

# St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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Newsletter No 39  
December, 15th 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.*



Wishing everyone in the St Brendan's School and community, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

## Term 4 Golden Honour Awards



# Class of 2023

Dear Families and Friends,

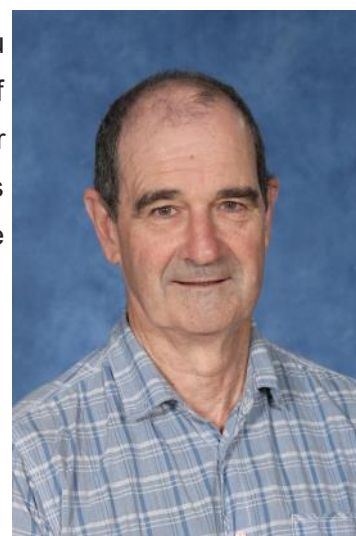
## RE: End of 2023 School Year

As the 2023 year comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the year that was, in particular the moments of success and joy. This year has certainly been one where we have regained a sense of what is normal. As we gain a working momentum, there is a sense that we are developing a stamina that enables us to achieve our potential.

Across St Brendan's Catholic Primary School there has been a real sense of calm. This is due to the manner in which our staff teach appropriate behaviour and provide a strong sense of expectation. In turn, our students know what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like. The result is that our classrooms and playgrounds are safe places for students to learn, have a go and not be inhibited by judgement or distraction. For this reality I would like to thank our staff for the effort they put in each day. The focus is always on improving the lives of our students. It is a culture I am very proud of.

Our junior school staff have been running the Little Learners Love Literacy program for a number of years now. That, alongside the regular teaching of literacy is providing some very pleasing results. This year's year three students out-performed the state of Victoria by an incredible 20 weeks in reading. We are also seeing these gains in our local data. It provides feedback that our strategies are working. We are also seeing students record results that are years above the mean, which proves that differentiation is apparent in our teaching methods.

Next Wednesday as the staff finish, we will farewell the wonderful Mr B. Lou Battista has had a positive influence on generations of students and staff of St Brendan's CPS for thirty-four years. Our community is so much richer for having worked alongside him. Lou's gift for teaching, leadership and his unique sense of humour will be missed next year. We can never replace Lou, but will remember him always. Happy retirement, Mr B!



ST. BRENDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - LAKES ENTRANCE 1990  
GRADE 6  
Back Row: Anna Berlingeri, Alida West, Matthew Carson  
Second Row: Trine Berthelmeier, Amelia Berlingeri, Raylene Hayes, Alida Calkin, Katherine Wykump, Naomi Randall, Maria McKean,  
Jana Anderson, Larinda Stevens  
Front Row: Dale Cusman, Glenaville Hayes, Ross McManus, Mark Bulmer, Bradley Hayes, James McMahon, Ryan Kowalski, Stuart Clarke





We welcome Samantha Zabaneh to our Foundation class in 2024. Samantha has experience working at St Mary's in Maffra and Bairnsdale. Samantha has already shown herself to be a person with strong communication skills and plenty of energy and ideas. We are very excited to have her on board. Margaret Mackay will also join our team as our school's Student Wellbeing Officer. Marg is a highly qualified educator with 30 years' experience as a principal. Marg has great rapport with young people and will complement Sarah McGuinness in the Wellbeing role. What a valuable addition to our school!

On Thursday, 14 December we said farewell to our graduating class of 2023. This is a cohort who have always been outstanding role models. They have led their peers with patience and consideration. Our school is now in a better position as they leave a legacy of respect for others to follow. At our end of year function we recognized the following students with our annual awards.



### **Award Recipients for 2023**

**Father Shanley Bursary: Jack Hayllar**

**Sr Maureen Philp Award: Sisilia Tuisue**

**Sporting School Victoria Winner: Cobie Gilbert**

**Wally Art Award: Harriet Moresi**



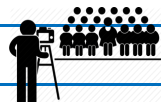
All students commence school on **Thursday, 1 February 2024.**

For the beginning of 2024, foundation students are required to attend a beginning of year assessment interview on one of the following days: **Tuesday, 30 January or Wednesday, 31 January.** A letter detailing each student's interview time has been emailed to parents.

