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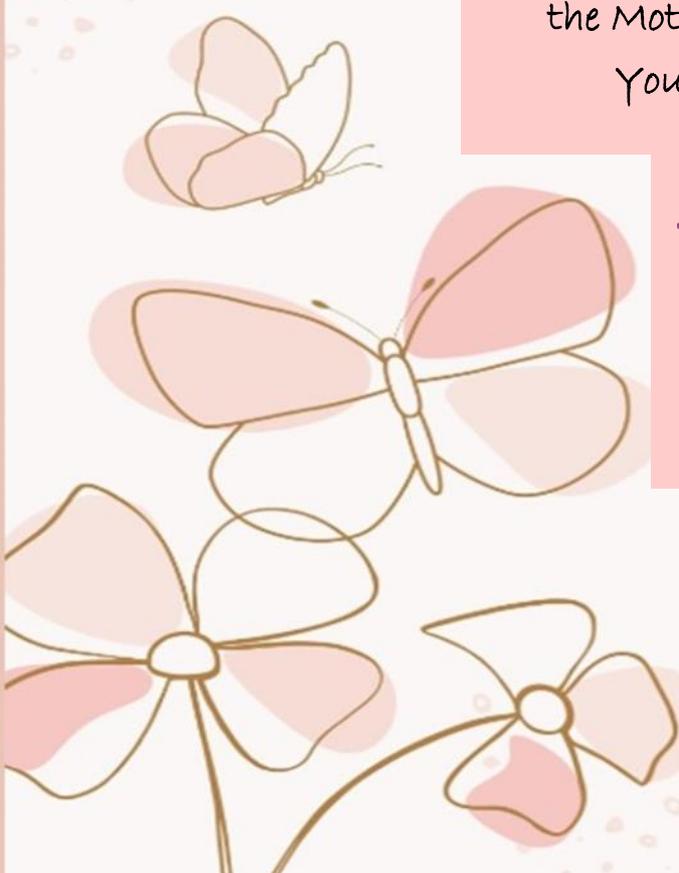
*We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Gunaikurnai people.
We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all people.
We would especially like to acknowledge the land on which our school stands and ask everyone to show respect to the environment and all that it includes.*



St Brendan's
Catholic Primary School

Many thanks to the parents who helped with
the Mother's Day stalls and breakfast.
Your time is much appreciated.

Happy Mother's
Day



Congratulations to
Green House

2024 St Brendan's Athletics
House Champions



Dates for the Calendar

Term 2	MAY 2024	
	Sunday 12th	Mother's Day
Week 5	Monday 13th	Division Cross Country (TBC)
	Tuesday 14th	9.10am Year 6 Class Prayer Year 3/4 Inform & Empower
	Thursday 16th	3.30pm Parent meeting First Communion—Hobby Room
	Friday 17th	District Winter Sports
Week 6	Tuesday 21st	9.10am Year 4 & 4/5 Class Prayer
	Friday 24th	9.10am Whole school Mass - Mary Help of Christians 2.30pm Assembly - Year 2 Blue
	Sunday 26th	First Communion Commitment Mass
Week 7	Friday 31st	9.10am Year One Class Mass
	JUNE 2024	
Week 8	Tuesday 4th	9.10am Foundation Class Prayer
	Thursday 6th	Regional Cross Country—Drouin 3.30pm First Communion parent/child workshop—Hobby Room
	Friday 7th	9.10am Year Two Class Mass 1.40pm Science Afternoon
Week 9	Monday 10th June	Kings Birthday Holiday

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Just a reminder that all students should now be in Full Winter Uniform.

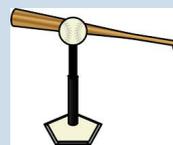
Girls - Winter tunic or skirts or navy 'Midford' pants. Navy tights.

Boys - Long pants

Track pants on sports days at the start of the day. Shorts can be worn underneath.

Student should bring a jumper to school everyday - don't forget to label your uniform!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR WINTER SPORTS & DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS NEXT WEEK



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

Tuesday 14th May — Friday 17th May No Weekday

Masses. Fr Hiep will return to us on Saturday 18th May.

Today, we welcome again to Fr Peter Kooloos; we are grateful for his ministry.

Saturday 18th May St Joseph's Swan Reach 5pm - yes!

Sunday 19th May St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9am

St. Colman's Orbost 11am



The Chinese Dragon

By Ashantii Hooper-Byrne, Sophie Martin and Amelia Neander.

