

St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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December, 1st 2023



*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.*



Collaborative Conference interviews will take place on

**Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and
Wednesday 6th December**
3.30pm—5.30pm

The school will not be making appointments for those that have not booked this term. Please make sure if you would like an interview, login to Pam and make an appointment.

Our Semester Two Collaborative Conferences will take place in Week Ten of this term. These meetings enable us the opportunity to further inform you about your child's progress. Your child is also able to reflect on their achievements and set goals for the following year. You will also be able to speak with the teacher to reinforce information that will be handed over to your child's teacher for 2024.

This semester, the Collaborative Conferences are optional. If you require a meeting please make your booking through PAM, following the steps provided. Collaborative Conferences are face to face meetings. If for some reason you cannot make the meeting, please inform the office that you require an online meeting.

Booking are made on PAM.



Parent Teacher Interviews

[Click here to Enter](#)

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On **Friday, 8 December**, St Brendan's will host our Family Barbecue. The afternoon will be a great chance for our community to get together and participate in some family activities. The outline for the afternoon is as listed below:

- 4.30pm:** Art show in hall
- 5.00pm:** Carols and singing group performances
- 5.30pm:** Parent/Teacher versus Grade Six Students Soccer Match
- 5.30 to 7.00pm:** Dinner available - Shared Barbecue Dinner (Meat will be provided, parents are asked to provide a salad or dessert)



We are looking to recruit Year Six parents for the soccer match. Please advise your child if you can play. It should be a lot of fun.

Children should wear casual clothes. Please bring a camping chair or two.

For catering purposes please return note sent home.

See you there!



Dear Families and Friends,

Yes, the weather has been miserable but it has not dampened our school's creativity. All students have been working on their displays for the **Art Show** to take place on the Family Barbecue afternoon on Friday, 8 December. I know you will be impressed, please take time to visit the hall. Year six have put on a **Horrible Histories exhibition** this week which showcase their writing and accompanying resources which are based on the Horrible Histories series. This work has been a great inspiration to all our young writers and can also be viewed on the night of the barbecue alongside the Art Show.

Our School Captain elections for 2024 took place today. All candidates spoke with clarity and confidence. We are very proud of them all. All students received multiple votes and we would like to congratulate the following students on being elected.

2024 School Captains: Piper Crawley and Harry Strong

Indigenous School Captain: Cooper Kennedy

Our House Captain elections will take place tomorrow.

Safety basics: bicycles, scooters and skateboards- <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Here's a list of safety basics for when your child is learning to ride bicycles, scooters and skateboards:

- Make sure your child rides a bicycle, scooter or skateboard that's suitable for their age, size and ability.
- **Wear a helmet.** Helmets are compulsory for all children and adults when riding bikes in all Australian states and territories, and when riding scooters, skateboards and rollerblades in some states.
- Use protective gear like wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads when riding a scooter, rollerblading or skateboarding.
- Dress your child in brightly coloured clothing. This helps riders, pedestrians and drivers see your child.
- Teach your child to look carefully at the riding environment to decide whether it's safe to ride.
- Give your child some practice in a safe area, like your backyard or a park, before heading onto a bike path or footpath.
- Always make sure a grown-up is with your child while they're riding, until your child is at least 12-13 years old



Please join us on Friday, 8 December. The afternoon begins with our **Golden Honour Assembly** at 2.30pm. At the assembly, Darren Chester will present our year six students with their leadership certificates. We will hear the final speech from our school captains and we will also **farewell Louis Battista**. Lou has taught at St Brendan's for thirty years. He leaves us with a lasting legacy of great stewardship to our school. He is a teacher who has left a positive impression on generations of students. He is more popular than ever with our kids and we will all miss him very much. We hope to see you there.

In the evening we all return to school at 4.30pm where we would like for families to enjoy the Art Show followed by carols on the lawn, the **Year Six v Year Six Parents Soccer Match**, then a barbecue dinner. Let's hope the weather improves.

