

# St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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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.*



**TONIGHT, THURSDAY 16TH MAY @ 7.30pm - PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR BELOW**

[bit.ly/may16parents](https://bit.ly/may16parents)

Parents if you are unable to attend the live webinar, register to ensure you can access the replay which will be available for 30 days.

**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 16 May | 7.30pm

Martin McGauran, Primary School Teacher & Digital Safety Educator  
Carley McGauran, Psychologist & Mum to 3 school-aged kids

90 minute presentation  
Parents/carers only  
Exclusive access to resources

Register to come along: [bit.ly/may16parents](https://bit.ly/may16parents)

Principal: "Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year!"  
Parent of 9yo & 11yo: "An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week!"

INFORM & EMPOWER eSafetyProvider

## Digital Safety & Wellbeing is taught in primary schools

Students...



participate in engaging, interactive live streamed incursions **every term.**

Teachers...



are provided with optional lesson ideas and follow up activities.

Parents...

It's your turn to be informed with up to date information about raising a child in a digital world.

*Celebrating*  
Catholic Education Week  
17 May to 24 May 2024

*"See, I am making all things new."  
- Revelation 21:5*



Diocese of Sale  
Catholic Education Ltd

Dear Families and Friends,

We all had a fabulous day on Friday as we celebrated our Mother's Day breakfast and conducted the athletics carnival. We were thrilled with the help we received from the dad's in setting up, cooking and packing away during the breakfast. The mum's turned out in large numbers and it was a nice way to kick off the weekend. Support for the athletics day was amazing and although the wind was a bit fresh, the day was a huge success. We love the team spirit that our format has created. I would particularly like to thank our amazing staff for their efforts on such a big day.

Earlier that week our year five students attended the Sovereign Hill camp. The weather was incredible, and the students got to experience Ballarat at it's finest. Although it is a long way to travel the educational benefits are significant. All students returned with plenty of stories to tell.

**Cultural Diversity – School TV <https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>**



Cultural diversity is an inherent aspect of modern society. It enriches our communities by bringing together a wide array of cultures, traditions, and histories, contributing to our unique identity and strength. Embracing and celebrating this diversity is essential for fostering inclusion and a sense of belonging among children. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will set a strong example for all young people. Through collective efforts, we can pave the way for a more accepting and vibrant future.

*"Inclusion is about more than just words; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance, regardless of cultural background. It's crucial that we embrace diversity and celebrate the rich tapestry of backgrounds that make up our communities."*

*Dr Michael Carr-Gregg*

Parents, please register for the **Inform and Empower webinar on Thursday, 16 May at 7.30pm**. Cyber safety is one of the most challenging issues for young people today. Schools are constantly evolving education to stay in touch with student's need. But to be honest, parent knowledge and connection in this area is essential to help keep children safe. It will be 90 minutes of information to help keep you in touch with trends in this area. Please don't let the opportunity slide.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

Dates for the Calendar		
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>MAY 2024</b>	
	Thursday 16th	3.30pm Parent meeting First Communion—Hobby Room <b>7.30pm Webinar—Raising Kids in a Digital World</b>
	Friday 17th	District Winter Sports
<b>Week 6</b>	<i>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK</i>	
	Wednesday 22nd	<b>6.30pm Authentic Connections Webinar for Parent &amp; Carers</b>
	Thursday 23rd	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
<b>Week 7</b>	Friday 31st	9.10am Year One Class Mass
	<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	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
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Monday 10th June</b>	<b>Kings Birthday Holiday</b>
	Friday 14th	Division Winter Sports 11—2pm Bairnsdale 2.30pm Assembly - Year 2 Red
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 17th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 18th	9.10am Year 3 3/4 Class Prayer 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 19th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 21st	9.10 Whole school prayer for Community
	Sunday 23rd	9.00am First Communion

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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.

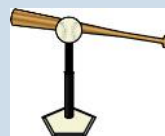
Student should bring a jumper to school everyday - don't forget to label your uniform!

