

via the new PAM system.

Dear Families and Friends,

**NAPLAN** concluded this week. It is a big couple of weeks for the students in year three and five. We find that many students experience anxiety prior to the test and we manage the weeks with physical activity and trying to maintain routine. We are very proud of the way our students performed and managed themselves over the test period and we look forward to the results next term.

Year threes returned from **Camp Coolamatong** having shared a wonderful couple of days together. The weather was good to them and they loved the outdoor activities. The bonding experiences camps provide and development of their independence is a vital part of their growth of young people.

#### Benefits of a strong parent-school relationship - <u>https://raisingchildren.net.au/</u>

As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does. Your child's teachers will want to get to know him/her too. When you have a strong and respectful relationship with your child's school and teachers, you're in a good position to give them the information they need to help your child get the most out of his/her education. You and your child's teachers can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

You can build a parent-school relationship in several ways:

- Be involved in the school community in whatever ways you can.
- Talk informally with teachers at school drop-off and pick-up times or by email or phone if this is more appropriate for you and the teacher.
- Go to parent-teacher interviews and parent meetings.
- Check the school website, noticeboard and emails regularly.

As well as everyday contact, you might also be able to **learn more about the school** through its annual report, school performances and social events – for example, barbecues, cultural or music events and school fairs. Schools might also hold parent seminars on topics like behaviour management, bullying and mental health.

Not all parents can be involved in school as much as they'd like, but you can still let your child know that school is important to your family. Talking about school with your child, being warm and friendly at school events, and being positive about the school and its staff **sends the message that you value education** and are interested in what's happening for your child at school.

Next week the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd (DOSCEL) will conduct my **principal appraisal**. The appraisal comprises of a panel of three who will interview staff and parents over the course of Tuesday, 25 May. Broadly speaking, the panel asks the following questions:

• What does the principal do really well/strengths/achievements?

• In what ways could the principal do his work better/improve the effectiveness of his leadership? Their findings will be represented to me in the shape of a report which will form my discussion with the Director (Maria Kirkwood) at a later date.

Next week our school will hold the **Interschool Reconciliation celebration**. We will play host to many the local schools and will conduct a smoking ceremony followed by an assembly in the hall. Students will then participate in activities such as indigenous cooking, artwork and learning about indigenous history.

Please join us tomorrow for our whole school **Pentecost Mass in the Mary MacKillop Hall** at 9.10am. The Mass will be led by Fr Michael Willemsen and parishioners and parents are most welcome. We will have the heaters on!

Special thanks to the **Lakes Timber and Hardware** store for the donation of vegetable seedlings for our Kitchen/Garden Experience. John and Leanne are always so generous towards our school.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar
	MAY 2021	
Week 5	Friday 21st	9.10 Whole school Pentecost Mass 1.35pm Science afternoon
Week 6	Monday 24th	CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
	Tuesday 25th	9.10am Class Prayer Foundation 9am—12pm Nagle Expo (Year 6)
	Wednesday 26th	National Sorry Day
	Thursday 27th	10am –1pm Interschool Reconciliation Activities
	Friday 28th	District Winter Sports 2.30pm Assembly—Year 5 prayer/item
	JUNE 2021	
Week 7	Tuesday 1st	9.10am Class Prayer Year 5 9.10am Class Mass Year 1
	Thursday 3rd	5.00pm Year 4 First Communion Workshop 1 Regional Cross Country
	Friday 4th	9.10am Class Mass Year 3
Week 8	Thursday 10th	Pupil Free Day—Staff RE Development & Planning
	Friday 11th	Pupil Free Day—Staff RE Development & Planning
Week 9	Monday 14th	Pupil Free Day—Queens Birthday Holiday
	Tuesday 15th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences Division Winter Sports
	Wednesday 16th	12.55pm School finishes 1.35pm Collaborative Conferences

## PAM (Parent Access Module)

Just a reminder to sign in to **PAM**. We still have quite a few families who have not set themselves up yet. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign up.

PAM will be our main communication platform (reporting absentees, receiving permission slips, sick bay notification, receiving school reports and school diary dates).

If you are having difficulty signing on, or didn't receive, can't find or accidently deleted the original email from PAM please email kwykes@l

accidently deleted the original email from PAM please email kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au and we will reset your account for you.

Thank you to the families who have already signed up.