See you there,
Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar
Term 4	DECEMBER 2023	
Week 10	Monday 4th	3.30–5.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 5th	3.30–5.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 6th	3.30–5.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 8th December	9.10am Whole School Mass of Thanks 2.30 pm GHC Assembly: 4.30pm Family BBQ—Soccer Match
Week 11	Monday 11th	Nativity and carols in the church
	Thursday 14th	9.10am Graduation Mass
	Friday 15th	Term 4 ends 2.15pm—Last day for students
Week 12	Wednesday 20th	Last day for staff



St Brendan's School Uniform can be ordered online!

Link to website for St Brendan's Uniform below:

<https://nicksbairnsdale.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/st-brendans-uniform/>

Reminder

Pay school fees!

A friendly reminder that school fees are now due. Also, families who hold a Health Care Card and receive the concession discount, are required to have their fees paid in full at the end of the year to be considered for this discount next year. Statements will be sent out this week. **School fee statements have been sent out via email. If you haven't received one in your inbox please check your spam folder otherwise please contact the school.**



Baby congratulations to the Hayes-Squires family, Lashani (Year 1) on the arrival of their daughter and sister, "Izzy".

Sat: 2/12	St Brendan's St Joseph's	Lakes Entrance Swan Reach	9.30am 5.00pm
Sun: 3/12	St Brendan's St Colman's	Lakes Entrance Orbost	9.00am 11.00am
Tue: 5/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed: 6/12	St Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
Thurs: 7/12	Opal NH	Lakes Entrance	11.00am
Fri: 8/12	St Brendan's Whole school Mass	Lakes Entrance	9.10am
Sat: 9/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sun: 10/12	St Brendan's St Colman's St Peter's	Lakes Entrance Orbost Mallacoota	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm

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

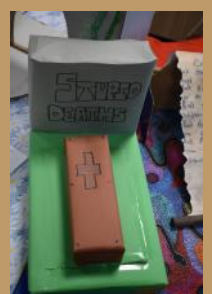
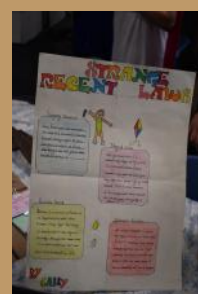


