

PRAYER for FIRST EUCHARIST

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor: 11: 23–26

Jesus, you call us to remember. We must 'do this,' for in that doing and remembering You become truly present to us in the Eucharist. Like You, we must, take, break, bless, and share our gifts, then eat and drink the mystery we celebrate. Only then can we go out into the world to live as You did, broken for the world, and poured out for all people. Amen!
St Bernadette – Pray for us.

GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend, and the beautiful weather that we were blessed with on Monday. A reminder that as the weather gets colder, the number of coughs and colds increases. If your children are unwell, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. This helps protect everyone, and allows children the time to rest and recover.

In the last couple of weeks, our nation has lost 2 amazing people - Neale Daniher and Richard Scolyer - two incredible people who touched our nation while battling their own terminal illnesses. Although, saddened by their deaths, we cannot help but be inspired by and delight in their lives of service, compassion and humility. It would have been very easy for both of these men to be angry and to give up, however both chose a very different course of action. I was moved by the 'farewell letter' Richard Scolyer wrote, and thought what a wonderful message it is to us all.

I hope I have in some small way made the road ahead easier and smoother for others.

If my legacy was to continue beyond these words, I would be delighted and humbled to be remembered as a proud everyday Aussie who "gave it a crack", and in doing so, inspired others to pursue their dreams and passions with humility, love and compassion.

In a city (and world) that is filled with so much conflict, hurt and unrest, I can't help but only imagine how different the world would be if we all 'gave it a crack' but did so with the HUMILITY, LOVE AND COMPASSION that both of these humans lived and displayed. A message that I encourage you to share with your children and families.

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.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS - COMING HOME SOON

Teachers are in the process of putting together the student reports for Semester 1. Many hours of teaching, assessing, moderating, writing, decision-making and meetings go into formulating these reports to ensure they accurately capture each child's strengths and areas for growth. The staff at St Bernadette's take great care when developing your child's report. Therefore, it is important that you as parents/carers, take the time to read and discuss the report with your children, celebrating the achievements and supporting them with areas for growth. This year we are using COMPASS as the platform to publish the reports, and as a result, the reports look slightly different. So please make sure you read the report carefully and thoroughly.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS - THURSDAY 25TH JUNE - BOOK NOW!!

Semester 1 Learning Conversations are on Thursday 25th June from 11:00am. Please make sure you book an interview with your child's teacher using the link that went out on Compass. It is expected that ALL children and their parent(s)/carer(s) attend these interviews.

FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend, many of our students in Year 4 will make their First Eucharist at either the Saturday night mass or Sunday mass. Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for and celebrate receiving their First Holy Communion:

<u>SATURDAY 13TH JUNE @ 6:00PM</u> Isla, Jaslene, Jonathan, Michael F, Nakai Daisy, Siena, Scott, Ozzy, Abigail, Mary, Newton, Jessica, Kiera, Adam, Isabel and Nathaniel	<u>SUNDAY 14TH JUNE @ 11:00AM</u> Ana, Isabella, Sebastian, John, Mia Tripodi, Helen, Oliver, Mia Tran, Macie, Giacomo, Michael L, Brandon, Clara, Hayley and Betty
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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 5 - "Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice."***

- **Equity** is about ensuring justice, recognising that children may need different levels of support to participate fully in learning, activities, and school life.
- **Inclusion** means creating environments where all children, regardless of culture, ability, language, or background, can flourish and are treated justly and are valued, respected, and welcomed.
- **Respect for diversity** is about honouring and celebrating the unique identity of every child, ensuring that differences are recognised as strengths and that everyone's rights and dignity are upheld.

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.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students are required to be wearing the Winter Uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform, including black school 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.

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 10/6//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 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 - 12:15pm - 1:30pm
- **Semester 1 Reports distributed** - Monday 22nd June
- **Learning Conversations - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 25th June**
- **Whole School Mass** - Friday 26th June @ 9:15am
- **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

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 TERM DATES FOR 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