

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 14

## Tuesday 16th September 2025

### PRAYER FOR SPRING

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank You for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Thank You that things are coming awake in the world.

We pray that we will have hope and joy and health and  
loving relationships here and now in this life.

We ask that what belongs in this season becomes real in our lives.

We hope in You and in Your promises.

We hope in Your gift of Spring.

St Francis of Assisi – pray for us

St Bernadette – pray for us.

GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD



## SEASON OF CREATION

**Term 3 finishes this Friday 19th September at 1:00pm.**

Children can wear **CASUAL CLOTHES OR FOOTY COLOURS** on the last day of term. Please bring a **GOLD COIN** donation which will go towards St Vincent de Paul.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The **Season of Creation** is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. We will celebrate the Season of Creation at our End of Term mass on Friday 19th September at 9:15am

It was great to see many of our fathers and father figures join us for our **Fathers' Day breakfast and mass**. It was a wonderful recognition of your care, support and love for your family, and your presence and involvement in our school community. I hope you all had a wonderful day.

Congratulations to Noah, Ema and Winchester who competed in the Divisional athletics carnival last week. All three students did an amazing job. Ema and Winchester came 3rd in their events. Noah came first in the discus and is going through to the regional level. Good luck Noah.

Last week I attended the Year 4 camp at DOXA Malmsbury. Apart from a couple of minor hiccups, the camp was a wonderful experience for all who attended. The children walked, climbed, cooked,

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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.

swung, frisbeed, gaga-ed and ponded their way through the 3 days. It was a whole lot of fun. The children were wonderful. I received a lovely email from an unknown traveller on the Vline train telling me how well-behaved our children were - well done kids. Huge thanks to Elise, Jessica, Emma, Sarah, Rosemary, Suzanne and Ian for organising and supervising the camp. It is a huge responsibility to go away with 50 children, and I am grateful for their willingness and expert care and attention.

Last week I also had the opportunity to attend the Flourish Learners Conference conducted by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). The conference focussed on MACS' Vision for Learning statement which outlines the systems approach to 'form lives to enrich the world'. Speakers from around Australia and the world motivated and inspired to achieve teaching and learning excellence. It was a great 2 days, bringing together over 1200 educators from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

There are plenty of secondhand uniform available from the office. All items are \$5.

## MAHONEY(RED) HOUSE REWARD TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Tomorrow, WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER all students in Mahoney House (Red) can WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES and will receive a FREE ZOOPER DOOPER at recess. This is only for students in Mahoney House (Red) as they have won the Term 3 House Points Reward.

Thank you.

Ashleigh Cahill

Student Wellbeing Leader

Thank you all for a wonderful Term 3. Although it has been a shorter term, we have certainly packed a lot into it. Our rehearsals for the Wizard of Oz are well under way, with children and the creative team doing an amazing job.

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

Have a great week and holiday, and take care,

Brendan Gill - Principal

## 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.

# IMPORTANT DATES 2025 (as at 16/9/25)

## TERM 3

- **RED House Reward - Casual Clothes and Zooper Dooper** - Wednesday 17th September
- **End of Term Mass** - Friday 19th September @ 9:15am
- **End of Term 3** - Friday 19th September @ 1:00pm

## TERM 4

- **Term 4 begins** - Monday 6th October @ 8:45am
- **Year 3 Camp Sunnystones** - October 14th and 15th
- **School Production - Wizard of Oz** - October 29th and 30th
- **NO SCHOOL - Friday 31st October**
- **NO SCHOOL - Monday 3rd November**
- **Melbourne Cup Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 4th November**
- **Prep 2026 Orientation Session 1** - Thursday 13th November
- **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 13th November @ 6:30pm
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm
- **Prep 2026 Orientation Session 2** - Thursday 27th November
- **Planning Day for 2025 - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 2nd December**
- **Step Up Day - Classes for 2026** - Tuesday 9th December
- **Year 6 Graduation** - Thursday 11th December @ 7:00pm
- **End of Year Mass and Assembly** - Tuesday 16th December @ 9:15am
- **2024 School Year finishes** - Tuesday 16th December @ 12:00noon

## SACRAMENTS

- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm

## CAMPS

- **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