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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 Term One and Four. Please name your child's hat.
Hats available for purchase at Nick's Clothing, Bairnsdale.

No Hat - No Play



Second round Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS) are available for pick up from the school office. To support current COVIDSafe Measures, the Victorian Government has ordered 24 million Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits to continue surveillance testing of staff and students. Testing settings for all primary and secondary students and staff will remain in place until the end of Term 1 2022. **It is recommended that students and staff undertake twice-weekly at-home testing.**

Thank You

At the beginning of this year our school received a wonderful surprise. The Tuisue family generously donated school bags full of stationery and other supplies.

These donations are provided to children in need and will be handed out over the course of the year. They are the legacy of Maureen Tuisue. A lady who always embraced the notion of 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

A remarkable woman who will always be close to our heart.

Thank you to Kuki, Sisilia, Pam and Ian



Please Wear a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

In accordance with requirements from the Victorian Government, **all staff and students in Grades 3 to 6 attending St Brendan's Catholic Primary School are required to wear a face mask when indoors**, including when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles and when attending Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exemption applies.

It is strongly recommended that students in Foundation to Grade 2 wear a face mask indoors at school or when attending OSHC programs.

Parents, guardians and carers are required to supply their child(ren) with an appropriate face mask that covers the nose and mouth. Appropriate face masks include single use face masks (commonly called surgical masks). Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet the requirements of an acceptable face mask.

All visitors, including parents, guardians, carers and children in Grade 3 and above must wear a face mask in all indoor locations at the school, unless an exemption applies.

Dear Families and Friends,

While it has been a tough week at St Brendan's for staff and students, we have had success in other areas. COVID cases and forced isolation for staff and students has been extremely low so we have enjoyed a good run at teaching and learning. Our modified swimming carnival was a success and yesterday our students competed at the **District Swimming Carnival** at Orbost with fifteen competitors going through to the next round. During the week we presented the leadership badges to our year six cohort in the absence of an assembly. They are all very excited and ready to welcome the leadership challenges ahead.

As we begin a new year, we are setting standards and getting into routine. Please assist us in this process by **providing your child with a healthy diet** in the morning and in their packed lunch.

Important points from raisingchildren.net.au :

- *School-age children need to eat foods from all five healthy food groups – vegetables, fruit, grain foods, dairy and protein.*
- *Healthy foods have nutrients that are important for growth, development and learning.*
- *Limit salty, fatty and sugary foods, low-fibre foods, and drinks with caffeine or a lot of sugar.*



We want our students to have the best chance of learning and a healthy diet is essential to their success.

How children and teenagers learn - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Children and teenagers learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting and asking questions.

Being interested, motivated and engaged in learning is important for children once they start school. It can also help if they understand why they're learning something.

And as your child gets older, your child will enjoy taking more responsibility for their learning and getting more involved in making decisions about learning and organising activities.

Your role in your child's learning

Even if you think you don't know much about learning and teaching, your child keeps learning from you over the years. And when your child goes to primary and then secondary school, you can help your child have a positive attitude to learning, just by being positive yourself.

I would just like to reiterate how important it is to prepare your child for the day. Please make sure your child knows the **pick-up arrangement for the end of each day**. If for some reason your circumstances change you need to let our office staff know before 12.00pm. Late notices can be disruptive to students and staff.

Parents, we still have **Rapid Antigen Tests** available at the office for those who require them. Twice weekly RAT testing is now in place for the remainder of the term. We will continue to advise families when tests are available.

Matthew Hamer



Thursday, 17 February 2022

Dear Families and Friends,

I regret to inform you that yesterday we received the very sad news of the passing of Narby (permission granted from the family to use his name).

Narby, respected Elder, worked at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School for over 25 years and touched the lives of so many students, families and staff members. Narby was particularly dedicated to educating our school community about Indigenous history and culture and was an integral part in setting up our Indigenous Garden and Outdoor Education Space. He was a respected Elder in the community of which he was also passionate about.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Narby's family and our Indigenous community. We will be respecting this grieving period during this time of Sorry Business. St Brendan's CPS will be conducting our own service next week to honour his life.

As you would appreciate, the staff at St Brendan's are feeling the loss of a much-loved member of our team. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hamer

Dates for the Calendar

Term 1 FEBRUARY 2022		
Week 4	Thursday 17th	5.00pm Reconciliation parent meeting
	Friday 18th	Postponed Assembly : School Captains
Week 5	Tuesday 22nd	9.10am Year 5 Classroom Mass
	Wednesday 23rd	Foundation Pupil Free Day
	Friday 25th	9.10am Year 2 Class Prayer
Week 6	Monday 28th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
MARCH 2022		
	Tuesday 1st	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 2nd	12.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Thursday 3rd	Division Swimming Bairnsdale
Week 8	Monday 14th	Labour Day Holiday

School Absences:

To report a student absence please use the **Parent Notified Absences** function on **PAM**.