## GOOD LUCK TO OUR WINTER SPORTS TEAMS ON FRIDAY

AFL & Netball @ Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve

T-Ball @ Lakes Entrance Secondary College

Soccer @ St Brendan's



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

Saturday 18th May	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5pm
Sunday 19th May	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9am
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11am







# Mother's Day Breakfast 2024

**By Ben Bodsworth and Lilly Smith**

Thank you to all the amazing mums, nans, grandparents and carers for coming to our Mother's Day Breakfast, 2024. It was a great start to the day. We were very lucky to have our athletic carnival on the same day. We loved how encouraging everyone was towards each other. That was all of year 6s last Mother's Day Breakfast here at St Brendan's.

Thank you to all the parents/families who donated eggs and bacon, also thank you to all the families who helped donate some things for the raffle. Thank you to Mellisa Rickman who packed all of the prizes and all the other staff who helped as well. Thanks to all the staff who prepared the tables and chairs. Thank you to all the fathers who helped with the barbecue and cooked the eggs and bacon. And lastly congratulations to all the raffle winners.





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On Friday the 10th of May we had our annual athletics carnival. In total we had 8 events and relay. Thank you Miss Whelan, Megan, Katrina, Dan and Mr Hamer for organising our athletics carnival.

In 4th place was Red house with 587 points, in third place was Yellow House 616 with, in second place was a Blue House with 736 points and in 1st place is Green House with 803. Well done to Green House for winning the 2024 Athletics carnival. As Green House captains we are very proud of the effort that not only Green House but everyone for giving it their best and having a go.

**GO GREEN HOUSE**

By Archer and Haddie



# St Brendan's Athletics Carnival











# Division Cross Country



On Monday the 13th of March, some students represented our school for Cross Country at Nagle. It was a very hot day and there were many potholes on the track, but everyone kept going. It was fun to catch up with friends from other schools and have the opportunity to represent our St Brendan's. Harry enjoyed running on a different track than school but slipped in the mud! Reide was proud of himself for running the whole way. There were many personal bests and everyone tried their best. A few people are making it through to the regional level in Drouin later this term.

**By Harry Strong and Reide Ymer**



## Prayer for the Week

*This week, our prayer has been written by Mia Borg in Year One. Thank you Mia!*

In the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Dear God, thank you for the night and the morning light.

I thank you for the trees that provide fresh air for us to breathe in oxygen.

We thank you today for family and friends and pets and us.

We pray for the people in our family who have died.

We thank you for making the world.

Amen



## **PENTECOST**

This coming Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost. The Pentecost story is significant, in that it heralds the beginning of the Church in the modern world. At Pentecost, Jesus' followers were filled with the Spirit and began to spread Jesus' message of love, respect, understanding and compassion to ALL people, not just a select group. These qualities are needed in our world today, now more than ever.



## ***Our Lady, Help of Christians—Patron of Australia***



Mary, Help of Christians is one of the numerous names by which Catholics have come to know and love Mary. It refers specifically to the aid that Mary gives as intercessor, meaning one who prays with and for us to God. ([bustedhalo.com](http://bustedhalo.com))

Mary has also been given the title of Patron of Australia. Next Friday, 24th May, is the day set aside to recognise Mary in this role. There will be a whole-school Mass at 9.10am in the Church.

We warmly invite you all to come and join us.

**NEEDED: Old newspapers. Please send to Year One. Thank you**



# Athletics Training with, Denis Huffer

On Wednesday & Thursday, 8th & 9th of May, Denis Huffer, an experienced athletics trainer, came to St Brendan's to help students be prepared for our athletics day on Friday the 10th of May 2024.

Grade sixes were given the opportunity to receive tips from Denis in high jump and act on them. After high jump, we took in the tips to help us accomplish high jump, hurdles, discus, and shotput in athletics.

Denis gave us clear explanations of how to get a higher success rate of getting further in discus and shotput, he would check our technique and help us clean it up, making sure we understood, for example, to push and not throw a shot put.