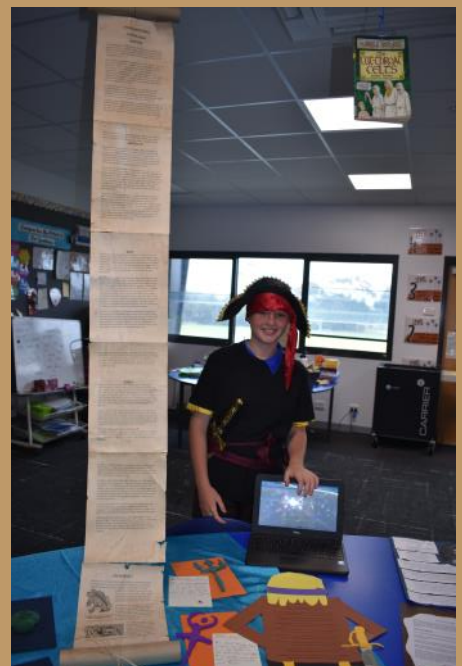
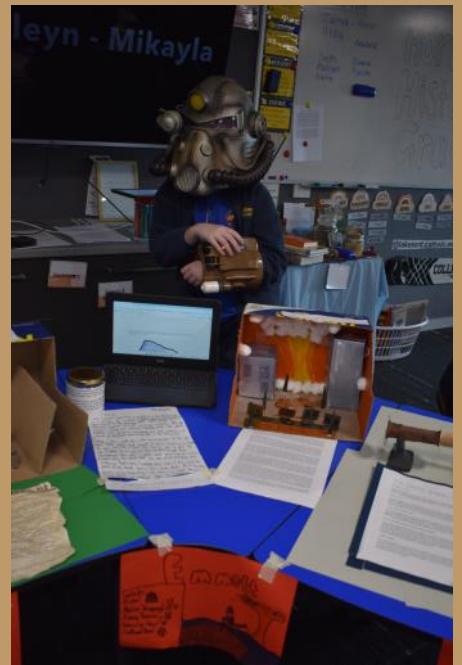
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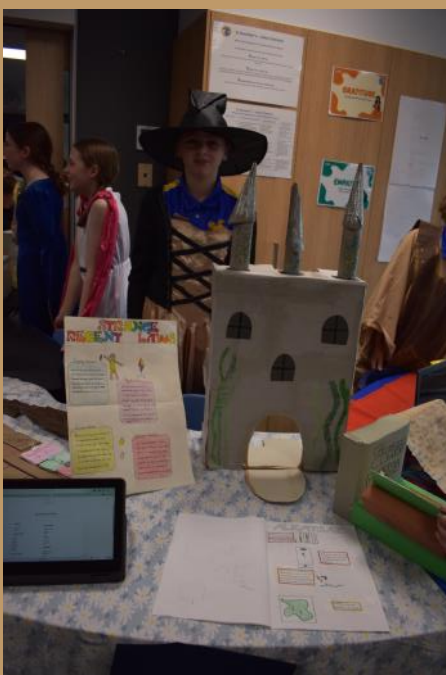
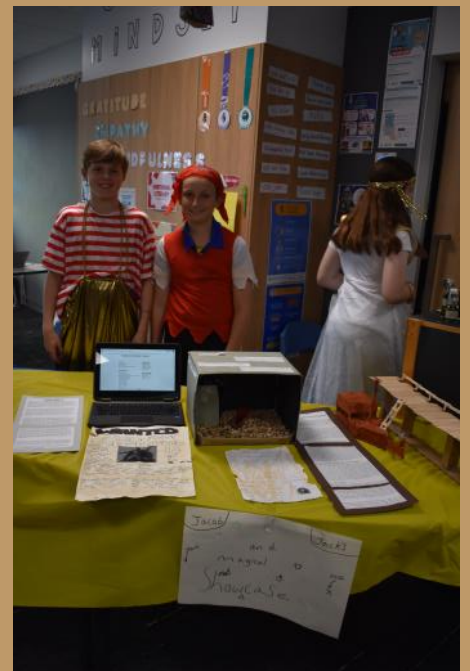
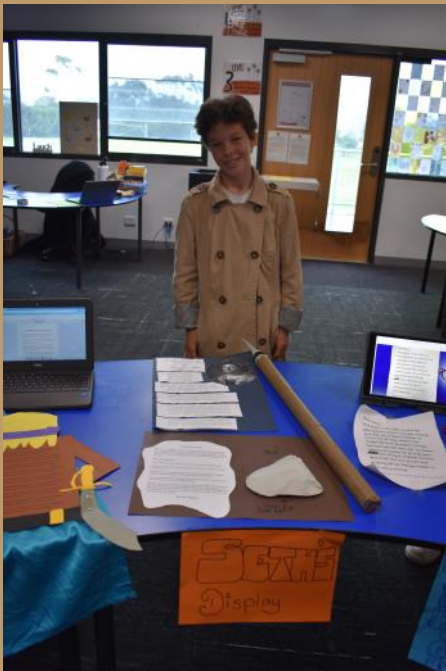
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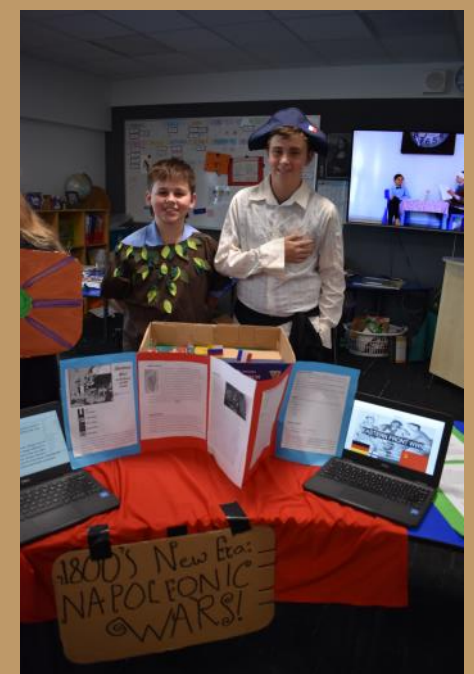
On the 30th of November, 2023 the whole of Year 6 will be having an exhibition showcasing their Horrible Histories writing projects. Our writing was inspired by the Horrible Histories' episodes and books. We have been exploring different people in history like Henry the VIII, Vikings, soldiers from World War 1 and 2 and more. The whole Year 6 has a plan to set their tables as a snake table. If you didn't know what a snake table is, it's just a table that's long like a snake. Also the Year 6 classroom door will be a portal, the idea being that when you walk through the portal you will travel to the past like BCE. Also, the Year sixes have planned to dress up as their writing pieces. I am going to wrap myself in toilet paper to be a mummy. We have invited grades 3 - 5 to view our work that we've been doing in Horrible Histories, we are looking forward to them coming on Thursday.

