# **St Brendan's Primary School 1581**

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# Newsletter No 10 April 8, 2022



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.





## MOVIE AFTERNOON FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all the help from parents, much appreciated!













Dear Families and Friends,

We have had a busy and successful term to begin 2022. It has been so pleasing to have conducted all our sporting events, camps and to now invite parents back into our school. The students have clearly enjoyed being back in normal routine as classroom behaviour is exceptional and on the playground, we experience very few issues.

Last week's camp for year four to Karoonda Park was a huge success despite the rain. We were able to conduct many outdoor activities and the students reveled in the freedom of the farm experience.

Unfortunately, due to rain the division cross country has been rescheduled to next term. Hopefully, the ground will dry out between now and then. Our Athletics Carnival will also take place early in the term on Friday, 6 May so please put the date aside.

#### Sport for school-age children- https://raisingchildren.net.au/

Many children are ready for organised sport by the middle years of primary school. Playing organised sports and activities can be good for your child in lots of ways. For example, it can help your child to:

- develop physical fitness, self-esteem and confidence
- improve movement and coordination skills
- learn to listen and follow instructions and basic tactics
- learn to lead, follow and be part of a team

learn about fair play and being a good sport.



First experiences in organised sports don't have to be as hard or intense as the adult versions. Most sports have **modified versions of games** that are appropriate for children at this age. These include Cricket Blast, Aussie Hoops basketball, NetSetGo netball, TryRugby and Auskick.

Modified games have different rules and equipment – for example, a rubber ball instead of a hard cricket ball, a smaller field size or smaller teams. This can all help your child develop skills without getting hurt or losing confidence.

Other options for your child could be dance, martial arts or swimming classes.

This year our school is working through the fourth phase of school renewal. Next term, we will present a self-reflection report to DOSCEL who will conduct an External Review of our school. This involves a panel of assessors making a two day visit to St Brendan's where they will interview staff and parents and will observe our practice. Through their findings, our school will be rated in accordance with the National School Improvement Tool. We are looking forward to the experience and to receiving some feedback on our work.

We have a couple of events on the holidays that have great importance to us and I would like to extend the invitation to our families and friends. On Saturday, 16 April at 7.00pm in the St Brendan's church, Leonie Morrison and Lauren Alsop will make the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a special occasion for these school leaders and for our school, all are welcome to attend. Then of course on ANZAC Day our school will march proudly together to the cenotaph. A note went home this week with the details, we hope to see you all there.

I wish you all a safe and rewarding family holiday. Hopefully, you get away to somewhere new.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar
Term 1	APRIL 2022	
Week 11	Friday 8th	Term 1 ends @ 2.15pm
Term 2		
Week 1	Monday 25th	ANZAC DAY—No School
	Tuesday 26th	<b>Term Two Commences</b> Year 3 Camp Coolamatong
	Wednesday 27th	Year 3 Camp Coolamatong
	MAY 2022	
Week 2	Friday 6th	St Brendan's Athletics Day



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

Fri: 8/4 St Brendan's **Opal Aged Care** 9/4 St Brendan's Sat: St Joseph's Sun: 10/4 St Brendan's St Colman's Tues: 12/4 St Mary's Cathedral Thurs: 14/4 St Colman's Holy Thursday St Brendan's 15/4 St Brendan's Fri: St Colman's Good Friday 16/4 St Peter's Sat: St Joseph's Holy Saturday St Brendan's Easter Vigil Sun: 17/4 St Brendan's Easter Sunday St Colman's

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11.00am



Baptism Information Sessions for 2022 for babies & preschoolers Saturdays @ 11am in St Brendan's Church May - nil - June - nil - July 2nd Aug 6th Sept 3rd - Oct 1st - Nov 5th

# **GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS**

#### Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Golden Honour Awards for Jerm 1, 2022

