



## St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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*Newsletter No 6 March, 12*

### Prayer of the Week

Dear God,  
Thank you for keeping my house safe in the bushfires. Please  
lookout for the people who were harmed in the fires. Amen  
By Lacey Lee



## Crazy Hair Day

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH



We are  
raising  
money for  
the  
Leukemia  
Foundation

Organised by the Social Justice Leaders

Gold coin donation

## Easter Raffle

**Each family is asked to contribute an Easter Egg or Easter related goods towards our raffle.**

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 - Friday, 27th March.

There will be many prizes per grade as well as 2 large prizes with all tickets put together for a major draw.

Proceeds will go to Caritas and local causes.

**Tickets will be 50c per ticket and are available in the classrooms.**

Help will be required with the wrapping of the Easter prizes.

Please contact the office if you can help.



Dear Families and Friends,

We had a very successful **Working Bee** a couple of weeks ago. Two of the main jobs we ticked off were to free the vegetable garden beds of weeds and to build the **hugely popular gaga pit**. Now Mike Ryan and the students can grow veggies year after year with the **planter boxes being lined with weed mats**. The students can also play in the gaga pit at break times, a game which they self-manage because they follow the rules set out by Dexter Collins, Aiden Wealands and Leroy Hayes. Thank you very much to all our willing parent helpers on that Saturday morning. If anyone has any left-over exterior wood oils/stains, we would appreciate tins being delivered to school so we can protect the gaga pit frame.

### 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](mailto:principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)

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

### Health Tips - What to put in healthier school lunches

Try planning a healthy lunch box to start the school year. Talk to your children and discuss what they would be happy to have included.

The six key parts to a healthy lunchbox include:

- fresh fruit
- fresh crunchy vegetables
- milk, yoghurt or cheese (you can use reduced-fat options for children over the age of two years). For children who cannot tolerate milk products, offer appropriate alternatives like calcium fortified soy or rice drink or soy yoghurt
- a meat or meat alternative food like some lean meat (e.g. chicken strips), hard-boiled egg
- a grain or cereal food like bread, a roll, flat bread, fruit bread or crackers (wholegrain or wholemeal choices are best)
- tap water



Parents, please be advised that **Catholic Care** are now working out of the Palm Room beside the church in a three year commitment to our community. If you or someone you know is struggling due to the effect of the bushfires, **counselling is available** on an ongoing basis. Please contact me at school on 51552712, Mary at the Parish office on 5155 5232 or Catholic Care on 1800 522 076.

Today our **Division swimming team** travelled to Warragul to compete. Well done to all our students who made it this far, we are very proud of you. The results were all very positive with some personal bests.

Matthew Hamer

# Dates for the Calendar

## MARCH

Friday 13th	<b>9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup</b> Crazy Hair Day 9.10 Year 4 Class Mass 10.00am Year <b>6 Red</b> —Lakeview Nursing Home visit 10.00am Year <b>6 Blue</b> —Kalimna Nursing Home visit	Week 7
Monday 16th	<b>Family Meal: Foundation Blue</b> 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 20th	<b>9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup</b> Swimming—Years 3-6 9.10am Year 1 Class mass 10.00am Year <b>2 Red</b> —Lakeview Nursing Home visit 10.00am Year <b>2 Blue</b> —Kalimna Nursing Home visit 2.35pm Assembly Year 6 Item	Week 9
Monday 23rd	<b>Family Meal: Year 1 Red</b> Swimming—Years 3-6	
Tuesday 24th	Swimming—Years 3-6	
Wednesday 25th	Swimming—Years 3-6 3.15pm After school sport	
Thursday 26th	Swimming—Years 3-6	
Friday 27th	<b>9.00am St Brendan's Playgroup</b> Swimming—Years 3-6 9.00am GHC Assembly and Easter Experience <b>2.35pm School finishes—End Term 1</b>	

