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We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Gunaikurnai people. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all people. We would especially like to acknowledge the land on which our school stands and ask everyone to show respect to the environment and all that it includes.

THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY and is to be worn by every child during all outdoor activities in Terms One and Four. Please name your child's hat. **No Hat - No Plav**



<u>RE: Second Confirmed Case of COVID 19</u>

A second confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School today. The positive case was on site on Tuesday, 12 October in our year one classroom. Some year two students were also considered Primary Close Contacts. The person had symptoms of COVID-19 on Wednesday, 13 October and therefore, Tuesday, 12 October is considered within the infectious period. All families whose children are considered close contacts have been contacted.

We now have students and staff from years one, two and six in isolation. These people, considered primary close contacts are participating in a COVD-19 test and are in isolation. The families will be contacted by the Department of Health who will provide the duration period of their isolation. Family members are not considered Primary Close Contacts and are not expected to isolate.

As some of our year two students are in isolation, they will receive remote learning tasks through Google Classroom. Year one students will receive emails with tasks to complete. All other staff and students will continue school as normal, on-site, at St Brendan's CPS. A thorough clean of the classroom, toilets and surrounding areas is underway.

To book a COVID-19 test please call Gippsland Lakes Complete Health on 5155 8300 or visit brhs.com.au/Coronavirus

School Computers

If your child has borrowed a computer for Remote Learning, it is important that it is returned on their first day back at school. Please return computer and charger cord in the bag supplied clearly marked with your child's name. The computers will then be inspected upon return. Thank you.



Full Summer Uniform - Monday 25, October

Face Masks – Primary Students

There is a requirement for students in Years 3 to 6 to wear a face mask indoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies. Whilst not required, it is strongly recommended that students in Foundation to Grade 2 wear a face mask indoors at school. Some of the expectations for face masks at school are:

- A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements
- Face masks can be of different colours/patterns. To help reinforce our educational practice we would prefer masks not be disposable
- All face masks must be labelled with student's names
- Students are not required to wear masks at play or during sport
- Masks to be stored in the front pocket of student's bags when not in use
- Students encouraged not to handle masks. Hygiene education provided by teachers to reinforce appropriate behaviours



Dear Families and Friends,

Well, it is not the return to school that we had looked forward to, but we are doing out best in challenging circumstances. When students get back we will have plenty to do. Our teachers will be paying close attention to the way students interact with each other and there will be a focus on re-educating students in the Personal and Social Capabilities. We have many outcomes to meet in a short period of time, keeping in mind the need to build up the students' stamina for learning.

Choosing appropriate viewing for your child- <u>https://raisingchildren.net.au/</u>

We cannot stress enough the importance of monitoring what your children watch whether it be on Youtube, Netflix or free to air TV. Primary age children are not mature enough to process adult themes and when this happens it can spill over into their social interactions. For example, we have become aware of late that some students are watching a series on Netflix called *Squid Game*. The themes associated with this series are highly inappropriate and we urge parents to ensure their children are watching programs which are rated according to your child's age.

Australian reviews provide a **more in-depth description of movie content than the standard rating system**. They do this by looking at:

- violent material
- scenes and themes that children might find disturbing
- sexual references
- nudity
- product placement
- coarse language
- use of substances.



Each review also includes recommendations on suitable viewing ages and issues you can discuss with your child after watching the movie. All of this can help you talk to your child about things that might affect him in that movie.

Although classifications exist as guidelines, a G rating doesn't always guarantee that a movie won't scare your child or leave a lasting negative impression. Children aren't always mature enough to be able to distinguish fantasy from reality. Every child responds to movies and other media in different ways. Some children can react by copying behaviour they see others act out. Others can develop unrealistic fears and phobias.

Many in our school community continue to face financial impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to supporting families experiencing financial challenges through our School Fee Concession programs, and encourage any parent/carer/guardian experiencing difficulties to contact us regarding fee assistance. Please contact the St Brendan's CPS to explore confidential financial support arrangements or to obtain further information.

