

## PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our lives and for the life of every person, both near to us and far away. We praise the wonder of all your creation. Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer may this Lent draw us deeper into the warmth and light of God's love. May we see the world more clearly, especially those who are often overlooked. May we come closer to your heart, which you showed through the cross of Jesus. May we be full of hope for all future generations. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

St Bernadette - Pray for us.



**REMINDER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL THIS MONDAY 10TH MARCH DUE TO THE LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a significant time in the church's year, and one which calls us to look at our own lives and seek ways to improve. During Lent, we can do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These 3 actions allow us to continue the work of Jesus and St Bernadette, as we spread the good news through our prayers, words and actions. During Lent, we also have the opportunity to support the work of Project Compassion. We gathered as a school community in the Church to celebrate the beginning of the school year and to mark the beginning of Lent.

It was great to see so many of the Year 1/2 parents and carers at the Information session on Tuesday night. Key aspects of teaching and learning at St Bernadette's were discussed, including St B's instructional model, the new Maths and English curriculum and how to support your child's learning at home. Hopefully, those who attended feel more confident in supporting and engaging in their child's learning. We have our Year Prep Information Night on Wednesday 12th March at 7:00pm.

On Tuesday, a number of our Student Leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW.

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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.

Our student leaders came away with an understanding of their role and lots of ideas for their time as a leader. Thank you to Mrs Cahill and Mrs Katz for organising and supervising this excursion.

### **PARKING ON WESTMORELAND RD - AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN!!!!**

Drop off and pick up times on Westmoreland Rd are a real concern at the moment as people are not obeying the road or parking laws. The behaviours that NOT SAFE and most concerning are:

1. parents/carers parking in the drop off zone and leaving their cars
2. parents/carers making u-turns from the drop off area and close to the school crossing
3. parents/carers double parking
4. parents/carers not parking correctly - back of car still on the road
5. children getting in and out of the driver's side of the car

This behaviour MUST stop for the safety of our children and of all drivers. Thank you.



### **PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT**

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. There will be a Project Compassion Box placed in each classroom this Lent. Children and families are asked to contribute what they can to raise valuable funds to support the work of Caritas. By supporting Project Compassion, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.

Thank you for 'standing with us', as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

### **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 5/3/25)

- **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
- **Catholic Education Week Mass/Concert** - 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) - Wednesday 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.