## APRIL

Monday 13th	EASTER MONDAY	Week 1
Tuesday 14th	Term 2 Commences <b>Family Meal: Year 1 Blue</b>	
Wednesday 15th	Year 4 camp Licola	
Thursday 16th	Year 4 camp Licola Year 3 camp Coolamatong	
Friday 17th	Year 4 camp Licola Year 3 camp Coolamatong	

*Baby Congratulations* to the Whelan Family, Gabriella (Year 3 Blue) & Anton (Year 1 Blue) on the arrival of your son and baby brother **“Logan”**



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

Friday 13/3	9.10am	St. Brendan's, Lakes Entrance <b>Year 4's Class Mass</b>	Wednesday 18/3	9.30am	St. Colman's, Orbost
Saturday 14/3	9.00am 5.00pm	St. Dymphna's, Buchan St. Colman's, Orbost	Thursday 19/3	9.30am	St. Brendan's, Lakes Entrance
Sunday 15/3	9.00am 11.00am	St. Brendan's, Lakes Entrance St Joseph's Swan Reach			
Tuesday 17/3		<b>NO MASS</b>			





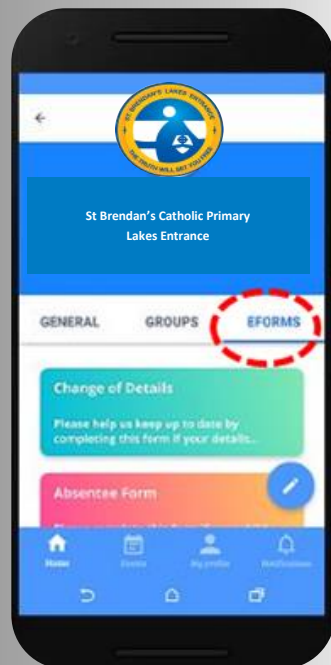
**As of next week we will be installing a new program to notify you of your child's unknown absence at school.**

If your child is marked as absent when the school roll is taken in the morning and we have not been informed of the reason, a text message will be sent to your mobile asking you to contact the school to provide a reason for the absence.

This contact can be in the form of a phone call to the school office, or preferably, a SkoolBag absentee notification being sent.

By law, all students need to be present or accounted for every school day.

The easiest way to inform the school is via the Skoolbag App. This can be done at any time before your child is absent, or by 9.15am on the day of absence.



**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 walking 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.



## **REMINDER: NO SMART WATCHES AND DEVICES AT SCHOOL**

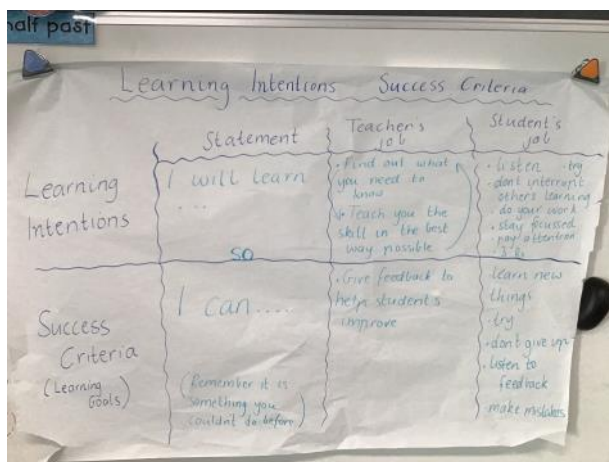
**Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.**

At St Brendan's, students may only bring mobile phones/devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school the phone/ device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone/ device/ SMART Watch at the end of the day. Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message.

