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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.



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 for people with permits **only.**

Thank you.

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. Generally summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four and winter uniform is worn in Terms Two and Three. There is changeover period for uniforms at the beginning of Term Two and Term Four.

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 - above ankle (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 - 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.

BOYS & GIRLS

Blue polo shirt with emblem (Short Sleeve)
Black Basketball shorts (in summer), Skorts (Girls)
Bomber Jacket Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
White sports socks (above ankle) – below ankle footlet style not acceptable (no logos).
Running shoes / sneakers (**not skate or fashion shoes**)



Dates for the Calendar		
Term 1	FEBRUARY 2024	
Week 3	Wednesday 14th	Foundation Pupil Free Day 12pm Ash Wednesday Mass Book Club Orders due back
	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
	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
	Tuesday 5th	9.10am Year 2 Class Prayer
	Friday 8th	2.30pm Assembly - Year 6 Red
Week 7	Monday 11th	No school - Labour Day Holiday

LIBRARY BAGS

It is a school requirement that all students have a library bag to take home their readers/books.

We have library bags for sale in the office for \$8.00 each. If you can't get to the school office, you may contact the office to have the cost added to your school fees and the bag supplied to your child.



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

Tue: 13/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed: 14/2	Ash Wednesday		
	St Colman's	Orbost	9:30am
	School Mass	Lakes Entrance	All welcome 12:00pm
	Parish Mass	Lakes Entrance	6:00pm
Fri: 16/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sat: 17/2	St Dymphna's	Buchan	9:00am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5:00pm
Sun: 18/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am





start To 2024

It's been an awesome start to the new school year and everyone has been having lots of fun seeing their friends and getting back into learning. It's just been a blast, everyone has been getting back into the routine and habit of learning with their fun and exciting new teachers. Coming up on Friday there's the swimming carnival. Good luck to the students who are competing.

On Tuesday at 6:00 pm we had a close encounter with Timmy the Turtle, he managed to wander into the Year 6 classroom! He almost became our class pet! Mr Hamer came to the rescue and put the turtle safely back into his dam.

Next week is Ash Wednesday and the Year 6's will be receiving their leadership badges and we are excited for the year ahead in 2024!

By Cooper Kennedy and Eadie Costigan



Foundation Buddies

By Leo Drew and Piper Crawley

This year 29 new foundations came to our school with their eager energy ready to learn and make new friends. The past week has been a new experience for the foundation students and for the year six's. At recess and lunch they have been spending their time down at the playground and sandpit conquering new challenges on the way. In their classroom they have been learning new subjects with their new teachers Miss Witherow, Miss Zabaneh, Mike and Maree. It has been a perfect first week back and we can't wait for the rest of the year with our amazing buddies.



- 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.

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/programs/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.

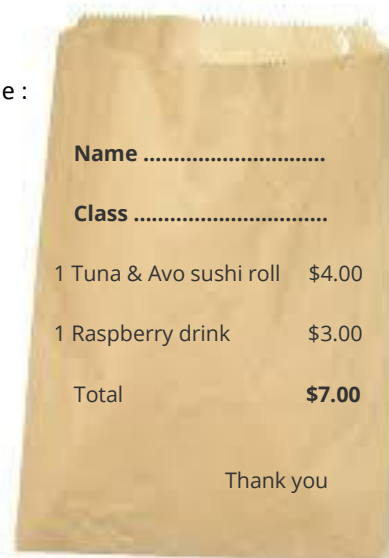


Lunch orders are available on a Friday and are supplied by Mamma Vu's Kitchen.

- All orders will need to be in by **Thursday morning - before 12pm** for lunch on Friday
- **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted.
- Please make sure that all orders are on a brown paper lunch order bag with the correct money
- Siblings will require one bag each
- Name and class needs to be clearly stated on the bag

Please see attached menu and please take note of prices.

Example :



Lunch Order

ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER

SUSHI ROLLS

Salmon & Avo	\$4
Avocado	\$4
Cucumber	\$4
Tempura Vege	\$4
Teriyaki Chicken	\$4
Chicken Katsu	\$4
Panko Prawn	\$4
Tuna & Avo	\$4

SALADS & BOWLS

Salmon Poke Bowl	\$12.5
Tofu & Vege Poke Bowl	\$10
Vege Soba Noodle Salad	\$10

DRINKS

Lightly Sparkling Mineral Water	\$3
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	\$7.5

RICE PAPER ROLLS

(2 roll + sauce)

Tofu	\$9
Lemongrass Chicken	\$9
Pork	\$9
Prawn	\$9
Pork & Prawn	\$9

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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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

A SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing Barometer Survey: 2024

The Wellbeing Barometer survey has proven to be an invaluable tool for schools, providing insights into the state of youth mental health and wellbeing. Whilst last year's results focussed the spotlight on areas of concern, there were also many highlights that demonstrated the resilience and adaptability of students and emphasised the necessity of prevention strategies.

Participating in this year's survey, will assist in identifying areas of strength and concern, as well as pinpointing opportunities for early intervention. Previously gathered information has helped support families as they navigate difficult conversations that enable understanding and foster connections to build relationships.

This survey is part of an ongoing, longitudinal study, with the results being instrumental in tailoring support for students and their families. Participation is strongly encouraged, as it provides a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges, and achievements over the past year. Its aim is to capture a comprehensive picture of young people's lives, allowing for a tailored approach to enhance mental and emotional wellbeing.

We encourage you to take a few moments to complete a survey for each of your children. This will help us determine the nature and extent of your concerns and how best to support families in the months ahead. Responses remain anonymous and will only be reported on an aggregated basis. You are asked to base your responses on observations made in the last 12 months.

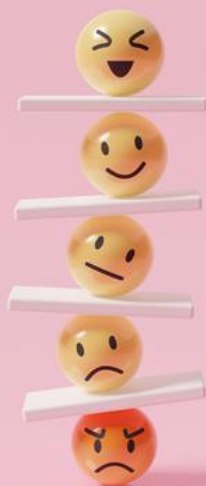
Acquiring the skills for future independence, taking healthy risks, and giving young people the opportunity to emancipate from parents, are key developmental tasks that are essential if we are to stave off the impact of mental illness in the future. Please reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you or your child, please reach out to the school or seek professional medical advice.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-2024-au



SPECIAL REPORT

2024

Wellbeing
Barometer



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.

Lakes Entrance
Baptist Church

KIDS CLUB



Ages
5 to 9

This Term:

Fruit Season



START DATE

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Every Thursday 3:30-5:30 pm

Baptist Church 141 PrincesHWY, Lakes Entrance

A/Tea, Bible Stories, Music, Games, Art&Craft
Naomi & Brendan 0456657165

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

WEBINAR
FOR PARENTS &
CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of
Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber
Bullying

Child & Tween
Online Trends

Managing Devices
in the Home

Explicit/Adult
Content

Strengthening Family
Communication

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 21 March | 7.30pm AEDT



Martin McGauran
Primary School Teacher
& Digital Safety Educator

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources

Register to come along:
bit.ly/21march2024



Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to
3 school-aged kids

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year.*

Principal

An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week!"

Parent of 9yo & 11yo

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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

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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www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

