



ENROL NOW PREP 2027

PRAYER FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Gracious God, as we continue our Lenten journey,
Help us to be people of HOPE.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of LOVE.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of COMPASSION.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of JUSTICE.

God, you are with us.

Help us to be people of COURAGE.

God, you are with us.

St Bernadette - Pray for us.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD



**A reminder there is NO SCHOOL on MONDAY 9TH MARCH
It is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that Summer has come and gone, our Preps have started full-time and we are now over half way through Term 1!! Time flies when you are having fun. The children have continued to settle into the routines and expectations of schools. They have all undertaken various school-based and system assessments to ensure their learning is targeted and engaging.

Last night we held our Year 1/2 Parent Information Evening where over 40 parents attended to hear how they could support their child's learning and wellbeing. I am always so proud of the work our leaders and staff do, and this was another of those occasions. It is great that we can work together to support our children. A big thank you to the parents and carers who attended and the staff who prepared the evening.

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.

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

I am concerned about the number of students who arrive at school after 8:45am. Some days there are 20-30 children who arrive late. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

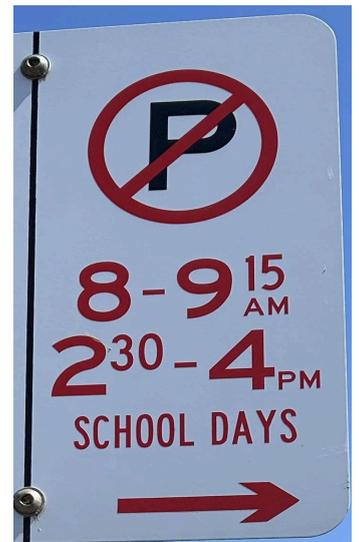
Parents should have received a flyer and booking form from SchoolPix for the school photos on Thursday 19th March. Please go online and order your photos if you wish. Children are to wear **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM** on the day.

PARKING IN THE WESTMORELAND RD - PICK UP AREA

Drop off and pick up times on Westmoreland Rd are a concern at the moment as people are not obeying the road or parking laws. The behaviours that are **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/side 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.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT

PROJECT COMPASSION This Lent, we are proud to support Caritas Australia's Project Compassion and to stand in solidarity with school communities across the world who have their education disrupted by the daily struggle for clean, safe water.

This week, we're introduced to **Sisilia**, a 13-year-old girl from Tanzania. Sisilia supported her mother by walking long distances three times a day to fetch water. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted and struggling to focus on her studies.

Thanks to Project Compassion and the support of schools like ours, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water, giving her more time to learn so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

"I'd like to fly to different countries and pass through the sky." – said Sisilia. *"Also, I want to help my family live a better life. If I can study without spending so much time fetching water, I know I can achieve my dream."*

Will you stand with students like Sisilia 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.**



CAMP AUSTRALIA

From January 2026, the Federal Government introduced the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Three Day Guarantee. This change removes the activity test and provides all eligible families with at least 72 subsidised hours per fortnight.

For most families, this is a significant shift. It means their OSHC is now fully covered across a fortnight, without needing to track work hours or meet activity test requirements. Families can also access up to three days of subsidised vacation care each week.

COMPASS

Thank you to those parents and carers who have signed onto our new communication platform and downloaded the app - COMPASS. All parents/carers were emailed instructions on how to sign on to Compass and your login details.

Please make sure you sign on to the correct school. To do this you need to enter **St Bernadette's School, Sunshine North**.



If your child is absent from or late to school without a reason, Compass will send you a notification requesting that you add an explanation for your child. Could you please complete this notification as it will save our admin staff a lot of time having to chase you up for the explanation.

The other important part of this is to update your child's medical information if required. For example, anaphylaxis, asthma, eczema, allergies, blood nose, hay fever and/or anything you think it's important for us to know about your child medically.

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

1956 - 2026

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 4/3/26)

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

- **Labour Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Monday 9th March**
- **NAPLAN Testing (Year 3 and 5) - March 11 - 23**
- **Prep Information Night - Wednesday 11th March**
- **ASSEMBLY (5C) - Friday 13th March @ 2:30pm**
- **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**

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 9th March - Public Holiday - Labour Day
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