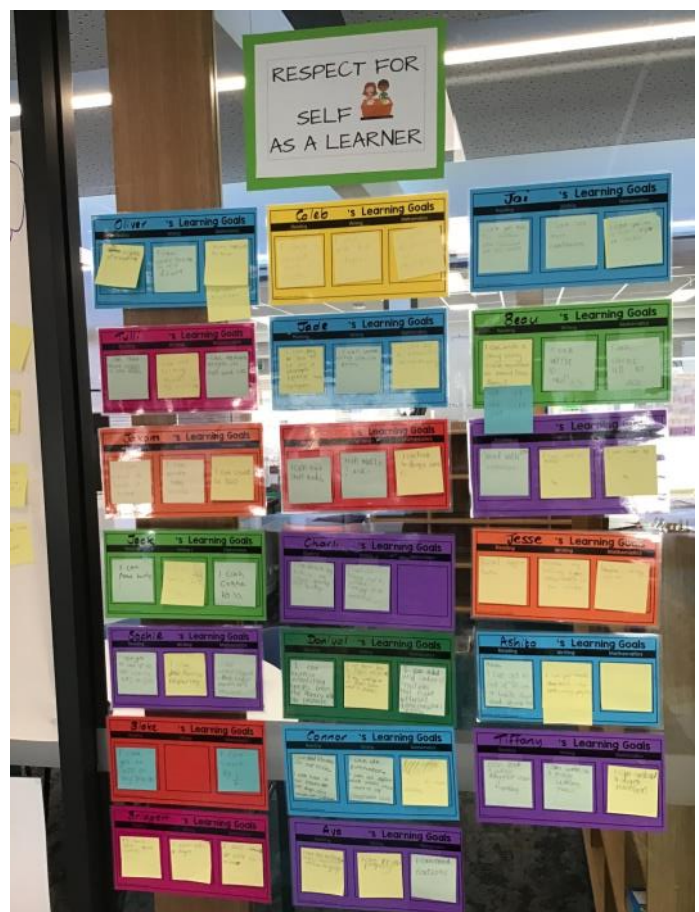
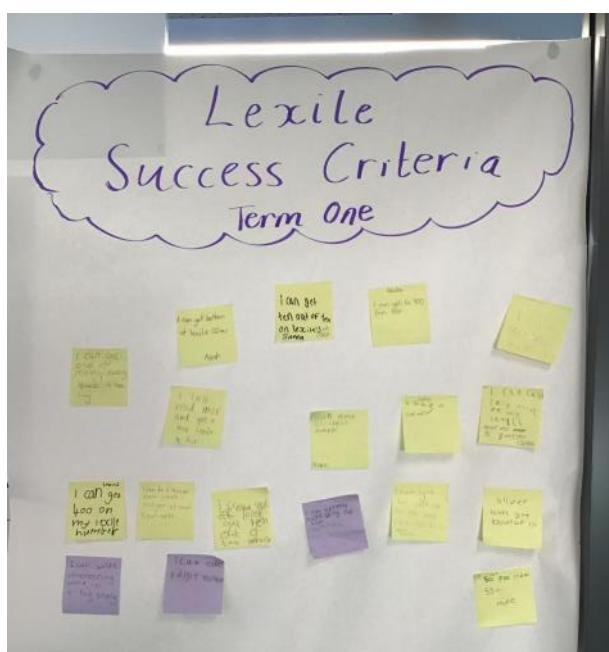


# Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support

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The Year 4 students have been discussing **Respect for Self** and have focussed on themselves as learners. They set goals for themselves, write it on a post-it note and when they achieve a goal they move it to the Success Criteria chart. The children are learning to set goals that are achievable but also challenging. A sense of self-satisfaction is gained when they achieve their goals. Keep up the good work, Year 4.





## WELCOME TO OUR FAITH

### Whole School Easter

#### Experience

This year, our whole school Easter experience is going to be the re-enactment of the Easter story, over a period of days. Each year level will be presenting one part of the story, beginning in Week 9 and concluding after Easter during Week 1 of Term Two. A full timetable will be published next week and we strongly encourage you to come along to all or part of these presentations.



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### RECONCILIATION

Early next term, some of our children will be beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Letters have been sent out to those that we know about. If your child is baptised Catholic, is in Year 3 or above and is interested, but has not received a letter, please contact Helen at school.