Parent Notified Absences
Click here to enter.

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

With Deepest Sympathy,
Please keep the Reggardo and extended families in your prayers on the recent loss of a loved one.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Baptism Information Sessions for 2022 for babies & preschoolers

Saturdays @ 11am in St Brendan's Church

March 5th	April 2nd	May - nil
June - nil	July 2nd	Aug 6th
Sept 3rd	Oct 1st	Nov 5th

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

Fri:	18/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat:	19/2	St Dymphna's	Buchan	9.00am
		St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
Sun:	20/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
		St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
Tues:	22/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed:	23/2	St Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
Fri:	25/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat:	26/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sun:	27/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
		St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am



COVID-19..... REGIONAL VICTORIA: Religious gatherings and ceremonies—COVID protocols include wearing of masks indoors and QR code or manual registration is required.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programsi/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



- Do you have a current health care/pension card?
- Did you know you can get a discount on school fees?
- Please contact the school office for more information.

Uniform Reminders:

JEWELLERY is restricted to the following - a wrist watch, no more than one matching pair of studs or sleepers, a religious medallion on a chain to be worn under clothing. Fashion jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not permitted.



HAIR is to be kept neat and tidy at all times. Hair longer than collar length is to be tied back from the face. Headband, hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies and clips must be blue, black or brown.

It is not appropriate for children to come to school with dyed or inappropriate hair styles as deemed by the Principal.

REMINDER: NO SMART WATCHES AND DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.



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.

Simon Everywhere is now available on App Store and Google Play.



Your school has joined the growing Simon Everywhere community. By installing the Simon Everywhere app, you will be able to receive push notifications direct to your phone. Plus you will have easy access to all of the great PAM features, such as Assessments, Reports, Activity Permissions and more.

- Search "Simon Everywhere" on App Store or Google Play and install the app
- Launch Simon Everywhere and register with your name and mobile number
- Click Add School and locate your school from the list
- Enter your existing PAM credentials



Catholic Identity and Religious Education Survey

This year St Brendan's are going through the school review process. This process is an important element of the ongoing improvement of St Brendan's School. I invite you to complete this survey as it will help us look at what we are doing, identify school practices to be maintained and strengthened, and opportunities to be addressed moving forward. The survey is easy to complete (8-10 minutes long).

As a parent, you have an important perspective to share. Please answer each question, rating your response on the five-point scale. Responses are anonymous and will assist the school in its school review.

The link for your survey can be found on an email sent via PAM.

Please contact the school office if you require another link sent. Thank you



A reminder that the car park at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

If you enter these car parks you **MUST** walk your children into the school. **DROP OFF ZONE** is via the Mary MacKillop Hall carpark only. The Disabled Parking spaces are only for people with permits. Thank you.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

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 will be 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.

If you think your child would benefit from these sessions or you have any questions please contact me at school.

Debby Milburn

CYBER SAFETY

Over the last two weeks students in Year 3-6 have started learning about cyber safety. We will have lessons throughout the year run by Marty from Empower and Inform. We will be learning about some special things that kids in primary school should know about. This week we learnt about keeping passwords private and how if we don't, inappropriate things can be posted online. There were lots of other schools who joined in the live webinar and Marty checked we were understanding with questions in a Kahoot. We look forward to learning a lot more about cyber safety this year.



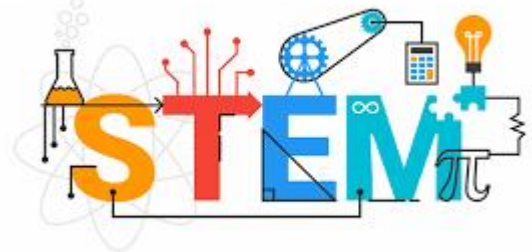
Written by Sadie Stevens

The First Stem Class

STEM class started when Mr Bates, our STEM teacher, explained a little about what STEM is. We then started an experiment to figure out which egg out of 3 was cooked.

We were given 3 eggs, 2 raw and 1 cooked. Each group was given a smiley face egg, confused face and an angry face. We had to find out which one was cooked. Since the only equipment we had was a water tank outside, that was where my group first went. When we put the eggs in the water they all sank.

Next we shook the eggs and listened. We could faintly hear the smiley face egg's cooked yolk shaking around. We decided that the smiley face egg was probably the cooked one. We were right.



-Daniyal Kashif

GUITAR / UKULELE TUITION, St Brendan's Primary School, Teacher: Jim Allen

Guitar lessons are continuing on Tuesdays at St Brendan's Primary School.

