



ENROL NOW PREP 2027

PRAYER TO ST BERNADETTE

Saint Bernadette, you saw Mary and listened to her. Teach us to listen to God's voice and to be humble, just like you. Gift us with a generous heart, so that we may help others. May we always trust in God's love and in our devotion to Mary.

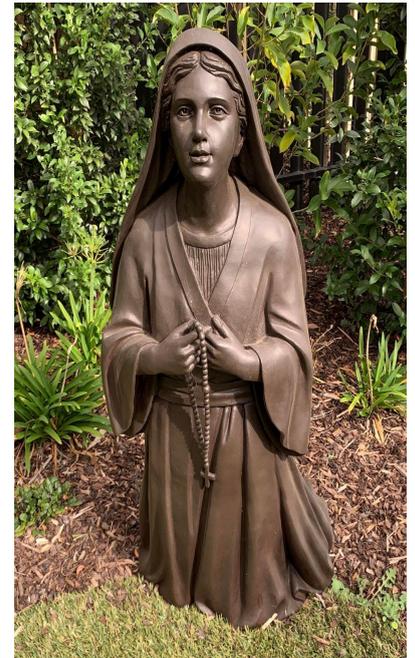
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

St Bernadette - Pray for us.

St Patrick - Pray for us.

St Joseph - Pray for us.



SCHOOL PHOTOS - TOMORROW - THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

The uniform expectations are as follows:

- Students are to wear **full summer uniform (NO SPORTS UNIFORM)**
- Hair, of shoulder length or longer, is to be tied back
- Hair ties/accessories in school colours only
- BLACK School shoes
- No jewellery, other than studs/sleepers - 1 pair only
- No make-up, false eyelashes, lipstick, etc

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday we will celebrate the life of **St Bernadette** and our **70th Anniversary** with a whole school mass in the parish Church. St Bernadette's feast day is on April 16th, however, it falls during the holidays. This Friday, we will take part in a special mass, followed by an activity day,

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.

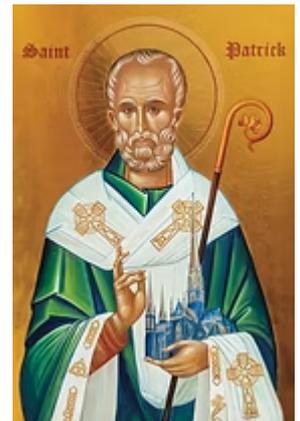
All students attending St. Bernadette's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.

with ProActive Sports and some fun activities focussing on the person of St Bernadette and our 70 years. Parents/carers are invited to come in and enjoy the fun and activities.

On FRIDAY, children are to wear their sports uniform and a t-shirt in the colour of their house. If they have house colour shorts, they can wear those also. Otherwise children are to wear their sport uniform shorts or tracksuit pants with a tshirt/top, the colour of their house.

The 70th celebrations will continue on Sunday with the Parish Mass at 11:00am, followed by an Open School with lots of displays from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. The school is looking amazing at the moment with lots of photos and artwork celebrating the history of our school, plus the creative talents of our students. It's definitely worth a look. There will be speeches and cake cutting at 12:30pm. See the attached flier for all the details.

Yesterday was St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of our Archdiocese, and the Cathedral in the city bears his name. This beautiful icon of St Patrick sees him holding many significant items, including the cathedral. It is also **Catholic Education Week** this week!! During this week we celebrate all the wonderful learning and teaching and community building and support that happens in Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. St Bernadette's is a wonderful example of all that is good about Catholic Education and we all should be proud of what we have achieved and what we continue to do here in Sunshine North.



And if the week isn't already busy enough, it is also **Harmony Week**. Being a school that is blessed with diversity, I could not let this week go without acknowledging it. Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Here at St Bernadette's, we are so lucky to have the diversity of cultures that have existed in our school for 70 years. We need to make sure we continue to promote respect, tolerance and harmony within our school, our homes and our community.

Thank you to the Prep parents and carers who attended the Information session last Wednesday night. Key aspects of teaching and learning at St Bernadette's were discussed, 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. Thanks also to the staff for organising and facilitating

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM

A reminder that school starts at 8:45am. While I understand that there can be issues with traffic, etc, it is really important your child arrives at school on time. Between 8:45am and 9:00am each class conducts a morning meeting where they pray, check in with each other, outline the day's timetable and basically connect and get ready for the day's learning. These first 15 minutes are vital in setting up each child for a successful day ahead. Please make sure your child arrives **BEFORE 8:45AM** each day.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, our school community has answered the call to Unite Against Poverty as part of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. We are proud to join thousands of others across Australia to create real, lasting change for people like Manaini.

Manaini is a mother of six and a grandmother of two living in rural Fiji. Life has always been a struggle - holding back tears, she shared: ***"The thing I worry about the most is my children's education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to try and achieve with my daily income"***.

Thanks to the generosity of schools like ours, Manaini joined training offered by Caritas Australia's local partner, FRIEND. Through the program, she learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops into flour, improving her family's nutrition and increasing her weekly income to support her children's education. ***"The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community,"*** Manaini said.

Will you stand with people like Manaini this Lent?

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes. Thank you for standing with us, as we ***Unite Against Poverty this Lent.***



PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 - PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

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



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

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ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2027 ARE NOW OPEN.

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS 5 BY APRIL 30TH 2027, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au WHERE YOU CAN **BOOK A TOUR AND/OR COMPLETE AN ENROLMENT ENQUIRY.**

Have a wonderful week

Brendan Gill

Principal

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

-70 Years-

*St Bernadette's School,
Sunshine North*

2 Willey St
Sunshine North 3020

MARCH
20th

FRIDAY

9:15AM

Join us for the 9:15am Whole School Mass, followed by light refreshments and a gallery celebrating St Bernadette's Primary School's journey of 70 years.

SUNDAY

22nd

11:00AM

Join us for the 11:00am Mass, followed by light refreshments and a gallery celebrating St Bernadette's Primary School's journey of 70 years.



RSVP by 16/3/2026

admin@stbsunshineth.catholic.edu.au

or 93118872

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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.



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 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.

IMPORTANT DATES 2026 (as at 18/3/26)

Term 1	Tuesday 27th January to Thursday 2nd April
Term 2	Monday 20th April to Friday 26th June
Term 3	Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September
Term 4	Monday 5th October - Tuesday 15th December

- **School Photos** - Thursday 19th March
- **St Bernadette's Feast Day, Mass and 70th Celebration** - Friday 20th March
- **St Bernadette's Parish Mass, 70th Celebration and Open School** - Sunday 22nd March
- **ASSEMBLY (5J)** - Friday 27th March @ 2:30pm
- **Term 1 ends** - Thursday 2nd April @ 1:00pm
- **Term 2 begins** - Monday 20th April @ 8:45am
- **Year 5/6 Camp @ CYC Adanac** - April 22 - 24

SACRAMENTS 2026

- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 10th November
- **Eucharist (Year 4)** - Saturday 13th June - 6:00pm & Sunday 14th June - 11:00am
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 10th September @ 7:00pm

CAMPS

- **Year 5/6 Camp** - April 22 - 24
- **Year 4 Camp** - July 29 - 31
- **Year 3 Camp** - October 13 - 14

NO SCHOOL - PUBLIC HOLIDAY / SCHOOL CLOSURE

Monday 8th June - Public Holiday - King's Birthday

Thursday 25th June - No School - Learning Conversations

Wednesday 26th August - No School - Staff Conference

Monday 2nd November - No School - Time in Lieu

Tuesday 3rd November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 1st December - No School - Planning Day for 2027