On Friday, 29 October, St Brendan's will once again participate in 'A Day For Daniel'. This day centres of delivering a focus on child safety and the awareness, skills and knowledge that children need to be good decision makers. Please provide your child with something red to wear on the day. At the breakfast or dinner table take time to discuss issues like road safety, cyber safety or something applicable to your situation. For more information please visit:



https://danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel/

Please remember, from Monday 25 October students are expected to wear the **Summer Uniform** on Monday and Tuesday.

Thank you to all our wonderful families who are supporting us and one another. We share a strong relationship and the words of encouragement have been of great motivation.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar		
Term 4	OCTOBER 2021			
Week 3	Friday 22nd	Onsite —Foundation, Year 2, 3, 4 & 5		
Week 4	Monday 25th	Full Summer Uniform		
	Friday 29th	A Day For Daniel—Child Safety Wear something RED to school		
	NOVEMBER 2021			
Week 5	Monday 1st	Curriculum Day—No school		
	Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup day—No school		
Week 6	Wednesday 10th	9.00am - 10.30am Foundation Orientation		
	Friday 12th	Year 1 Camp Experience		
Week 7	Wednesday 17th	9.00am - 12.50pm Foundation Orientation		
		12.00pm Nagle College Transition Visit		
Week 8	Monday 22nd→03/12	Swimming Program Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2		
		Book Fair		
	Wednesday 24th	9.00am - 2.00pm Foundation Orientation		
	DECEMBER 2021			
Week 10 Monday 6th 3.30pm		3.30pm Collaborative Conferences		
	Tuesday 7th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences		
	Wednesday 8th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences		
Week 11 Tuesday 14th 9.00am-		9.00am—12.00pm Year 6 Graduation		
	Wednesday 15th	Last Day of Term 4		
	Thursday 16th	Curriculum Planning—No school		
	Friday 17th			



School Absences:

To report a student absence please use the **Parent**



Parent Notified Absences Click here to enter.

Notified Absences function on **PAM.**

Please do NOT reply to you absence reminder text. Go to PAM and lodge a parent Notified Absence.

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

COVID-19..... REGIONAL VICTORIA: Religious gatherings and ceremonies; permitted with up to 20 persons per venue (and those workers necessary to conduct the ceremony). Phone bookings are required for weekends: 0456 877 899

Tues:	26/10	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed:	27/10	St Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
Fri:	29/10	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat:	30/10	St Colman's	Orbost	5.00pm
Sun:	31/10	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
		St Joseph's	Swan Reach	11.00am



Many people need a therapy dog to help them when they have anxiety or when going through a hard time. I came up with the idea to write a letter to Mr Hamer to get one at St Brendan's. After he got my letter, he wasn't fully convinced so we had a meeting. He was pretty concerned about some things so it then became my job to go home and research. I had to look through a couple of websites before my correct answer popped up in front of me. When I had completed researching my questions, I had to have another meeting. I told Mr Hamer my answers and to me, he looked convinced. He said to make a poster to put around the school and an application form for people who had a suitable dog to fill out. Then Mr Hamer came to me with an idea. He thought that Murphy, which is Mel's puppy, would be a suitable dog for the St Brendan's family. I had a final meeting with Mr Hamer, Mrs Milburn and Mel. I had to ask for Mel's permission for Murphy to become a part of St Brendan's. Mrs Milburn also said yes to my idea. We agreed for Murphy to come on Wednesday afternoons for students who needed a little bit of happiness. I couldn't believe it was going to happen. Today was the best day of my life!

Therapy Dog in our School By Ashita Chhabra



2023 Scholarships at Nagle College are now open. Full details of our Scholarship program can be found on our website at <u>https://www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships</u>.

Applications will be accepted until the closing date which is Friday 4 March 2022.

Families with children currently in Year 5 need to apply for the 2023 Scholarships.



Nagle College



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH



Here are some more great responses to our whole school cross and crucifix project.