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

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Fri:	28/5	St Brendan's St Brendan's		11.00am 9.30am		St. Brenda
Sat: Sun:	29/5 30/5	St Colman's St Brendan's St Joseph's	Orbost Lakes Entrance Swan Reach	5.00pm 9.00am 11.00am		Catholic Chu Rolling had they trease



## **Collaborative Conferences: Booking through PAM (Parent Teacher Interviews)**

Collaborative conference interviews will take place on

Tuesday, 15th June 3.30pm—6.30pm

Wednesday, 16th June 1.35pm—5.00pm

Our Semester One Collaborative Conferences are an essential parent/school meeting in which to share feedback and to plan for future learning. Your child must attend this meeting as they will lead some of the discussion. Through this process we want our students to understand themselves as learners, to know what they are learning and how they can be successful. We look forward to meeting with you.

#### Collaborative conferences will be booked electronically using PAM.



Please login to PAM as normal and you will immediately see a screen including the Parent Interview short cut.

Parent Teacher Interviews Click here to Enter

Once you click on the window you will be given the chance to select your child. The screen would be similar to the one below.

You select your child one at a time.

## Parent Teacher Interview Booking

Collaborative Conferences - Tuesday 15th and 16th June (1)	
The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.	Teacher: Amy Balcombe 3:45pm, 15th June 2021
St Brendan's CPS	4:00pm, 15th June 2021 4:15pm, 15th June 2021 4:45pm, 15th June 2021
Grade 3 Core Group	5:00pm, 15th June 2021 5:15pm, 15th June 2021 5:45pm, 15th June 2021 6:00pm, 15th June 2021
	6:15pm, 15th June 2021 6:30pm, 15th June 2021 1:30pm, 16th June 2021 1:45pm, 16th June 2021
	Book Interview

Select the Core Group button and the availability schedule appears. This provides you with the teachers name and available times a booking can be made. When you have completed your booking a summary will appear on the bottom of the page.

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties logging into Pam.



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## Vear 5 Science

In science, we have been investigating 'Matter'. So far we have learnt that Matter is all around us.

We have been exploring different types of solids, liquids and gases. We are also looking at the properties of these types of matter and learning by conducting investigations.

We have learnt that a solids keep their shape and have a definite volume. Liquids take the shape of the container and can flow either fast or slow. Gases spread out and have no definite shape or volume.

Examples of solids are: Wood, stones & bricks. Examples of liquids are: Water, honey, milk & oil. Examples of gases are: Air (oxygen), smoke & nitrogen. -Year 5



# Vear 5 Science



I like getting to learn about liquids, solids and gases. I like when we completed an experiment with honey, water and dishwashing liquid. -Matthew D.

Our questions

I found the word 'matter' interesting. I didn't know what this meant but now I know that there are different types of matter. -**Ashita C** 



When we learnt about liquids, I learnt a new word called 'viscosity'. Viscosity is a measure of a fluid's resistance to flow—it means how fast or slow a liquid flows. I want to continue to learn more about viscosity! -**Hannah MT** 

I know the types of matter and can name an example of each. I would like to experiment with turning solids into liquids. -Oliver M



## eSafety Webinar - Be an Upstander

#### **By Year Four**

On Tuesday Year 4 took part in an eSafety webinar presented by the eSafety commissioner and schools all around Australia took part.

We learnt that

- 85% of bullying incidents have a bystander Nick
- Bullying is not ok in real life or online Taylah
- If a bystander speaks up the bullying is solved quickly Mia
- Be an upstander, which means to speak up and help others Charli
- On the internet little things turn into big things really quickly Sierra
- Always ask permission before taking a photo of someone Juliet
- Don't share images online that are embarrassing or could hurt someone's feelings Cobie
- Blocking means that a bully can't talk to you Sisilia
- There is a website about helping kids stay safe online and it is <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid</u> Elsie

## **The Great Naughts and Crosses Challenge**

## **Opals Nursing Home versus Year Four St Brendan's**

#### **By Emmett Culpitt**



Year Four are pen pals with people in the Opal Nursing Home. I had an idea that we could do a Naughts and Crosses challenge with our pen pals. It was only a joke because it would take a long time to play one game. But it is happening! This is surprising but interesting to see if it works. I placed my naught in the bottom left corner because I know a trick...

We got a list of people and what they liked. My pen pal is Bernice who likes animals. I chose Bernice because I like animals also. We have just sent our first letter to them.



## WELCOME TO OUR FAITH

**PENTECOST:** This **Friday at 9.10am**, the whole school will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost with Mass in the school hall. The Pentecost story is significant, in that it heralds the beginning of the Church in the modern world. At Pentecost, Jesus' followers were filled with the Spirit and began to spread Jesus' message of love, respect, understanding

and compassion to ALL people, not just a select group. These qualities are needed in our world today, now more than ever.