**By Indi Rijs & Oceanna Greaves.**





## **A SPECIAL REPORT: Celebrating IDAHOBIT**

We possess a profound ability to shape our children's attitudes and beliefs, embedding values of acceptance, inclusivity, and respect for all.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), celebrated each year on May 17th, emphasises the critical need to educate children about diversity and inclusivity. Inaugurated in 2004 by the World Health Organization, this day is a global call to promote tolerance and combat discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community.

Instilling respect and acceptance for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in children is crucial. Celebrating IDAHOBIT helps families communicate a strong stance against discrimination, highlighting the importance of diversity and the damaging effects of stereotypes and biases. These prejudices often arise from the media, societal interactions, and peer influences, necessitating proactive efforts from parents and caregivers to counteract and discuss these issues.

Creating inclusive environments supports diversity and plays a vital role in raising awareness and demonstrating solidarity with LGBTQIA+ students and community members. It is a commitment to creating a world free from prejudice and discrimination, instilling values of empathy, respect and inclusivity.

This Special Report will help you fostering acceptance, empowering young people to become compassionate and informed advocates for equality.

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-celebrating-idahobit-au](https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-celebrating-idahobit-au)



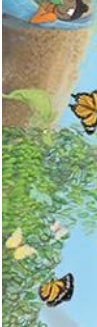
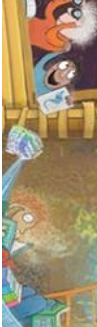
SPECIAL REPORT

# Celebrating IDAHOBIT

May 17







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.

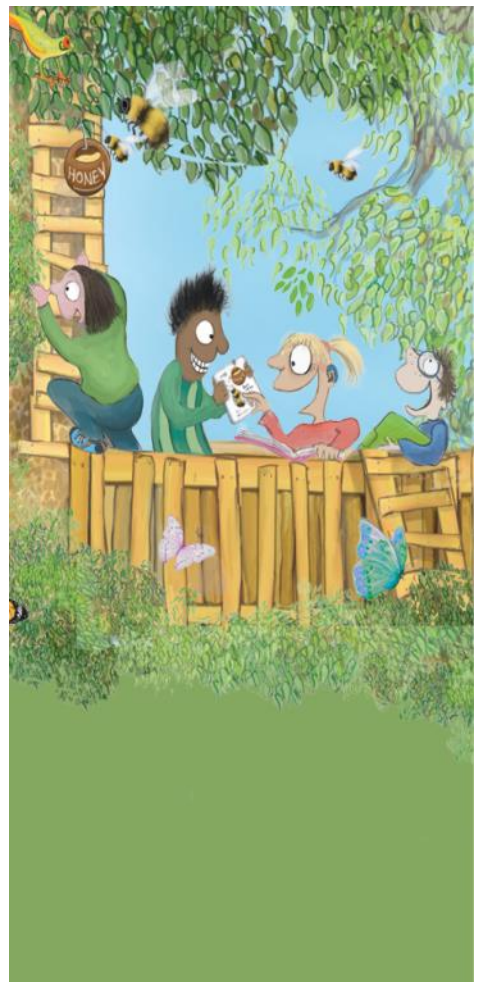
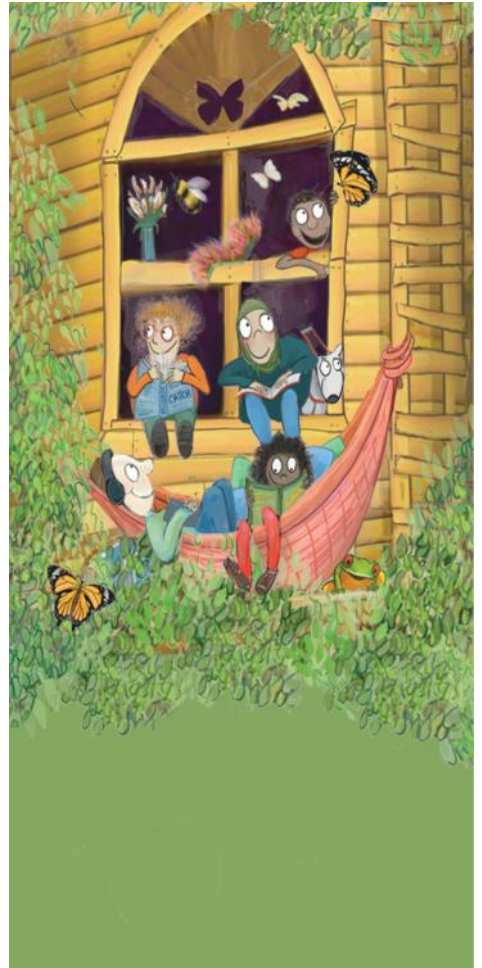
To view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge](http://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