## *News from St Brendan's Parish...*

1. On the noticeboard you will find plenty of vacancies for assistance in the Easter Liturgies. This may possibly be your chance to get involved as a one-off or as a lead up to being a regular on the rosters.
2. Advent Reconciliation – a date for your diary – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6pm.
3. For those looking for a Stations of the Cross this Easter – 10am Good Friday, commencing out the front of St Brendan's (a guided walk around the Church and surrounds – subject to weather) or indoors if inclement. This is an ecumenical liturgy so please share the word.
4. Do you know of any children that go to Lakes Entrance Primary who may be interested in making the Sacraments this year. If so, please invite them to contact Michelle Grimstead, our Sacramental Co-ordinator @ St Mary's 5152 2942

## Guitar and Singing Lessons

On Tuesdays, guitar and singing lessons are held in the Mary Mackillop Hall with Jim Allen. This has been going on for 4 years. Indiana Malandrini and Bianca Henderson sing with the guitar players Cooper Parfrey, Henry Gavin and Dominic Mahony. We do lots of fun and energetic songs that we all love to sing and play. Everyone loves performing in front of an audience. Jim would prefer if you bring your own guitar for the guitar lessons. If you want to join this group please notify Jim and you can ask him how to get into this group to share your passion for singing or playing guitar.

Written by Bianca Henderson and Cooper Parfrey







## Lawn Bowls

On Friday, 6th of March, Yr 5 and Yr 6 students travelled to Bairnsdale for lawn bowls. There were 13 students selected to represent St Brendan's.

We played four games against Lindenow, Bairnsdale, Orbost and Lakes Entrance Primary, it was a tough competition.

There was a great audience made up of the other students and parents that cheered us on all the way.

Although the day was cloudy and there were thoughts that the event would be postponed, we still had fun.

We would like to thank Mr Bates and Brodi for coming and helping out.

**Written by Alanah Kelly and Charlie Graham.**





# MINIROOS KICK-OFF PROGRAM

Bairnsdale Soccer Club will be hosting Aldi MiniRoos in **LAKES ENTRANCE!**

Wednesdays 4pm onwards (St Brendan's Primary School Hall) 4-9 year olds (commencing Wednesday 18th March)

FEES - \$100 for an 8 week program

New participants will receive a soccer ball, a drink bottle, shin guards and a carry pack.

**To Register:** Go to [www.miniroos.com.au](http://www.miniroos.com.au), click on Where Can I Play? Select Aldi MiniRoos Kick-off, Search by Postcode, Select Bairnsdale Soccer Club, View Available Programs, then Register.

For more information contact the club via email [bairnsdalesoccer@hotmail.com](mailto:bairnsdalesoccer@hotmail.com) or phone Trish 0407 099 064.

## Aldi MiniRoos Kick-Off is:

- A fun, safe sport taught in a friendly environment for children aged between 4 and 9.
- Weekly 45 minute sessions that build skills through games and simple drills delivered in an engaging and inclusive environment.
- Every player gets plenty of time on the ball and the prime aim of each session is for children to build fundamental motor skills.

## What are the benefits of signing up your children for a Kick-Off program?

- Make new friends and develop social skills.
- Develop values of teamwork, co-operation, fair play, and respect for others.
- Develop a child's ability to make quick decisions and improve reaction time.
- Keep healthy by getting active.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/open-day).





