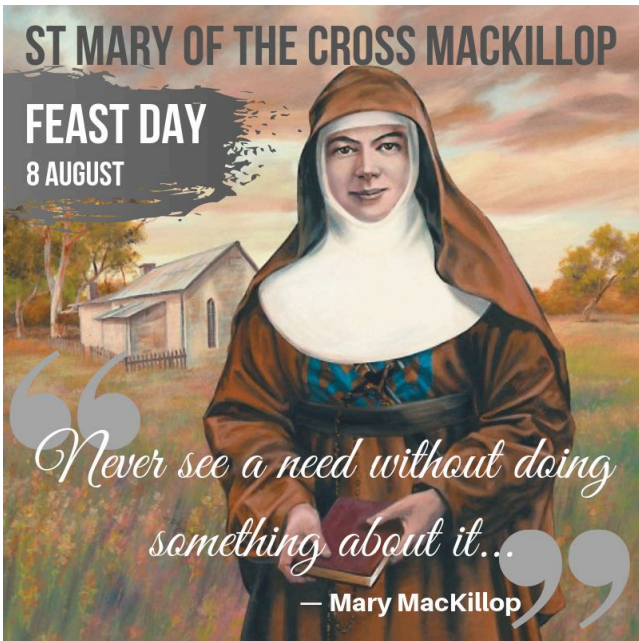


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Wednesday 7th August 2024

PRAYER for MARY MACKILLOP



Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Stir into flame the gifts you have given to each of us and the faith to use them without reserve as Mary MacKillop did.

Mary, a woman of faith,
Mary, your life made a difference,
Let love guide us all our lives.
Mary, you worked for all people.
Mary, an inspiration for all Australians
Mary, a woman of your time.
Let love guide us all our lives.
Mary, a woman of strength and prayer.
Mary, a woman who dared to be different.
Let love guide us all our lives.

St Mary of the Cross – pray for us
St Bernadette – pray for us.

GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow, Thursday 8th August, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop — Australia's first saint. Her life and faith continues to inspire and guide us today, especially during challenging times. Mary MacKillop lived a life of compassion, kindness, humility and patience - many of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which the children are learning about this term in Religious Education. Mary was a woman of courage, compassion and determination, providing education and care for those in need. There is much in her life to celebrate and give thanks for today.



On Thursday 15th August, many of our students in Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for and celebrate confirming the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives:

Sienna, Alice, Phong, Angelo, Matthew, Penny, Dylan, Jack, Bianca, Monica, Chiara, Giaphi, Ivy, Benjamin, Minh, Jayden, Sophie, Missy, Jacob, James, Owen, Josephine, Nikki, Lucas, Christina and Nathan

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.

Haven't the Olympics been great these last 2 weeks. The level of talent, skill and competition is amazing. The staff were talking about them today and saying how wonderful the athletes were - some incredible stories just to get to the Olympics, some courageous in defeat and some so appreciative of others in victory. It's a wonderful message to all of us - to work hard at what we do, to never give up and be grateful for those who love and support us.

Over the last couple of weeks the children have certainly been enjoying some amazing learning opportunities: the Preps celebrated their 100 days at school and built a car with the Craft Power incursion, the 3/4s enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Healesville Zoo, the 1/2s have enjoyed incursions by Hands On Science making bridges and catapults and the 5/6s are busy preparing for market day later in the term and were inspired by a young businessman guest speaker this week. These experiences, coupled with explicit teaching in the classrooms, give our children a rich and engaging curriculum.

A reminder that our Staff Conference will be on August 22nd and 23rd. The focus of the conference is Feedback, and the important part it play in teaching and learning and professional learning for us as adults. Our facilitator is Mr Glenn Pearsall, a well regarded consultant in this area. **There will be no school on August 22nd and 23rd.**

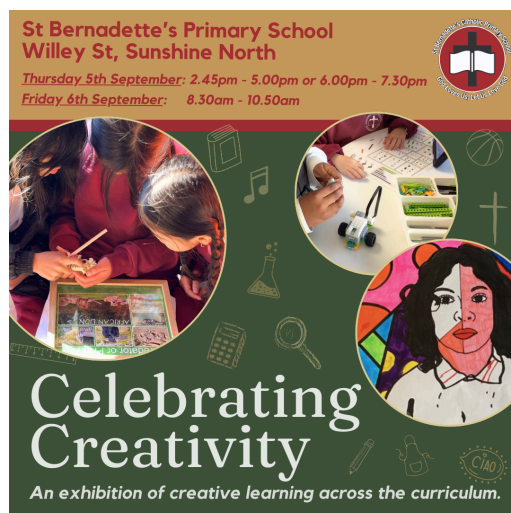
Next week we are acknowledging **BULLYING NO WAY: NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION**. The theme for 2024 is **'Everyone belongs'**. When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness. Kindness and being kind will be a focus for the week. We are a richly diverse community at St Bernadette's, and our vision states that 'we embrace this diversity'. Sadly, some children are using this difference and diversity to pick on others, making fun of another's colour, size, appearance, personality, behaviour. This will not be tolerated at St Bernadette's, and I encourage all families to talk to their children about such behaviour, supporting us to ensure everyone belongs. Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.



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 to follow.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

- **Prep Craft Power Incursion** - Today
- **Reconciliation for our Confirmation Candidates** - Thursday 8th August
- **Bullying No Way Week** - August 12th - 16th
- **Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven** - Thursday 15th August Mass @ 9:15am Year 4 - 6
- **Confirmation Ceremony** - Thursday 15th August @ 7:00pm
- **Staff Conference - August 22nd and 23rd - NO SCHOOL**
- **Father's Day Breakfast** - Friday 30th August @ 7:30am
- **Father's Day Mass** - Friday 30th August @ 9:15am
- **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
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 - bgill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. I can also be contacted at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Recently we visited St Bernadette's Primary School and provided an oral hygiene education session to your child's class in preparation for our pending dental treatment team's visit to the school.

If you are yet to return the consent form to the school reception, we would encourage you to take up this offer as it is an ideal place for your child to see us along with your child's friends who are doing the same. If you cannot locate the form, we have left a supply at the school reception for you.

Once your child has been treated by us, we will provide you with a report and plan for any future treatment requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on the number or email set out below.

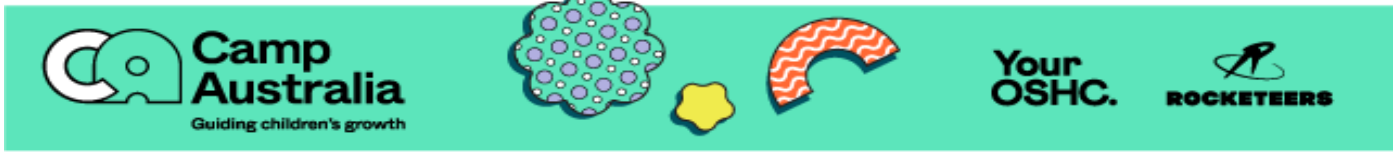
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CAMP AUSTRALIA

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.

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.



St Bernadette's Primary School Willey St, Sunshine North

Thursday 5th September: 2.45pm - 5.00pm or 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Friday 6th September: 8.30am - 10.50am



Celebrating Creativity

An exhibition of creative learning across the curriculum.

