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Prayer of the Week

Dear God, Thank you for giving us joy and happiness when it is Easter. Amen **Blake Davidson**



Communication

All important updates and details will be communicated through our SkoolBag App, St Brendan's website and the St Brendan's Facebook page. Newsletters will continue next term which can be accessed via SkoolBag and the St Brendan's website.

Contact

If you need to contact the school please email, principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au



Thank you to all the families that have collected their Remote Schooling packs. The remainder will be sent home via courier today.

DO NOT USE THE REMOTE SCHOOLING PACKS AND LAPTOPS UNTIL DIRECTED AT THE START OF TERM 2

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH

As we continue to journey through Lent towards Easter, which begins at the end of the holidays, the coming weeks will provide a good opportunity for families to interact and enrich their experience of the season.

You might:

- Read the Easter story together, either all in one sitting, or day by day during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday afternoon, when Church services would normally be held and Easter Sunday morning.
- Set up a prayer space in your homes, where you can gather regularly for a few minutes and share your worries, fears, joys and thanks.

• If you have enough, draw designs on hard boiled eggs and dye them in food dye. As you do so, explain that an egg is used as a symbol of new life, the new life promised us by Jesus when he rose.

Reuse old containers and set them up in a cross shape. Add potting mix and seeds and watch the seeds grow—another sign of new life. Use this as a focus for prayer.

A prayer for us all

Dear God,

You are both Father and Mother to us all.

Bless all the peoples of the world who are affected by the coronavirus in any way.

Give comfort to the grieving and healing to the sick.

May those who have died find new life with you in heaven.

Guide those who are working for a cure and give our leaders wisdom and strength to make wise choices.

Help the citizens of our world to practise kindness, patience and tolerance.

May we show each other compassion and maintain a hopeful and positive attitude, as we place our trust in you.

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MESSAGE TO PARENTS FROM VICTORIA'S CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER, DR BRETT SUTTON

Student Interactions – School Holiday

26 March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Following is a transcript from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton.

"So school holidays have come forward in Victoria by about a week.

"That means kids are at home with their families. But also, as is normally the case for school holidays, want to be out and about.

"What we're trying to say is limit the interaction of kids with everyone else to the extent that you can.

"Certainly you shouldn't have anyone come into your home who is unwell.

"Try to limit visitors to immediate family.

"And if you're kids are unwell, they really need to be apart from others.

"Yes they should play, yes they should see others. But like the messages for all other physical distancing, they need to try and be apart to the extent that they can.

"The need to try and limit the number of people that they're seeing from now on in order not to transmit this virus.

"Kids can have very minimal symptoms and still be infectious with coronavirus.

"And so in order to protect your kids, in order to protect other people from yourselves and your kids, make that distance of 1.5 -2 m and that will stop that transmission of coronavirus and flatten the curve."

The video message and transcript can be accessed on the Department of Health and Human Services website.

CatholicCare Telephone Counselling Service Available

Therese Kearney from CatholicCare is available by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for any parents who might need someone to talk to. Whether be it about themselves or about their children. If they are anxious or worried about the effect that the Corona Virus is having on their lives, the bushfires or anything else that may be a worry to them.

Please take advantage of this offer, for anyone in need.

Telephone Therese Kearney on 0400783342 any Tuesday or Wednesday

New Building

Good news! Construction of our new building block continues to progress. If you pass by the school you will see the steel columns and beams being erected.

With any luck the roof, windows and walls will go ahead soon. We already get a sense of the space this building will provide to classrooms and the light that will flood in to ensure the best possible learning environment.

We are very thankful to Gary Morrison and the team at Banks Builders for the professional and organised work ethic they bring to this project.











Harmony Day

Music 2020

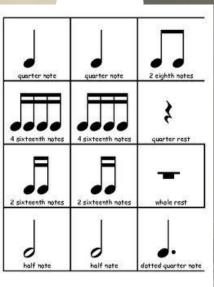
1 and 2 and 3 and 4. Music has start off with a good rhythm this year.

Senior grades have been learning how to read musical notes. This has required students to read notes and play them on instruments. The seniors have also begun the process of playing instruments together in a band-like situation. Many lesson have been about the difficulty of keeping in time with others.

The junior grades have been consolidating their knowledge on rhythm. This required them to learn about which notes have a long or short sound. The foundation level have been practising playing simple rhythms on drums using the phonetic sounds of "ti" "ta" and "to-o".









Sport has had a strong start in 2020. We had our St Brendan's Swimming Carnival held at the Lakes Entrance Aqua dome. There was some amazing efforts and we saw Blue House take home the trophy. We have also had the District, Division and Regional rounds of Swimming where many students achieved great results. Good Luck to all those progressing through to the Regional round.

Wednesday afterschool athletics also kicked off which provides a chance for 30 students to practise their athletic skills. All students are progressing and having a great time.

In sport lessons, we have been playing many modified games with the learning intention of sportsmanship, honesty and fair play. All students have been demonstrating a strong understanding of these themes. We have also moved into athletics practise where students have refined their running, jumping and throwing actions so far.

The Division Lawn Bowls team went out and represented us well. They competed at the Bairnsdale Lawn Bowls club and managed to finish up in fifth position.



How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

Make sure you have updated to the newest version of the SkoolBag App

Turn on App notifications to stay updated with important updates from St Brendan's CPS

- 1. Get your favourite mobile device
- 2. Open the App Store/Play Store
- 3. Search for "SkoolBag"
- 4. Download the free app
- 5. Open the app and add your school(s)



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