

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 6

Wednesday 8th May 2024

## PRAYER for MOTHERS

Loving God, we thank you for our mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of our mothers – their patience, kindness, concern and understanding.

We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'THANK YOU' – this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you God, our grateful praise. Amen.



**St Bernadette – Pray for us and especially pray for our mothers.  
GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly been enjoying some beautiful Autumn days, and it is great to see the children outside enjoying playing and interacting with each other in the various play spaces. Soccer is certainly a popular activity during breaks, and the children play very enthusiastically. To help monitor the soccer games, only 2 games are played during each break. This has proved very successful in reducing the number of 'issues' that occur during the game. It is also great to see the children playing other games, including basketball, newcombe and downball.

You will have noticed that some sand has been delivered in the long jump pit. 'Yes', it is the wrong colour. 'No', it is not what we ordered!! However, we will leave it in the long jump pit. We are looking for volunteers to spread the sand in the pit. If you have a shovel and some time to spare, please come anytime during the week between 9:00am and 10:30am OR 12:00pm and 1:30pm. Make sure you have a Working With Children Check and sign in at the Office before you start. Thank you, in advance, for this.

Today I am attending a Principals' Briefing for all Catholic Principals in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. A topic on the agenda is the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd(MACS) Strategic Plan titled, MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World. The Vision underpinning this

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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.

plan is *"Every student is inspired and enabled to flourish and enrich the world."* The 4 strategic themes are:

1. Inspired by Faith
2. Flourishing Learners
3. Enabled Leaders
4. Enriched Communities

Our work here at St Bernadette's is guided and supported by this vision, and I hope you are able to see the connections between the vision of MACS and what we are doing here at St Bs.

Also discussed at the briefing was the Allan Labour State Governments announcement of a \$400 School Saving Bonus for all government school students. However, only Health Care Card holders will be eligible for the payment in Catholic schools. Catholic School families are also feeling cost of living pressures and for Catholic school families to be discriminated against in this manner is deeply unfair. There should be equality for all school children in Victoria. Either the payment should apply to all students, or it should be means tested for all students, as has been the case with programs like the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund. Watch the space for more information on how you can express your disagreement with this announcement.

I am about to begin interviewing new families for Prep next year. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please make sure you complete an enrolment form and hand it in to the office. **We already have 53 enrolment applications, and we will only be accepting 48.** We are at capacity!! If you are thinking about enrolling your child in Prep 2025, please do so asap!!

We wish Fr Silvio well as he heads off on holiday this weekend. We hope and pray he has a safe trip and enjoys his time away.

Wishing all mothers a very **Happy Mothers' Day** this Sunday. To all our mothers, grandmothers and mother figures, I hope you have a very special day and your families show you just how much you mean to them and how much they love you. You all are also a very special and valued part of our school community. Thank you and God's blessing on you all.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan  
Principal

### **MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST AND MASS - FRIDAY 10TH MAY**

This Friday we will be celebrating our mothers by having a special breakfast and mass together. The breakfast will be held in the hall from 7:30am. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 9:15am. We welcome all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures to join us on this day.

### **UNIFORMS - NEW AND SECONDHAND**

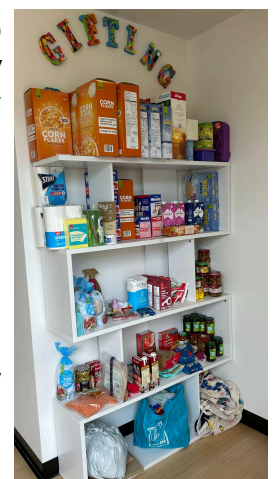
We have received our stock of winter uniforms. If you require any Winter uniform items, please contact the office and complete the order form. We also have second hand uniforms at the moment due to the generosity of many families. All items are \$5. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase any of these items. **Children must be in full winter uniform by Monday 29th April.**

### **GIFTING PANTRY**

The Gifting Pantry aims to provide food and goods to those who may be struggling to buy the necessary things for daily use like sugar, flour, rice, pasta, tea and canned goods. The pantry is located in the front foyer near the Office.

At St Bernadette's we believe that each person should be treated with dignity and respect and have access to nutritious food. We want people to feel comfortable to access the Pantry whenever they may need it.

We encourage you to bring your own bag to place the items into or you can take a bag and bring it back again if and when you need more items.



With the Gifting Pantry, we encourage people to gift what they can and take what they need. Sometimes, we decide to send a bag of things home with a child. Please take this as an offer of care and support, and not of judgement. We aim to support those families who may benefit from this.

If you are gifting to the pantry, please make sure the expiry date is not soon. If you have any questions about the Gifting Pantry please speak with Nicole Marevic or email her on [nmarevic@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nmarevic@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)

Have a great week,  
Brendan - Principal

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2:

- **Mothers' Day Breakfast/Mass** - Friday 10th May 7:30am and 9:15am
- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PHONICS - NO SCHOOL** - Thursday 16th May
- **Rite of Enrolment - Year 6 Confirmation Candidates** - Saturday 18th May at 6:30pm Mass OR Sunday 19th May at 11:00am Mass in St Bernadette's Church
- **Year 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo** - Thursday 23rd May
- **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 23rd May @ 7:00pm
- **King's Birthday Holiday** - Monday 10th June - NO SCHOOL
- **First Eucharist Family Night** - Tuesday 18th June @ 7:00pm
- **Semester 1 Reports sent home** - Monday 24th June
- **Learning Conversations** - Thursday 27th June - NO SCHOOL
- **End of Term 2 Mass** - Friday 28th June @ 9:15am St Bernadette's Church
- **Last Day of Term 2** - Friday 28th June - School finishes at 1:00pm

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website [www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)  
Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the Newsletter.

Should you need to contact any staff member, please phone on 9311 8872 or email the staff member. Emails are simply first initial and surname followed by [@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)  
For example Brendan Gill - [bjill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bjill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au). I can also be contacted at [principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au).

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# ENROL NOW

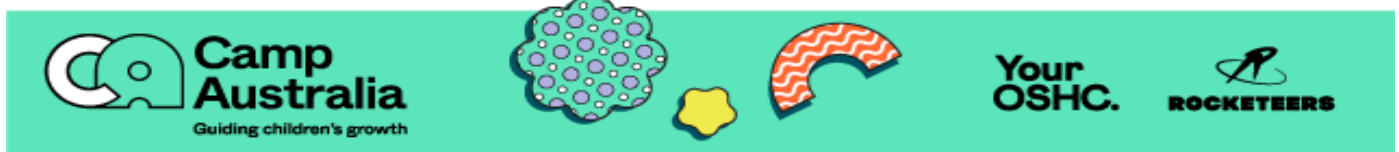
ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2025 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2025, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.  
DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE,  
OR COLLECT ONE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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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.

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## EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music are 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).