Hello Families and Friends,

Welcome back to school and to what promises to be an exciting and prosperous year. A particular welcome to our new prep students (listed below) and to Jack Nelsson (1/2 Yellow), Bridget Wright (1/2 Blue), Bianca (4 Red) and Abby Boag (3 Red), and Tino (1/2 Blue) and Sonny Taranto (1/2 Red) who enter at other grade levels. We are also thrilled to have Luca (5/6 Yellow) and Neela Frizzo (3 Green) here from Sweden for four weeks.

Our new teachers for this year are Mr Luke Bates (Music and PE) and Mrs Stephanie Hamer (Year 3 Red). Our new support staff are Kylie Curnow, Melissa Terry, Emma Bryant, Mellissa Rickman and Meaghan Grandy is our new Administration Officer. These people have already added much to our team and we welcome them and look forward to the year.

Much has taken place over the break. The student toilets in the administration block have been refurbished, the school has had a facelift using school colours, the arborist has cut limbs to improve the safety of our playgrounds and most of our new resources have come pouring in. Our shade sails for the Year 4-6 play area and new garden shed will be installed in the next few weeks.

Parents, you will receive a Parent Calendar this week and a Class Curriculum Newsletter and Timetable on Wednesday 8 February to keep you informed. On Thursday 16 February, we will host our Parent Curriculum Evening and Family Dinner. On the night we will be asking parents to place their name on the Friendship Contact List and we will also be looking for two or three Classroom Representatives per class. Last year our Parent Reps did an outstanding job of communicating with families and helping to support the class teachers. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist in this important role. Class Reps are asked to attend one Parent and Friends meeting a term.

Thank you to all parents who attended during your child’s assessments this week and updated your contact information. This has allowed us to get off to a great start this year. Please refer to your Parent Handbooks for information about the 2017 school year. Please be aware it is now compulsory for volunteers in Catholic Primary Schools to have their Working with Children Checks. We would like all our parents to obtain their cards by visiting http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ so we may have a host of helpers on hand. We will hold a helpers workshop on Monday 13 February at 6.00pm and Tuesday 14 February at 9.00am for all St Brendan’s PS volunteers.

The St Brendan’s Swimming Carnival will be held at the Aquadome on Friday 10 February. We hope to see parents there to cheer on their child and their team. Please see Luke Bates if you are able to volunteer time on the day. Our Welcome Back Mass takes place on Friday 17 February at 9.10am. Please join us to celebrate coming together again.

Please be aware our first Friday assembly is on February 17. We hope to see you all there!

Isn’t it great to be back in routine again!

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

Welcome 2017 PREPS
## FEBRUARY

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| Monday 13th | 6.00pm Helper’s Workshop                                             |
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| Wednesday 15th | Prep - No school  
                                           5.00pm School Board meeting |
| Thursday 16th | 5.00pm Parent Curriculum Evening  
                                           6.00pm Family Dinner |
| Friday 17th | 9.10am Whole School Welcome Mass  
                                           2.40pm Assembly—Year 5/6 Yellow Prayer |

**Term 1 Parent Calendar**
out soon.
All Term 1 events at a glance.

**DRESS UNIFORM**
Monday
Tuesday
Friday

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
Wednesday
Thursday

**School Records**
If you haven’t already done so, please call into the office and complete paper work for 2017 school year.

**The School Newsletter**
comes out every Thursday.
You can access this via the Skoolbag App and on the School website.

**Don’t forget to bring in your paper and tissues.**
Please write names on boxes.
Dear Parents

Collaborative Conferences will be held from 1.30pm – 7.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd February and 3.30pm to 5.45pm on Thursday, 23rd February.

You can now book your Conference time that suits YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Thank you to those that have promptly booked appointments.

BOOK NOW TO GET A TIME THAT SUITS YOU

LUNCH ORDERS
Will commence next week on Monday 6th February. On Tuesday and Wednesday each family was given a Lunch Order Price List for 2017. On the back of the price list is instructions for setting out the bag. It is important that you follow these instructions, placing correct money for each child and using a brown paper bag. Prices List can also be found on the Skoolbag App and the School website.

PRAYER ASSEMBLY
Each Monday morning at 9.00am a Prayer Assembly (approximately 10 minutes) will be held at Mary MacKillop Centre. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Will be held each Friday afternoon at 2.40pm in the Mary MacKillop Centre. Please note there will be no Assembly this week and next week due to the swimming carnival.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our school Swimming Carnival for the Year 3 to Year 6 students will be held on Friday 10th February. A separate note with more information will be sent home today. Please ensure you talk to your children about the events they would like to participate in and return to school by Tuesday 7th of February.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Please note the two week Swimming program for Year 3 to 6 will commence on Monday 20th March.

BABY CONGRATULATION
Congratulation to the Dickson family (Mrs Taylor) on the arrival of “Huxley”.
Congratulatons to the Costigan family on the arrival of “Parker”.
Congratulation to the Pickalla-Hayes family on the arrival of “Summer”.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY
Our deepest sympathy to Tina, Luke, Jade and Owen Cupitt on the loss of your mother and grandmother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.
LAKES ENTRANCE AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Registration nights - 2017 Season 1

13th February 5-6pm & 20th February 5-6pm

Please note it will be compulsory for all players to register online.

Assistance will be available on registration nights for anyone who needs help.

Registrations are now open online @ lakes entrance sports tg.com

Closing date for all registrations is the 24th February

Womens and Juniors—$130.00

Skills (5-7 years) - $90.00

Any questions please call Penny on 0407400527