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Lenten Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Please help us make good choices instead of bad.

By Paige Bandura



Dates for the Calendar

MARCH

Friday 20th

Monday 23rd

Family Meal: Year 1 Red

Week 9

Friday 27th

2.35pm School finishes—End Term 1

APRIL

Monday 13th

EASTER MONDAY

Week 1

Tuesday 14th

Term 2 Commences
Family Meal: Year 1 Blue

St Brendan's Playgroup cancelled until further notice

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.





WELCOME TO OUR FAITH

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Whole School Easter Experience

As a precaution, we have cancelled our Easter Play presentations for this year. Some classes may take up the option of videoing their performance to share with the rest of the school.

Regardless, classes will still continue the good work they have been doing helping the children explore the importance of the Easter story for Christians everywhere, especially our own local communities.



RECONCILIATION:

Thank you to those who have returned their enrolment form for our Reconciliation Program. Could all forms please be returned this week. Thank you



Wednesday 18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria.

This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority.

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

Again, we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

All of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said 'peace be with you.' (Jn 20:19) Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

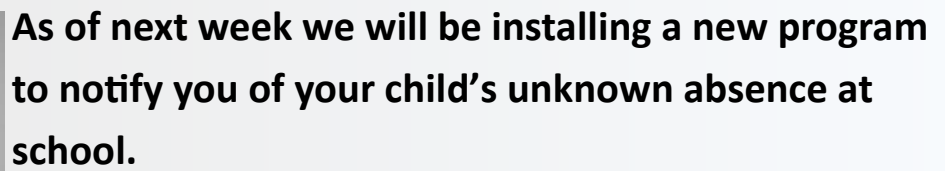
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ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSSR MA, DD
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Meekins
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan
BISHOP OF SALE





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

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.



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

Currently we are focussing on the expectation, *Responsibility for your actions*. Class discussions centre around:

- listening to other people and doing what has been asked in a positive way
- taking turns and including others
- making good choices.

It is pleasing to see the Year 6s demonstrating this expectation when working with their buddies. The Foundation students hear about this expectation from the staff and see it put into action by their buddies.

Some of the things the Year 6s are showing their buddies are:

- how to join in games in a positive manner
- where the right spaces to play are
- how to invite others to play their games.



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Nagle College Visit 2020

On Tuesday the 17th of March, Indi Allen, Thomas Greer, Sophie Newman, James Daly and the principal of Nagle College, Mr Powell, came to talk to the year 6s about going to Nagle College. They talked about their experiences at Nagle so far. Nagle has a lot of opportunities and interests for our future and to help with our academic abilities.

Most of the year 6s are now feeling a lot better about their transitions to high school next year, whatever secondary school they go to.

By Geetika Singla and Gemma Allen



Regional Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 12th of March, 10 students went to Regional Swimming in Warragul. It was a very sunny day, which made the pool the perfect temperature for swimming. We had two relay teams and four people in individual events and everyone was very close to getting to state. Even though there were no students that went to the next level, we gave it our all and had fun doing it. Thanks to Mr Bates for helping time people in the lane and thanks to Mrs Young for keeping us updated with when our events were.

Written By Bianca Henderson



On Friday the 13th of March the St. Brendan's community had Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. We each brought a gold coin donation. If you didn't know, Leukemia is a type of Blood Cancer that affects many young children. The Social Justice Committee helped run the event. With a parade at recess and prizes for the craziest hair style in each class. It was a great day and we all had a lot of fun. When the year sixes played in the gaga pit, our hair got very sandy, and very messy! The highlight of the day was seeing other peoples hair in a crazy way!

By Noah Ronalds







WHAT'S ON

Junior Rangers
Holiday Program



East Gippsland District

When/Where	Details
Buchan Caves Reserve March 31 st 9.30am April 13 th 9.30am	Minibeasts Discovery Discover a bug's world in the Buchan River at the beautiful Buchan Caves Reserve. Discover how some tiny critters what they mean to our environment, peer through magnifying glasses into the world of a microbeast.
Buchan Caves Reserve April 4 th 10.00am	Bush Detectives Unravel the secrets of bush in a guided walk to look for scats, tracks and traces that animals have left behind.
Buchan Caves Reserve April 6 th 9.30am April 10 th 9.30am	Flora Explorer after the Bushfire 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.
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Mt TS Beach - Marlo April 9 th 11.00am	Bush Detectives 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



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Red Bluff Beach Lake Tyers Coastal Reserve April 1 st - 10.30am	Beachcombing 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 Jetty East Gippsland April 2 nd 10.00am	Minibeasts Discovery Discover a bug's world at the Mitchell River Jetty. Discover the unique protected Silt & Ties. Get to know some tiny critters what they mean to our environment, peer through magnifying glasses into the world of a microbeast.
Long Island Lake Tyers Coastal Reserve April 3 rd 10.00am	Beachcombing 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 Lake Tyers Coastal Reserve April 4 th 1.30pm	Flora Explorer after the Bushfire 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

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Buchan Caves Reserve April 13 th 10.00am	Community Walk - Post fire regeneration 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.
Cape Conran East Gippsland Visitor Area March 31 st 11.00am to 3.00pm	Community Walk - Post fire regeneration 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.

All community activities are free, and are suitable for all ages.

Please visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

All volunteer working bee information can be found at www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/Volunteer/



Postponed

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

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