

## PRAYER for PEACE in our WORLD



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the world affected by war and conflict.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort will draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious people, at risk and in fear,  
that you will hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

St Bernadette - pray for us.

**GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 - our last term for 2024. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and the time away from routines, school bells and lunchboxes!!

The children have returned to school ready to learn and already there are some wonderful and exciting things happening in classrooms as the term and learning begins. Our Preps are keeping an eye on their chickens and caterpillars as they grow and change. Our Year 1/2s are preparing for their Camp afternoon. Our Year 3/4s are off to the movies tomorrow to see an adaptation of a book they read last term - The Wild Robot. Our Year 5/6s are working with Calm Youth whose aim is to provide an injection of motivation, inspiration and passion in our children as they negotiate many transitions and challenges at this stage of their lives.

On Tuesday 30th October, we will be conducting two Parent Information evenings focussing on Human Growth and Development. This year, the evenings are being offered to parents and carers

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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.

from Years 4 - 6. We intend to hold these evenings annually so as to engage families in the work we are doing around growth and development in the classroom.

In the last few days, the staff and I have had to deal with a serious case of online bullying. A group of students have been saying and posting horrible comments about, and to, a vulnerable child. The victim has been cared for, giving ongoing support and parents contacted. The offenders have written letters of apology, completed reflection sheets, been excluded from recess times for a week, been informed about the effects of online bullying and parents also contacted. Some schools may not acknowledge such behaviour amongst students, however, I feel it is important that our whole community knows. We are all responsible for the safety and wellbeing of our children and the future generation we are raising. I encourage you to talk to your child about bullying and emphasise that there is no place for this at school or anywhere. Also encourage them to stand up against bullying by reporting the bullying to an adult, taking screenshots and seeking help.

### **LEVEL NEWSLETTERS**

The Level Newsletters will be coming home shortly with an outline of the learning for the term ahead. I encourage you to save these somewhere on your phone/computer, so that you can continue talking to your children about their learning.

### **NO HAT - NO PLAY**

At assembly today, I reminded the children that they are required to wear a hat this term while outside. Could you please ensure your child has a school hat and their name is written on the hat. Any child who is not wearing a hat, will be required to sit in the undercroft.

### **ARE YOU LEAVING ST BERNADETTE'S?**

If any families are leaving St Bernadette's at the end of the year and their child is not currently in Year 6, could you please contact the office and let them know. This information is important to know as we plan for next year.

### **SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES**

Thank you to those families who are up-to-date with or who have paid their fees. Could all families make sure their fees/levies are paid in full by Friday 6th December.

### **OPEROO AND MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Some families have received a notification from Operoo regarding their child's medical plan or medication. If you receive one of these notifications, could you please contact the office.

Have a wonderful week,

Brendan Gill

Principal

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).

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4:

## TERM 4

- **Year 3/4 Excursion to the Movies** - Thursday 17th October
- **Year 3 Camp Sunnystones** - 22nd and 23rd October
- **St B's Got Talent** - Wednesday 23rd October - 10:50am - 11:30am
- **St B's Got Talent** - Friday 25th October - 10:50am - 11:30am
- **Human Growth and Development Sessions** - Wednesday 30th October
- **Year 1/2 Camp Afternoon** - Thursday 31st October
- **NO SCHOOL - Monday 4th November**
- **Melbourne Cup Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th November**
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Tuesday 12th November @ 7:00pm
- **Prep 2025 Orientation Session 1** - Thursday 14th November
- **Mass for the Deceased** - Friday 15th November @ 9:15am
- **School Advisory Council Meeting** - Thursday 21st November @ 6:30pm
- **Prep 2025 Orientation Session 2** - Thursday 28th November
- **Advent Liturgy** - Friday 29th November @ 9:15am
- **Planning Day for 2025 - NO SCHOOL - Tuesday 3rd December**
- **School Christmas Mass and Shared Supper** - Thurs 5th December @ 6:30pm
- **Year 6 Cluster Transition Day** - Monday 9th December
- **Student Reports to Parents/Carers** - Tuesday 10th December
- **Step Up Day** - Classes for 2025 - Thursday 12th December
- **Year 6 Graduation** - Thursday 12th December @ 7:00pm
- **End of Year Assembly** - Tuesday 17th December @ 10:00am
- **2024 School Year finishes** - Tuesday 17th December @ 12:00 noon

## TERM DATES AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025 (as at 16/10/24)

Term 1	Thursday 30th January to Friday 4th April
Term 2	Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 4th July
Term 3	Monday 21st July to Friday 19th September
Term 4	Monday 6th October - Tuesday 16th December

Monday 10th February - No School - Meet and Greet

Monday 10th March - Public Holiday - Labour Day

Monday 21st April - Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Friday 25th April - Public Holiday - ANZAC Day

Monday 9th June - Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Thursday 3rd July - No School - Learning Conversations

Monday 3rd November - No School - Time in L

Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

**No school for Prep/Year 1** - February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

To assist with the acquittal of time in lieu that teachers accrue for working outside normal hours, **there will be no school on Monday 3rd November**

# ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

## 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).



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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.