



ENROL NOW PREP 2027

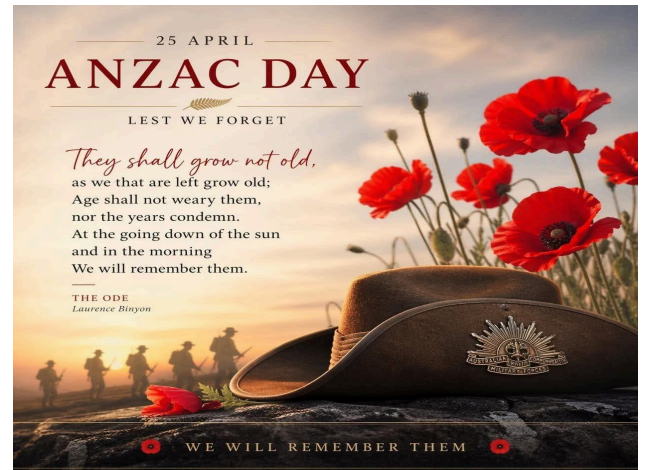
PRAYER FOR PEACE AS WE REMEMBER ANZAC DAY

God of Life, in this season of Easter,
We rejoice in the New Life your Son, the Risen
Jesus, gives us.

You offer us hope. You offer us peace.
We thank you for this treasured land of ours today,
as we remember the ANZAC soldiers who fought
to protect our country.

Help us to strive for PEACE in all we do.
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus,
our Risen Lord. Amen

LEST WE FORGET



St Bernadette – Pray for us.
GOD LOVES US – LET US LOVE GOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and school holidays. We have had a very smooth start to the term, and already there have been lots of exciting and engaging things happening.

This time last week I was at the **Year 5/6 Camp** at CYC Adanac, Yarra Junction. We were blessed with the most amazing weather and venue. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time away, taking on all the joys and challenges that a camp



provides. A huge vote of thanks to the staff who gave up their time and enthusiastically organised, attended and supervised the running of the camp. Thank you to Ms Marevic, Ms Tiziani, Mr Reitmaier, Ms Mattas, Mr John, Ms Scerri, Mr Miller, Mrs McCarthy, Ms Rosemary, Ms Deb and Ms Cherie for taking great care of the children and enabling such a wonderful experience for our children.

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.

Yesterday, our **Preps** attended **Animal Land**, and had a wonderful experience interacting with many different farm animals. Although the children were tired when they returned, they were still very much excited when recounting to me stories of the pig, the cows and the rabbits. Thank you Ms Suzanne, Ms Scerri, Mrs Chapman and Ms Amanda for organising and supervising this awesome excursion.

Later in the term our Year 3/4s will visit Werribee Zoo and our Year 1/2s will go to Scienceworks.

Last Monday, we gathered to acknowledge **ANZAC Day** - a very significant date in our national calendar. Not only do we pray for those people who lost their lives on April 25th 1915, but we pray for all lives lost in all wars. We also stop to pray for **PEACE** - a peace that will fill our lives, our school, our families, our community and our world. At this point in time, we are very aware of the many conflicts that are happening in our world, and are very much in need of this peace.

WELCOME - STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER

This term we welcome Mrs Margaret Whitford as our new Student Wellbeing Leader. Margaret comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having held this position previously. Please make Margaret welcome when you see her. We look forward to working with her during her time at St Bs.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS - FRIDAY 8TH MAY

Next week, we will gather as a school to recognise our mothers and mother figures at our **Mothers' Day Breakfast and Mass** on Friday 8th May. The breakfast is in Pioneers Hall starting at 7:30am. Food, tea, coffee, juice flavoured milk and water will be provided. Mass will begin at 9:15am in the Church. All mothers, grandmothers, mother figures and families are invited to join us at both events.

WINTER UNIFORM MUST BE WORN FROM MAY 11TH

Students are required to wear the Winter Uniform from Monday 11th May. Until this date, children are still able to wear either the Summer or Winter uniform.

There is a very good supply of Winter uniform available from the office. Please complete an order form or come into the office, to purchase the items you need.

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

Have a great week,

Brendan Gill
Principal



CARITAS AUSTRALIA THANK YOU

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, our school community was a part of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. We united with schools and parishes across the country in solidarity with vulnerable communities all over the world, paving the way to a brighter, more just future for all.

Our whole school community stepped up and answered the call, and we are truly grateful to all of you for your incredible support and generosity. Together, we became a powerful force for good, making a difference in the lives of many. Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty this Lent**.



CHILD SAFETY AT ST BERNADETTE'S

Child Safety is everyone's concern at St Bernadette's. All children have a right to feel safe and heard. Please read the attached MACS Care article on Child Safe Standard 3 - *Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.* Thank you.

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

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.



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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 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 29/4/26)

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

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

- **Interschool Sport v Corpus Christi (home)** - Friday 1st May
- **Kids View Conference - Social Justice Committee** - Thursday 7th May
- **Mothers' Day Breakfast and Mass** - Friday 8th May
- **First Eucharist Family Night** - Wednesday 13th May @ 7:00pm
- **First Eucharist Reflect Day** - Friday 15th May
- **Interschool Sport v Footscray North (away)** - Friday 15th May
- **Interschool Sport v St John's (home)** - Friday 22nd May
- **Year 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo** - Thursday 28th May
- **Interschool Sport v Dinjerra (home)** - Friday 29th May
- **Interschool Sport v Footscray West (away)** - Friday 5th June
- **Year 1/2 Excursion to Scienceworks** - Friday 5th June
- **King's Birthday Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL - Monday 8th June**
- **Interschool Sport v Footscray (home)** - Friday 12th June
- **First Eucharist Mass** - Saturday 13th June @ 6:00pm
- **First Eucharist Mass** - Sunday 14th June @ 11:00am
- **Semester 1 Reports distributed** - Monday 22nd June
- **Learning Conversations - NO SCHOOL - Thursday 25th June**
- **Term 2 ends** - Friday 26th June @ 1:00pm

SACRAMENTS 2026

- **First Eucharist (Year 4)** - Saturday 13th June - 6:00pm **OR** Sunday 14th June - 11:00am
- **Confirmation (Year 6)** - Thursday 10th September @ 7:00pm
- **First Reconciliation (Year 3)** - Tuesday 17th November

CAMPS

- **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

SCHOOL TERMS 2027

Term 1	Thursday 28th January - Thursday 25th March
Term 2	Monday 12th April – Friday 25th June
Term 3	Monday 12th July – Friday 17th September
Term 4	Monday 4th October – Tuesday 14th December