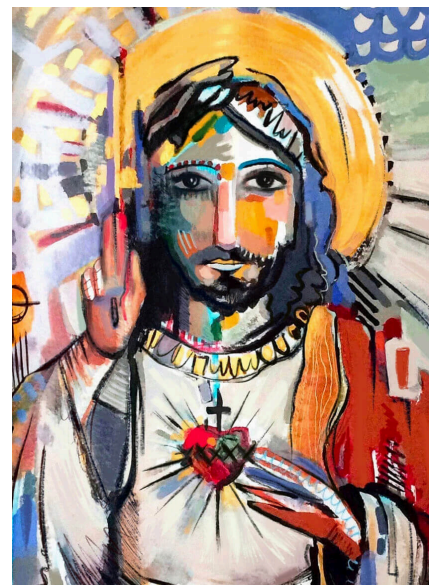


PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Let us pray, O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
in our tiredness be our rest,
in our stumbling be our shield.
Into our place of darkness, into our place of strife,
into our fears and worries, come with your love.
When we neglect you, remind us of your presence;
When we are frightened, give us courage;
When we are tempted, give us the power to resist;
When we are anxious and worried, give us peace;
And when we are weary in service, renew our tired frame.
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Pray for us
St Bernadette - Pray for us.
GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Last weekend, the parish and school community joyfully welcomed 27 children to the Table of the Lord for the first time. The celebrations were a beautiful recognition of Jesus' love for us, and the children's desire to continue on their faith journey, with the loving and guiding support of their parents and families. Congratulations to the following children who made their **First Holy Communion** last weekend and to the families who supported them:

**Daniel D, Jacob D, Jonas G, Bella N, Kyle N, Andre Jorel P, Janine A, Jayden C,
Olivia D, Claudia and S, Lukas T, Kieran L, Tommaso B, Elijah A, Michael C, Bradley C,
Sophia D, Maisie E, Luka F, Marcus M, Emma P, Taylor T, Izabella C, Lincoln C,
Giordano M, Phoenix S and Cairon V R**

Huge thanks to the staff of St Bernadette's for their support and participation in the masses. Particular thanks to Nicole, Elise and Rosemary for preparing the children and liturgies; and to Jenny for the wonderful work she does in teaching and leading the choir. The singing was amazing - thanks Mrs Marshall and the children. Thanks also to the parents who dropped them off and picked them up after each mass so that they could sing.

This Friday, the Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** (27/6). This feast day does not only celebrate the humanity of Jesus, but the intense love and mercy God has for each one of us. The heart is the universal symbol of love and energy. Jesus gave his ALL - his life - for us. That's how BIG Jesus' love is for us. This feast day is also an opportunity for us to reflect on our love and generosity towards others.

Last week, was **Refugee Week** and **World Refugee Day**. I cannot let these events go without acknowledging and celebrating the richness of our community and the contribution of those who

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.

have fled their homeland and now call Australia (and St Bernadette's) home. Over the years, St Bernadette's has welcomed many refugees to our school community. We are ever so grateful to them for the way their lives, story and diversity has enriched our great school. We are strongly committed to be a school of welcome and inclusion, 'embracing our diversity' each and every day.

*Lord, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
Bring all refugees and asylum seekers safely to the place
where they long to be. Help us always to show your kindness to
strangers and those in need.*



STUDENT REPORTS

It seems only yesterday that we were starting this term - it has gone by oh so quickly. As one half of the year is complete, it is time to formally report your child's learning and progress to you. Next Monday, you will receive your child's **Semester 1 Report**. I hope you will take the time to read the report closely and share it with your child. Don't forget to also view their Learning Assessment Portfolio on Seesaw. Next **Thursday 3rd July**, you will have the opportunity to discuss this report with your child and their teacher in the **3-way learning conversations**. These conversations will take place at school in your child's learning space. **Please make sure you have booked in for a learning conversation and please bring the report with you to the conversation.** If you haven't already booked, please do so as soon as possible or contact the office. Thank you to those families who have already booked.

STAFF NEWS

Next Friday we farewell Ms Melissa Szulik and Ms Eliza Katz who will both be going on parental leave. We wish Melissa and Eliza all the very best for this very exciting time.

I also wish to inform you that Mrs Michelle Sepe had a baby boy on Monday 23rd June. Harrison Antonio and parents are all doing very well.

REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF AMENITIES

Work has begun on the staff toilets, and all is going well apart from a couple of minor challenges. 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.

Term 2 finishes next Friday 4th July at 1:00pm. Children can wear **CASUAL CLOTHES** on the last day of term. Please bring a **GOLD COIN** donation which will go towards St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.

Thank you all for a wonderful Term 2. It's been a long term, and quite a challenging one with the cold and many illnesses going around.

As this is the last newsletter for this term, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. If you are travelling, please travel safely.

Take care,

Brendan Gill - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 and 3 (as at 25/6/25)

- Student Reports go home - Monday 30th June
- Learning Conversations from 11:00am - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 3rd July
- School Finishes Term 2 - Friday 4th July @ 1:00pm
- Term 3 Begins - Monday 21st July @ 8:45am

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

Learning Conversations - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 3rd July

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.



experience music

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.