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](mailto: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**

Parents and Carer will need to register for the webinar using the following [link](#):

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5MucvysrD8vHtWCIWj5AMvW7BLJzw-smiis>

Upon registration, registrants will receive a link to attend the webinar  
This presentation will be recorded and sent to schools to distribute to those who are unable to attend or would like a recap.



**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](mailto:paul.hiep296@gmail.com)



# SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE CAMP

## ONE WEEK ONLY

Age 12 - 15



**Mon 30th Sep to Fri 4th Oct 2024**

Are you looking for something fun & exciting to do?  
Experience the best of the outdoors on our "Adventure Week"



- Great way to meet friends
- Develop new skills
- Keep active
- Exciting challenges

Includes Staff, Accommodation, Activities & Food

Accompanied transport available from Puffing Billy Train Station GEMBROOK, VIC (no cost)  
Alternatively, family arranges personal drop off and pick up directly to & from camp

**LIMITED SPACES  
PRICING ON APPLICATION**

# BOOKINGS

bookings@hallsoutdoored.com.au

# 03 5968 1739



# 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.

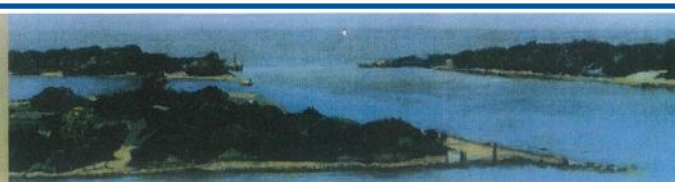
The Program funds up to \$400 per person per year for coaching fees, plus an additional \$100 per person per year is available for club membership and/or competition fees.

Scan here or click on this link for more information



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



## 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**  
AGES 5-12 YEARS

**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.

**SESSIONS AT  
SUNDAY  
MAY 19TH  
10AM + 12PM**

**RECOVER HEALTH +  
PERFORMANCE IN  
PAYNESVILLE**

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[www.eviewilson.com.au/stardust-squad](http://www.eviewilson.com.au/stardust-squad)



**interchange GIPPSLAND** REGISTERED NDIS PROVIDER

**HOLIDAY OPTIONS PROGRAM (HOP)**

HOP is a supported group recreation program that provides participants with opportunities to learn, develop new skills, make friends, and connect with their local community. Regular activities occur during school holidays and a limited number take place within school terms. Activities are between 6-8 hours in duration.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Aged 5-12 years, residing in Gippsland and have a NDIS plan.

**ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED BASED ON PARTICIPANT INTERESTS AND MAY INCLUDE:**

- EVENTS - shows, plays, exhibits.
- ACTION - kayaking, laser tag, rock climbing, snow, water parks, indoor play centers.
- CREATIVITY - dancing, music, art, craft, cooking.
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING - fitness, teamwork, exercise.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY!**

1300 736 765 admin@icg.asn.au www.icg.asn.au

66 Commercial Road, Morwell  
278-280 White Road, North Wonthaggi  
13b & 14a Eastwood Village Shopping Centre, 30 Howitt Avenue, Bairnsdale

**interchange GIPPSLAND** along with **Interchange NETWORK**

**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](mailto:admin@icg.asn.au) or by scanning the QR code below!

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