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**Collaborative Conferences will be held on
Tuesday, 3rd March from 3.45pm to 6.30pm
and on Wednesday, 4th March from 1.30pm to 6.30pm**



School Interviews

Interview times have been made for families that didn't utilise the online booking system. Dates and times will be sent home. If you don't know or have forgotten your day or time please contact the office for details.

These conferences are essential meeting times to plan for your child's learning. Through strategies such as these discussions we are finding that our students have greater ownership of their learning and are more focused on the next level of progression.

School will finish at 12.55pm on Wednesday, 4th March.

You will need to make alternate arrangements for your child/ren on this afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you here next week.

Student pick up arrangements — Please make arrangements with your children prior to the start of the school day. A suggestion would be to attach a label to your child's bag explaining how they will be getting home eg, carline, bus or walk home. We do understand that circumstances change throughout the day and occasionally you may need to contact the office. It is important to us that we don't continually interrupt classes.

Thank you.



Uniform Days

Summer Dress Uniform Monday & Tuesday Sports Uniform Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Dear Families and Friends,

Congratulations to our **St Brendan's swimming team** who competed at Orbost last week. Once again we were thrilled with the support they showed one another. This team work was most evident in the relays with all freestyle teams making it through. At the Division Carnival in Bairnsdale we were once again very proud of our team's sportsmanship. The kids rallied around each other and we have two relay teams and four individual swimmers racing in Warragul on Thursday, 12 March.

Local Business Advertising Opportunity

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School is keen to help out our local businesses. If you would like to advertise your business in our fabulous school newsletter please send your flyer to principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au

We will do this on a rotational basis advertising up to four businesses a week.

A big thank you to Mike Ryan who with the help of a grant from the East Gippsland Shire in conjunction with Gippsland Lakes Complete Health was able to coordinate **'The Collectors'** to visit our area and perform several shows for schools around Lakes Entrance. The Collectors are a couple of artists who engage children's interest about the environment through stories and play. We had a great time with Sprig and Magnolia and the students produced writing pieces as they explored their imagination.

Help Needed in Our Garden

As you would well know one of the features of our school is the Kitchen/Garden Experience we provide to our students. At present we need help, particularly in the garden! If you can offer an hour or two weekly or from time to time, please contact Mike Ryan through the school office on 51552712. A Working With Children's Check is required.

Collaborative Conferences take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please make this meeting a priority as it helps to scaffold your child's learning for the year. The family/school partnership is integral to the success of our students.


Please collect up your gardening gear and tools and come along to help at our school **working bee** on Saturday, 29 February from 8.00am – 11.00am. Many hands make light work.



Matthew Hamer

Dates for the Calendar

FEBRUARY

Friday 28th	9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup 9.10am Year 5 Prayer Service 11.30am Clean Up Australia Day		Week 5
Saturday 29th	Working Bee		


MARCH

Monday 2nd	Family Meal: 6 Blue	Week 6
Tuesday 3rd	3.45pm Collaborative Conferences	
Wednesday 4th	12.55pm School finishes 1.35pm Collaborative Conferences	
Friday 6th	9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup 9.10am Year 6 Class Mass 9.10am Year 2 Prayer Service 2.35pm Assembly—Year 4 Prayer	
Monday 9th	Labour Day Holiday	
Tuesday 10th	Family Meal: Foundation Red	Week 7
Wednesday 11th	3.15pm After school sport 5.00pm Year 3 Camp Meeting 5.00pm Year 4 Camp Meeting	
Thursday 12th	Regional Swim Carnival—Warragul	
Friday 13th	9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup Crazy Hair Day 9.10 Year 4 Class Mass 10.00am Year 6 Red —Lakeview Nursing Home visit 10.00am Year 6 Blue —Kalimna Nursing Home visit	
Monday 16th	Family Meal: Foundation Blue Swimming—Years 3-6	Week 8
Tuesday 17th	Swimming—Years 3-6	
Wednesday 18th	Swimming—Years 3-6 3.15pm After school sport	
Thursday 19th	Swimming—Years 3-6	
Friday 19th	Swimming—Years 3-6 9.10am Year 1 Class mass 10.00am Year 2 Red —Lakeview Nursing Home visit 10.00am Year 2 Blue —Kalimna Nursing Home visit 2.35pm Assembly Year 6 Item	

Absence Reminder : If your child is absent from school, you must advise the school as soon as possible on the day. Due to new legislation, the school is required to contact parents/guardians if your child is absent with an unknown reason. A Skoolbag App absentee form is the most efficient contact method or you can phone the school office and then provide a written note.