Last week, the Chinese Dragon Dance Incursion from Beijing was brought to us by Alicia from the Beijing Education group in Melbourne. We learnt about the importance of the dragon in Chinese mythology and culture. We were able to experience an actual dragon that is used during the festival of Chinese New Year. The dragon was handmade and is nine metres long. It is a red dragon and has eyes like a phoenix, its body is like a snake and has scales like a fish.

The phoenix represents power. The phoenix symbolises the loyalty and honesty of people that have honesty. The snake-like body represents fortune. The scales on the snake-like body represent power and nobility.

The pearl of wisdom leads the dragon through its journey of power, honesty and luck. The pearl is a symbol of wisdom, spiritual energy and power.

The colour red in China represents good luck, that's why the dancing dragon is normally red. The dragon comes out on Chinese New Year in January through February.

Chinese people put out drums to play loud noise so the bad luck can get scared away, because the bad luck doesn't like loud noises. They also put up mirrors to scare off the bad luck, because the bad luck doesn't like its own reflection.

It was an amazing experience to participate in the dance of the red dragon. We are really looking forward to seeing the dragon again in the next Chinese New Year festival.





The 2024 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Brendan's is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6th September, 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

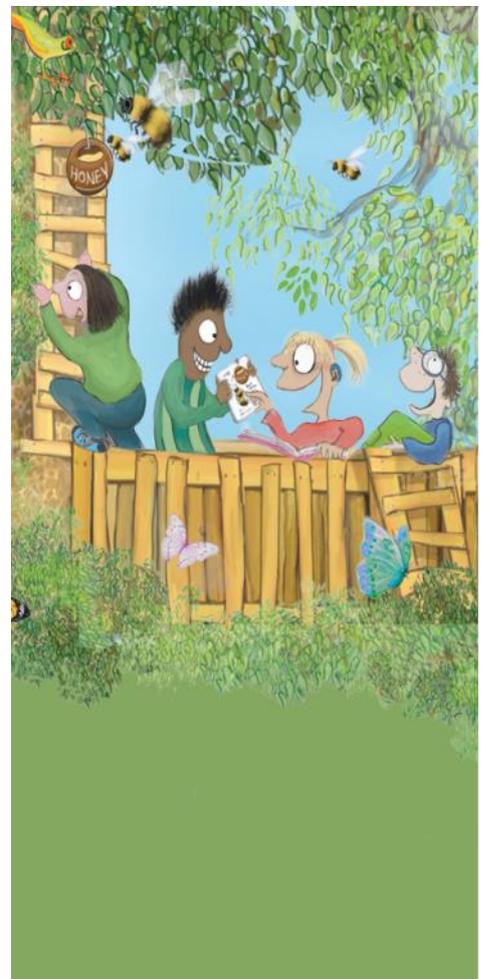
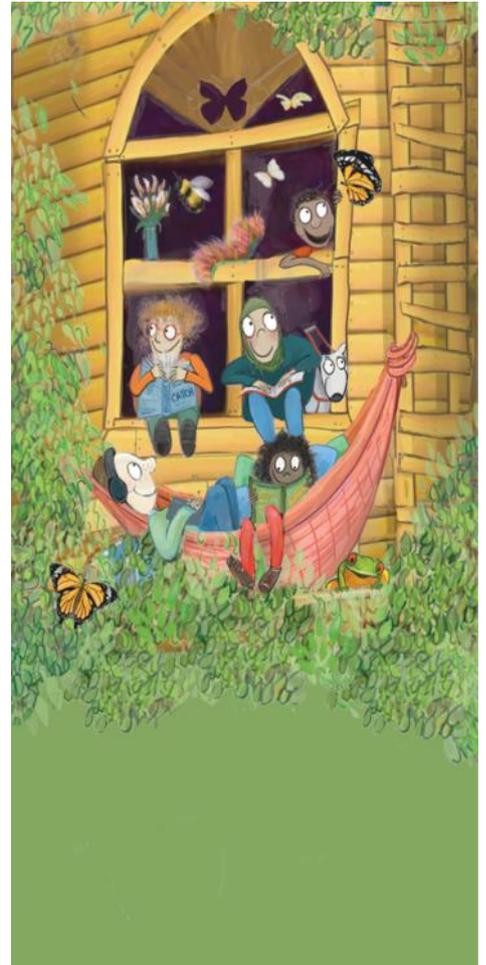
To view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge has an online recording system which is intended for students to enter their books at home.

Students wishing to participate, need to send Katrina an email at:

kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au

They will then be emailed their username, password and details to access the online computer system.