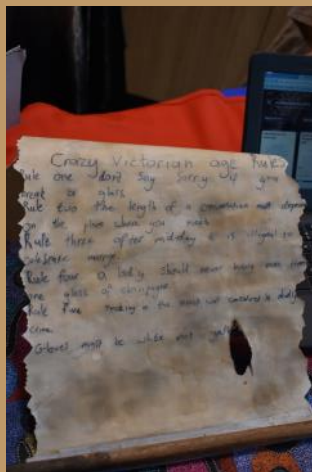
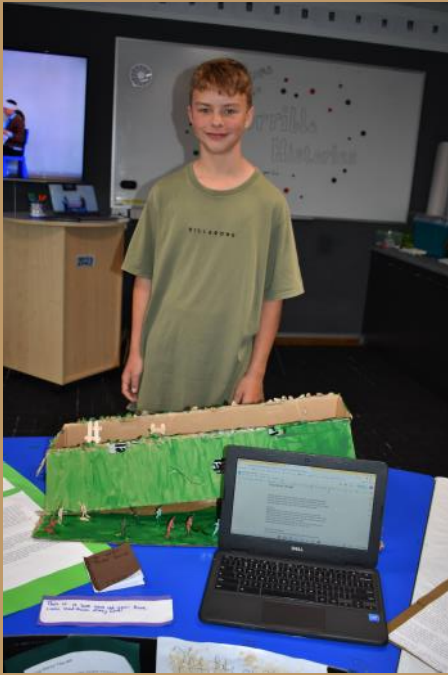
BY NATHAN NGUYEN











Year 5 meeting 2024 Foundation buddies

On Wednesday, the 29th, Year 5 students met with their Foundation buddies for next year. We were all excited but nervous as were the new foundation students. First we found them and sat on the rainbow mat with them. Next we split into two groups. One group went down to the hall to play "Rob the Nest", while the other group did some colouring. After 15 minutes we switched groups. The next thing we did was eat lunch with them. As expected, they were very messy with their eating. We tried to lead them through the activities and teach them what to do at school. We played another game and did some more colouring but then it was home time. Before they left, we showed them their buddy bags that we created for them. These included information and fun activities for them to do to remind them of school. We met the parents of our buddies and had a conversation with them about their day. We really enjoyed helping our buddies throughout their transition to St. Brendans. We can't wait to spend time with them next year.

**By Harry Strong and
Haddie McLeod**



Nagle Orientation Day

On Tuesday the 28th of November twenty nine year six students travelled by bus or with parents for their transition day at Nagle Secondary College. Many year six students got split up into seven different year seven classes. For the first two periods, 2024 year seven students got introduced into their core groups, house groups and pastoral groups. When the third period came around some classes did science, bus safety, maths and many other subjects. When the fourth period started all classes switched with one of the already mentioned subjects. After lunch break, everyone got separated into their house groups and then their pastoral groups for an "Amazing Race" around Nagle. All in all, we will miss St Brendan's but are looking forward to the next stage of our educational journey, thank you to all the staff that have got us to this point.

Written by Nick Morrison





This year, St Brendan's will continue to support the East Gippsland Community Christmas Appeal. This Appeal provides food hampers and children's gifts to East Gippsland families at Christmas. It is about locals looking out for locals and acknowledging that Christmas can sometimes be a time of financial strain, especially with the challenges such as high interest rates. Not all families experience the joy of sharing a Christmas meal with family and friends.

Community Service Agencies refer families to the Christmas Appeal and hampers and gifts are given without judgment. It is an opportunity for the community to work together to share their best wishes at Christmas time.