I wish everyone a relaxing and fulfilling break with family and friends.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar
Term 4	DECEMBER 2023	
Week 11	Friday 15th	Term 4 ends 2.15pm—Last day for students
Week 12	Wednesday 20th	Last day for staff
Term 1	JANUARY 2024	
Week 1	Monday 29th	Teacher commence
	FEBRUARY 2024	
	Thursday 1st	9.00am Student commence—Foundation to Year 6
Week 2	Monday 5th	School photos 
	Wednesday 7th	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews
	Friday 9th	9.10am Whole School Welcome Prayer
Week 3	Wednesday 14th	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews
Week 4	Wednesday 21st	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews

# School Photos

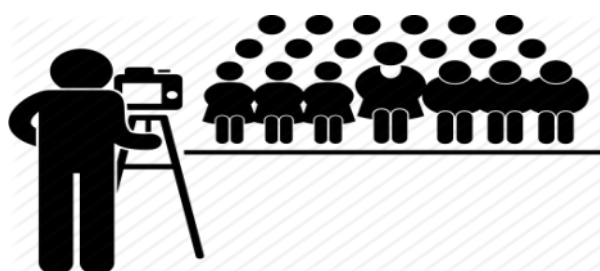


School Photos will be held on Monday, 5th February 2024.

**Orders can be placed after January 1st 2024.**

Please use the code below:

**X3099EL52S**



Sat: 16/12	St Dymphna's	Buchan	9.00am
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
Sun: 17/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
Tue: 19/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
	<b>Funeral Mass Richard Rijs</b>		1.00pm
Wed: 20/12	St Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
	<b>St Brendan's school staff Mass</b>		9.10am
Fri: 22/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat: 23/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sun: 24/12	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am

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



# GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Golden Honour Awards for Term 4, 2023*

Foundation Red	Myla Fall	For your dedication and respectful participation in learning across all learning areas. You are always willing to have a go at all tasks. Well done, Myla!
	Eliza Turvey	For always showing a high level of respect and care for those around you and your excellent, attitude to learning across all areas.
Foundation Blue	Elki Thomas	For being a positive and involved learner who demonstrates the 3Rs. You make good choices in your school life, always try your best and display a wonderful attitude towards your learning.
	Abel Elrington	For an all round fantastic term. You approach your learning with a positive attitude and complete all tasks to the best of your ability, showing continuous dedication to your learning.
1/2 Red	Ella Wright	For concentrating and working steadily and quietly to always give 100% in all she does.
	Ivy Toia	For displaying all the attributes of a great learner; a positive mindset, determination and a willingness to have a go.
1/2 Blue	Ryder Bain	For your motivation to progress in your reading and writing. It's with your enthusiasm to practise regularly that has allowed you to achieve your goal.
	Ella O'Rourke	For being a bright and shining spark in our class. Your enthusiasm to learn new skills and share your knowledge is outstanding.
1/2 Green	Jesse Downing	For your consistent positive attitude towards your learning and your willingness to challenge yourself.
	Matilda Waite	For your dedication in all tasks you undertake and your growing confidence when participating in class activities.
3/4 Red	Thea Bayard	For her amazing growth in using addition and subtraction strategies.
	Lincoln Evans	For his outstanding growth in Mathematics.
3/4 Blue	Anton Whelan	For working hard in reading and writing, taking on feedback and having a growth mindset.
	Zander Nowell	For giving his best effort in all topic areas, showing the 3Rs and having a growth mindset.
3/4 Green	Sadie Williams	For your thoughtful and deep contributions to class discussions and attentiveness to all learning tasks.
	Willow Watson	For being a role model in relation to the enthusiasm you show towards your learning and your helpful nature within the classroom.
5 Red	Huzaifa Kashif	For an amazing semester of growth in all subject areas, particularly in Mathematics. Your positive attitude is appreciated by your teachers and peers.
	Indie Lina	For working consistently well throughout the semester in all subjects. Your attitude has always been positive and efforts very pleasing.
5 Blue	Cooper Kennedy	For being a role model in the classroom, always applying yourself to your learning and achieving excellent results.
	Indi-Rose Upton	For showing amazing persistence with learning tasks. You have set goals this year and worked hard to achieve them. Well done!
6 Red	Mia Hamer	For outstanding leadership and contributions to the school community. Mia has demonstrated resilience and determination in her learning and growth in her Personal and Social Capability. Congratulations Mia.
	Nicholas Morrison	For demonstrating excellence across all learning areas and exemplary achievement Personal and Social Capability. Well done Nick on an outstanding year.
6 Blue	Joanie O'Brien	For her outstanding academic social and personal development throughout grade 6. The way you have shown up ready and willing to learn everyday is a great achievement.
	Oscar Mann	For outstanding leadership and role-modelling of respect for self, respect for others and responsibility for actions. For always dedicating your best efforts to achieving in all subject areas.
Art	Oscar Kenny	For always using his creative talents to enhance his work. You always add details to your work. Well done, Oscar!
	Rocco Mazzitelli	For always using his creative talents to enhance his work and always adding extra details to make your pieces more interesting.
Sport	Brock Voigt	For displaying a high level of engagement, skill and sportsmanship in all sport activities.
	Noah Wait	For your growing confidence when playing team sports and displaying outstanding sportsmanship.
STEM	Millie Stewart	For always taking pride in her STEM activities and completing work tasks to a high standard.
	Lacey Lee	For always following the 3Rs, being friendly and putting effort into your STEM tasks.
Mandarin	Keelie Silver	For your developed confidence and willingness to take risks when speaking Mandarin. Keep it up Keelie, well done!
	Lenora Moresi	For your positive attitude and enthusiasm towards your Mandarin speaking and learning. Your ability to retain learnt words and phrases is impressive. Excellent!
Deputy Principal Award	Cleo Toia	For starting your time at St Brendan's so positively and rising to the high standards we have at St Brendan's. You welcome everyone you meet, always with a smile on your face.
School Captains	Shaurya Sahay	For always using impeccable manners, having a smile on your face and your dedication to being a great role model.
	Destiny Hayes	For embracing your culture and growing in confidence on your leadership journey.