Congratitations to the following statents for receiving the Gotaen Gronour Grwarus for Gerne 1, 2022			
Foundation Red	Darby Kenworthy-Smith	For working diligently on all learning tasks and always displaying an enthusiastic attitude.	
	Rocco Mazzitelli	For being a kind, caring and supportive class member who always tries his best and is keen to learn.	
Foundation Blue	Jesse Downing	For your excellent persistence and positive attitude towards all aspects of your learning. We are very proud of your achievements!	
	Sophie McTighe	For your excellent attitude towards learning, always striving to do your best and your amazing smile!	
1 Red	Heaven Beshay	For practising her reflection skills and giving thoughtful answers to questions we are exploring.	
1Blue	Harriet Stewart	For being a diligent student who has demonstrated significant improvement with her reading. Keep up the fantastic work Harriet!	
2 Red	Max McTighe	For his use of decoding strategies when reading unknown texts.	
	Willow Nicholas	For her enthusiasm when completing reading and writing activities.	
2 Blue	Remy Albert	For always trying his best and making a great start this term, keep up the good work.	
	Chloe James	For displaying kindness and always thinking of others in the class.	
3 Red	Lucas Brownett	For displaying a strong work ethic when completing maths tasks. Your enthusiasm and passion is visible as you undertake tasks with a smile and display a genuine want to succeed. Well done on a very successful beginning to Year 3.	
	Noah Waite	For sharing your thinking when solving challenging mathematical tasks . Your passion and want for improvement is a testament to your growth mindset and your continued development in all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Noah.	
3 Blue	Jesse Cahill	For his continued progress and engagement in his learning as well as always being a positive role model.	
	Blake Cherry	For his positive approach to, and fantastic participation in his learning as well as his friendly manner.	
4 Red	Angelina Rodgers	For the growth she has achieved in reading due to the diligent effort she has shown during class sessions.	
	Grace Neander	For working her way through the writing process to achieve a high standard narrative writing piece.	
4 Blue	Indi-Rose Upton	For her growth in place value and working hard to achieve her learning goals.	
	Evelyn Ash	For her commitment to reading and outstanding reading test results.	
5 Red	Abby Grenfell	For being a supportive member of her class, always working well in class, producing excellent work and helping her teacher with secretarial tasks.	
	Leo Bassett-Albert	For making an outstanding effort in all subject areas throughout Term 1. Always contributing to class activities, assisting others when needed and being an excellent role model.	
5 Blue	Jack Hayllar	For continually seeking feedback to improve and setting a high standard for consistent contributions to class activities.	
	Juliet Walker	For her superb efforts in all topic areas, whilst maintaining a positive attitude and showcasing what having initiative looks like.	
6 Red	Caleb Till	For consistently applying himself to his work, and showing the 3Rs when carrying out his leadership responsibilities.	
	Brooke Bodsworth	For working consistently during writing to produce a narrative, persuasive and information report.	
6 Blue	Benjamin Coventry	For dedicating himself to his learning and actively developing a growth mindset.	
	Grace DiFiore	For always applying herself to the best of her ability to achieve her learning goal.	
Art	Jake Richardson	For being mature and helpful to others in Art after completing his work.	
	August Neal	For being very creative in Art and showing a deep passion for drawing.	
Sport	Keelie Silver	For your enjoyment when playing sport and development in your movement skills.	
	Lachlan Ymer	For being a role model and displaying leadership qualities in sport lessons.	
STEM	Anton Whelan	For your willingness to use mistakes as a learning opportunity in STEM.	
	Aubrey Hinchliffe	For your scientific thinking and problem solving through STEM tasks.	
Mandarin	Hannah Mitchelson-Twigg	For your continued confidence to speak Mandarin phrases with clarity and accuracy. Keep up your willingness to learn Mandarin, Hannah. Zuò dé hǎo (well done).	
	Sophie Lina	For writing grammatically correct pinyin sentences that involve days of the week and verb activities. Your enthusiasm and consistent participation in all aspects of Mandarin learning is outstanding. Fēicháng hǎo (very very good).	
Deputy Principal	lvy Lay	For always displaying kindness to others, for her impeccable manners and for being a fan- tastic role model for the 3Rs.	
Year 6 Leaders	Destiny Hayes	For showing great leadership, being a positive role model and looking out for others.	





Left: Jesse and Chad are using stencils to draw.

**Right:** Harper and Sophie are working with Playdough.

Far right: Mahlee is using tweezers to move pom poms.







## FOUNDATION FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES

Above: Kobii. Below: Oliver & Parker.



In Foundation, we understand how important it is to look after our bodies and to be the best we can be. We have learnt that we need to strengthen the muscles in our hands and arms to be able to hold our pencil correctly and to coordinate and control pencils and crayons. That means if we have strong hands and arms, we can do our best work!

Each week we participate in different activities to strengthen our muscles and improve our fine motor skills. Have a look at some of the things we do!



Above: Max.



**Above:** Charlotte is strengthening her hand muscles by putting elastic bands over the cup.



**Above:** Darby & Brooklyn work with playdough. **Below:** Maddison, Evie M & Tanner trace carefully.





Below: Abel concentrating hard.





Left: Tate & Lexi practice using scissors

**Below:** Rocco, Charli, Lashani & August having fun completing the fine motor





Max & Ella W are working with playdough to build strength in their hands.

