

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

*God of peace and compassion, we remember the fallen,
those who laid down their lives in the service of their
country. Hold in your care all who grieve, all who carry
scars of body, mind and spirit, and all who still serve.
Grant us the grace to honour their sacrifice not only
with words, but with lives that seek justice,
mercy, and reconciliation.*

*Give us the wisdom and courage to pursue peace and
the strength to bind up the broken hearted.*

*May our remembrance lead to hope,
and our silence to everlasting peace.*

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Bernadette - pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Yesterday we gathered as a school to commemorate Remembrance Day. At 11:00am, on the 11th day of the 11th month we stopped to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. It was a simple yet moving ceremony. **Remembrance Day** reminds us that we must not take for granted the peace and harmony that we enjoy in our country. We pay tribute to the people who have kept, and still protect and keep, our country safe. We also prayed that everlasting peace will come to all parts of the world where there is conflict and war.

What a wonderful celebration and event The Wizard of Oz was for our school community. I could not be more proud of what was achieved in bringing that much loved musical to life here at St Bs. The children shone like the stars they were. The lead performers were outstanding as they remembered lines and songs like professionals. Each of the grades worked together beautifully to perform the bright and energetic dance numbers. I cannot thank the Production Team and staff enough for their tireless dedication and efforts over the last couple of terms. The Production Team - Fred, Elise, Jo, Jenny, Cherie and Renee - worked for many months during school hours and after hours to make the show the colourful and entertaining spectacle that it was. During the week of Production, the entire staff gave above and beyond, and did so with a smile on their faces as it was all about allowing our children to shine. I am so grateful to you, the parent community, for allowing me to recognise those efforts through providing time in lieu on the Friday and Monday after production. This was certainly greatly appreciated by all staff. We look forward now to 2028 when we will present our next musical production.

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.

Please pray for the following Year 3 children who will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on Tuesday 25th November. These children and their families gathered last night for the Family Reconciliation preparation evening.

Ana, Isla, Jaslene, Jonathan, Michael, Isabella, Sebastian, John, Mia Tripodi,
Nakai Daisy, Siena, Scott, Helen, Ozzie, Luke Abigail, Mary, Newton, Jessica,
Oliver, Mia Tran, Macie, Giacomo, Kiera, Adam, Michael, Brandon, Clara,
Isabel, Nathaniel and Evan

I look forward to meeting with many of you and your child tomorrow at our first **Prep 2026 transition session**. There are 2 sessions, one at 9:00am and the other at 12:00pm. Please make sure you attend the session you and your child have been allocated.

SUMMER UNIFORM

It is expected that all children are now wearing their SUMMER UNIFORM. Details of the Summer Uniform as per the Parent Information Book are as follows:

- Burgundy school hat with logo
- Dark grey shorts
- White short sleeved shirt with logo
- White or burgundy socks
- Black leather shoes
- Burgundy windcheater with school logo
- School dress
- Hair accessories are to be white, black or burgundy only

A reminder that the **St Bernadette's School Bag is compulsory**, and this has been phased in for all new students since 2022. If you are considering replacing your child's school bag, please make sure it is the St Bernadette's school bag.

SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES 2025

Thank you to those families who are up-to-date with or who have paid their fees in full. I really appreciate your attention to this matter. Could all families make sure their fees/levies are paid in full by **Friday 5th December**.

If you are leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year and your child is not in Year 6, could you please contact the office and let them know.

Have a great week,
Brendan Gill - Principal

Keeping our kids safe online: A partnership with families

You may have heard about upcoming government changes in the law regarding social media accounts for children under the age of 16, which will take effect on 10 December 2025. We are committed to understanding these new changes and working with you to ensure our students have a safe and positive digital life.

Why are these changes happening?

The new rules are all about protecting our under-16s. Many social media platforms have inbuilt design features that can:

- encourage too much screen time (like non-stop notifications or content that disappears)
- expose children to upsetting, inappropriate or difficult content through their feeds.

Experts have linked these features to problems for young people, including increased stress, less sleep, and trouble concentrating.

What is the goal?

These changes give us all a chance to help our children by:

- learning about the positive aspects of being online and the things they need to be careful of
- building their digital, social, and emotional skills so they can navigate the online world confidently and safely
- knowing where to seek help if they see or experience anything that worries them.

Are you ready to partner with us?

While social media platforms have the main responsibility to enforce the age restriction, we all play a part in teaching our children to be safe online.

The best strategies are:

- **Clear communication** – talking openly with your child about their online activities
- **Effective teaching** – helping them understand online safety rules
- **Positive modelling** – showing what responsible and kind online behaviour looks like
- **Mindful timing** – holding off purchasing your child a smart phone.

Quick facts about the upcoming changes



Social media age restrictions



New rules for under-16s

Popular platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X, and YouTube may soon restrict account access for students under 16.

Other platforms may be added to the list impacted by the legislation.

What's still accessible

- Public content that doesn't require login.
- Educational platforms like Google Classroom and YouTube Kids.
- YouTube videos that can be viewed without signing in.

What it means for schools

- Schools may need to explore new ways to communicate with students and families.
- Teachers can still share age-appropriate educational content to support learning.

Learn more at the [eSafety Commissioner's Social Media Age Restrictions Hub](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub)
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We will continue to update you as more guidance is provided. In the meantime, we encourage every family to subscribe to the [eSafety Commissioner alerts](#) so you can remain informed about the legislation change and ongoing digital trends.

Let's work together to help our children become safe, skilled and responsible digital citizens, who can navigate the online world with confidence and care.

IMPORTANT DATES 2025 (as at 12/11/25)

TERM 4

- **Prep 2026 Orientation Session 1** - Thursday 13th November
- **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 13th November @ 6:30pm
- **Assembly - Year 1H** - Friday 21st November @ 2:30pm
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Tuesday 25th November @ 7:00pm
- **Prep 2026 Orientation Session 2** - Thursday 27th November
- **Advent Liturgy** - Monday 1st December
- **Planning Day for 2026 - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 2nd December**
- **Assembly - Announce School Leaders 2026** - Friday 5th December @ 2:30pm
- **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
- **2025 School Year finishes** - Tuesday 16th December @ 12:00noon

TERM DATES AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026 (as at 12/11/25)

Term 1	Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2nd April (Students start Thursday 29th January)
Term 2	Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June
Term 3	Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September
Term 4	Monday 5th October - Wednesday 16th December

SACRAMENTS

- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - TBA
- **Eucharist (Year 4)** - TBA
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 10th September @ 7:00pm

CAMPS

- **Year 5/6 Camp** - April 22 - 24
- **Year 4 Camp** - July 29 - 31
- **Year 3 Camp** - October 13 - 14

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.