

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 14

Thursday 19th September 2024

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00PM TOMORROW!!

**CHILDREN CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TOMORROW.
NO GOLD COIN REQUIRED.**

OUR COMMUNITY DID AN AMAZING JOB WITH THE CANS. THANK YOU.

PRAYER for the HOLIDAYS

Thank You, loving God, for times of refreshment and opportunities to have a holiday,

so that we may be renewed in body, soul and spirit.

We thank you for the gift of enjoying different and new experiences.

May our time on holidays be filled with fun and the joy of friendship.

May our hearts be filled with happiness and peace and may we laugh and be grateful often.

We praise you for the special gift of holidays. Amen.

St Bernadette - pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out to you. I was away the last 3 days on the Year 4 camp at DOXA, Malmsbury. It was a wonderful time with the children and staff enjoying some great activities, weather and scenery. Camps are tiring and a lot of hard work, all that is worth it for the joy you see on children's faces. While on camp, a teacher asked me, "Do you ever relax on camp? I mean there are so many things to worry about and so many risks?" I replied, "Yes, I do worry, but we do all the risk assessments. The camps we go to are all accredited and have trained staff. Staff do an incredible amount of thorough planning and preparation. I'm ok with that. Camp experiences are memories that stay with us for a very long time. Kids can't get these experiences if you keep them wrapped up in 'bubble-wrap' or 'cotton wool'." And so it was a great camp, with many great memories made, and some very tired children (and staff)!! A huge thanks to the staff who prepared for the camp and who attended the 3 days. Your commitment, energy and participation is greatly appreciated.

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.

Many staff and parents have commented at how busy this term has been - there has been an 'extra' activity nearly every week - sacraments, excursions, incursions, exhibitions, sports clinics, camps, breakfasts, masses and the list goes on. Our community has been very much involved and engaged this term. A particular highlight was the Celebrating Creativity exhibition. How wonderful was it to see the hall and school filled with such wonderful pieces of work from our children, and the hall looking like a proper art gallery. Many people commented to me about the quality and volume of the artwork. It was amazing. We were inspired and moved by Mitch Tambo and Joe Monteloeone. Joe, in particular, overcoming many life challenges to become an outstanding artist and speaker. Huge thanks to all the staff for their involvement in the arts show, but special thanks to Mrs Butler for her leadership, organisation and hours of work that went into the exhibition. To Mrs Marshall for her work with the choir and music students - they were superb. To Mrs Chapman, Mr Zeinstra and Mrs Evans, who did a lot of work behind the scenes advertising, organising and presenting aspects of the exhibition. It was a great community celebration, and one we all should be very proud of.

As we come to the end of another term, I wish to thank you all for your support and engagement throughout. It has been a busy and exciting term that has provided us all with lots of opportunities to work together for the learning and wellbeing of our children. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to you all returning safely and happily next term.

Have a wonderful holiday and take care,
Brendan Gill - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 and TERM 4:

TERM 3

- **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** - Thurs 5th December @ 6:30pm
- **Year 6 Graduation** - Thursday 12th December @ 7:00pm
- **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
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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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.



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- Essendon Keilor College
- Ascot Vale West Primary School
- Sunshine North Primary School