

St Bernadette's School - Newsletter 1

Wednesday 5th February 2025

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Lord, as we gather here, as your children, for the start of this new year, we recognise Your presence on our journey together,
Open our minds to know Your voice.
Open our hands to do Your work.
And open our hearts to hold Your Spirit.
Amen

St Bernadette - Pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all St Bernadette's families to the 2025 School Year. I hope and pray that this will be a happy, exciting and engaging year for all in our community.

We have had a great start to the year with the children settling into their classrooms and routines with ease. I wish to thank you in advance for your ongoing support in ensuring children are at school on time, wearing the correct uniform and have all the things they need in their school bag.

We welcome the following **Prep children** and their families -

Tillie, Ava B, Ava C, Mira, Paulina, Vinh, Zoe, William H, Natalie, Johnson, Oscar, Blake, Ivy, Cleo, Tobi, Kelsey, Dakota, Stella, Alana N, Savannah, Ethan, Chloe, Julia, Clara, Liam, Daniel, William N, Kyrie, Zara, Mia, Alanna P, Tiago, Olivia, William N, Emilia, Sam, Enea, Kamila, Harvey, Archie, Kingston, Isabella, Wesley, Ethan, Flavian, Lucie and Dinah

and the following **new students** and their families -

Biak, Mang, Olivia and Evie

and the following **staff** who have returned to St Bernadette's after some time of leave -

Ms Emma Scerri (2S), Miss Lana Frost (2F), Ms Kim Nguyen (Digital Technologies & Learning Enhancement) and Ms Sarah Turner (Learning Enhancement)

We thank you all for choosing to join our community and hope you enjoy your time with us at St Bernadette's.

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.

MEET AND GREETINGS

The staff and I are looking forward to meeting you at the Meet and Greet meetings this **Monday 10th February**. Please make sure you have made a booking according to the instructions that were sent out on Operoo. Meet and Greets are a wonderful way for classroom teachers to get to know a little more about the children they teach. You, as parents and carers, know so much about your children, it is important that we work together in partnership to ensure each child's learning and wellbeing needs are met. **THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY, HOWEVER STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEET AND GREETINGS MEETINGS. Camp Australia will be providing full day care on this day from 6:30am - 6:00pm. Please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or email info@campaustralia.com.au should you wish to book a place.**

SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day is a global day of action that brings together communities, families, schools, and organisations from more than 180 countries to raise awareness about online safety and work toward a safer internet.

In Australia, the eSafety Commissioner leads this important day, and this year, we're calling on all Australians to **help make the internet a safer, more positive place**.

Supporting Safer Internet Day is just one action you can take. Everyone can take practical steps, including:

- starting online safety conversations
- engaging in online safety education
- practicing respectful behaviour online
- reporting online abuse
- sharing online safety resources.

Together, let's make the internet a safer, more positive place.

Connect safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

Reflect on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

Protect yourself and others by visiting eSafety.gov.au to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.



SOME GENERAL REMINDERS AS WE START THE TERM . . .

- During Term 1, we can have some very hot weather. As we are a Sunsmart school it is compulsory that your child has a **school hat** to wear or they will have to sit in the shade.
- A reminder that the first bell rings at 8:45am. Children should be at school before this bell.
- The school gates open in the morning at 8:30am and will close at 8:45am. Entry after this time is through the front office door.
- **School finishes at 3:15pm every day**. The school gates will open at 3:00pm and will be closed at 3:30pm.
- **School Assembly** is on a Friday at 2:30pm in Pioneers Hall. All families are invited to attend.
- **School Canteen** operates Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please see the current Canteen Menu 2025 attached.
- Camp Australia run the before and after school care program for students from 6:30am-8:30am in the mornings and 3:15pm - 6:00pm in the afternoons.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office via phone 9311 8872 or email your child's teacher by 9:15am.

