

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 13

Thursday 4th September 2025

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

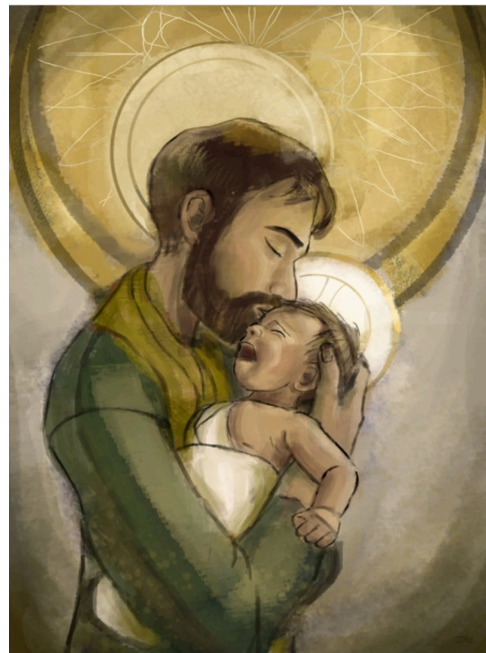
*Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience; support them in the work they
have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we
look to you, for love.*

*So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the
void when fathers pass early or are absent;
grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins,
teachers and coaches and the women of our families.*

St Joseph, father of Jesus - pray for us

St Bernadette - pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



TOMORROW WE HAVE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO REMEMBER

DRESS FOR HOPE - RAINBOW COLOURS

Children can come in casual clothes, wearing every colour of the RAINBOW as we bring a rainbow of HOPE to the people of Peru. Please bring a GOLD COIN to go towards the Peru Missions.



FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST AND MASS

We will be celebrating all dads in our community at our annual **Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mass**. Breakfast will be in Pioneers Hall from 7:30am. We will then celebrate mass at 9:15am in the church. All dads and father figures are welcome to attend along with other family members.

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been enjoying a wonderful week of HOPE here at St Bernadette's this week. The children have taken part in a variety of activities, including daily prayers of hope, games for hope, and a hope scavenger hunt. It has been a great reminder of the importance of being people of HOPE in the world, and how we can bring hope to others.

Congratulations to all the children that participated in the District Athletics Carnival on August 21st. Every one of them put forward their best effort and were great ambassadors of St Bernadette's. Special mention goes to Noah, Ema, Kaylie and Winchester for qualifying for the Divisional event next week. We wish you luck in this next stage.

Congratulations to the students who celebrated their Confirmation last week. It was a most beautiful ceremony, and made me so proud to be part of such a spirit-filled and supportive community. The ceremony was lovely. Bishop Martin reminded us that the Holy Spirit offers us the opportunity to bring HOPE to the world, as we live in God's love and know that Jesus is always with us - always. Thank you to Mrs Marevic for planning such a lovely ceremony and to Mrs Marshall, Sr Mayla and the choir for the amazing singing. Our choir seems to get better with every performance.

Next week our Year 4's head off on their camp to Camp DOXA in Malmsbury. This is always an exciting time for the children, as they 'step out of their comfort zone' and take a number of different challenges. Please pray for all the campers that they enjoy a fun-filled, safe and exciting camp.

R U OK Day – Thursday 11th September

On Thursday 11th September, our school will be recognising R U OK Day, a special day that reminds us to check in with others and ask, "Are you OK?" It's all about caring for one another and encouraging kind conversations. To help raise awareness and show support, we are inviting all students to wear a splash of yellow with their school uniform—this could be a yellow hat, socks, ribbon, or t-shirt. This is NOT a fundraiser - this is to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing as well as demonstrating God's love and kindness. Let's work together to spread kindness and remind everyone that a simple question can make a big difference.

A very Happy Father's Day to all the dad's in our community. I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday, and enjoy spending time with the family you have so beautifully helped nurture and support.

Have a great week and take care,
Brendan Gill - Principal



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 (as at 4/9/25)

- **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

- **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.