Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Reflection

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

Last Wednesday, we celebrated ANZAC Day. This provides us with a time to remember and give thanks for the many brave and selfless women and men who gave their lives that we may live in peace and prosperity. Lest we forget!

Student Absence

As you would be aware, regulations around student absence and the requirement for us to contact families if a student is away and we do not know the reason, are coming into effect. In past newsletters, we have asked that parents notify us via phone, the app or email if your child is absent. We are very grateful that most parents are informing us, however as we prepare for the transition to a system that will notify you of an unexplained absence, we need your assistance. **We need notification of a student absence before 8:45am on the day that they are absent.** Of course this can be done earlier if the absence is planned (for example an appointment).

St Bernard’s on show!

On Thursday, we will host a team from the German TV channel, ZDF (similar to our ABC) and Professor John Hattie. They are visiting our school as an example of Visible Learning and to understand how it actually ‘lives’ in our school. As you would be aware, Visible Learning is not a program, it is rather a way of thinking, doing and being about learning. Professor Hattie is the expert in Australia around this work and has collaborated with many around the world to conduct research and gather evidence as to what really works to improve learning. Professor Hattie is being interviewed here, the students in Year 3/4R will be filmed and Mr Crawford and I will be interviewed. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the learning of our students, staff and community as we strive to ensure learning success for all. We hope to obtain a copy of the footage once completed to share with you all.
Mother’s Day Celebrations
Invitations for our annual Mother’s Day morning, Friday 11th May from 8.45am-10.00am were sent home last week. Please RSVP as soon as possible for catering purposes. We look forward to as many mums as possible joining us to celebrate. We are hoping that there might be some dads who could help with coffees and cakes on the day. If you are able to help, even for a short while, please email the school on schooladmin@stbernardscoburg.catholic.edu.au. We would appreciate the help.

Canteen and Uniform
As of Monday 14th May, canteen and uniform orders will be available via our school website and the Skoolbag app. More information in next week’s Bernardo.

Year 6 End of Year Celebrations
Last term we met with a group of parents to help review the way we celebrate the Year 6’s Graduation. I am very grateful to the group who met on three occasions to develop our plan moving forward. We aim to ensure the students have a wonderful and fitting end to their final year at St Bernard’s and are able to celebrate in faith and friendship. The plan is outlined below. The dates are those set for this year and in future, would occur in the last full week of term 4. Each year I will ask for a group of interested Year 6 parents to form a Committee to organise the venue & payment. The venue for this year has been booked and I will liaise with the Year 6 parents towards the end of term.

Reminders
Working Bee June 2nd
The next Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday June 2nd. Information will be sent out shortly.

PD Day May 18th
We have a professional development day for staff, on Friday 18th May, and our focus on the Berry St Education Model will continue. Students do not attend school on this day. OHSC will be open as long as there are a minimum of 15 bookings.

Fees
Just a reminder that the term 2 school fees, second instalment of $500 is now due. Payments can be made at the office or by EFT. NAB Account: 483924506 BSB: 083 347 Reference: Family Name
We are committed to ensuring that financial issues or constraints, will not exclude any families from our school. Any family unable to pay the fees is required to make an appointment to see the Principal.

Year 5/6 Camp
A reminder that the payment of $280 for Year 5/6 Camp is due back on Friday 4th May. Payments are to be made at the office or by EFT. NAB Account: 483924506 BSB: 083 347 Reference: Family Name

‘A Visible Learner at St Bernard’s is a student who uses the ‘Success Criteria’ to know if they have achieved the ‘Learning Intention’.

Regards,

Joanne Doherty
Principal
Out of School Hours Care

Fantastic Upgrades to our OSHC House!
By now most families have had the opportunity to bear witness to the recent renovations in our OSHC house; the interior walls were beautifully painted in early January, providing a definite improvement in the aesthetics of the service. A huge thank you and appreciation must be given to Father Leo De Marzi who generously financed this OSHC painting project.

The fantastic upgrade of our OSHC kitchen has put a smile on everyone’s face!! Children, families and staff alike are thrilled with the upgrade of the kitchen facilities and bright new storage cupboards, again greatly improving the quality, functionality and aesthetics of our OSHC environment. This project was partially funded by a $5000 grant OSHC successfully received from Mr Peter Khalil, Federal member for Wills and the Department of Infrastructure. A huge thank you must also be given to our school Principal Mrs Joanne Doherty for allowing the April Vacation Care program to run from the school hall while the kitchen was being installed.

Reminder: Annual General Meeting this Thursday 3rd May at 6:00pm. Please attend and support the service that supports you!!!
Mother’s Day Activities

Mother’s Day stall - 10th May

Send your kids packed with lots of $$ to buy a gorgeous gift for Mum, Nana, Nonna, Yia-Yia...

**9 helpers needed for stall** Please email stbernardspfa@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Mother’s Day Raffle - 11th May

Tickets go home this week with the kids and all tickets are due back Friday 11th May, with the raffle drawn at the Assembly that day. The great prizes include: $500 9Round Kickboxing starter pack and 3 month membership vouchers for Woodlands Hotel, Let’s Face It Beauty Coburg Pamper, Mancini’s Hairdresser, candles and more.

$1 per ticket, $10 for a book of 10.

Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school. To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

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Call us on 1300 46 76 25
PROJECT COMPASSION 2018

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2018. Caritas Australia requests that all donations be received by May 31st, 2018, so that we can bank donations and post receipts to donors by that date. Please return your boxes by May 18th, 2018. Donations of $2.00 or more are tax deductible. Together we are working towards the creation of the just and compassionate world that God desires.

The amount donated so far is $2,730.00 - School: $471.50; Parish: $2,258.50. Once again, Thank You.

Windsor High Tea- Come celebrate 145 years of PCW

Presentation College Windsor is celebrating 145 years, making it the second oldest Catholic Girls’ School in Melbourne and would like to welcome you to the College to join in the celebrations. They are holding a High Tea for the community of past, current and prospective families. They will also honour the mothers of PCW, past and present, by celebrating Mothers’ Day.

Sunday 20th May

2.00-4.00pm
Presentation College Windsor,
187 Dandenong Road, Windsor, VIC 3181
$25 per head
Bookings at www.trybooking.com/UVKD