

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 10

Wednesday 24th July 2024

## 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,

Welcome back to Term 3. Already we are mid-way through Week 2 and the term is shaping up to be another busy one. I hope you all had a restful holiday and found time to keep warm, relax and spend time together as a family. The children have very quickly settled back into school, with some wonderful learning opportunities in the weeks ahead.

I had the most amazing time while away in Europe. It really was a once in a lifetime experience. My 3 weeks in Rome were spent in lectures, churches, basilicas, ancient sites, monasteries and enjoying the most amazing food. I studied with 13 other Catholic Education leaders from along the east coast of Australia. We were privileged to be given access to guides, speakers and places that a normal tourist would not have access to. The 2.5 weeks holiday in France, Spain and Italy prior to the study was also very interesting and enjoyable. My first time in Europe was all I imagined it to be. I am ever so grateful to all those who allowed and facilitated the experience to happen. It was relaxing being away knowing the school was in the capable hands of Heidi and Fred. To the leaders, admin team and staff who also supported Heidi and Fred, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

I was great to join with many of our Year 6 students and families who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. Fr Elio Capra led a very engaging conversation around confirmation and the Holy Spirit. Fr Elio reminded us that we are all called to carry out Jesus'

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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.

mission and the Holy Spirit is there to help and guide us in this mission. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 15th August at 7:00pm.

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

Ariela, Mercedes, Alex, Samuel, Austin, Charlie, Hannah, Genevieve, Hannah, Sophia, Joel Lopez, Jasmine, Winchester, Yanai Kezius, Elisha, Amy, Nelly, Minh-Vy, Eli, Maddie, Issac, Vittoriano, Violetta, Jordan, Riley, Atlas and Martin

This Friday is the Feast of St Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. On Friday, we will celebrate our Grandparents with mass and morning tea. All grandparents and families are invited to join us for mass at 9:15am in the Church, followed by morning tea in the school foyer.

We are looking forward to our **“Celebrating Creativity”** event next term on the **5th & 6th September**. Our children will be presenting many different examples of their creativity through the curriculum, from visual arts, to writing, to technology. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of the gifts and talents of the children. Please make sure you **save the date**. More information will follow next term.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan  
Principal



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

- **Yr 4 Reconciliation for our First Eucharist students** - Thursday 25th July
- **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
- **Yr 1/2 Hands on Science Incursion** - 29th July & 2nd August
- **Yr 3/4 Excursion to Healsville** - Thursday 1st August
- **Prep Breakfast and Activity Morning** - Friday 2nd August
- **Prep Craft Power Incursion** - 7th August
- **Reconciliation for our Confirmation Candidates** - 8th August
- **Bullying No Way Day** - 12th 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** - 5th and 6th September
- **Yr 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day at School** - 10th September
- **Yr 3 Reconciliation Family Night** - 10th September @ 7:00pm
- **Year 4 Camp @ DOXA, Malmsbury** - 16th - 18th September
- **Last Day of Term 3** - Friday 20th September @ 1:00pm

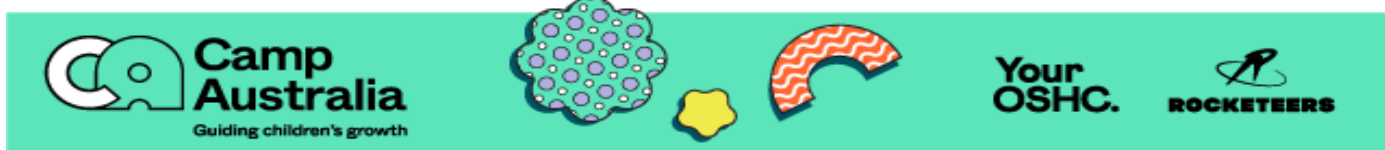
A reminder that all dates appear on the school website [www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au)  
Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the Newsletter.

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 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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### **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.

### **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](http://www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment).