Over the next 12 days we will be collecting goods for this appeal. Each class has been allocated a family to think and pray about and to collect a hamper for. All items need to be in by Tuesday, 5th December, where they will be packaged ready for pickup. If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, it would be gratefully accepted and would help in the purchase of any missing items.

The Social Justice Committee will be coordinating the collection of goods for the hampers.

Foundation Red	Foundation Blue	1/2 Red	1/2 Blue
Mother Father Boy 8 Girl 7 Girl 3	Mother Father Girl 4 Boy 2 Girl 6mth	Grandmother Grandfather Boy 4	Mother Father Boy 11 Boy 9 Girl 8 Boy 5 Girl 4
1/2 Green	3/4 Blue	3/4 Green	3/4 Red
Mother Father Girl 7 Girl 5	Mother Grandmother Boy 13 Girl 8 Boy 3	Mother Father Girl 14 Boy 11 Boy 4	Mother Father Girl 5 Boy 4 Boy 6mth
5 Red	5 Blue	6 Red	6 Blue
Mother Girl 6 2x Boy Grown 1x Girl Grown	Mother Father Boy 6 Boy 3 Boy 1	Mother Father Boy 9 Boy 6 Girl 5	Grandmother Boy 12 Boy 11 Girl 9

Each hamper needs at least one (more for larger families) of the following;

- Christmas cake
- large tin of ham
- tin of peas
- tin of carrots
- tin of potatoes
- Christmas pudding
- custard
- Christmas shortbread
- long-life milk
- potato chips
- Christmas chocolates, e.g. chocolate stocking or box of chocolates
- 3 x extra grocery items, e.g. pasta, rice or soup



St Brendan's has been a strong supporter of this appeal for several years now and this year we will once again, like Mary Mackillop, try to put our faith into action. Please talk to your children about why we are doing this and perhaps involve them in choosing which item to donate. Thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards, Leonie Morrison and the Social Justice Committee



St Brendan's Primary School - Lakes Entrance



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Users may not use students, teachers or any member of our community's names when commenting on posts. Share or Tag, but don't name.



Donations of
**BRIGHT
TILES**
required for
school
mosaic—
**Purple,
yellow,
orange,
green, blue,
bright
patterns,
cups and
saucers**



ST BRENDAN'S LUNCH ORDER

SUSHI ROLLS

SALMON & AVO	\$3.90
AVOCADO	\$3.50
CUCUMBER	\$3.50
TEMPURA VEGE	\$3.50
TERIYAKI CHICKEN	\$3.50
CHICKEN KATSU	\$3.50
PANKO PRAWN	\$3.90
TUNA & AVO	\$3.90

DRINKS

LIGHTLY SPARKLING MINERAL WATER CANS	\$3.00
LIME RASPBERRY, WATERMELON, MANGO.	

HOT FOOD

HONEY CHICKEN & FRIED RICE	\$10
TERIYAKI CHICKEN & FRIED RICE	\$10
CHICKEN OYSTER STIR FRY & FRIED RICE	\$10
FRIED PORK DUMPLING (GYOZA) WITH PLUM DIPPING SAUCE	\$7.50

SALADS & BOWLS

SALMON POKE BOWL	\$12.50
TOFU & VEGETABLE POKE BOWL	\$10
VEGETABLE SOBA NOODLE SALAD	\$9

MINI BANH MI

HALF SIZED BANH MI	
TH O.G	\$6
3 DIFFERENT TYPES OF VIETNAMESE PORK, MAYO, PATE, PICKLES, CUCUMBER, CORIANDER	
CRISPY PORK BELLY	\$6
CRISPY PORK BELLY, MAYO, PATE, PICKLES, CUCUMBER, CORIANDER	
CRISPY CHICKEN	\$6
CRISPY CHICKEN, MAYO, PATE, PICKLES, CUCUMBER, CORIANDER	

DECEMBER RECONCILIATION AND CHRISTMAS MASS CALENDAR

• Wednesday 20th December

St Brendan's Reconciliation 6pm

• Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

St Brendan's Morning Mass 9am

St Brendan's Christmas Eve Mass 6pm

• Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

St Brendan's Mass 9am

Swan Reach Mass 11am

St Brendan's Mass in Vietnamese 3pm





FEES

Vacation Care: \$90

Subsidy. This subsidy will determine your actual fees. Please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 to find out more about your entitlements.

