

PRAYER FOR MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of
Mary, Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.

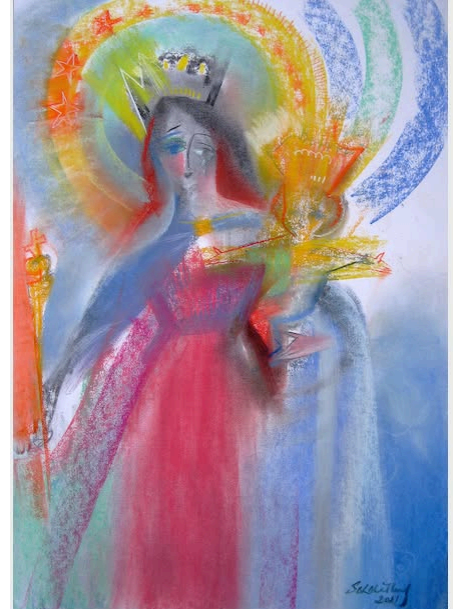
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Mary, our help, be with us in our love for our country, steady
us in these uncertain times and bless us in our work for
justice, compassion, hope and healing. Amen.

St Bernadette - Pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



Dear Parents and Carers,

On May 24th, the Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of Mary, Help of Christians - Patroness of Australia**. This beautiful artwork created by Stephen Whatley, is a modern image of Our Lady Help of Christians which bears the title, "Blessings through Our Lady". The stars and swirls surrounding Mary capture the colours and light of Australia symbolising our multicultural nation and the richness of our land. The tears coming from one of her eyes reminds us that there is much we need to mend and heal in this beautiful land of ours.

Speaking of healing, we are currently in **National Reconciliation Week**, when our nation focuses on building a better, brighter and more just future for ALL Australians, in particular, those who are the first Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is **ALL IN**, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. **ALL IN** makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long. Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.



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.

CHILD SAFETY AT ST BERNADETTE'S

Child Safety is everyone's concern at St Bernadette's. All children have a right to feel safe and heard. Please read the attached MACS Care article on ***Child Safe Standard 4 - Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.***

A reminder also, that MACS and St Bernadette's also have a Parent/Carer Code of Conduct that clearly outlines the expectations of parents and carers when they are involved with the school. The Code clearly outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviour when interacting and engaging with other parents/carers, children and staff. I have attached the document for your reference.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Please pray for the following Year 4 children who will receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist** for the first time on June 13th or 14th. These children and their families gathered tonight for the Family Eucharist preparation evening.

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

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2027

If you have a child who will turn 5 by April 30th 2027, they are eligible to enrol in school next year. Please contact the office to enrol your child. Thank you to those families who have already done this. We currently have limited spaces available in Prep next year, so please make sure you enrol your child soon if they are eligible.

WINTER UNIFORM

As of May 11th, students are required to be wearing the Winter Uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform, including shoes. If you wish to add layers of clothing to keep your child warm, please add them under the uniform, rather than non-uniform clothing over the top. **Plain maroon zip up jackets without the school logo, are not part of the school uniform.** If you need help with uniforms, please come and see me or the office staff.

There is a very good supply of Winter uniforms available from the office. Please complete an order form or come into the office, to purchase the items you need.

We also have a supply of second hand uniforms, especially jumpers. These are available, in person, at the office for \$5 a piece.

Thank you for your patience while the works have been going on along Westmoreland Rd and around the school. Although it has been frustrating, I appreciate the care and concern you have shown while driving around the school. It is really important that we obey all road signs and rules to ensure everyone in our community is safe.

Have a great week,

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.



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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.

Teeth on Wheels Dentist

This is a friendly reminder that **Teeth On Wheels** will be visiting our school for dental check-ups starting on June 19th 2026.

Early dental visits are crucial for your child's long-term oral health. At this visit, Teeth On Wheels will help identify and address common dental concerns, such as:

- Thumb-sucking– which can affect tooth development.
- Teeth eruption– ensuring teeth are coming through correctly.
- Bite issues– preventing misalignments that may cause future problems.
- Hypoplasia– weakened tooth enamel that can lead to decay.
- Decay and cavities – catching early signs before they develop into bigger issues.
- Deep grooves and pits– which can trap food and bacteria, increasing the risk of decay.
- Gum infections– preventing long-term damage to gums and surrounding tissue.

To ensure your child is part of this visit, please complete the consent form by clicking this link:

[Complete Consent Form HERE!](#)

Once completed, the Teeth On Wheels team will check your child's eligibility for FREE care under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). If your child is not eligible, Teeth On Wheels is offering a special deal of \$125 for a full check-up, clean, fluoride treatment, and any required x-rays (which can be claimed through your private health insurance).

Important: The cut-off date for completing your child's form is June 12th 2026.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Teeth On Wheels team at (03) 9338 1191.

Thank you for prioritising your child's oral health!

TeethOnWheels
a positive dental experience

The Importance of Early Dental Visits
Regular 6-monthly dental check-ups play a big role in keeping children's teeth and gums healthy as they grow. These visits help children stay familiar with the dental environment, build confidence, and reduce anxiety over time. Checking in twice a year also means we can catch any concerns early, provide personalised care, and guide children in developing strong, long-term oral health habits. Keeping up with 6-monthly visits is one of the simplest and most effective ways to support your child's healthy smile.

With government assistance, your child may qualify for FREE DENTAL CARE!

Our Dental Services Include:

- ✓ Check up
- ✓ Professional Cleans
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Preventative Sealants
- ✓ Fillings

Phone : (03) 9338 1191 Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES 2026 (as at 27/5/26)

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

Term 1	Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2nd April
Term 2	Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June
Term 3	Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September
Term 4	Monday 5th October - Tuesday 15th December

- **Interschool Sport v Dinjerra (Home)** - Friday 29th May
- **Year 1/2 Incurion - Astronomy Dome** - Tuesday 2nd June
- **Interschool Sport v Footscray West (Away)** - Friday 5th June
- **Year 1/2 Excursion to Scienceworks** - Friday 5th June
- **King's Birthday Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Monday 8th June**
- **Interschool Sport v Footscray (Home)** - Friday 12th June
- **First Eucharist Mass** - Saturday 13th June @ 6:00pm
- **First Eucharist Mass** - Sunday 14th June @ 11:00am
- **Year 5/6 Market Day** - Thursday 18th June
- **Semester 1 Reports distributed** - Monday 22nd June
- **Learning Conversations - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 25th June**
- **Term 2 ends** - Friday 26th June @ 1:00pm

SACRAMENTS 2026

- **First Eucharist (Year 4)** - Saturday 13th June - 6:00pm **OR** Sunday 14th June - 11:00am
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 10th September @ 7:00pm
- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 17th November

CAMPS

- **Year 4 Camp** - July 29 - 31
- **Year 3 Camp** - October 13 - 14

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

Monday 8th June - Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Thursday 25th June - No School - Learning Conversations

Wednesday 26th August - No School - Staff Conference

Monday 2nd November - No School - Time in Lieu

Tuesday 3rd November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 1st December - No School - Planning Day for 2027

SCHOOL TERMS 2027

Term 1	Thursday 28th January - Thursday 25th March
Term 2	Monday 12th April – Friday 25th June
Term 3	Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September
Term 4	Monday 4th October – Tuesday 14th December