

# St Bernadette's School NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

Caritas Fun Run/Walk - Yr 5/6's Monday 24 February 2025 Year 1M Assembly 9.00am Friday 28 February 2025 SAPSASA Swimming Carnival Year 4-6 Friday 28 February 2025 Shrove Tuesday Tuesday 4 March 2025

Caritas Launch Year 4-6 Tuesday 4 March 2025

Yr 3A - Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am Wednesday 5 March 2025 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Monday 10 March 2025

School Board Meeting 6.00pm Tuesday 18 March 2025 NAPLAN Begins Yr 3 & 5 Wednesday 12 March 2025

Harmony Day Friday 21 March 2025

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival Year 4-6 Monday 7 April 2025 2M Lenten Liturgy 9.00am Friday 14 March 2025

R/A Lenten Liturgy 9.00am Friday 28 March 2025

4/5L Assembly 9.00am Friday 11 April 2025

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival Year 3-6 Wednesday 2 April 2025 R/F Lenten Liturgy 9.00am Friday 4 April 2025

Last Day of Term 1 - Normal Finish at 3.00pm Friday 11 April 2025

### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Please note: If you are reading this newsletter from your email, you will not see any photo galleries or videos featured within it. Click read more to view the internet version of our newsletter so that you don't miss out on seeing our latest photos and videos.

### From our Leadership Team

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Welcome Night and AGM on Tuesday where we came together for the first time as a school community. Linked here is the Principal's Report and Chairperson's Report for 2024 shared on the night. Thank you to those who were able to attend the evening and bring a shared plate. We really are thankful for the partnership we share with our parents and families.

It has been pleasing to see our learning programs in full swing across the school. Our Junior Primary classes have once again implemented the InitiaLit program, with our Reception to Year 2 students showing fantastic engagement and enthusiasm for their literacy learning. The structured approach of InitiaLit is helping our youngest learners develop strong foundations in reading and writing.

This week we began our literacy intervention programs, with 16 students from Reception to Year 1 currently participating. These targeted support sessions are designed to provide additional assistance where needed. We are excited to expand our intervention offerings next week with literacy and numeracy programs across the upper years also, which will allow us to support approximately 30 students in total. This reflects our commitment to ensuring every student has the support they need to succeed.

Looking ahead, NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 students will take place in Week 7 (March 12-15). More detailed information about NAPLAN will be sent home to relevant families in the coming weeks. Next Tuesday, students in Years 3 and Year 5 will undertake the NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test. This practice test provides students with an opportunity to engage with and familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform prior to undergoing the NAPLAN assessments later this term.

Our next big community event is in Week 6, with St Bernadette's hosting the Project Compassion launch for 2025 on Shrove Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Project Compassion is a national campaign which was launched by Caritas Australia in 1965. The mission of this initiative is to raise funds and support people living in poverty in both Australia and around the world. This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Project Compassion, which is significant, as the campaign actually began here in our very own church at St Bernadette's! We are looking forward to hosting this event and welcoming many special guests into our community, with our Year 4-6 students attending the launch on the day.

#### God bless, Michelle, Matt and Ben



# From 4/5B

#### Personality Hoodies

We created hoodies that represent characteristics of our personalities (pictured above). Jaxon, Ishaan, Isha, Melody and Aaron have described some features of their work.

#### (Jaxon)

You'll notice that I named soccer and basketball as strengths. I love dogs and one day I'd like to own one.

#### (Ishaan)

My hoodie has a real New Zealand theme. I was born there and I support the Black Caps in cricket. You can see the NZ flag across the chest.

#### (Isha)

In the top corner of my hoodie you can see the Bhutanese and Nepalese flags because I have a rich history from these places. I support the Matildas in international soccer.

#### (Aaron)

My favourite sport, soccer, is represented on the cuff of my jumper. My favourite colour is red, the national colour of Nepal, where my parents were born.

#### (Melody)

I am a very social person. As you can see, I have over 40 friends! My birthday is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August and I was born in 2015, making me a 9 year old. (Picture below)

#### **Character Strengths**

We have been doing a lot of work to discover our strengths. We have been thinking about how our strengths can help us to uphold the school values of love, truth, justice, hope and respect.

#### (Rafi)

My character strength is creativity. I am creative in helping others to find solutions to their problems, so I show respect through helping them.

#### (Hayden)

I have a love of learning, which is one of my key strengths. It revolves around the school value of love. I live out a love of learning by wanting to know more. For example, if Mr Burns introduces a tricky word to the class, I will research it or study it to find out more about the term.

#### (Chantelle)

Appreciation is a strength of mine. It ties in with the school value of respect, because I always show manners when speaking with others. This shows an appreciation of them and of what they are doing for me.

#### (Rozen)

Teamwork is a strength of mine. I work well with others and respect all opinions when doing group work, because I appreciate the fact that we are all unique.



# From 4/5L

#### Numeracy in 4/5L

In 4/5L we do Maths groups Monday to Thursday and on Fridays we do Maths Mental. Maths groups are groups that we get put in based on what you're up to with your Maths, some of the activities we do are...

- Hand on activities
- Splash Learn
- Study Ladder
- Uno
- Maths games
- Maths sheets
- Times table challenges
- Teacher / small group learning
- Mini tests

#### Essa

#### Maths groups in 4/5L

I learnt that my eraser is 7cm long and I estimated it was 6cm. Archer

I like Study Ladder because you get awards when you get a certain number of points. I finished 10 activities and got a bronze certificate - *Yugraj* 

I learnt that some objects are longer than others. I used my ruler to measure the length of objects in the classroom. Sonakshi

I like Study Ladder as it has more challenging activities than Splash Learn. Misha

I learnt the place value of larger numbers. Aahana

I learnt how to round numbers to the nearest hundred - Mayah

In our group, we made two-digit numbers with playing cards. We then made the numbers in different ways using addition, times tables and takeaways. *Dion* 



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#### **TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY TO 8 APRIL**

COLONEL LIGHT WEST TENNIS CLUB 4:00PM - 4:45PM Hot Shots Red Ball 4:45pm - 5:30pm Hot Shots Orange Ball 5:30pm - 6:15pm Hot Shots Green Ball

#### WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY TO 9 APRIL NIEASS RESERVE TENNIS CLUB 4:00pm - 4:45pm Hot Shots Red Ball 4:45pm - 5:30pm Hot Shots Orange Ball 5:30pm - 6:15pm Hot Shots Green Ball

WHEN Beginning week two of term one | 3, 4 and 5 February to 7, 8 and 9 April

To Book or enquire, please contact Damien Page on 0407184781 or damien@dptennis.com.au















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