



## St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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# Welcome back to Term 2

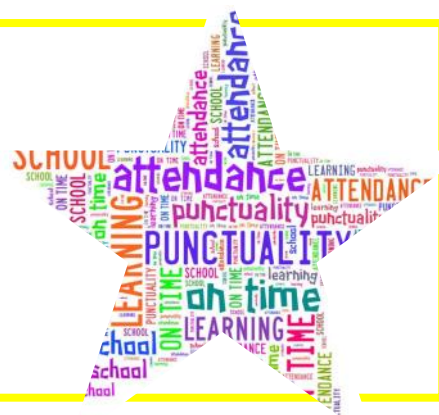
Remote Learning



Don't forget to send in your *daily*

## Remote Schooling Attendance form

each school day *before 10am*. Thank You



### Communication

All important updates and details will be communicated through our SkoolBag App, 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 phone 51 552712 or email, [principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)

### Computer Issues

If you experience any IT issues with St Brendan's equipment, please contact Katrina on [kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)

Dear Families and Friends,

Well, it is a very different beginning to Term Two and I know families have already had some challenges. However, I would have to say that most of the stories I am hearing are of people being resilient, patient and understanding. Without doubt, **Remote Schooling** will have its hurdles and there will be plenty of creases to iron out. Working together to improve our circumstances and staying positive will be more important than ever if we are to make the most of our situation. Having spoken to colleagues in China who have been in lockdown for over two months now, the message is that this process will evolve to something we can all manage.

**Parents**, we understand that some packs were more difficult to follow than others. Teachers are working hard to provide you with clarity and will be in contact regularly to assist. Should you be struggling to comprehend the tasks, please email your teachers who will respond as soon as possible. If you are frustrated with the packs, please refrain from using social media to vent as this is unproductive and can send the wrong messages.

Thank you to all families who are providing us with your child's attendance daily. It is essential that this is completed and we ask all parents to access the **Skoolbag** app to complete this task. Please see directions in this newsletter to follow.

Our **building project** is providing us with great motivation. If you drive passed our school you will see that the steel frames have been erected for the roof to go on next week. The decked area out front of the block looks like a terrific resource and having walked through the building the space we will have will be beyond our dreams. At this stage, the building is still on track for a start in Term Four.

**Students**, I have seen a lot of good work going on in each year level. I have also been impressed by your knowledge of how to use Information Technology. Two things I would like to say are:

- Show your independence! Don't ask for mum or dad's help without trying to figure out tasks for yourself. With a little more effort you can usually do it for yourself.
- Always do your best work. Avoid those distractions and show your teachers what you are capable of achieving.

I look forward to hearing and seeing great work from you all. Don't forget to get your exercise each day. Take care,

Matthew Hamer

### Let's Share the Good Work Going on at Home

*Being apart from one another is difficult! One of the things we would like to do to stay in touch is to share the good work that is going on at home. We will be devoting several pages of our newsletter sharing photos and stories of success. We are asking students to send in a photo of their work and a blurb to complement the picture.*

*Send in a photo of:*

- *An activity you have completed*
- *You at your workstation*
- *A writing piece*
- *Anything you have had success with*

Please send articles to [kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)

## Health Tips - Here are 10 top tips to help protect your children online

- 1 Build an open trusting relationship around technology — keep communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.
- 2 Co-view and co-play with your child online. This will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.
- 3 Build good habits and help your child to develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills — such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience — and practice being good online citizens.
- 4 Empower your child — wherever possible, help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.
- 5 Use devices in open areas of the home — this can help you manage and be aware of who your child interacts with online through phones, tablets, smart TVs, gaming consoles and other connected devices.
- 6 Set time limits that balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities — a family technology plan can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed — you could even fill in an Early Years Family Tech Agreement.
- 7 Know the apps, games and social media sites your kids are using, making sure they are age-appropriate, and learn how to limit messaging or online chat and location-sharing functions within apps or games, as these can expose your child to unwanted contact and disclose their physical location. For more advice The eSafety Guide includes information to help parents and carers choose safer apps and report and block unwanted contact and sexual approaches.
- 8 Check the privacy settings on the games and apps your child is using and make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.
- 9 Use available technologies to set up parental controls on devices that can filter harmful content, monitor your child's use and limit or block their time on connected devices or functions (e.g. cameras, in-app purchases).
- 10 Be alert to signs of distress and know where to go for more advice and support. Report harmful online content to eSafety at [esafety.gov.au/report](https://esafety.gov.au/report). Contact a free parent helpline or one of the other many great online counselling and support services for help. Kids, teens and young adults can contact Kids Helpline online or by phone on 1800 551 800 and the service also provides guidance for parents.

## BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

**Doing things differently does not change  
our goal, that goal is more important than ever!**

**For the first time in the history of Scholastic—  
we will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2**

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

**Copy the below link into your browser to check out the latest catalogue**

**<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>**

The best way to order it through the LOOP ordering system for Term 2.

See details below to register.

**The order will still  
be delivered to  
school.**

**We will set up a  
pick up station at  
school.**

**The school will  
send out a  
SkoolBag app to  
advise when the  
order is ready to  
pick up.**



The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**

**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** and register today!



## CatholicCare Telephone Counselling Service Available

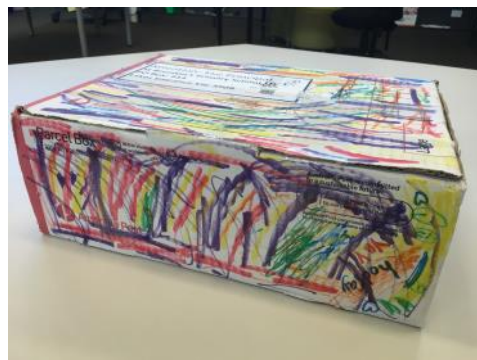
Therese Kearney from CatholicCare is available by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for any parents who might need someone to talk to. Whether be it about themselves or about their children. If they are anxious or worried about the effect that the Corona Virus is having on their lives, the bushfires or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



A surprise arrived on the holidays for the St Brendan's community. A colourful box was delivered to the school.



The letter inside read....

To the Principal

This package has been sent to you from St Augustine's Catholic Primary school on Queensland's Gold Coast. In our school community we wanted to do something to support you after learning that some of your families had been directly or indirectly affected by the recent bushfires.

Many of our families have pledged money and other resources toward the rebuild, but we wanted to do something toward supporting you in your emotional and spiritual recovery.

To that end our students have drawn colourful pictures of hope and positivity. The parents and older children in our school have written messages of encouragement and support on the back.

We hope you will find that this gesture will leave a lasting and positive mark on many families in your school.