Authentic Connection Webinar for Parents & Carers

This presentation includes **emotionally engaging stories** and **practical strategies** which will demonstrate the power of embracing **vulnerability, imperfection** and **passion** to build connection.

DURATION
60 minutes

FORMAT
Online Webinar

When: Wednesday 22nd May, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Where: In the comfort of your own home

A link to join this webinar will be posted closer to the date.

**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



Keeps everyone in the learning loop



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.



Uniform Reminders

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.

HAIR is to be kept neat and tidy at all times. Hair longer than collar length, must be **tyed 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**.

It is not appropriate for children to come to school with dyed or inappropriate hair styles as deemed by the Principal.



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 Primary School - Lakes Entrance



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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.

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.

If you upload photos on social media of school events, be aware of who is in the background. Some parents and caregivers do not want themselves or their children on social media. Thank you for your support.



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.

St Brendan's Parish Office, Lakes Entrance Parish Secretary Position

St Brendan's parish Lakes Entrance requires an experienced bookkeeper to take on the position as parish secretary. Finance experience is essential.

The position is for three days per week from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Applicants should include at least one reference.

Interested persons should apply in writing to:

Fr Van Hiep Nguyen

St Brendan's Parish,

40 Golf Links Rd,

Lakes Entrance 3909

Or by email to: paul.hiep296@gmail.com

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

**WEBINAR
FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

Social Media
Cyber Bullying
Explicit/Adult Content
Impacts of Screen Time
Child & Tween Online Trends
Online Gaming
Managing Devices in the Home
Strengthening Family Communication

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 16 May | 7.30pm



Martin McGauran
Primary School Teacher
& Digital Safety Educator

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



Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to
3 school-aged kids

Register to come along:
bit.ly/may16parents



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 3yo & 11yo

INFORM & EMPOWER



Do you want to continue playing tennis?

You might be eligible for funding from the **Australian Tennis Foundation** through the **Opportunity Knocks Subsidy Program**.

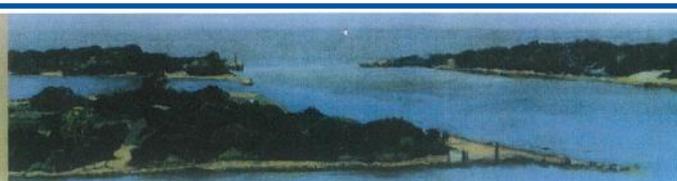
The ATF Opportunity Knocks Subsidy Program is available to children and young people aged between 5-17 years who are facing financial hardship and/or disadvantage.

Contact your local coach
Nigel Carr
0400 003 270

Contact your local club
Lakes Entrance Tennis Club
45 Palmers Rd
Lakes Entrance
play.tennis.com.au/LETC

The Program funds up to \$400 per person per year for coaching fees, plus an additional \$100 per person per year is available for club membership and/or competition fees.

Scan here or click on this link for more information



Friends of the Library Lakes Entrance Book Review Competition

Friends of the Library Lakes Entrance
invite

Primary school students (grades 1-6)

Secondary students (years 7-12)

to

- borrow a book from the Lakes Entrance Library,
- collect an entry form and
- write a short review and
- return the book and review to the Library

All reviews will go into the monthly draw for a gift \$20 voucher for "[Lakes Books and Games](#)" store and be displayed in the Library.

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

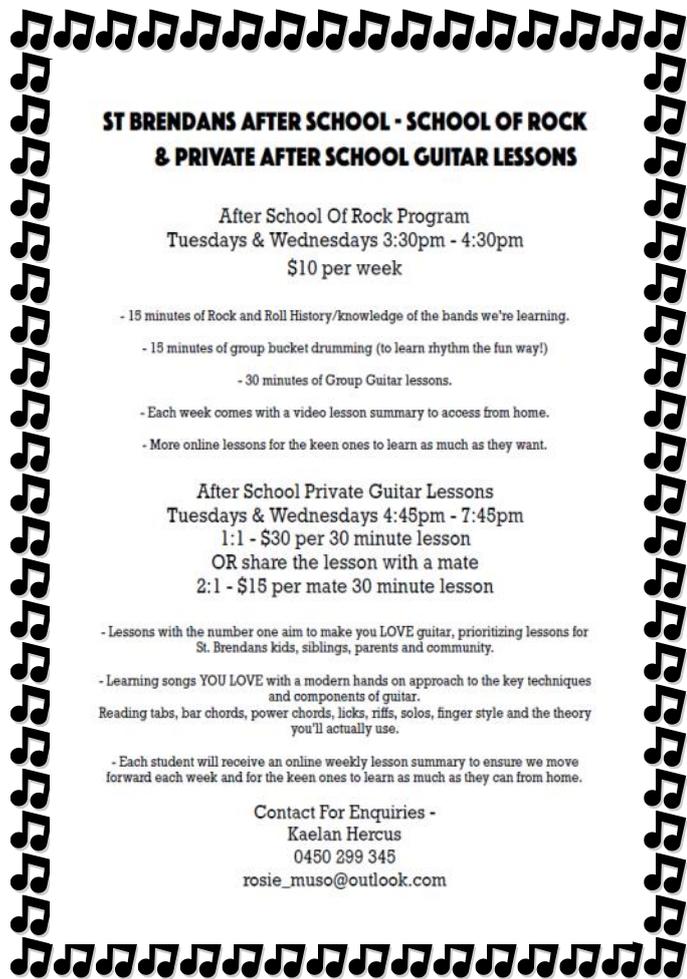
Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice	\$10
Fried Pork Dumpling (Gyoza)	\$7.5