Have a wonderful week,
Brendan Gill - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025 (as at 5/2/25)

TERM DATES

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

- **School Closure Day - Meet and Greet - Monday 10th February**
- **No school for Prep/Year 1** - Wednesday 12th February
- **Assembly 6M** - Friday 14th February
- **No school for Prep/Year 1** - Wednesday 19th February
- **No school for Prep/Year 1** - Wednesday 26th February
- **Assembly 6R** - Friday 28th February
- **Year 1/2 Information Night** - Tuesday 4th March
- **Ash Wednesday Mass** - Wednesday 5th March @ 9:15am
- **Labour Day Holiday - No school - Monday 10th March**
- **Prep Information Night** - Wednesday 12th March
- **Assembly 5M** - Friday 14th March
- **St Bernadette's Feast Day Mass** - Tuesday 18th March @ 9:15am
- **School Photos** - Thursday 20th March
- **St Bernadette's Feast Activity Day** - Friday 21st March
- **Assembly 5L** - Friday 28th March
- **School Term 1 finishes** - Friday 4th April @ 1:00pm

SACRAMENTS

- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Thursday 13th November @ 7:00pm
- **First Eucharist (Year 4) - June 21st (6:30pm) and June 22nd (11:00am) NEW DATE**
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 27th August @ 7:00pm

CAMPS

- **Year 5/6 Camp** - April 22 - 24
- **Year 4 Camp** - September 10 - 12
- **Year 3 Camp** - October 14 - 15

SCHOOL PRODUCTION WEEK

The 2025 School production will take place in the week Monday 27th to Friday 31st October.

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

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
Friday 31st October - No School - Time in Lieu
Monday 3rd November - No School - Time in Lieu
Tuesday 4th November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Tuesday 2nd December - No School - Planning Day for 2026



ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL - STAFFING FOR 2025

Class Teachers

Prep O - Mr Christopher O'Rielly	Prep S - Mrs Suzanne Sciberras
Year 1G - Miss Daniela Granata	Year 1H - Miss Monica Hughes
Year 2F - Miss Lana Frost	Year 2S - Miss Emma Scerri
Year 3P - Mr Daniel Powell	Year 3T - Miss Cecilia Tran
Year 4C - Miss Elise Casamento	Year 4S - Mrs Michelle Sepe
Year 5L - Ms Jacquie Lumsden	Year 5M - Miss Claudia Mattas
Year 6M - Ms Nicole Marevic/Mrs Melissa Szulik	Year 6R - Mr James Reitmaier

Leadership

Principal	Mr Brendan Gill
Deputy Principal and ICT Leader	Mrs Heidi Chapman-Foehn
Religious Education Leader	Ms Nicole Marevic
Student Diversity Leader	Mr Fredrik Zeinstra
Literacy Leader & Co Teacher	Ms Lyn Sciberras
Mathematics Leader & Co Teacher	Mrs Renee Cassar
Student Wellbeing Leader	Mrs Ashleigh Cahill
Family Engagement in Learning Leader	Ms Daniella Granata
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader	Mrs Eliza Katz
Parish Priest	Fr Silvio Bezzina MSSP

Support and Specialist Staff

Visual Arts	Mrs Joanne Butler
Physical Education	Mr Ian Miller
Music	Mrs Jenny Marshall
Production Coordinator	Mr Fredrik Zeinstra
Learning Enhancement Teacher Year Prep	Mrs Jenny Marshall
Learning Enhancement Teacher Year 1/2	Mrs Julie Whatman
Learning Enhancement Teacher Year 3/4	Mrs Sarah Turner
Learning Enhancement Teacher Year 5/6	Mrs Leonie McCarthy
Digital Technologies and Robotics	Ms Kim Nguyen
Italian	Mr Matteo Maccio & Mrs Jane Gilmartin
Community Kitchen Program	Mrs Jane Gilmartin
Evodia Discovery Centre Manager	Ms Bernadette Fenech
EDC Assistant & Translator	Ms Thi Phan

Learning Support Officers

Mrs Alex Rossi	Mrs Amanda Nguyen	Mrs Cherie Saad
Ms Deb Shaw	Mrs Marita Debattista	Ms Mary Debrincat
Mrs Rosemary Romeo	Mrs Suzy Asmee	Mrs Suzanne Scaramozzino
Mrs Rosie Cremona		

School Administration

Administration Manager	Mrs Kerrie-Ann Macuz
Student Administration	Mrs Sandra Attard Borg
Finance Administration	Ms Errica Mastrilli
General Administration	Mrs Jackie Neves
Canteen Manager	Ms Marita Debattista
Canteen Assistant	Mrs Rachel Gilmore
Maintenance	Mr Joe Tabone
School Counsellor	Ms Sarah Judde
Speech Pathologist	Ms Renee Christodoulou/Ms Claire Huynh

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.



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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.