# **Buddies Easter Egg Hunt**

# Foundation & Year 6

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Departure from St-Brendan's - We were all excited to go to camp. (Ben Bodsworth)

Travelling to Karoonda Park - We had an awesome drive there, we played games and sang songs, over and over and over again. (Indie Lina)





Low Ropes Course: The ropes course was a bit tricky. We were not meant to help each other, but we all made it safely across.

(Haddie McLeod)



Low Ropes Course: The ropes course was difficult. We had two spotters, and different obstacles. (Keelie)



Zip Line - before - We were all a little bit nervous with our harness on and ready to climb up the hill to the top of the zip line. (Evelyn Ash)

Zip Line - I thought the zip line was going to snap, so I held on tight. But it didn't snap and I liked it.

(Angelina Rodgers)





Zip Line - during - I felt excited when I was up the top. It was bigger than I thought. I went on my back. I wasn't nervous, it was all fun. (Oliver Coventry)

Horse Awareness: We learnt about the different brushes to use on horses. I was brushing Herbie and he was enjoying it. (Bailey Whelan).





Little River Gorge: It was the biggest Gorge I had ever seen. It was the biggest Gorge in Victoria. I was amazed that it took millions of years to form.

(Archer Rickman)



Who gave Dan the camera? (Ms Hannah and Mrs Graham)



We thought the rock looked like a bat with sunnies and where Batman lives. (Leo Drew)

> We decided to take a selfie in front of the Gorge. We thought it was beautiful and wished we could go back again...in warmer weather. (Harry Strong)



Bull Talk - The bull talk was very inspiring and told us all about what is a good bull to buy and what isn't a good bull to buy. Linton told us their highest bull sold is \$42 000 this year. We are going to make a list of A names for the bulls for this year. (Jane Hawkins)



Rock Climbing - Thanks to Mrs Daly for coming with us to camp. Some people decided to do the hard ones first and it was very tricky on some of the rocks to climb up on them. I got half way and was proud of that. (Isobel Mills)





Damper - We made damper in the hall. We cooked the damper in the fire place where we all sat. Our faces got very hot. Some of us collected sticks and some of us stayed to make the damper. (Bella Gillespie)

Movie Night - The movie night was awesome. The movie was about science and chance, it was called, 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.' (Mayson Nicolas)





Night Walk - We took our torches and when Luke stopped we all had to turn our torches off. We saw ducks and one went straight past us. We looked at the stars and saw the Southern Cross. (Reide Ymer)





On Thursday the 7 of April I was able to bring my pet snake to school. The snake's name is "Antaro." We named him Antaro because he's a "T-positive Antaresia Stimsoni python." Antaro is only about 4 months old. **T**-positive means that when Antaro gets older, his skin will become a more white and orange colour. He is half Albino and half normal. Antaro will grow to about 3-4 feet long . Anatro is not poisonous but he has bitten someone once, unfortunately that was me! When he bites it doesn't hurt, you just feel a little tingle. The year 5 and 6 students enjoyed finding out all about snakes.

**By Connor Guillot** 









Launching Next Term

Featuring Dr Michael Carr-Gregg





#### Essential information for modern day parenting

SchoolTV offers parents a fresh approach to the growing issues and pressures faced by Australian youth. SchoolTV is a unique online resource delivering powerful and credible information to empower parents with the skills to address these issues and raise happy, well and resilient kids.

The purpose of SchoolTV is to provide a single resource for parents, about a specific topic, to streamline reputable information from leading specialists. Content is based around major topics of influence and are delivered via a series of videos presented by leading youth health specialist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

SchoolTV is accessible via mobile. tablet and desktop and is designed especially for Australian schools.

SchoolTV will be presented as a monthly eNewsletter which will be emailed to you from your school and/or accessible via your school's website. Each month a new topic will be presented and introduced by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

Some topics will include:

- Youth Anxiety
- Depression
- Digital Reputation
- Screen Addiction
- Drug and Alcohol use
- Cyberbullying
- Social Networking · Self-harm and Suicide

Credible and independent information

presented by leading experts such as Professor Ian Hickie, Professor Pat McGorry and Dr Liz Scott.