with plum dipping sauce

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2 roll + sauce)

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

Lunch Order



ST BRENDANS AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL OF ROCK & PRIVATE AFTER SCHOOL GUITAR LESSONS

After School Of Rock Program
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm
\$10 per week

- 15 minutes of Rock and Roll History/knowledge of the bands we're learning.
- 15 minutes of group bucket drumming (to learn rhythm the fun way!)
- 30 minutes of Group Guitar lessons.
- Each week comes with a video lesson summary to access from home.
- More online lessons for the keen ones to learn as much as they want.

After School Private Guitar Lessons
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:45pm - 7:45pm
1:1 - \$30 per 30 minute lesson
OR share the lesson with a mate
2:1 - \$15 per mate 30 minute lesson

- Lessons with the number one aim to make you LOVE guitar, prioritizing lessons for St. Brendans kids, siblings, parents and community.
- Learning songs YOU LOVE with a modern hands on approach to the key techniques and components of guitar.
- Reading tabs, bar chords, power chords, licks, riffs, solos, finger style and the theory you'll actually use.
- Each student will receive an online weekly lesson summary to ensure we move forward each week and for the keen ones to learn as much as they can from home.

Contact For Enquiries -
Kaelan Hercus
0450 299 345
rosie_muso@outlook.com

STARDUST SQUAD

EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS

MAGIC • RESILIENCE • CREATIVITY • RITUAL • COMMUNITY

Join us as we navigate the often tricky world of friendships for girls of primary school age. Sessions include guided group discussions around how to be a great friend + how to recognise a good friend. Sessions also include a creative project where children will make their own friendship lanterns to take home.

SUNDAY
MAY 15TH

SESSIONS AT
10AM + 12PM

RECOVER HEALTH +
PERFORMANCE IN
PAYNESVILLE

AGES
5-12
YEARS

Tickets now available at
www.eviewilson.com.au/stardust-squad



INDOOR SOCCER

FUTSAL SEASON STARTING
13th MAY 2024

WINTER COMPETITION

Mondays - 12 weeks + Finals

Juniors (ages 7+) & Seniors (Men & Women)

Come and Try days & Practice Matches at the BARC
29th April - Juniors 4:30 to 6pm / Seniors 6 to 7:30pm
6th May - Juniors 4:30 to 6pm / Seniors 6 to 7:30pm

- \$120 Juniors (7yo - 15yo) Plus FV Futsal Reg. & Insurance for new players to Futsal in 2024
- \$150 Seniors (16+)

Early Bird Discount available until 31 March!



SCAN ME
PLAYFOOTBALL.com.au/REGISTER
(search for Bairnsdale Soccer Club)

@bairnsdalesoccerclub

info@bairnsdalesoccerclub.com



FAMILY FUN Day!

Carers of children with a disability you are invited to Interchange Gippsland's Family Fun Day!

Date: Sunday 16 June, 2024
Time: 10am-4pm
Location: Gumbuya World, Garfield
Cost: FREE (places are limited)



Join us for a Family Fun Day at Gumbuya World to connect with other Interchange Gippsland families, meet new friends and enjoy family time! Free entry and lunch is supplied - please bring your own water bottle or drinks can be purchased at your own cost at Gumbuya World. Come along and experience the wildlife and rides.

*Limited transport options from ICG offices are available!



RSVP essential. To secure your spot please email admin@icg.asn.au or by scanning the QR code below!