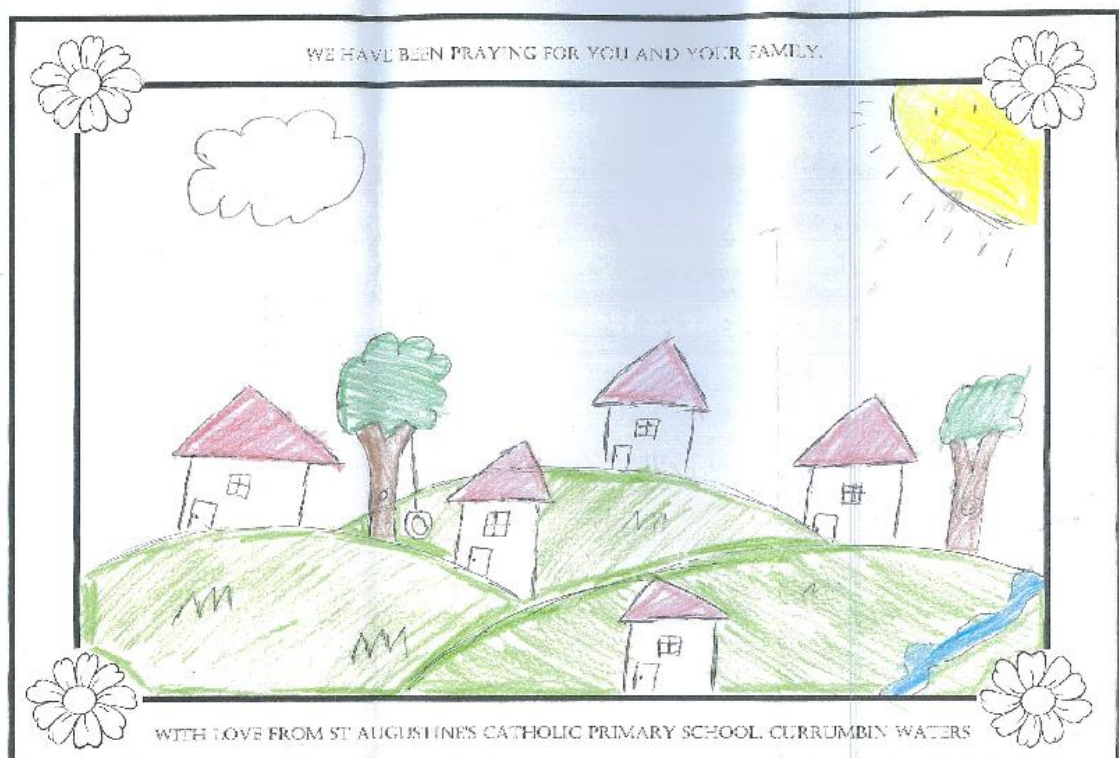
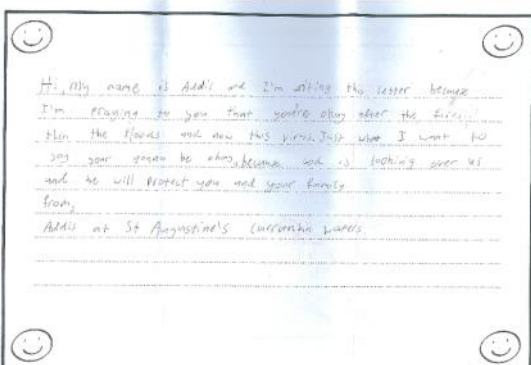
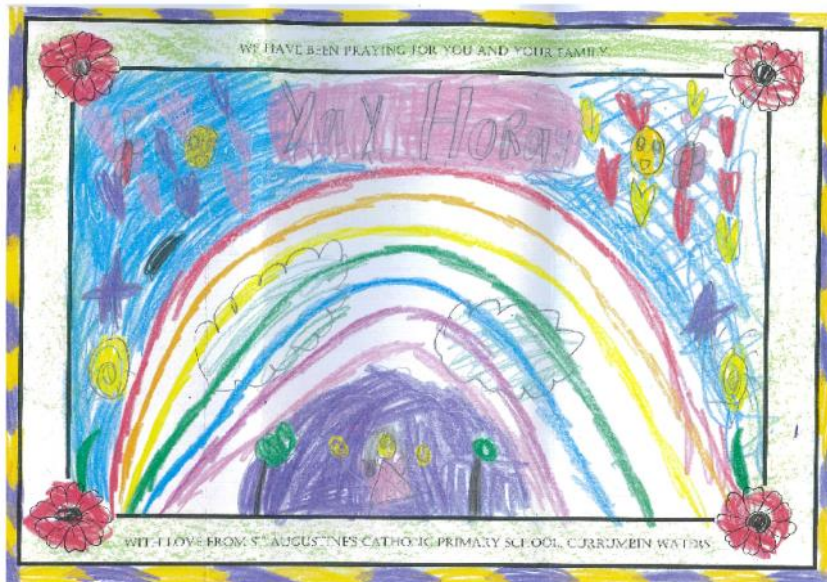
Most importantly we wanted to extend to you and your community, the hand of compassion.

May God bless you and all those at St Brendan's.