We invite you to join us on Friday.

Change of date: Year One Class Mass is now Tuesday June 1st.

## **Bread Tags for Wheelchairs**

My job is to sort the bread bag ties and count them.

Today we had 136 white, 14 red, 11 brown, 18 green, 16 yellow, 22 blue, 16 orange, dark red 62 and 19 skin colour.

We are collecting them for wheel chairs for South Africa.

Thank you. Please give me more bread bag ties.

## By Jaxon Carter, Year One



## Orders due back: Tuesday, 8th June









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Over the past few weeks Mrs W's spelling group has been learning about the difference between homophones, homonyms and homographs. A homophone is multiple words that sound the same but have different spelling and meaning. A homonym is a word that has the same spelling, same sound but different meaning. And lastly a homograph are words that have the same spelling, different sound and meaning.

Put the words from the word box below in the correct column, the first homophone is done for you.

#### Words

Two,to,too Th Night,Knight Sent,Cent,Scent Right,Right Live,Live

There,Their,They`re Suit,Suit Close,Close Wind,Wind

Read,Read,Red Hear,Here Lead,Lead Scale,Scale Bat,Bat Desert,Dessert Address,Address Bass,Bass

	<u>Homophones</u>	<u>Homonyms</u>	Homographs
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By Emily O'Donnell and Heidi Ferris



On Monday, 17th May I went to Bairnsdale Golf Course to play division golf. Some of my family came to watch me compete. I played 9 holes with a score of 57. I had a great day playing against people from other schools, it was a tiring day but I enjoyed it.

I will continue to keep practicing with my dad so I can get even better.





## Wear Orange Wednesday

On Wednesday the 19th of May 2021 students were encouraged to wear orange for the SES volunteers.

Students wore T-Shirts, ribbon, vests and hair ties for the celebration.

Wow Day is about thanking the SES volunteers for their hard work to make our community a better place for everyone. This community event helps to raise awareness for the SES volunteers that give up their time to help us and the wider community of East Gippsland.

#### -Tayah Alsop & Poppy Richardson



## Year 3 students entered the

Lakes Post Mothers day Competition.

Congratulations to Lani Bulmer on being one of the lucky winners.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



St Brendan's Parish offers catering of a light luncheon or afternoon tea to bereaved families following a Requiem Mass or Prayer Service.

Over the years families and teaching staff from St Brendan's school community have assisted us with preparation of sandwiches, serving on the day or baking a slice/cake.



The catering list needs to be updated as some of the families and teachers who have generously volunteered in the past have now left our school.



We would only call on the school community for very large funerals.

We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to help out. Please contact :- Margaret Berlingeri 0487654521/Margaret East 0400927419



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## Bruthen Men's Shed **Open Day & BBQ**

## Monday 24th May 9am—1pm Rear 36 Main Street, Bruthen

A meeting place and environment for men to share skills and boost wellbeing. Full workshop and great company, learn new skills and get involved in local projects. Morning tea and BBQ.





Email: info.bdnh@aussiebb.com.au Phone: Dave 0438 755 034 or Ian 0402 829 186

### Learn about the skills and tools to repair a push-bike.



### Build yourself a new bike out of old and new parts\*.

The cost is FREE and all materials are provided. Tools will be permanently available as we build Bruthen's new bike repair station.

#### Wednesdays May 19, June 2, 16 & 30 4:30-7:30PM at the Men's Shed Behind the RSL House—36 Main Street

There are limited spaces. Bookings are essential. Open to all ages. Parents can enrol with children using one bike. To build a bike you must commit to all four sessions. Please call or email or more information and to book.

#### Contact us:

Email: info.bdrh@aussiebb.com.au Phone: 0497 544 490 or 4141 5302 Or stop by the Neighbourhood House or General Store for an enrolment form



## Lanterns for LAKES LIGHTS

Free Community Lantern Making Workshops

Make your own lantern to carry in the LAKES LIGHTS lantern parade and help illuminate Lakes Entrance this Winter. Experienced local artists will be holding free community workshops with all materials provided. 
 Saturday 5 June, 10am-2pm
 Saturday 12 June and Sunday 13 June, 10am-2pm

 Lake Tyers Beach Hall, 1 Mill Point Rd, Toorloo Arm
 Iceworks Building, 5 Carpenter Street, Lakes Entrance

Great fun for people of all ages and abilities! Bring your lantern along to the LAKES LIGHTS event on Saturday 26 June and take part in the community lantern parade across the footbridge.









