

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 7

## Wednesday 14th May 2025

### A PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILIES!

*God our Father, you brought your only son into this world with the help of a family that showed him love and care.*

*Help us to understand the importance of our own family in shaping us into the people we will become. Help us to use the unique gifts you have given us to welcome others and show them the hospitality that your son Jesus so often showed.*

*We pray that our families and communities will be places of welcome, hospitality, love and care.*

*St Bernadette - Pray for us and our families.*

**GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD**



**There is no school on Wednesday 21st May.**  
**All staff will be attending a seminar.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot can happen in 2 weeks - an election, Mothers' Day, a new Pope, excursions, a peace run, rehearsals - just to mention a few!!

I hope all mothers had a wonderful day last Sunday. I was so disappointed I could not join you for our Mothers' Day celebrations last Friday, but from what I have been told, it was a great success. Lots of mothers, families and children gathered in the hall and church to celebrate and give thanks to the amazing strong women in our lives who we get to call 'mum'. May you all continue to feel loved and appreciated for all you do for your families and our school community.

We have a new Pope - Pope Leo XIV - only after 4 ballots!! He will be inaugurated into his new role this weekend. There is not a lot we know about him, however, when people speak about him, they comment on his warmth, his humour and his humility. I have heard lots of promising things about our new Church leader, however, only time will tell. It is quite funny to hear the Pope speak English!! Hopefully, he will be guided by his Augustinian roots where, 'God is recognised deeply at the centre of who I am, and if that is the case this same God is at the centre of everyone I meet'. The 3 core Augustinian values that flow from this belief are 'hospitality', 'friendship' and 'community'. So I believe we are in good hands. Let us ask God's blessings upon Pope Leo as he takes on this important and challenging role in the world.

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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.

## PEACE RUN

On Friday 2nd May, our school hosted the Peace Runners. It was a wonderful event in the life of our school, highlighting the importance of peace, not only in our own lives, but in the world. These dedicated runners gave life to what it means to be a peace-maker. One could not help to be inspired by their courage, determination and commitment. For more information or to follow the run, please go to <https://www.peacerun.org/au/>

## ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The Parish of St Bernadette's is undertaking a process to develop its Vision and Mission. The statements will capture the aspirations and goals of the Parish, and will guide future decision making, activities and processes. All Parishioners are invited to take part in and contribute to this process, which will begin on Saturday 31st May. If you are interested in taking part on this day, please contact Joyce at the Parish Office on 9311 2977.

## 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 now be wearing Winter Uniform. (with some allowances for the unusual warm days we are having) There is a very good supply of Winter uniforms 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!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Oral Health Education
- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions



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# PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - CLOSING SOON



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

**9311 8872**

# 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](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au) WHERE YOU CAN **BOOK A TOUR** AND/OR COMPLETE AN **ENROLMENT ENQUIRY**.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 (as at 14/5/25)

- **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
- **Inform and Empower Cybersafety Parent Session** - Wednesday 4th June
- **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](http://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](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.