St Brendan's ~ St Colman's Catholic Church - Mass Times

Friday 28/2		NO MASS	Wednesday 4/3	9.30am	St. Colman's, Orbost
Saturday 29/2	5.00pm	St Colman's Orbost	Thursday 5/3	10.30am	Kalimna Nursing Home
Sunday 1/3	9.00am 11.00am	St. Brendan's, Lakes Entrance St Joseph's Swan Reach			
Tuesday 3/3	9.30am	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance			



This year marks the 30th birthday of Clean Up Australia Day and St Brendan's Primary School have been proudly involved for the majority of that time!

Together, a lot has been achieved over the past three decades, but now Australians are creating more waste than ever. In fact, Clean Up Australia have just finished analysing reports of items collected from all the Clean Ups held last year – and one thing stood out.

The percentage of plastics collected at Schools Clean Ups jumped a staggering 21%!

Has there ever been a more important time to get out into our schools and communities to Clean Up and to teach our next generation about the impacts of plastic on our environment?

Come join us tomorrow, Friday 28th February, as we clean up our school grounds.

All classes will be cleaning at 11.30am, with the exception of Year 4, who will be cleaning up at 2.45pm.

Volunteers need a Working With Children Check, covered shoes, gloves and a hat. All volunteers must register with their child's class. Thank you

Introducing our Environment Captains for 2020!

Why did you want to become an environment leader?

I have a passion for the environment and I really wanted to find a way I could help and make a difference.

Isabelle Bandura



I really like the sea creatures and other animals. I love playing in the grass. I love playing near the trees. I love playing with the flowers!

Skeye Perry



I love how beautiful the environment is and I don't want it to perish or suffer.

Indiana Malandrini



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH

Class Masses and Prayer Services

This year, we are trying to give the children the opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with God, by involving them in a broader range of prayer experiences. The children will still help prepare two Class Masses per year, but our Parish Masses will now be replaced by two Class Prayer Services. These will allow the children to take more ownership of their prayer experience and it will allow them the freedom to be creative with their ideas.

Please take the opportunity to join in with your child/ren for these once a term celebrations.

Please note: The Year 5 Class Prayer service on Friday 28th will be held at 2.45pm.

LENT 2020



Lent commences on Ash Wednesday and continues until Holy Week. On Ash Wednesday we receive the mark of the ashes (the blessed and burnt palms from the previous Palm Sunday). They are a symbol of repentance and are placed on the forehead of Catholics around the world. They are a physical sign that Lent has begun. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence (going without meat) and fasting. Lent is a

time to rediscover the meaning of life and prioritise what is important in how we live our lives. We try to simplify our lives (fasting), take time out to reflect and pray (prayer), and listen and respond to those in need (almsgiving). Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are concrete ways in which we can demonstrate our relationship with God. (Taken from "Lent: The Experience of Rescue" –John Gallen SJ)

Help your child pray, fast, give this Lenten season!

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Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support

This week we have focused on ***Respect for Others.***

Class discussions have centred around:

- Speaking kindly and using manners
- Valuing the opinions of others
- Looking after school property

It is always pleasing to hear feedback from visitors as to how welcoming and helpful our students are. One of the parishioners commented on the respect our children showed during yesterday's Ash Wednesday Mass. It is evident that everyone is benefitting from having a whole school approach to positive behaviour.

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Nǐ Hǎo!!

歡迎 Huān yíng 2020.....

Huān yíng.. Welcome to 2020!!

It has been wonderful to see the students settle into the start of a new school year. Already this term, most students have retained their knowledge of Chinese and have engaged in Mandarin conversation even after the holidays!

