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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.

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

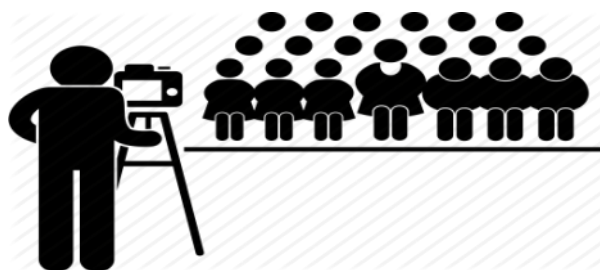
School Photos

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

Please use the code below:

X3099EL52S

Full summer dress uniform



The School Photographer
**PHOTO DAY
COMING SOON!**
Monday 5th February 2024

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order
Online orders cannot be placed until
AFTER Jan 1st 2024

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FULL SUMMER SCHOOL DRESS UNIFORM

BOYS

Boys Blue Short Sleeve Shirt
Stubbies shorts (grey)
Grey socks - above ankle (no logos)
Black **leather** school shoes/boots

GIRLS

Summer dress/Summer shorts and shirt
White school socks - above ankle (no logos)
Black **leather** school shoes or Buckle/lace-up/T-bar

HAIR - Hair longer than collar length, **must be tied back completely**. This is to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Headband, hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies and clips must be blue, black or brown.

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

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2024 year. Everything is in place for a year designed for success. Our students have walked through the school gates with smiles on their faces as they re-engage with old friends and meet their new teachers. There will also be many opportunities for new relationships with a host of new faces at school. New experiences are also around the corner of each day and we have impressed on our students the importance of 'Having a Go, Making Mistakes, and Doing Your Best!'



Our new foundation students for 2024 are:

Foundation Blue	Foundation Red
Fletcher Bire Layla Clark Taylor Clay-Hooper Kaison Condon Taylah Downing Leo Evans Hudson Gibbs Oliver Hayllar Sadie Lina Ollie Lowcock Lincoln Mallen Ruby Miles Sadie Murray Hazel Scicluna Henry Vermazen	Scarlett Anderson Archie Avramidis Sophia Bakes Jeremy Cheng Hudson Fearnley Franklin Friend Lyla-J Ingram Hudson Martin Rosie McMillan Blair Mills Noah O'Rourke Cruise Smith Arden Turner MacKenzie Williams

Other new students across the school are:

Arlo Monteith (Yr 1), Noah Yuen (Yr 2), Ari Avramidis (Yr 2), Harper Morgan (Yr 4), Tahlia Woodward (Yr 4) Ivy O'Donnell (Yr 4), Yr 4 Milton Ma (Yr 4), Leanna Nguyen (Yr 4,) Elan Jakobi (Yr 5), Angus Murray (Yr 4), Leanne Nguyen (Yr 5), Isaac Balintong (Yr 5), Maddison Woodward (Yr 5) and Ruby Crellin (Yr 6).

We send out a warm welcome to these students and their families and look forward to many good years ahead.

We also have new staff at St Brendan's CPS. In Foundation we welcome Ms Sammi Zabaneh. Sammi has experience working at St Mary's CPS at Maffra and Bairnsdale. Sammi has put in a lot of work in preparation for this year and has already made an impression on our newest students. Mrs Margaret MacKay returns to St Brendan's as our Student Wellbeing Officer. Marg will work alongside Sarah McGuinness (Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader) to assist students and teachers in the area of mental health and well-being. Mrs Elle Whelan rejoins us as our Physical Education teacher while Mr Luke Bates is on Long Service Leave.

Other changes across the school include the structure of specialist classes. Mrs Leesa Thompson will be our Art and Science teacher, we welcome Mrs Jacqui Mallen as our Health teacher and Mrs Stephanie Hamer will continue in the role of Mandarin specialist teacher.

Our Year Six Leaders for 2024 are as follows:

School Captains: Piper Crawley and Harry Strong

Indigenous School Captain: Cooper Kennedy

Blue House Captains: Savannah Guillot and Ashantii Hooper-Byrne

Green House Captains: Haddie McLoed and Archer Rickman

Red House Captains: Jessica Jarrett and Lyra Nowell

Yellow House Captains: Keelie Silver and Oliver Coventry

Activities Leaders

Jasper Vandersteen, Isobel Mills, Reide Ymer, Zachary Hayes,
Grace McMeeken, Eadie Costigan, Lucas Rodgers, Mayson Nicholas

Events Leaders

Huzaifa Kashif, Rocco Bonacci, Indi Rijs, Angelina Rodgers,
Indi-Rose Upton, Leo Drew, Sophie Martin, Indie Lina, Cleo Toia,
Lali Pagonidis, Sal Milito

Social Justice Leaders

Amelia Neander, Grace Neander, Ben Bodsworth, Bailey Whelan, Dakota-Rose Nally

We look forward to working with these magnificent young people as we know they will bring so much energy and authenticity to their roles. Please note, student leadership badges will be blessed and presented to our student leaders at the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, 14 February.