Jim aims to create fun and engaging music sessions for students through singing, rhyming and playing songs. Students will learn a small amount of music notation and theory through activities and instruction. Students will learn to play the guitar and ukulele in a solo setting and within groups.

Lessons are \$10 for 30 minutes, costs being added to school fees. Students will learn the guitar in small ability levelled groups.

Learning the guitar involves regular practice of 30 minutes several times a week. It is preferable that students have a guitar. If not, you can purchase a guitar through school at cost price. Please see Jim for information.

Please contact the office if you are interested in your child taking part in guitar lessons.





St Brendan's Lunch Order Menu 2022
Nicks Thai and Japanese Restaurant

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This year our Friday lunch orders will be provided by Nicks.

The orders will need to be placed by 12pm on Thursday for lunch on Friday.

Please refer to the below price list for items.

Orders must be written on a brown paper lunch order bag with the correct money enclosed in an envelope.

Thank you



Hand rolls:

Tuna avocado

Salmon avocado

Teriyaki chicken

Katsu chicken

Panko prawn

Cucumber roll

Avocado roll

Option 1:

Any hand roll with Mount Franklin Lightly Sparkling Water (Lime or Raspberry)

\$6.00

Option2:

Any 2 hand roll with with Mount Franklin Lightly Sparkling Water (Lime or Raspberry)

\$9.00

Deep fired Gyoza Dumpling - 4 pc

\$7.50

Potato croquettes - 2 pcs with dipping sauce

\$7.50

Chicken Karaage (Fried Japanese chicken) - 3 pcs with dipping sauce

\$7.50

Veggie Spring Rolls - 4pc

\$7.50

Chicken wings - 4pc

\$7.50

Today's lunch orders were a great success. The food looked and tasted great.

Each week we are sure to see students experimenting with new tastes.

Thank you Eddie and the team for this wonderful opportunity.



Next week there will be an updated Menu with separate prices for drinks and hand rolls.

Buddy Time 2022

By Tulli McLeod

This year we have 34 new foundation students and on the first day of school we got to meet and spend time with them. The first Friday afternoon of school, we invited the Foundation students into the Year 6 room to complete an activity with them. We enjoyed comparing our favourite foods and colours. Our work is on display in the foyer of our building.



We have helped our buddies settle in on the playground for the first 2 weeks of school. It has been a very fun and exciting start of the year for 2022 with our buddies. We hope the foundation students have had an awesome start to the year and have had lots of fun coming to school.

RECONCILIATION

The word *Reconciliation* has become synonymous with the efforts to bring healing to the Indigenous peoples; the original owners of this land, who have suffered greatly over the years. To Reconcile means to say sorry, to make atonement or to compensate for wrongs committed and to experience the healing power saying sorry and being forgiven can bring.

In the Catholic faith tradition and in other faith traditions, such as Greek Orthodox, Protestantism, Islam and Hinduism, owning up for your mistakes and saying sorry is an important way to live as a better person.

This term, several of our young Catholic students in Year Three will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where they will take ownership of their faults, make amends and receive the grace of God's forgiveness.

The Sacrament will take place on Thursday 31st March.

The first meeting, for parents only, will be held this week in the Hobby Room at 5pm.

Please contact Helen at school if your child is eligible for this Sacrament, but has received no notification.



Seasons For Growth 2022

Seasons for Growth is an innovative, evidence-based change, loss and grief 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.

All Seasons for Growth programs are grounded in sound, person-centred educational principles.

As such, our programs have been shown to be a very effective education intervention. The programs do not provide counselling or psychotherapy.

The Program has a safe and engaging curriculum structure that incorporates a wide range of age-appropriate activities involving drawing, role-play, stories, discussion, playdough, music and journal activities.

The program includes eight weekly sessions, a final celebration session and two subsequent reconstructor sessions (of about 40 minutes). Each weekly session explores a concept theme such as, Life is like the Seasons, Change is Part of Life, 'Valuing My Story, Caring for my Feelings, Making Good Choices.

If anyone thinks this program would suit the needs of their child/ren, please contact Helen Renehan at school.

The eight sessions will begin in Week 6 and continue for 8-10 weeks.



UNIFORM

This is an important requirement and must be worn by every child each day.

Your support in this matter is paramount to its effectiveness.

We pride ourselves on our uniform and need the support of all families in ensuring that this policy is strictly adhered to.

UNIFORM ITEMS - Available from Nick's in Bairnsdale

Most items are regulation, meaning that the school has determined the style or manufacture.