We began our first lessons with students 'zooming' to China to meet their new teacher via video conference.

Streaming live meant that students were able to see where their teacher lived in real time. Some students saw that it was snowing outside their teachers window, or they lived in tall apartment buildings.

Our Chinese teachers have already started introducing new Mandarin vocabulary suited to each year level and to ensure continued space practice, revised vocabulary and tones from 2019.

The main aim for each Mandarin session will be:

- to introduce new vocabulary via video conferencing (25mins zoom)
- revise learnt vocabulary through games, written activities and movement
- focus on pronunciation and tone
- immerse and encourage students to be apart of Mandarin conversation
- to read Chinese Pinyin and incorporate the four tones of Mandarin
- Identify Chinese cultural festivities and customs, and relate them to Australian traditions



Chinese New Year

Our first introduction to Mandarin was learning about the most important Chinese FestivalChinese New Year! This year, it began on Saturday 25th January and went for 15 days.

Chinese New Year is a time to welcome in the new year with well wishes and participate in activities such as, dragon dancing, wearing new clothes (especially red), the giving of red packets with money (Hóngbāo), setting off fireworks and spending time with loved ones! To signify Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rat, the Year 6 students are currently in the process of constructing agamographs. These art pieces show a rat from one angle and from another angle, the Chinese character for rat.



Vocabulary

- Year Four and Five classes are focusing on colours through games and conversation:

Red: **hóng sè** Yellow: **huáng sè**

Blue: **lán sè** White: **bái sè**

Black: **hēi sè**

- Year One, Two and Three classes are learning varying degrees of how to introduce themselves and knowing basic verbs:

nǐ jiào shénme míngzi? (you called what name?)

wǒ jiào... (I am called...)

tā jiào shénme míngzi? (he/she called what name?)

tā jiào... (he/she called...)

Tíng (stop), **zǒu** (go)

- Foundation classes are currently exploring the country of China and learning how to say:

hello (nǐ hǎo) and **goodbye** (zài jiàn).

If you would like vocabulary sheets to help your child practice at home please let me know.

Hamer Lǎo shī

Division Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday the 26th of February, 25 students went to Bairnsdale for the Division Swimming Carnival. The weather was cold and windy and at the end of the day when the medley races were on, the wind got stronger and stronger so as some of the Year Six's got out of the pool, it was even colder.

Thanks to Meaghan for keeping our group together and for telling us when our events are so we didn't miss them and Mr Bates for helping with the races and organising the day.

By Bianca Henderson





Caritas Leadership Day

On the 21st of February, the Social Justice Leaders, the School Captains and the Year 5 and 6 students from St Joseph's Orbest spent the day with Gwen Michener from Caritas Australia.

We had the opportunity to learn about what Caritas does to help people in need and how we can take what Gwen taught us and use it in our own community.

We learnt how we take the things we have for granted and that some people are not as fortunate as others. We played games to show examples of the real things that are happening in our own world and how not all cultures are the same.

We used the Catholic Social Teaching Principles to help us understand that everyone deserves to be respected.

Special thanks to Mrs Milburn, Gwen, the St Joseph Students and the teachers that came and made the day fun for everyone.

By the Year Six students, Ruby O'Brien and Alanah Kelly.



100k Club

The 100K club has started up again, better than ever.

It will run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 9.00am.

You can run, jog or walk around the oval.

We will tick your name when you run a lap and when you get 100K you get a badge and a prize.

When the Foundation kids get 10K, 25K, 50K and 60K, they will get lucky dips at assembly.

When the Year 1 and 2s get 25K, 40K, 60K and 75K they will get a lucky dip.

When the Year 3s get 25K, 50K, 65K and 85K they will get a lucky dip.

When the Year 4s and 5s get 25K, 55K, 75K and 90K they will get a lucky dip.

Try your best. We would like most people to have a crack.

From Harper and Taj



Year 2 Students enjoying Shrove Tuesday



St Brendan's Playgroup



Come and join a morning of fun and play with other families in the community. All are welcome to participate in music, movement and play!

