

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 12

Wednesday 20th August 2025

A CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Spirit of God, grant me:

*The gift of wisdom to see the world
through your eyes;*

The gift of counsel to make difficult decisions;

*The gifts of knowledge and understanding to use
my mind to know you and to love you;*

*The gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in
the faith despite difficulties and disappointments;*

*The gift of piety to be able to express
my special love and commitment to you;*

*And the right kind of awesome fear that makes
me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.*



St Bernadette - pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have over 40 children taking part in the District Athletics Carnival. This is a wonderful opportunity to compete at a district level and to strive to be their best in a different setting. These sorts of challenges and the possibility of winning and/or losing are great opportunities for the children to learn valuable life lessons. It is by participating, qualifying, having a go and doing our best that we grow and learn. Thank you to Mr Miller for preparing the children, and to Mr Reitmaier and Mrs Rosemary who accompanied the children today.

The winter chills have certainly brought about their fair share of sickness. I acknowledge it's been a very difficult winter for many families with children having to stay home whilst sick. I thank families who keep their children at home when sick. I understand the impact this can have on families, but please know the community appreciates your care and concern for your family and others. Please make sure your children are fully recovered before sending them back to school. The colds and flus have also affected the staff. It has been difficult to get relief teachers some days. These classes have had days when they have multiple teachers or have been split across other classes. Whilst this is not ideal, it is a necessity when we have sick staff and cannot find a relief teacher for them. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

The prayer above reminds us that we have a group of 24 Year 6 students celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 27th August at 7:00pm. Bishop Martin Ashe visited the children last week to talk to them about the sacrament and to prepare them for the ceremony. Please keep the

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.

following children in your thoughts and prayers as they complete their preparation and celebrate the sacrament in the following week.

Philip, Nashe Cedric, Mangar, Lachlan, Wendy, Blaize, Chanel, Sophia,
Jackson, Tracy, Selina, Bella, Ema, Chantelle, Nathan, Stephanie,
Charlie, Teresa, Noah, Emma, Cindy, Kaylie and Ava

PARISH PERU IMMERSION

St Bernadette's Parish is conducting an Immersion tour to Peru at the invitation of the Bishop Giovanni, an MSSP priest who looks after an area of Peru. Miss Daniella Granata applied for and has been accepted to take part in the immersion. This is a wonderful opportunity for Daniella and the other participants to experience the work of the church in a financially challenging setting. To support Miss Granata and the people of Peru, we will be holding a fundraiser during our HOPE WEEK from September 1-5. I ask you to pray for the success and safety of the immersion and its participants. I'm sure Daniella will share more with the community before and after she goes.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

To support our approach to the management of student behaviour, St Bernadette's has decided to be involved in the program *Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)*. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is leading us in this journey.

The team leading this program at St Bernadette's are:

Mrs Ashleigh Cahill - Student Wellbeing Leader

Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn - Deputy Principal

Mr Fred Zeinstra - Learning Diversity Leader

Mrs Suzanne Sciberras - Prep Teacher

Mr Ian Miller - PE Teacher

Mrs Alex Rossi - Learning Support Officer

Mr Brendan Gill - Principal

There will be many opportunities when we will be seeking feedback and support from our parent community. So please keep an eye out for further information about the PBL program, and make sure you take the opportunity to contribute and shape this program at St B's.

WIZARD OF OZ

Rehearsals are progressing really well for our production of Wizard of Oz. Every Thursday the hall is a bustling place of energy as the children learn their dance routines for the show. It is great to see them all participating, and improving from week to week. Renee is really challenging them with the dance moves. I'm sure all the hard work will pay off. Mr Zeinstra and Miss Casamento are working hard to bring out the acting talent of our leading players. Mrs Marshall is making sure the singing sounds amazing. Mrs Butler and Mrs Cherie are working hard on the costuming and creatives. All in all the production promises to be another special moment in the life of our school.

A reminder that **ALL CHILDREN ARE TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM EVERY THURSDAY THIS TERM**

Congratulations to Mrs Eliza Katz on the safe arrival of Hamish Adam on August 13th. Mother and baby and family are all doing well and are over the moon with this wonderful bundle of joy.

Have a great week everyone.

Take care,

Brendan Gill - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 (as at 20/8/25)

- **Book Week - *Book an Adventure*** - August 16-23
- **Prep 2026 Sibling Interviews** - Friday 22nd August
- **Assembly 2F** - Friday 22nd August @ 2:30pm
- **Prep 2026 Sibling Interviews** - Wednesday 27th August
- **Confirmation Ceremony (Year 6)** - Wednesday 27th August @ 7:00pm
- **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 28th August @ 6:30pm
- **Week of HOPE** - September 1st - 5th
- **Fathers' Day Breakfast** - Friday 5th September @ 7:30am
- **Fathers' Day Mass** - Friday 5th September @ 9:15am
- **Assembly 1G** - Friday 5th September @ 2:30pm
- **Fathers' Day** - Sunday 7th September
- **Year 4 Camp DOXA, Malmsbury** - September 10-12
- **R U OK Day** - Thursday 11th September
- **End of Term Mass** - Friday 19th September @ 9:15am
- **End of Term 3** - Friday 19th September @ 1:00pm
- **Beginning of Term 4** - Monday 6th October @ 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 2025 - WIZARD OF OZ

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

WATER CAST

(BLUE AND GREEN HOUSES)

PERFORMANCES

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
1:00PM AND 7:00PM

FIRE CAST

(RED AND YELLOW HOUSES)

PERFORMANCES

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
1:00PM AND 7:00PM

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

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.