## St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 8 Wednesday 5th June 2024

# PRAYER for WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

God of all creation, you made a world full of beauty, an infinite expression of your glory and love for all. Let us not forget the gift we have been given.

May we act as guardians and stewards of all your creation. Fill us with awe and wonder today and each day as we behold your creativity.

Give us the courage and strength to view our environment as the sacred space it is and to protect it accordingly.

As we walk each day, let us remember all those who have come before and walked these same lands and cared for them.

We must not forget that what we have been given is not only for us, but for the generations to come. Amen.

St Bernadette - Pray for us and our beautiful World.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, June 5th, is **World Environment Day** - a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge how precious our Earth is and how important it is for us to take care of it for future generations. I think this quote says it all, "We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land." Today, let us think about what we can do to care for our earth - our home, so that our children's children will have a beautiful place to live and learn.

The teachers and leaders have been busy working on your **child's report** and **Learning Assessment Portfolio**. Please make sure you book a time for a Learning Conversation using the link sent out on Operoo. Just over 50% of bookings have been made. The **Learning Conversations** are an important way of communicating your child's learning. They are also an opportunity for you to demonstrate your interest in their learning and achievements whilst at school. PLEASE make sure you **book an interview** time before Friday 21st June. If you need assistance - contact the office.

We are looking forward to our "Celebrating Creativity" event next term. The children have already started preparing for it. Our children will be presenting many different examples of their creativity through the curriculum, from visual arts to writing to music to technology. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of the gifts and talents of the children - and maybe some pieces from staff too. Please make sure you save the dates - Sept 5th and 6th. More information will follow next term.

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.

As we move into winter, it is really important that we look out for the health and wellbeing of our community. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Bugs and viruses are shared more easily in warm enclosed classrooms, so we need your support to help not spread these things. Thank you for your support with this.

Tonight I head off on my holiday to Europe, after which I will spend 3 weeks studying in Rome at Australian Catholic University. The title of the program is *Catholic Education: Mission, Culture and Spirituality*, and will run from June 23rd to July 12th. Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn will be Acting Principal in my absence from Wednesday 5th June until Sunday 14th July.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan Principal

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### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 and TERM 3:**

- 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
- First Day of Term 3 Monday 15th July School starts at 8:45am
- Confirmation Family Night Tuesday 23rd July @ 7:00pm
- Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea Friday 26th July @ 9:15am
- First Eucharist Mass Saturday 27th July @ 6:30pm
- First Eucharist Mass Sunday 28th July @ 11:00am
- Prep Breakfast and Activity Morning Friday 2nd August
- Confirmation Ceremony Thursday 15th August @ 7:00pm
- Staff Conference August 22nd and 23rd NO SCHOOL
- Father's Day Breakfast and Mass Friday 30th August @ 7:30am
- Celebrating Creativity September 5th and 6th
- Year 4 Camp @ DOXA, Malmsbury September 16 18
- Last Day of Term 3 Friday 20th September @ 1:00pm

A reminder that all dates appear on the school website <u>www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au</u> Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the Newsletter.

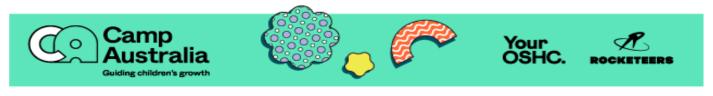
Should you need to contact any staff member, please phone on 9311 8872 or email the staff member. Emails are simply first initial and surname followed by @stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au For example Brendan Gill - <a href="mailto:bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au">bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au</a>. I can also be contacted at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

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## **ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Camp Australia are our before and after school care provider. Please contact them on 1300 105 343 or email <a href="mailto:info@campaustralia.com.au">info@campaustralia.com.au</a> should you wish to book a place.



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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.



#### **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 <a href="https://www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment">www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment</a>.