Mitchell: The crucifix makes me think about the Church because my crucifix has a cross and Church on it.

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Dakota: My cross makes me think about my nan because she's been sick. She used to pray a lot and I pray for her.

Harry: It makes me think about how Jesus dies on the cross for us because he loves everyone. And he looked out for the sick and poor.

Year One News

Last week, we said goodbye to Mrs Supple, as she left to go on Maternity Leave. We will miss her very much, but we can't wait to meet the new baby when he/she arrives! We welcome Mrs Hawkins, who will replace Mrs Supple for the remainder of the year. We know we are going to have lots of fun while she is with us!!



CORNER



Earlier this year, the children in Year one planted seeds in two of the spare garden beds. In one bed, we have peas climbing up to the sky, cauliflowers and cabbages. The other bed contains bee-attracting flowers, as they are vital for pollinating.

The flower garden looks amazing and has heaps of bees visiting! Hooray!!

November 22

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Wellbeing and Resilience

As part of my Wellbeing role, I am available to meet with children on a regular basis to talk about any issues or concerns they might have and to discuss some strategies that could help.

The sessions are delivered to individuals or in small groups of 2-4 children, depending upon need. The sessions aim to build self-esteem and an awareness of feelings and emotions. We do this through discussion, art, mindfulness and meditation.

I am also trained to run the *Seasons for Growth* program. This is a grief and loss education program that draws on the metaphor of the seasons to understand the experience of grief. It builds the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant loss by:

exploring the impact of change and loss

 learning about effective ways to respond and adapt
Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change, loss and grief, and are able to build their communication, decision making and problem-solving skills within the context of a safe and supportive peer group learning environment.

If you would like your child to participate in these sessions or you would like more information please contact the school office and I will get in touch with you. **Debby Milburn**

St Brendan's CPS Security Upgrades

Accessing the school grounds -

Morning: School Carline Gate (Access from Eastern Beach Rd): Opens at 8.00am Closes at 9.00am. School pathway gates accessing from Golf Links Rd open from 8.00am – 9.00am. During the day all gates are locked.

If you arrive to school after 9.00am please bring your children to the office for signing in.

All visitors must enter school via office. Accessing the school grounds -

Afternoon: School Carline Gate (Access from Eastern Beach Rd): Opens at 2.45pm Closes at 3.50pm. School pathway gates accessing from Golf Links Rd open from 3.15pm – 3.30pm.



Items to collect and send into school







St Brendan's Op Shop has second hand school uniform available. Winter uniform in stock.

Summer dresses & shorts Available

Open 10am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

 avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



avoid handshakes.

and hugs

 keep 15m between yourself and other adults



 wash your hands regularly.





Coming Soon: No Time To Die 11/1, Venom

You must wear a mask indoors. As a result of this trial you will be safely seated with a capacity of 30. YOUR SAFE

SPORTS SHIRTS

All St Brendan's sports shirts that have been given out to children for school sports and athletics, now need to be returned to school as soon as possible.



WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR BLASTERS CRICKET AGES 5-7

LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB

- Sign up now at playcricket.com.au
- Thursdays, October 28 to December 16, 4.30pm at Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve
- Enquiries to Mick Poynton 0438 308 725 or lakescc@outlook.com







Hot dog	\$4.50			
Hot dog with cheese	\$5.00			
Ham & Salad Roll	\$6.00			
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$6.00			
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.50			
Cheese & Vegemite Sandwich	\$4.00			
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00 each 🔗 👰			
Fried Dim Sims	\$1.00 each			
(soy sauce free)				
Chicken Strips	\$1 each			
Party Pies	\$1 each			
Small Sausage Rolls	\$1 each			
Sauce 😪	.30c each			
All orders will need to be in by				
Wednesday morning—before 12pm				
for lunch on Friday.				



Enrolments are open for 2022

Book your personalised school tour! **Check out our new** classrooms! Tours available now!



Together we achieve

All families are welcome!

Call the school office on 03 51552712 or email principal@lakesent.catholic.edu.au to book your tour

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