

# St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 13

Wednesday 4th September 2024

## PRAYER for the SEASON OF CREATION

God of Holy Dreaming, great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of Creation  
you have given your children the good things of our mothering Earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew. In the vast desert and the dense forest,  
and in the cities and at the water's edge, Creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures at the rock at the heart of our land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and  
became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the Earth anew and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus, we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole Creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four  
corners of the Earth; enable us to walk together in  
trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full  
day that has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

St Francis of Assisi – pray for us

St Bernadette – pray for us.

**GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD**



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The **Season of Creation** is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015. Religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take time to care for creation during the month-long celebration. The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. We will celebrate the Season of Creation at our End of Term mass on Friday 20th September at 9:15am

It was great to see many of our fathers and father figures join us for our **Fathers' Day breakfast and mass** last Friday. It was a wonderful recognition of your care, support and love for your family, and your presence and involvement in our school community. I hope you all had a wonderful day last Sunday.

Our **Staff Conference** on August 22nd and 23rd was a wonderful success. Our presenter, Mr Glen Pearsall led staff through the 2 days, focussing on the importance of feedback,

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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.

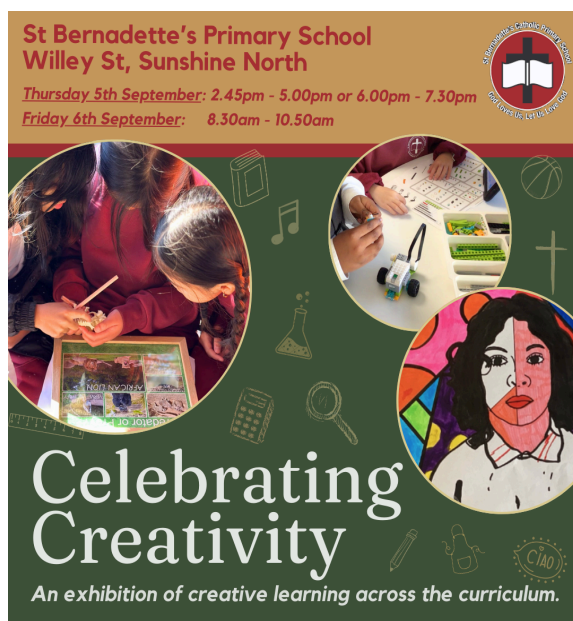
and how to give it in a timely and effective manner. Glen is an experienced and well-respected teacher, who practises what he preaches. All staff found his presentations both engaging and informative. Already staff have begun to implement many of his strategies, and are seeing the positive effects of them in the classroom.

Last Monday, Pioneers Hall was rocking and erupting with a wonderful performance by **Mitch Tambo**. The children (and staff) were totally engaged in Mitch's performance. Even the parents who attended were belting out the songs and dancing up a storm!! Mitch is an Aboriginal performer who weaves his culture and life through story and song. He is also a very talented didgeridoo player. I hope your children have shared this experience with you at home, as it really was a fun and engaging performance for all.

## CELEBRATING CREATIVITY EXHIBITION IS HERE!!!!

Our "**Celebrating Creativity**" event is finally here and kicks off TOMORROW with the official opening at 2:30pm. All families are invited to attend the opening. We will have members of the Brimbank Council present as well as Mr Joe Monteleone, a famous Melbourne artist. Our School Choir will also perform. It promises to be a wonderful event.

I am hoping that ALL families will come and see their children's work on display throughout the school. Be prepared to be amazed at your child's talent and creativity. I've already had a sneak preview, and I am blown away by what the children and staff have created. It is totally inspiring. Their hard work, and that of the staff, deserves a visit from every family over the next 2 days. There are 3 opportunities for parents and families to view the Celebrating Creativity exhibition throughout the school and hall.



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**

Have a great week and take care,

Brendan Gill - Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 and TERM 4:

- Carry a Can Campaign Week - 9th - 13th September
- Yr 3 Reconciliation Family Night - Tuesday 10th September @ 7:00pm
- Year 5/6 Market Day - Wednesday 11th September @ 12:10pm - 1:10pm
- Experience Music Music Recital - Wednesday 11th September @ 6:00pm
- Year 4 Camp @ DOXA, Malmsbury - 16th - 18th September
- End of Term 3 Mass - Season of Creation - Friday 20th September @ 9:15am
- Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 20th September @ 1:00pm

## TERM 4

- Term 4 begins - Monday 7th October @ 8:45am
- Year 3 Camp Sunnystones - 22nd and 23rd October
- Human Growth and Development Sessions - Wednesday 30th October
- **NO SCHOOL - Monday 4th November**
- **Melbourne Cup Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th November**
- Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday 12 November @ 7:00pm
- **Planning Day for 2025 - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 3rd December**
- School Christmas Mass and Shared Supper - Thursday 5th December
- Year 6 Graduation - Thursday 12th December @ 7:00pm
- Year 6 Big Day Out - Friday 13th December
- End of Year Assembly - Tuesday 17th December @ 10:00am
- **2024 School Year finishes - Tuesday 17th December @ 12:00noon**

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).

## 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 [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).



experience music



# CARRY A CAN CAMPAIGN

Bring a can a day to support those in need and you get to wear casual clothes on that day!

What we recommend you to bring;

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna and Meat
- Canned hearty soups
- Dry pasta, noodles, rice etc

Just no glass please!

When: 9th  
September to  
13th  
September!





**30**  
YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY  
**OPEN DAY  
PARTY!**

**Tuesday 10 September 2024**  
**The fun starts as soon as school ends!**

Let's celebrate 30 years of outside school hours care with an incredible party right here at St Bernadette's Your OSHC!

Featuring awesome experiences like: DIY Friendship Bracelets, Ball in a Cup, Pass The Parcel, Egg & Spoon Races and heaps more!

Plus it wouldn't be an anniversary without CAKE! Leave a bit of room in your tummy for a yummy afternoon tea!

Open to the whole St Bernadette's, Sunshine North & Sunshine Christian community\*!

Come, check out our experiences, have a little food and have a lot of fun.

**Book now**

To book your child in, visit the Parent Portal app now!

[campaustralia.com.au](http://campaustralia.com.au)



**Visit on the day**

**Come on down and see what all the fun is about!**

\*Please note that only children booked into After School Care will be supervised by Educators. All other children present must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.