



## St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park Principal's Communication

### **National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week**

On Thursday the school community acknowledged National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country (Reconciliation Australia).

Students participated in lessons and prayer activities as a way of informing and building their understanding of the past and their role in creating a unified future for all Australians. This week is National Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is, Be Brave, Make A Change. Students will be participating in learning activities that are integrated into their regular lessons including reading, writing and creative arts.

### **Industrial Action**

Today most of our staff have participated in industrial action to progress their claims for a new enterprise agreement. Eligible staff are legally entitled to take protected industrial action. Whilst I know this was disruptive to some families I'm sure most would agree that school staff are entitled to participate in action to further their entitlements at work. I want to thank families who kept their children at home. We had minimal staff at school and were able to provide supervision for the small number of students present.

## **Movie Night**

Last Friday it was fantastic to see so many members of our community attend the Movie Night. Our Parent Group did a fantastic job organising this social event. It was great to see our community support this event and gather. As a community we are doing lots of things to come together on a regular basis. I'm sure most of the children, like mine, loved the lollies!

## **Morning Drop Off**

Kiss and drop expectations for morning drop off include,

- Cars form a single queue along Gardenia Grove.
- Cars should not impede the bus zone or resident driveways.
- Children should only exit the car when their car is at the front of the line.
- Cars should not be exiting the line and risking an accident.

These expectations are in place to keep everyone safe. Council Rangers have begun regular patrols of Gardenia Grove and Wheeler St as there has been an increase in reports to council regarding unsafe driving.

Kiss and Drop is a privilege that could be removed by council at any time. Please help us to keep every child safe by respecting our expectations and the road rules.

Kiss and drop is traditionally run by the Parent Group. We require parent helpers to help run this service on a regular basis. If you are able to help please contact the office.

## **2023 Enrolments**

We are now in the process of interviewing our Kindergarten students for 2023. If you have a child who is turning 5 before July 31 2023 please contact the school office for an enrolment pack.

## School Uniforms

All students should now be wearing full winter uniform. If you are having difficulties meeting this expectation please contact the office.

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

In the coming weeks we will be inviting our students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We will invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Bernadette's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. A link will be provided in the coming weeks for all parents.

Have a great week,

Mr Phill Kapitanow  
Principal

## Dates For Your Diary

13th June - Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

14th June - Mad About Science  
Incursion

15th June - Mad About Science  
Incursion

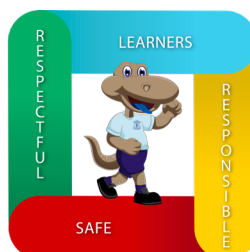
24th June - Athletics Carnival



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In Week 6 students will begin our annual lessons on our school expectations.

### **Taking care of the school environment**

These lessons will help them develop their understanding of what it is to be safe, respectful, responsible learners.