promote the importance of peace around the world. We will be gathering in the hall at 9:15am, and the ceremony should go for about 30-45 minutes. Parents and families are invited to join us. For more information or to follow the run, please go to <https://www.peacerun.org/au/>

For the last week and a half of Term 1 and some of the holidays, I was fortunate enough to go on a **pilgrimage 'In the Footsteps of St Paul'**. It was a truly amazing experience, and I was amazed at the historical significance and spirituality of the sites we visited. Such places included:

Mary's House - a house recognised as where Mary lived the last days of her life. The prayer wall outside the house is quite moving. People write their prayer on small pieces of cloth and tie them to the wall asking Mary to intercede. The faith and hope represented in this wall of over a million prayers is overwhelming.



We visited the cave on Patmos, where John had a vision and wrote the Book of Revelation or Apocalypse. The second reading at mass last Sunday recounted this.

We visited the site of the ancient city of Phillippi, where Paul preached, and came up against some very strong opposition, so much so, he was thrown in jail.

We visited the place where St Paul baptised Lydia, the first European woman to be baptised. Lydia went on to become a leader in her local church.

During our pilgrimage, we certainly came to appreciate Paul's courage, determination and faith. If it wasn't for Paul, who took the Easter message of the Risen Christ out to the world, who knows what the Christian Churches would be like today.



FEDERAL ELECTION - SATURDAY 3RD MAY

This Saturday is Federal Election Day. Pioneers Hall will become a polling place on Saturday from 8:00am - 6:00pm. Don't forget to vote!!

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS - FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Next week, we will recognise our mothers and mother figures at our Mothers' Day Breakfast and Mass on Friday, and then Mothers' Day on Sunday. The breakfast is in Pioneers Hall starting at 7:30am. Food, tea, coffee, juice and flavoured milk will be provided. Mass will begin at 9:15am in the Church. All mothers, grandmothers, mother figures and families are invited to join us at both events.

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL BAG

The St Bernadette's maroon school bag is compulsory for ALL children. Over the last 3 years, any child new to the school has been required to purchase the school bag from the office. If you are considering replacing your child's school bag, it should only be replaced by the correct school bag which is available from the office. I have noticed quite a number of children with new commercial backpacks. This is not in line with our uniform policy. 'Nike', 'Smiggle', 'Marvel' backpacks and the like create competition, envy and a lack of consistency in the pride we place on our uniform and on belonging at St Bernadette's. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great week,

Brendan Gill
Principal

WINTER UNIFORM TO BE WORN FROM MAY 5TH

Students should be in Winter Uniform starting next Monday 5th May. There is a very good supply of Winter uniform available. Please complete an order form, or come into the office to purchase the items you need.

We also have a very healthy supply of second hand uniforms, especially jumpers, in the office. These are available, in person, at the office for \$5 a piece.

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - CLOSING SOON



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ENROL NOW 2026

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2026 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2026, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au WHERE YOU CAN **BOOK A TOUR** AND/OR COMPLETE AN **ENROLMENT ENQUIRY**.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025 (as at 30/4/25)

- Year 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside and Cook's Cottage - Thursday 1st May
- Peace Run Assembly - Friday 2nd May
- Federal Election - Saturday 3rd May - Pioneers Hall is a voting centre
- Mothers' Day Breakfast - Friday @ 7:30am
- Mothers' Day Mass - Friday @ 9:15am
- Mothers Day - Sunday 11th May
- Prep Excursion to Animal Land - Tuesday 13th May
- Dentist - Teeth on Wheels - May 19th and 20th
- School Closure Day - **NO SCHOOL** - Wednesday 21st May
- Eucharist Family Night (Year 4) - Tuesday 27th May @ 7:00pm
- School Advisory Council Meeting - Thursday 29th May
- King's Birthday - **NO SCHOOL** - Monday 9th June
- Staff Conference - **NO SCHOOL** - Wednesday 11th June
- First Eucharist Celebration (Year 4) - Saturday 21st June @ 6:30pm
- First Eucharist Celebration (Year 4) - Sunday 22nd June @ 11:00am
- Learning Conversations - **NO SCHOOL** - Thursday 3rd July
- Student Reports go home - Monday 30th June
- School Finishes Term 2 - Friday 4th July @ 1:00pm

SACRAMENTS

- Confirmation (Year 6) - Wednesday 27th August @ 7:00pm
- First Reconciliation (Year 3) - Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm

CAMPS

- Year 4 Camp - September 10 - 12
- Year 3 Camp - October 14 - 15

SCHOOL PRODUCTION WEEK - WIZARD OF OZ

The 2025 School production will take place in the week Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October.

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

Wednesday 21st May - School Closure Day (NEW)

Monday 9th June - Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Wednesday 11th June - School Closure Day - Staff Conference (NEW)

Thursday 3rd July - No School - Learning Conversations

Friday 31st October - No School - Time in Lieu

Monday 3rd November - No School - Time in Lieu

Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 2nd December - School Closure Day - Planning Day for 2026

ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music is 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.



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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 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.