

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 8

## Wednesday 28th May 2025

### A PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God of justice and truth. We remember the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have carried the burden of past policies, particularly those impacted by forced removals. We honour the voices of the Stolen Generations, their courage, their stories, and their ongoing journey of healing. We ask for your forgiveness and guidance as we strive to heal the wounds of the past and build a future where all people are treated with dignity and respect. We pray for a nation where justice and equity prevail for all Australians. May Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities be empowered to thrive, and may the differences in achievement be overcome through collective commitment and action. May we continue to walk together, not just in words, but in meaningful change. Amen.

*St Bernadette - Pray for us and for Reconciliation*

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



**A reminder that there is NO SCHOOL:  
MONDAY 9TH JUNE - KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
AND**

**WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE - Staff Conference titled, *Building Hope as we Live and Learn Together* led by Fr Rob Galea**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night, the children who are preparing to receive their First Communion and their parents gathered to learn a little more about the sacrament and to share some time together reflecting on its importance in our lives. Our Religious Education Leader Miss Marevic, reminded us of the key elements of life celebrations and Eucharistic celebrations - gathering, story telling and listening, sharing of food and going out to share God's love and our love with those we meet. Thank you to the parents and children, Miss Marevic and the staff who attended. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Communion for the first time on the Feast of Corpus Christi - June 21st and 22nd.

***Daniel D, Jacob D, Jonas G, Bella N, Kyle N, Andre Jorel P, Janine A, Jayden C,  
Olivia D, Claudia S, Lukas T, Kieran L, Tommaso B, Elijah A, Michael C, Bradley C,***

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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.

*Sophia D, Maisie E, Luka F, Marcus M, Emma P, Taylor T, Izabella C, Lincoln C,  
Giordano M, Phoenix S and Cairon V R*

It is obvious from the colder days that we are now moving into Winter, and so I encourage you to ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform. If you wish to add layers of clothing to keep your child warm, please add them under the uniform, rather than non-uniform clothing over the top. School Beanies are available from the Office, should you wish to purchase one for your child - I can vouch that they keep your head and ears warm!!!

#### **ENROLMENTS - PREP 2026**

Last week, I interviewed new families for Prep next year. All families are eager for their child to come to St Bernadette's, not only because it is a Catholic School, but because they have heard such great things about it from friends, neighbours and our school community. Thank you for promoting our school in such a positive way. Please know that it is you - the parents and families - who also contribute to how great St Bernadette's is - so thank you.

We have had over 60 applications for Prep enrolments in 2026. We are only able to accept 50 children. **It is really important that any siblings of current children complete an enrolment application form before Friday 6th June. So far we have 19 siblings who have applied. Please make sure you enrol any child who will be starting school in Prep next year.** Any applications received after June 6th will be placed on a waiting list. Contact the office now to avoid disappointment.

#### **REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF AMENITIES**

Work is going to begin very shortly on the staff toilet area adjacent to the staff room. This coming weekend, the builders will begin to set up for the building works. The works will affect the entrance to the student lounge area from the back of the school. Staff will also be using the toilets outside the Community Kitchen, so these will not be available to parents or children. This project will ensure the school complies with the regulations re toilets per staff members. It is being funded from the cash reserves of the school

Have a great week,  
Brendan Gill  
Principal

### **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - CLOSING FRIDAY 6TH JUNE**



**ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SUNSHINE NORTH**

**9311 8872**

# **ENROL NOW 2026**

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2026 ARE **CLOSING SOON.**

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) AND COMPLETE AN **ENROLMENT ENQUIRY.**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 (as at 28/5/25)

- 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

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

**Wednesday 11th June - School Closure Day - Staff Conference**

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.