# Art Show













# Family BBQ









## 2024 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCEMENT

Teachers begin on the **Monday, 29th January, 2024**

School will commence on Thursday, 1st of February, 2024 for Foundation to Year Six students at 9.00am.

### STARTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

There will be **no school** for Foundation students on the following **Wednesdays** during February – 7th February, 14th February and 21st February

Foundation students are required to attend a beginning of year assessment interview on one of the following days:

**Tuesday 30th January or Wednesday 31st January**

Foundation children attend school on a full-time basis from **Monday, 26th of February.**

### 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1	<b>Monday, 29th January</b> Monday, 29th January Thursday, 1st February	<b>Thursday, 28th March</b> Staff commence Foundation to Year 6 students commence
Term 2	<b>Monday, 15th April</b>	<b>Friday, 28th June</b>
Term 3	<b>Monday, 15th July</b>	<b>Friday, 20th September</b>
Term 4	<b>Monday, 7th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>

### SCHOOL HOURS

8.57 am	Line up music
9.00 am	Classes commence
10.35 am	Morning recess
11.10 am	Classes resume
12.50 pm	Lunch recess
1.35 pm	Classes resume
3.15 pm	Dismissal



## 2024 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	1 CHILD	2 CHILD	3 CHILD	4CHILD
	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY
SCHOOL FEES	\$ 950.00	\$ 1040.00	\$ 1127.00	\$ 1214.00
TUITION LEVY	\$ 196.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 784.00
INC.STATIONERY				
EXCURSIONS	\$ 55.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 220.00
CAPITAL LEVY	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1231.00</b>	<b>\$1572.00</b>	<b>\$1910.00</b>	<b>\$2248.00</b>

Payments for fees may be made either by cash, cheque , direct debit or EFTPOS. Please enquire at the office if you wish to set up a direct debit. If you are experiencing difficulty paying fees feel free to contact the Principal to discuss alternative arrangements. We have EFTPOS available.

Should you wish to deposit any payment through Internet Banking our Account Number is as follows:

**Name** - St Brendan's School.

**BSB** - 083879

**Account number** - 695096861

Please make sure you give your child's name as a reference for the payment.