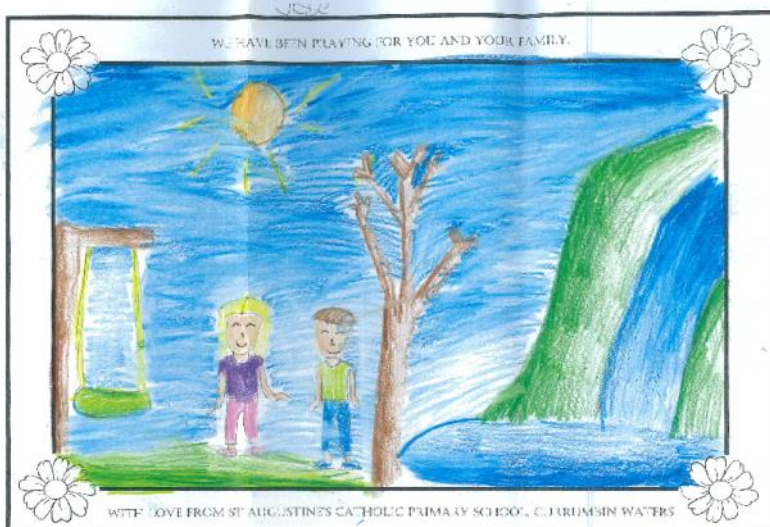
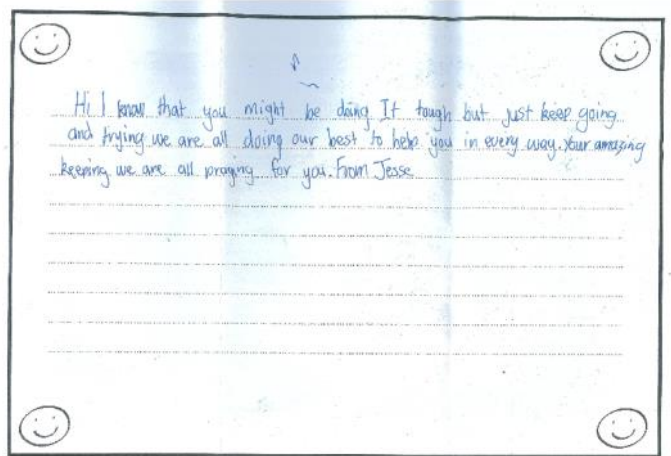
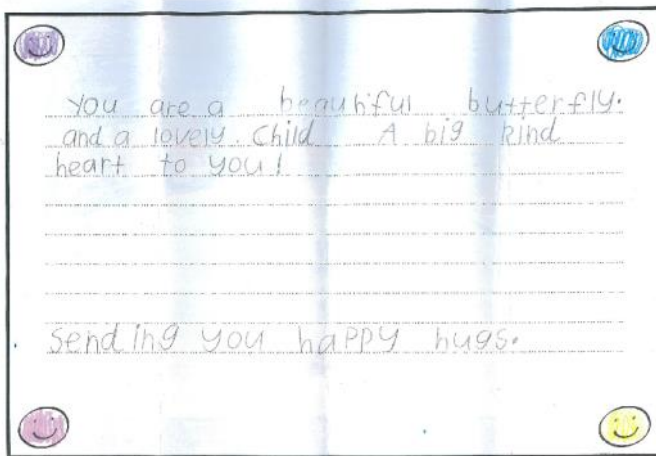
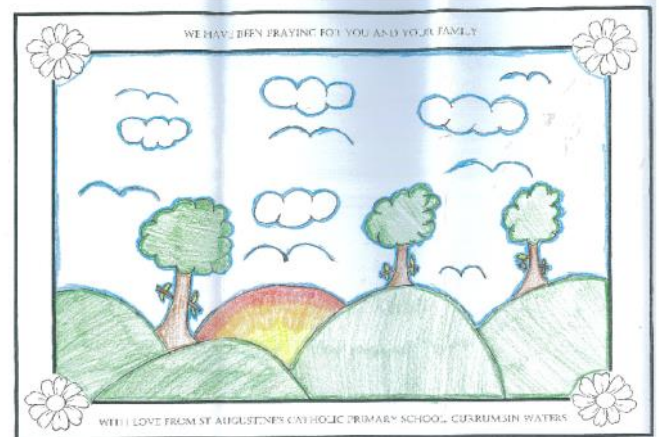
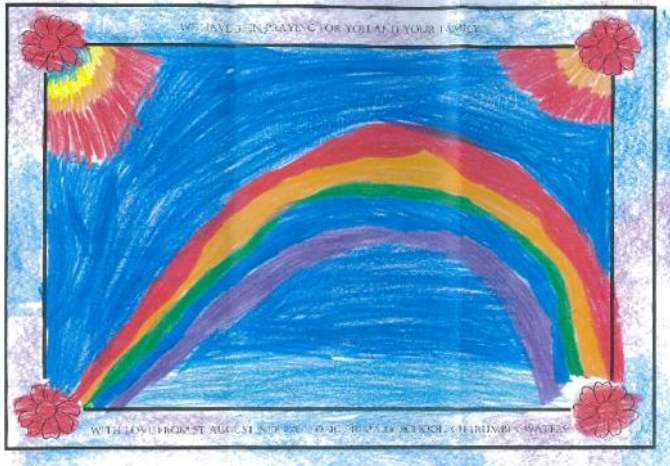
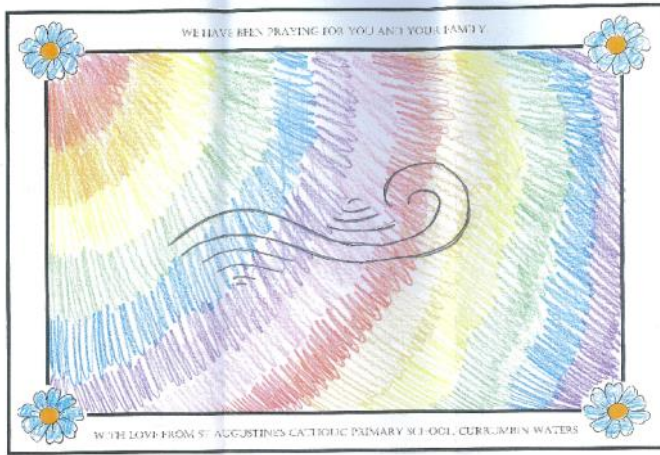
Paul Barrett (Year 2 Teacher)

What follows here is an assortment of quotes that were taken directly from the letters written by the parents and students.