Additional payment is required for excursions and some incursions.

Please note: These costs will be added to your child's fee.

HOURS OF OPERATION

8am to 6pm

WHAT TO BRING



Hat Drink Lunch Bag Enclosed Shoes Spare Clothes



Vacation Care Program January Holidays 2024

Operating from the
Lakes Entrance Primary
School
(Lambert street access).

PH: 5144 6952

gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com

WEEK ONE

Monday 15th January: Buchan caves

Come and experience the natural beauty of the Buchan Caves which is situated in Buchan. We will go through one of the caves on a tour with a tour guide so he will be able to answer all of your questions. After the tour we will have a BBQ lunch before heading back to school.
Cost: \$25

Tuesday 16th January: Water day and arts and craft

Today the children can bring in their super soakers and water pistols. We will have a day of water play, please make sure your child/ren bring in spare clothes, bathers, hat and waterproof foot attire for outside. Unfortunately if your child doesn't bring a hat they will need to stay indoors. Those that prefer not to get wet will have full access to the OSHC resources indoors.

Wednesday 17th January: Tie day and sports day

Let's be creative and make bold and bright colourful clothing. This is an experience that can't be missed. We will have a white t-shirt for each child, but you're more than welcome to bring in other items of clothing to tie dye. Please send lunch and snacks for the day.

Cost \$10pp

Thursday 18th January: Aqua dome and inflatable

We will walk to the aqua dome, leaving the service by 11am. When at the aqua dome the children will have access to the inflatable slides and climbing equipment. Please pack lunch and lots of snacks for energy for this day. We will then leave the pool at 3pm. Children can be collected at the pool prior to 3pm or back at the service after 3.30pm.

Cost: \$10pp

Friday 19th January: Movie day and Cooking

To stay out of the scorching summer sun, today we will be cooking homemade pizzas under the air conditioner. Starting from scratch, making the dough and then topping it with your own choice of toppings. We will also be watching a movie with popcorn, so bring in anything you feel will make it nice and comfy.

Cost \$7pp

WEEK TWO

Monday 22nd January: Ice cream making and mini golf

To coincide with our healthy eating policies we will make our own fruit ice cream in the morning so it has time to freeze for our afternoon refreshment. While we wait we will head down to mini golf and enjoy a challenge of trying to gain a hole in one.

Cost: \$15pp

Tuesday 23rd January: Technology Day

By request... Its technology day. Bring in your choice of device with suitable games to play and share with your mates. Games will be monitored, we have limited access to the internet so if possible please bring a console that doesn't require internet. Those children not wanting to bring technology they will have access to all resource in the OSHC service.

Wednesday 24th January: Cinema and all abilities playground

We will be catching a bus to Bairnsdale cinema to relax and enjoy a movie with popcorn and a drink. The children will need a packed lunch for this day and plenty of water and snacks to keep refuelled as we will be stopping at the all abilities playground for lunch and a play before heading back to the service.

Cost \$35pp

Thursday 25th January: Blue light disco end of VAC party

Come dressed in your best white and light coloured clothing and get ready to boogie and dance the day away at a blue light disco party. We will have party food for lunch so please bring enough snacks and drinks to last the day.

Cost \$7pp

Friday 26th January: Closed for Public Holiday

We are closed today, no care available.

If you need to contact the Vacation Care directly, we can be contacted on

0493 364 179

PLEASE NOTE:

During the program children participate in spontaneous and planned cooking experiences which may include light lunch servings or afternoon tea items. On these days your child will still need to bring their own lunch and enough food to last the whole day.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child does not attend on a day they have been booked in, you will still be charged for the day unless **48hours notice** is given for a cancellation.

****Please ensure that your child has a sufficient amount of food packed to keep them sustained for the day. We also encourage children to bring a drink bottle filled with water only. (Please refer to our Healthy Eating policy.)****

This program is subject to change depending on the following circumstances: Covid-19 restrictions, severe/code red weather, numbers of children and availability of extra-curricular activities. Prices for excursions may also change. Staff will notify you of any changes

To book a place for your child in our Vacation Care program, please contact our office on 5144 6952

Alternatively, please contact us via email at:

gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com

Tech Savvy Workshop

Introduction to Social Media



Join us for our introduction to social media workshop!