Fridays during school terms
9am-10.30am St Brendan's Church Hall (come to school Reception for directions).



No charge - please bring a piece of fruit for morning tea to share. Tea and Coffee provided.



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Any questions please contact school office on 5155 2712



Because of the recent bushfires we have all experienced various change and loss issues. We will be running the program **Stormbirds® Growing Through Natural Disaster** as a support to children who are continuing to feel the effects of these fires and evacuations. Debby Milburn has been trained to run this program and will begin to take small groups in the next few weeks.

This small group program of 4 sessions aims to support children;

- Manage the personal impact of the changes they have experienced
- Understand that their reactions are normal
- To “take charge” of their attitudes, feelings and behaviours
- Develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making
- Build their support network with families, friends, teachers and others

If you feel your child would benefit from participating in this program please contact Debby for more details.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 18 March

4 – 7 PM

EXPERIENCE NAGLE COLLEGE

- Information sessions
- Student-led school tours
- Engaging hands-on activities
- Sausage sizzle
- Performances, and more!

For more information, such as a breakdown of the evening's activities, or to register your attendance, please visit: www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day.

Lakes Entrance Junior Football



will be starting training for season 2020 on Wednesday 11th March.

Training times will be as follows:

U10's 4.30 - Coach James Gibbs

U12's 5.00 - Coach Andrew Stevens

U14's 5.00 - Coach Glen Bills

EGJFL DATES OF BIRTH FOR AGE GROUPS 2020

AGE GROUP	START DATE	END DATE
UNDER 10	01/01/2010	31/12/2011
UNDER 12	01/01/2008	31/12/2009
UNDER 14	01/01/2006	31/12/2007

THERE IS A BOTTOM AGE LIMIT OF 8 YEARS OF AGE. THAT IS, A PLAYER MUST TURN 8 IN 2020 IN ORDER TO PLAY UNDER 10'S, however if registrations are high in under 10's age group we may only accept the top age players registered.

We encourage all kids aged 8 and under to continue with Auskick program.

FEMALES MAY PLAY IN UNDER AGE FOOTBALL UP UNTIL THE AGE OF 14

At present we will be only looking at fielding one side of each age group so if you have any concerns Junior President, Mick Van Oosterom will be in attendance at training to ask any questions you may have regarding the season or please feel free to contact him on 0427507078

Registrations will be opening Friday 21st February. All registrations & payments are online. Go to www.lakesentrancefnc.sportingpulse.net/ Click on the link "click here to register or update your details" to register.

At St Brendan's we live, work and play by the 3Rs every day.

Respect for self by:

Interacting in my school community with all teachers, staff and students every day in a positive way and with pride.

Respect for others by:

Greeting all people in our school community in a friendly and polite manner and taking into consideration the safety and learning of others by displaying positive actions towards helping them to learn and feel safe.

Responsibility for all your actions by:

Making good choices, considering the safety, feeling and impact of my actions on others.



Playgroup Networking Event

For pre-school aged children with additional needs

Wednesday 4th March 2020

Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre
117 Great Alpine Rd, Lucknow
10.00am - 3.00pm

- See Wacky Wombat Entertainment and experience the wonderful world of Circus activities.
- Experience fun sensory play activities in a culturally safe environment
- Receive information from local service providers for children with additional needs
- Meet other families in similar circumstances
- Receive information on how your playgroup can be easily adapted to support children with additional needs.



Hosted by PlayConnect

PlayConnect is a national program of playgroups that offer play-based learning opportunities for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or who display ASD like characteristics. The program also creates extended social support networks for their families and carers.

The Playgroups aim to connect families and carers to resources available in their local area. At PlayConnect, families can gain support, meet other caregivers, and relax in a safe, understanding environment. The sessions are facilitated and provide activities and programs specifically to cater to the children's developmental and behavioural needs.

For enquiries about this event please contact Vicki McDonald at
Playgroup Victoria on 1800 171 882 or at vmcdonald@playgroup.com.au
This event will be facilitated by Rose McKenna



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Tuesday 10th

March

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Continue to send your
bread tags to the Library.



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!

What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Contact us for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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