Our school swimming carnival is once again held at the Bairnsdale Pool. Using the full 50 metre pool our students gain valuable experience in competing in a full-sized outdoor pool. This gives them greater confidence when competing in later competitions held at Orbost or again at the Bairnsdale pool. All families are welcome to join us on Friday, 9 February beginning at 11.00am.


Parents, in relation to pick up at the end of the day, please consider the following request:

- **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.**
- **If using car line at the end of the day, please be considerate of our neighbours on Eastern Beach Rd. Try to avoid parking in front of driveways.**
- **School gates will be open at the office and church gate entries at 3.10pm. Parents are welcome to come into the grounds and sit in the courtyard area. Foundation students will be delivered to parents once you have been sighted.**

We look forward to seeing everyone at the **first assembly** on **Friday, 23 February** which will be hosted by the School Captains and House Captains.

Kind regards,

Matthew Hamer

Dates for the Calendar		
Term 1	FEBRUARY 2024	
Week 2	Monday 5th	School photos
	Wednesday 7th	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews
	Friday 9th	St Brendan's Swimming Trials - @Bairnsdale
Week 3	Wednesday 14th	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews 12pm Ash Wednesday Mass
	Friday 16th	9.30am Smoking ceremony in Indigenous Garden
Week 4	Tuesday 20th	9.10 Year 6 Class Prayer
	Wednesday 21st	Foundation Pupil Free Day—Assessment Interviews
	Thursday 22nd	District Swimming - @Orbost
	Friday 23rd	9.10am Year 3 & 3/4 Mass 2.30pm Assembly - School Captains
Week 5	Mon 26th - Fri 1st March	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
	Tuesday 27th	9.10am Year 1 Class Prayer 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 28th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Thursday 29th	Division Swimming 11am-1pm - @Bairnsdale 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	MARCH 2024	
Week 6	Mon 4th - Fri 8th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons

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.

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

Tue: 6/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed: 7/2	St Colman's	Orbost	9:30am
Fri: 9/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat: 10/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:30am
Sun: 11/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
	St Peter's	Mallacoota	3:00pm





Why Mandarin (Chinese)?

1. Mandarin is the most widely spoken language in the world.

14% of the world's population are speakers of Chinese. The top five Chinese speaking countries include China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the United States of America.

2. Chinese is no harder to learn than other languages.

There are no verb past/present/future, no plurals, no tenses, no subject-verb agreement and no conjunctions.

There are over 80,000 Chinese characters but generally only 3,500 are used in conversation.

3. Educational and Career possibilities.

Important business and economic partners to the US and the world.

China plays an important role in world affairs and further career opportunities.

4. Learn another culture, food and travel.



Curriculum

- Encompasses both **language** and **culture** components
- Aligns with the **Australian Curriculum (Language and Intercultural Understanding)**. Also aligns with the national curricula in New Zealand and United Kingdom.
- The curriculum is broken down into **four modules a year**.
 - The first three modules introduce new content
 - The fourth module is an extension and/or introducing Chinese characters
- Involves development of :
 - Spoken language (articulation: pronunciation and tone)
 - Reading (pinyin and characters) Pinyin: is the standard system of Romanised spelling for transliterating Chinese
 - Writing of characters and pinyin
 - Cultural awareness (not assessed)



Year Level Language Focus: 2024

Time allocation: 50 minutes one day per week.

Foundation: Introductions, polite words, animals, foods, counting: numbers.
Sentence starters: I like, I don't like, I have, I don't have. Verbs: eating.

Year 1 and 2: Introductions, instructional verbs, colours, family members, counting.
Sentence starters: He/she likes, he/she doesn't like, I have, I don't have.

Year 3, 4 and 5* additional extension vocabulary:
Family members, sporting hobbies, clothing, days of the week and going places.
Sentence starters: I like, I don't like, I wear,
Verbs: I can play, I can't play, I go.

Year 6: places, sports, telling time, locations, numbers 10-100, transportation and directional verbs.



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Book Club

Dear families,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3).

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

EDITION 1 : ORDERS DUE BACK BEFORE WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

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2024 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	1 CHILD FAMILY	2 CHILD FAMILY	3 CHILD FAMILY	4CHILD 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
TOTAL	\$1231.00	\$1572.00	\$1910.00	\$2248.00

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

All users interacting with the St Brendan's Primary School Facebook or Instagram page, by either liking or commenting on posts, must do so using an account that clearly identifies them by their real name.



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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.

SCHOOL
UNIFORM



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/>

93 Main Street Bairnsdale Victoria 3875

Phone (03) 5152 1333



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 **only.** Thank you.

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.



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for Parents

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