Regulation Summer Uniform:

Boys

Boys Blue Short Sleeve Shirt
Stubbies shorts (grey)
Bomber jacket (with emblem)
Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
Royal blue school hat (with emblem)
Grey socks (**no logos**)
Black leather school shoes/boots

Girls

Summer dress/Summer shorts and shirt
Bomber Jacket (with emblem)
Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
Royal blue school hat (with emblem)
White school socks (**no logos**)
Black leather school shoes or
Buckle/lace-up/T-bar



Regulation Sports Uniform: Boys and Girls

Blue polo shirt with emblem (Short Sleeve)
Navy track pants (in winter) without logos
Black Basketball shorts (in summer), Skorts Girls
Bomber Jacket Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
White sports socks – **below ankle footlet style not acceptable—no logos.**
Running shoes (**not skate or fashion shoes**)

BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES are to be worn with dress uniform on Monday and Tuesday. Tennis/sports socks **are not** permitted to be worn with school shoes. Black pull-on boots are acceptable. High heeled shoes are not acceptable as they pose a health risk for children.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM - Some second hand uniform is available from St Brendan's Op Shop in Bulmer Street

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO SOCKS: STUDENTS ARE NOT TO WEAR SOCKS WITH LOGOS. SOCKS MUST BE ABOVE THE ANKLE (NO ANKLE OR FOOTLET SOCKS)





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LEARN BALL SKILLS

- Easy to join, fun to play
- Inclusive program for girls of all abilities
- Outdoors non-contact



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT

MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For girls with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT

HOW TO PLAY FOR FREE!

Eligible Victorian school students (K-12) are entitled to a \$200 Get Active Kids Voucher each year. Learn more at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB

Lakes Entrance Cricket Club
Thursdays, February 24 - March 24
Mick Poynton / Ryan Hooper

0438 308 725 / 0417 712 269
lakescc@outlook.com

Swan Reach Football Netball Club

The Swan Reach Football Netball Club is delighted to be heading into the 2022 season and would like to invite everyone to get involved and join us to play this year! We are affiliated with the Omeo & District Football Netball League, and will be fielding the following junior teams to play alongside our Senior Football & Netball program:

- Under 16s Football
- Under 18s Netball
- Under 12s Netball

If you're interested in playing this year, please contact Jaide Stevens on 0408 157 114, or at srfnc.secretary@gmail.com.
Or come along to training on Wednesdays at 6pm from 9th Feb.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the field this year!



Have you moved? Have you changed your mobile number? Do you have a new email address?

If so, please contact the school and update your details.





Nagle College Scholarship Applications for 2023

Does your child excel academically, in sport or in the arts? If so, have you considered applying for a Nagle College Scholarship?

Scholarships are offered across all year levels for:

- Academic Excellence
- The Arts
- Sport

Apply today! Applications for the 2023 academic year close on Friday 4 March, 2022.

For more information or to apply please visit:

www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships



OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 23 March, 4–7 PM

Open Night is an opportunity for families to experience Nagle College by engaging in hands-on activities:

- Sample treats made by our Food Tech students
- Participate in Science experiments
- Try calligraphy and origami, and dress up in Kimonos or Happy Coats in our Japanese language class
- See our Graduation and Reconciliation Cloak, Welcome to Country cloaks and learn how we support our local indigenous history and community
- and much more more!

Registration is essential. Visit our website form more information or to register!

www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/visit-us

2022 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	1 CHILD FAMILY	2 CHILD FAMILY	3 CHILD FAMILY	4 CHILD FAMILY
SCHOOL FEES	\$875.00	\$960.00	\$1040.00	\$1121.00
TUITION LEVY	\$180.00	\$360.00	\$540.00	\$720.00
EXCURSIONS	\$ 51.00	\$102.00	\$153.00	\$204.00
CAPITAL LEVY	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$1136.00	\$1452.00	\$1763.00	\$2075.00

PAYMENT BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL FEES ONLY:

PER	FAMILY \$875	FAMILY \$960	FAMILY \$1040	FAMILY \$1121
WEEK Based on 40 school weeks	\$21.88	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.03
FORTNIGHT Based on 20 school fortnights	\$43.76	\$48.00	\$52.00	\$56.06
MONTH Based on 11 months	\$79.55	\$87.28	\$94.55	\$101.91
TERM Based on 4 terms	\$218.75	\$240.00	\$260.00	\$280.25

Last payment date for Tuition Levy (including Stationery): Friday, 4th February.

Last payment date for Excursion & Capital Levy: Friday, 4th March.

Last payment date for School Fees: Friday 25th November.

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE AGES 5 - 12 BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

LEGO Club 2022



Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our after-school LEGO Club sessions

The sessions incorporate freestyle creativity and themed construction activities.

Donations welcome

The library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

Children aged six and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
3.40 pm – 4.40 pm

Every Wednesday
Except School Holidays

For more information, phone 5152 4225 or ask in person at the library about these FREE sessions.