

## PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

God, our loving Father, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love creation.

Help us to work together to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who

suffer. Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love. Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others, and to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Amen

St Bernadette - Pray for us.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost half-way through the term as the weeks keep ticking along. It's been a very smooth start to the year, with both children and staff working hard to build relationships, to create inclusive, safe and active routines and to engage in explicit and challenging learning opportunities. We thank you, as parents and carers, for your support and involvement in making the start of the year such a smooth and successful one for all.

Last year, Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to renewal and rebirth. A Jubilee Year is held every 25 years, and is a sacred time of prayer, pilgrimage, and conversion. It is a call to experience God's mercy through sacramental repentance and spiritual renewal.

Thank you to all families who attended the Meet and Greet sessions. These are a valuable way of establishing a strong partnership with parents and carers, and making sure we are doing our very best to meet the needs of all children.

I'm attending the Western Zone Principals' Meeting at the end of this week. As a network we have been looking at St Paul, and his missionary work in spreading the Gospel message. I will be taking

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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.

part in a pilgrimage for 12 days in March/April that follows in the footsteps of St Paul, and one of his journeys from Athens to Istanbul. It promises to be a wonderful experience to share with Principal colleagues. I look forward to sharing aspects of the pilgrimage with you on my return.

### **STEM AT ST BERNADETTE'S**

As you may be aware, Kim Nguyen has returned to St Bernadette's from maternity leave this year and taken on the role as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Specialist Teacher. She has replaced Chris Roboerts who was running the Robotics Program. This year we have decided to move from a Robotics Program to a STEM Program. All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will receive one hour STEM class for three terms of the year.

We have decided to move from Robotics to a STEM program, as STEM encompasses a wide range of skills and content areas in an engaging way. STEM nurtures children's natural curiosity by allowing students to create hands-on projects that involve science, technology, engineering, and math. It helps develop critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork skills, fosters creativity, and prepares students for future careers in a technology-driven world. It also promotes digital literacy, and builds confidence in innovation. Students for this Specialist area will be assessed against the Technologies (Digital Technologies & Design and Technologies) Victorian Curriculum at the end of the year.

### **SCHOOL SAVING BONUS**

The Admin Team is processing the School Saving Bonus that was paid to Health Care Card holders to support with education costs. The \$400 per child will be deducted from your School Fees/Levies.

### **SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We have a very healthy supply of second hand uniforms, especially jumpers, in the office. These are available, in person, at the office for \$5 a piece.

### **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026**

If you have a child ready for school next year, please make sure you complete the Enrolment Enquiry from on our website. Please see the advertisement below for more details.



**ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SUNSHINE NORTH** **9311 8872**

**ENROL NOW 2026**

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2026 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2026, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE [www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au) WHERE YOU CAN **BOOK A TOUR** AND/OR COMPLETE AN **ENROLMENT ENQUIRY**.

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## **SOME GENERAL REMINDERS AS WE START THE TERM . . .**

- **School starts 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 held fortnightly on a Friday at 2:30pm in Pioneers Hall. All families are invited to attend.
- 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 19/2/25)

- **Year 5/6 Excursion to the Immigration Museum** - Tuesday 25th February
- **No school for Prep/Year 1** - Wednesday 26th February
- **Assembly 6R** - Friday 28th February
- **Year 1/2 Excursion to Werribee Mansion** - Monday 3rd March
- **Year 1/2 Information Night** - Tuesday 4th March
- **Ash Wednesday Mass - Wednesday 5th March @ 12:15pm**
- **Labour Day Holiday - No school - Monday 10th March**
- **Prep Information Night** - Wednesday 12th March @ 7:00pm
- **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 Eucharist (Year 4)** - June 21st (6:30pm) and June 22nd (11:00am)
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 27th August @ 7:00pm
- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 25th November @ 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 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

## **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.