**Fee Concessions** – Health Concession Card holders are eligible to apply for fee concessions. Please notify the office if you are a current card holder. A letter will then be sent home notifying eligible families of the procedure.

**Last payment date for Tuition Levy, including Stationery is Wednesday, 7th February, 2024.**

**Last payment date for Excursion & Capital Levy is Friday, 23rd February, 2024.**

**Fee Statements will be sent to families at end of March, June, August and October**

**Last payment for School Fees: Friday, 29th November, 2024.**



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.*



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## 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](mailto:gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com)

## WEEK ONE

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

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select your child,  
from the **Profile  
Menu** select  
**Assessment  
Reports**, Select  
report to download.



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Howitt Park**

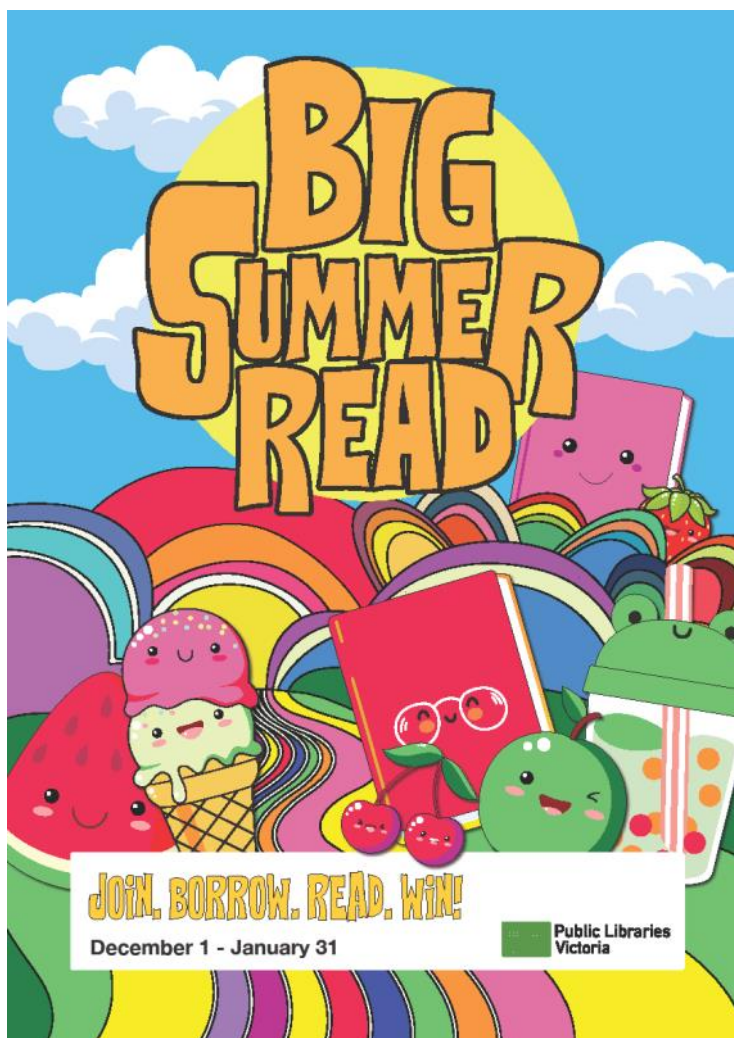
**3pm start**

**January 2024**

**Fri 12th, Sat 13th, Sun 14th  
Fri 19th, Sat 20th, Sun 21st**









**LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS CLUB**

– JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CLINICS –

Join us these school holidays for **three fun days** of tennis games and activities!

**Develop skills • Improve fitness • Have loads of fun!**

**WEEK 1 - LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS CLUB**  
MON 8TH, TUE 9TH & WED 10TH OF JANUARY

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**WEEK 2 - METUNG TENNIS CLUB**  
MON 15TH, TUE 16TH & WED 17TH OF JANUARY

<b>4-7 YEAR OLDS</b> 9AM - 10AM \$30 PER PLAYER	<b>8 YEAR OLDS +</b> 10AM - 12PM \$50 PER PLAYER
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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**  
**MIKE SPRUZEN** - 0412 517 700  
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what sort of a future can our children look forward to?



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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



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