

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 12
Wednesday 21st August 2024

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL THURSDAY 22ND
OR FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST DUE TO THE
STAFF CONFERENCE**

PRAYER for FATHERS for FATHERS' DAY



Heavenly Father, We come before You today with hearts full of gratitude and praise for the fathers You have blessed us with. We thank You for their strength, wisdom, and unwavering love.

Lord, we lift up every father and father figure, asking that You continue to guide them in their journey. Grant them the wisdom to lead with integrity and the patience to nurture with love. May they always find joy in the role they play and be filled with Your peace and comfort.

Bless their efforts, Lord, and let them feel appreciated and valued. Strengthen them in times of challenge and sustain them with Your boundless grace. Help them to be a reflection of Your love, showing kindness, compassion, and understanding in all they do.

We pray for those who have stepped into the role of fatherhood, offering their support and guidance. May their influence be a source of strength and their love a beacon of hope.

May all fathers continue to inspire, lead, and love with all their hearts. Amen.

St Joseph – pray for us

St Bernadette – pray for us.

GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just over half-way through Term 3 and what a busy term it has been. There is still a lot of learning to do over the next few weeks, and some engaging activities to participate in including Fathers' Day, Market Day, Year 4 Camp, Celebrating Creativity and Reconciliation to name a few. As we make the final preparations for our staff conference, I wish to thank you for taking care of your children over the next 2 days which enables the conference to take place.

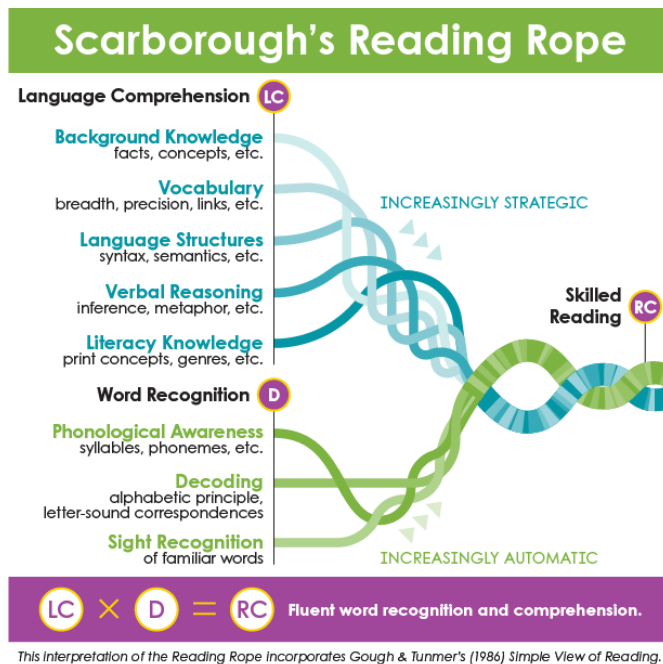
St Bernadette's respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as the owners of the land on which we live, play and learn at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

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.

This week the children have been celebrating Bookweek in their classrooms, by reading the shortlisted books and completing some fun, creative and engaging activities. The theme of Bookweek 2024 is *Reading is Magic*. Reading is such an important part of learning, and can open up one's mind to a whole world of information, understanding and imagination.



At St Bernadette's, we explicitly teach the skills required to be a successful reader, and you may have noticed some of the changes we have made to our reading program. The staff at St Bernadette's have been working with Scarborough's Reading Rope, as a way of understanding all the aspects of successful reading AND comprehension. This image is a great outline of the different 'strands' that make up the reading rope. As you can see from the image Skilled Reading is made up of both Language Comprehension and Word Recognition. If you want to know more about Scarborough's Reading Rope, simply search online.



FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST AND MASS

Next Friday 2nd September we will be celebrating all dads in our community at our annual **Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mass**. Breakfast will be in pioneers Hall from 7:30am. We will then celebrate mass at 9:15am in the church. All dads and father figures are welcome to attend along with other family members.

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

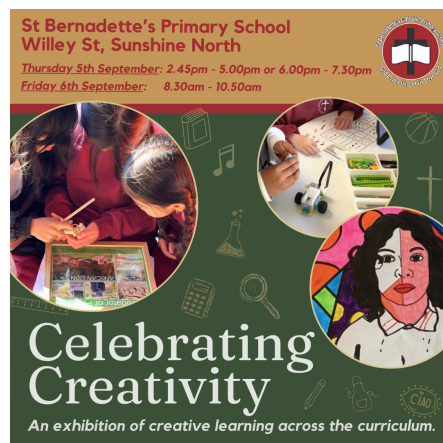
We are looking forward to our **"Celebrating Creativity"** event next term on the **5th & 6th September**. Our children will be presenting many different examples of their creativity through the curriculum, from visual arts, to writing, to technology. The details of the event are as follows:

Thursday 5th September

Official Opening-MacKillop Sports Field -2:30pm-3:00pm
 Official Guests to tour the school - 3:00pm - 3:30pm
 Students dismissed as normal - 3:15pm
 School and Hall Open for viewing - 3:30pm-5:00pm
 School and Hall Open for viewing - 6:00pm-7:30pm

Friday 6th September

School and Hall Open for viewing - **8:30am - 10:45am**



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 plays in teaching and learning and professional learning for us as adults. Our facilitator is Mr Glen Pearsall, a well regarded consultant in this area. **There will be no school on August 22nd and 23rd.**

A very Happy Father's Day to all the dad's in our community. I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday 2nd September, and enjoy spending time with the family you have so beautifully helped nurture and support.

Have a great week and take care,
Brendan Gill - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

- **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 - bjill@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au. I can also be contacted at principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

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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.



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