



ENROL NOW PREP 2027

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Father, thank you for my family.

Thank you for the laughter, the learning, the tears, and the triumphs that fill my home.

Lord Jesus, be always present in our house.

Teach us. Inspire us by your word. We belong to you.

May we honour you with our actions and our words.

May we build each other up according to the values you taught.

May we offer forgiveness when there is hurt. May we praise you in times of joy and seek comfort with you in times of need!

Bless the group of people that I love and that I call family and keep it strong. Amen.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all mothers had a wonderful day last Sunday. It was great to see so many of our mothers and mother figures gather in the hall and church for our annual Mothers' Day celebrations last Friday. It was a great opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to the amazing strong women in our lives who we get to call 'mum'. May you all continue to feel loved and appreciated for all you do for your families and our school community.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Please pray for the following Year 4 children who will receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist** for the first time on June 13th or 14th. These children and their families gathered tonight for the Family Eucharist preparation evening.

Ana, Isla, Jaslene, Jonathan, Michael F, Isabella, Sebastian, John, Mia Tripodi,
Nakai Daisy, Siena, Scott, Helen, Ozzy, Abigail, Mary, Newton, Jessica,
Oliver, Mia Tran, Macie, Giacomo, Kiera, Adam, Michael L, Brandon, Clara,
Isabel, Nathaniel, Hayley, Betty and Evan

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.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2026 (NSS 2026)

St Bernadette's will be participating in this year's **National Simultaneous Storytime 2026**. This event is one of Australia's most beloved annual reading events. It brings together millions of children, families, libraries, schools and early learning centres to share the same story, at the same time, right across Australia. NSS 2026 will take place on **27 May 2026 at 12:00pm**. The story that will be read this year is *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake Minton and published by Little Book Press.



FAMILY WEEK 2026

The aim of Families Week is to celebrate the vital role families play in Australian society and reflect on their importance in teaching, supporting and nurturing children as they grow. The week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May – a day to mark the importance of families globally and promote awareness of issues relating to families.

WINTER UNIFORM

As of May 11th, students are required to be wearing the 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

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

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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.**

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 13/5/26)

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

- **First Eucharist Family Night** - Wednesday 13th May @ 7:00pm
- **First Eucharist Reflection 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

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

As Term 2 continues, families and educators may be noticing areas where students need additional support with reading, writing, language, confidence, or learning engagement.

To support families and school communities, SPELD Victoria is offering a series of free online information sessions throughout Term 2, presented by experienced literacy specialists and psychologists.

These practical sessions are designed to help parents and educators better understand learning difficulties and explore supportive, evidence-based strategies that can be used at home and in educational settings.

Upcoming sessions will explore topics including:

- Supporting reading and writing development
- Building resilience and self-esteem
- Understanding language disorders



All sessions are free, delivered online, and will not be recorded.

[View All Information Session Dates](#)

Featured Workshops

Free Parent Info Session –

Supporting Your Child in Reading and Writing

Tuesday 12th May 2026 |  Location: Online

Want to help your child become a more confident reader and speller?



Supporting Your Child in Reading and Writing

Presented By:
Ashraf Samsudin

1:00pm - 2:30pm
Tuesday 12th May 2026

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP


Join us for a free online session designed to give parents, carers and educators practical, evidence-based strategies to support reading and writing at home.

- Understand the essential skills your child needs to develop
- Learn simple activities that build literacy into everyday routines
- Get tips on choosing the right books and materials for your child's level

[Register Now](#)

Free Parent Info Session –

Developing Resilience and Self-Esteem of Students with Learning and Language Difficulties

Tuesday 9th June 2026 |  Location: Online

Developing Resilience and Self-Esteem

Presented By:
Kirsten Melville

1:00pm - 2:30pm
Tuesday 9 June

ONLINE



Research highlights that resilience and positive self-esteem play an important role in supporting the wellbeing and learning of children and young people with learning difficulties.

Join psychologist Kirsten Melville for this free online information session exploring practical, evidence-based strategies to support resilience, confidence, and emotional wellbeing at home and in educational settings.

Topics will include:

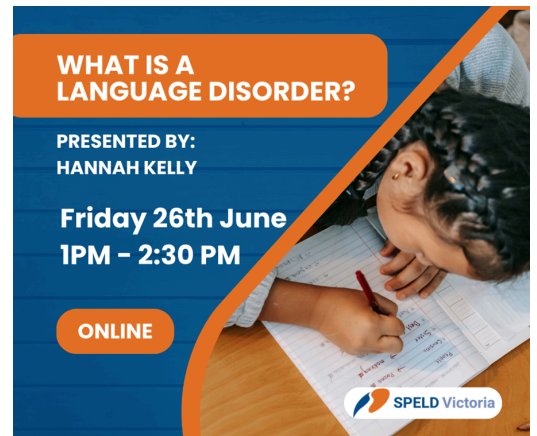
- Supporting positive self-esteem
- Building resilience and coping skills
- Encouraging confidence in learning
- Creating supportive environments at home and school

[Register Now](#)

Free Parent Info Session —

What is a Language Disorder?

Friday 26th June 2026 | 🧑 Location: Online



Oral language skills play an important role in learning, communication, social interaction, and literacy development.

This free online information session is designed for parents and professionals seeking to build a stronger understanding of language difficulties and language disorder, including how these challenges may present at home and in educational settings.

Participants will explore:

- What oral language is and why it matters
- Common signs of language difficulties
- How language disorders are identified
- Practical ways to support children and young people

Support at home and at school can make a meaningful difference for students experiencing language difficulties.

[Register Now](#)

[View All Sessions & Register Now](#)