Want to know more? To discuss any issues relating to opics covered by SchoolTV, pleas contact your school counsellor. To contact SchoolTV, email us at SchoolTV@ondigital.com.au

#### Snapshot of Young People in Australia

- 99% of young Australians are online
- 75% of parents feel digitally disconnected and concerned about their kids online\*
- mental disorder
- 1 in 3 girls and 25% of boys report being depressed\*
- 10% of youth are self-harming\*
- 15% of 16-17 year old girls have suicidal ideation, 1 in 13 actually attempted it.
- The two-year survey of 6300 families Health of Children & Adolescence Br
- \*\* Replient Youth Report, 2014.



GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA VICTORIA

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Lakes Entrance Girl Guides is a thriving and welcoming unit with weekly meetings conducted by qualified and experienced leaders, BUT it needs your help.

If you consider encouraging young girls to reach their potential within themselves and their communities as important then here's an excellent opportunity for you.

We are looking for people to work with our experienced Unit Leaders who have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are happy to share their Guiding expertise.

We are keen to hear from young women interested in this extremely rewarding role.

The Lakes Entrance unit meets every Monday of the school term (excluding public holidays) from 5.30 to 7pm at the Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club (opposite Toorloo Arm Primary School). While experience as a Girl Guide would be nice it is not essential, and all training will be provided.

Contact Sue Grima on 0427281445 for further details on how to get involved in helping girls and young women to grow, explore, and believe in themselves.



# 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 Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm. First round kicks off this Saturday 2nd April.

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.



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

Winter uniforms are now available Open 10am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.



### CHECK YOUR SIMON EVERYWHERE/ PAM ACCOUNT DAILY! Keep updated with everything

happening at St Brendan's



# Auskick Starts Thursday 28th April 2022

5-6pm @ Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve (Footy & Cricket Grounds) 1 Rowe St Lakes Entrance. Please enter Via gate at the Caravan Park End which is closest to the Social Rooms (not Bowls Club End)

This is due to Football & Netball Training being held on the same night and is safety requirement for Auskick Participants.

Registrations are now open. Please go to https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/afdaf7

The cost for the program is \$91.

The program will run for 9 weeks ending 23rd June 2022

There is no set uniform for Auskick sessions, just ensure your child is comfortable to be able to participate in all activities. We recommend sports clothing and either runners or footy boots. Many participants choose to wear their AFL team's colours and jumpers.

To be able to run an Auskick Centre we have to adhere to Covid safe rules so:

Please bring a drink bottle with your Childs name on it

We will have sanitizer available for kids to use

Parents/Carers are reminded if you are feeling unwell or show any Covid symptoms, please stay at home.

Please note that this year we have had to cap participation numbers due to lack of parent helpers. Auskick is a volunteer run program.

If you are interested in helping to run this program, please contact Coordinator Kelly Richardson on 0448 809 067 ASAP

Eligible families may be able to cover the cost of their Auskick registration. For further information go to https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/





# **COULD YOU FOSTER A** CHILD?

We URGENTLY need Foster Carers in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

Bairnsdale

### Grade 5 and 6 Information Evening



# Save the date!

When: Wednesday 4th May 2022

Where: Bairnsdale Secondary College

Any questions please contact us 5150 4800 or bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au

FREE

# **All Juniors** welcomed Cost: \$35 per day Free Sausage Sizzle

# **BAIRNSDALE TENNIS CLUB**

## EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Our holiday camps give junior Players the chance to improve their game while having lots of fun.

With our experienced and friendly coaches our camps will focus on improving all aspects of the game including; fitness, technique, tactical skills and match play.

Dates: Wednesday 13th April & Thursday 14th April

Start: 9:30am & Finish 12:30pm

For any enquiries or to book please call Gavin McCoy: 0430221027

Email: gavinmccoytennis@outlook.com

LEGO Club 2022

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES



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

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



#### Lakes Entrance Service Centre 3.40 pm - 4.40 pm Every Wednesday Except School Holidays

AGES 5 -12 BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

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



Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this free event.

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Mallacoota Service Centre 2.15 pm – 3.45 pm

Libraries Change Lives

FREE AGES 5 -12 BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED



FREE AGES 5 -12 NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Tuesday 19 April Bairnsdale Library 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm





Enjoy some school holiday time playing Xbox games and board games at your library

staying with their younger children

The Xbox games provided are suitable for the 5 to 12 age group for which this event is being held.

For further information, phone 5152 4225 or enquire in person at the library about this FREE event.

**Bairnsdale Library** Monday 11 April 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

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**STEAM Fun Come and Try Day** 

Phone 5152 4225 or book in person at the library for this FREE event.

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Come and try some of our new STEAM gadgets! Circuits

Drop in anytime between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm to join in the fun.

For more information about this FREE event, phone 5152 4225 or ask staff at the library.

Bairnsdale Library 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