- Please know that we are praying for you all and that little by little, day by day, your lives will be restored in the best way possible.
- Family, friends and communities are at times, all that is needed, to remind us that we are supported and cherished.
- We pray that your journey through recovery will be fast and that your strength and positivity will grow stronger every day.
- Tough times never last but tough people do.
- Remember that God loves you and all will be well in time.
- Just know that everything will be alright because you guys are the toughest people in the world.
- Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.
- As long as you have lots of hope, I promise every day will get better and better.
- I want you to think that the worst is over and that a whole lot of positivity is going to rain down on you.
- I pray for you and your family to be safe and comfortable and that all your troubles will be washed away with the next cloud of rain.
- You are true blue to be going through such times, so I say good on you.
- Trust me, everything is going to get better, stay strong, have hope, you're not alone, you can do it.
- The bravest people in life have been hurt before and in the end it has made them stronger.









# Remote Schooling Attendance

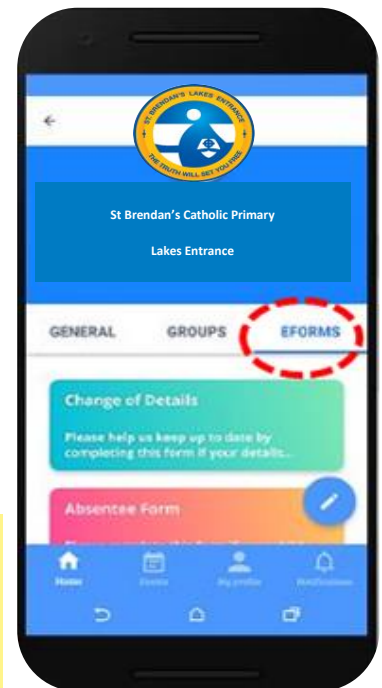
By law, all students need to be present or accounted for every school day.

Remote learning commences Wednesday 15th April. School is still required to monitor student attendance. Parents will be required to mark your child's attendance via the SkoolBag app via

- **EFORMS—REMOTE SCHOOLING ATTENDANCE.**

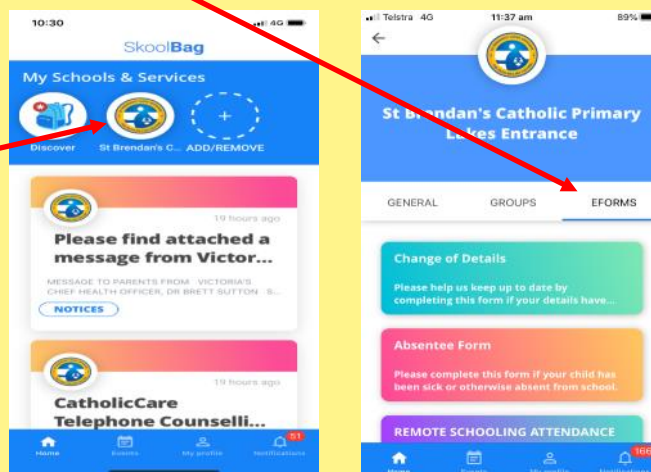
If your child is sick or will not be participating you will need to fill out a Skoolbag app via

- **EFORMS-ABSENTEE FORM.**



## To access EFORMS

click on



The attendance/absentee will need to be completed before 10.00am, school days, Monday to Friday.



If the school has not been informed of the attendance or absentee a text message will be sent to your mobile asking you to contact the school to provide a reason for the absence.

Please do not ring the school with your response, either send in a SkoolBag app or email [office@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@lakesent.catholic.edu.au).



# 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)



**St Brendan's Catholic Primary School**

for Apple users



Download on the  
**App Store**

for Android users



GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

for more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au)

**SkoolBag** The SkoolBag app icon, which is a blue backpack with a red star on the top right corner.