## East Gippsland District

When/Where	Details
Buchan Caves Reserve March 31 <sup>st</sup> 9.30am April 13 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	<b>Minibeasts Discovery</b> Discover a bug's world in the Buchan River at the beautiful Buchan Caves Reserve. Get to know some tiny critters what they mean to our environment, peer through magnifying glasses into the world of a minibeast.
Buchan Caves Reserve April 4 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	<b>Bush Detectives</b> Unravel the secrets of the bush. Join a Ranger to look for scats, tracks and traces that animals have left behind.
Buchan Caves Reserve April 6 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am April 10 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	<b>Flora Explorer after the Bushfires</b> Discover the partially reopened Buchan Caves Reserve, and see how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire, while going on a guided walk and interactive activities.
East Cape - Sailors Grave April 11 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm	<b>Rockpool Ramble</b> Discover life in the intertidal zone and find out who and what lives on our unique rocky shores. Join a ranger and check out the colourful and strange looking creatures lurking in the rock pools of coastal Victoria.
East Cape - Sailors Grave April 11 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm	<b>Flora Explorer after the Bushfires</b> Discover the partially reopened Cape Conran Coastal Park, and see how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire, while going on a guided walk and interactive activities.
MOTS Beach - Marlo April 9 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am	<b>Bush Detectives</b> Unravel the secrets of the bush. Join a Ranger to look for scats, tracks and traces that animals have left behind.

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings are essential. Please visit [www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au)



## East Gippsland District

When/Where	Details
Red Bluff Beach Lake Tyers Coastal Reserve April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 10.30am	<b>Beachcombing</b> Visit the beach with Parks Victoria rangers to learn about the plants and animals that call the land and sea home. Beaches can be like a window to the sea, exploring the coastline will give us clues to what lives in the deeper water.
Mitchell River Silt Jetties Eagle Point April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00am	<b>Minibeasts Discovery</b> Discover a bug's world in the Mitchell River at the RAMSAR protected Silt Jetties. Get to know some tiny critters what they mean to our environment, peer through magnifying glasses into the world of a minibeast.
Raymond Island BBQ Shelter/Playground April 7 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	<b>Koala - Walk and Talk</b> Visit and find out more about a koala's neighbourhood on this 1 hour ranger-lead walk. We will investigate the habitat they enjoy and how they are being managed. The walk is conducted on both formed roads and gravel paths.
Mallacoota Bastion Point April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4.00pm	<b>Beachcombing</b> Visit the beach with Parks Victoria rangers to learn about the plants and animals that call the land and sea home. Beaches can be like a window to the sea, exploring the coastline will give us clues to what lives in the deeper water.
Mallacoota Lions Park Mallacoota On the Cricket Pitch April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm	<b>Flora Explorer after the Bushfires</b> Discover the environment around Mallacoota, and see how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire, while going on a guided walk and interactive activities.

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## Discovery Programs - East Gippsland District

When/Where	Details
Buchan Caves Reserve March 31 <sup>st</sup> 11.00am April 4 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am	<b>Community Walk - Post fire regeneration</b> Join a Parks Victoria Ranger on a guided walk in the Buchan Caves Reserve. See how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire.
Buchan Caves Reserve March 21 <sup>st</sup> 9.00am to 3.00pm	<b>Volunteer - Working Bee</b> Work hand in hand with Parks Victoria staff to help clean up debris from the recent bushfires. This working bee is an opportunity for the community to be involved in helping to further reopen the park to the community
Cape Conran East Cape Day Visitor area April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00am April 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm	<b>Community Walk - Post fire regeneration</b> Join a Parks Victoria Ranger on a guided walk in the Cape Conran Coastal Park. See how the bush recovers after fire. Learn some of the unique adaptations our plants and animals have to respond to fire.
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All community activities are free, and are suitable for all ages.

Please visit [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)

All volunteer working bee information can be found at [www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Volunteer/](http://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Volunteer/)



# 2020 WELLNESS DAY

**Health is a state of mind, wellness is a state of being. Fun for the whole family!**

Meditation  
Yoga and Body Pump classes  
Stand up paddle boarding in the pool  
Gym challenges  
Body Scans  
Healthy cooking demonstrations

The Inflatables Aqua Run  
Mighty Kids fitness classes  
Jumping Castle  
Other Fun Family activities  
Sausage sizzle  
A range of storeholders and local businesses

**Free Event**  
**Saturday 4 April 10am - 2pm**

Lakes Entrance Aquadome  
43 Palmers Road | P 5155 3333  
[eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/recreationcentres](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/recreationcentres)