Find out how you can participate in the connected world of social media.

The Introduction to Social Media workshop will cover the following topics:

- What is social media?
- Main functions of social media
- Different types of social media
- Twitter and Facebook

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Thursday 14 Dec.
Paynesville Service Centre
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Thursday 14 Dec.
Bairnsdale Library
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Thursday 14 Dec.
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Monday 18 Dec.
Orbost Service Centre
9.30 am - 12.00 pm

Thursday 21 Dec.
Orbost Service Centre
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

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



Christmas Craft Session

For Kids



Get into the holiday spirit with an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts!

Come along and join in the fun with Christmas stories and make your very own Christmas stocking to take home for the holidays! All materials are provided.

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



Tue. 12 December
Bairnsdale Library
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Tue. 12 December
Paynesville Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wed. 13 December
Orbost Service Centre
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Wed. 13 December
Lakes Entrance Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wed. 13 December
Mallacoota Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Wed. 13 December
Orbost Service Centre
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

WTF

what's their future?

ART

bringing the seriousness and urgency of climate change into everyday focus for one and all.



SCIENCE

facts from trusted sources.

Award winning artists respond to the big climate change questions in

an Art Exhibition and Expo of Information presented by East Gippsland Climate Action Network



at the Butter Factory Art Space,
Bridge St (enter from start of Paynesville Rd), Bairnsdale
25 January to 2 April, 2024.

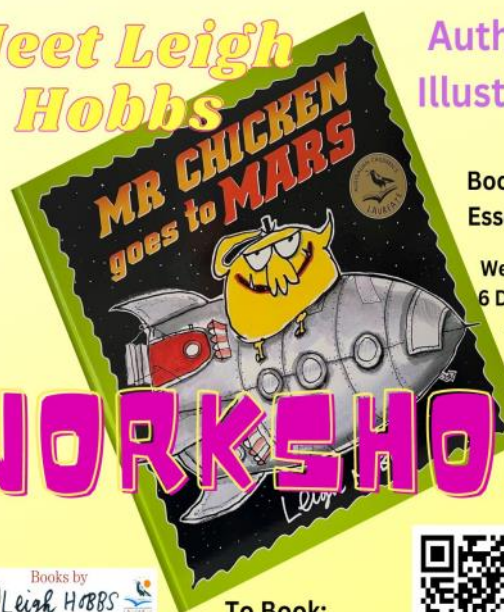
enquiries 0412 930 816



what sort of a future can our children look forward to?

Meet Leigh Hobbs

Author & Illustrator



Bookings Essential

Wednesday
6 December
4-5pm

WORKSHOP!



To Book:
Scan the QR
call 5152 4086
or book in store



Leigh is reading his new book 'Mr Chicken goes to Mars' Discuss his books, tips on how to write a great story PLUS learn how he illustrates. Draw your own Mr Chicken!

Book signing & photo opportunities



20% off RRP of Leigh Hobbs Books Refreshments included



Children's Christmas Workshop



Prepare for Christmas with singing, a short movie with popcorn and a craft to make and take. A light snack and drink are provided.

Free Event

Register here:
Lakes Community
Church website or
via QR code



For: Pre and Primary aged children
(parents are welcome to stay)

When: Friday 15th December

Time: 4pm until 5:30pm

Where: 125 Palmers Road
Lakes Entrance

For enquiries contact Church office 03 5155 3277
or Coordinator, Caroline Simpson 0405 215 362



•• Hosted by Lakes Community Church ••

Enrolments
are open for
2024

Book your
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All families are welcome!

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



www.lakesent.catholic.edu.au

Together we achieve

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

**St Brendan's School uniform available
\$3.00 per item unless otherwise marked.**

Open 10am-3pm

Tuesday,
Wednesday &
Thursday.



\$ Seesaw

Keeps everyone in the learning loop



A/TEA BIBLE STORIES MUSIC GAMES ARTS & CRAFT & FUN

Kidz Club

FRIDAYS
3:30 - 5PM

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ENTRANCE VIC 3909

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