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We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Gunaikumai 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.





HUBE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED EBBS AND BACON FOR OUR FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST. THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE HAD THIS WEEK ON THE FATHER'S DAY STALLS AND THE BREAKFAST TO HELP MAKE FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

WHAT A HAPPY MORNING WAS HAD CELEBRATING OUR DAD'S, GRANDAD'S AND CARERS.

congratulations to our raffle prize winners!

WE WISH ALL OUR DAD'S A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY.







Dear Families and Friends,

We had a terrific evening last Friday as seven children made their Confirmation at St Brendan's. Congratulations to Leo Drew, Bravil and Berlins Kirwa, Isobel Mills, Jasper Vandersteen, Sierra Lazzarotto and Archer Rickman. Fr Hiep and Bishop Greg were the celebrants for the Mass and there were plenty of people there to celebrate with our candidates. It was particularly encouraging to see the candidates' classmates in attendance and Harry Strong and Piper Crawley led the introductions and prayers of the faithful with confidence.

We have had a couple of very worthwhile incursions over the last week. **Kids Roar** attended our school to conduct child safety workshops with years foundation to four. The topics focused on protective behaviours. We were also visited by **Andrew Chinn** who is an amazing entertainer. He won the students' hearts with song, humour and some slick dance moves. At the end of the day, we had a whole school concert. The smiles were in abundance and, wow, do we have some young performers!

Congratulations to our Vic Spelling Bee competitors. Cooper Kennedy, Indi Rijs, Brock Voight and Millie Stewart who went to Paynesville to compete in the zone level. They all learnt a great deal from the experience, Cooper finished third and Indi finished in first place and will progress to the finals.

Learning Maths: Connecting school and home - https://raisingchildren.net.au
Your child has been learning about maths since birth. And when your child starts school, you have a big role in helping them continue to build, practise and improve maths and numeracy skills.



Here are ways that you can help your child learn maths concepts and skills at home:

- Ask about the maths topics your child is learning at school and talk about how maths can help with everyday activities. For example, understanding fractions can help you measure ingredients when cooking.
- Be available to help your child with maths revision. You could ask 1-2 questions about a topic your child already knows so that they feel encouraged when they answer correctly.
- Use objects, words, numbers, pictures, drawings or symbols to help your child understand maths problems. For example, you could cut an apple into pieces to help your child understand fractions. Or you could add up the items on your family shopping list.
- Encourage your child to show you how they worked out a maths problem. For example, you could ask your child, 'How did you figure that out?' or 'Is there another way to figure this out?' Or you could both do the maths problem and compare how you worked out the answer.
- Encourage your child to try different ways to solve maths problems, especially when they get the wrong answer. Learning maths isn't just about finding the right answer it's also about learning how to solve problems.

I'm pleased to say that we have returned to visiting the aged care facilities around Lakes Entrance. This is a valued experience for our students. Year six began the visits last week and all classes will go on this excursion this year.

Dads, grandads and carers, we hope you enjoyed the Father's Day breakfast. A big thank you to the mums who have helped with the gift stalls and breakfast. Your assistance is much appreciated!

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Dates for the Calendar
Term 3	SEPTEMBER 2024	
Week 7	Sunday 1st	Father's Day
Week 8	Tuesday 3rd	9.10am Class Prayer Year 6
	Friday 6th	9.10am Class Mass Year 4/5 Red & Year 5 Blue 2.30pm Assembly: Foundation 9.00am —11.00am Year 6 Geography Excursion
Week 9	Monday 9th	10.00am - 2.30pm Division Athletics at Howitt Park
	Friday 13th	9.45am Nursing Home visits Calvary Year 1B/Opal Year 1R 11.30am Foundation Pet Safety Incursion 3.15pm—4.30pm Working Bee
Week 10	Friday 20th	The Big Picnic 9.10am Whole School Prayer 1.30pm GHC Assembly: Year 4/5 Red 2.15pm Term 3 Ends
Term 4	OCTOBER 2024	
Week 1	Monday 7th	9.00am - Term 4 commences









#EveryConversationMatters





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

Sat 31st Aug	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
Sun 1st Sept	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
Tues 3rd Sept	Y6 Class Prayer in C	Classroom	9.10am
	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Wed 4th Sept	St Colman's	Orbost	9.30am
Thurs 5th Sept	Opal Nursing Home	11.00am	
Fri 6th Sept	Calvary Nursing Ho	11.00am	
Sat 7th Sept	Rosary @	8.45am	
	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sun 8th Sept	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
		Mallacoota	3.00pm





Cricket Clinic By Ivy O'Donnell and Tahlia **Woodward**

On Wednesday August 21, Grades 3 and 4 went to the Lakes Entrance Cricket Ground. Ash and Reece were there to teach us cricket skills, they are professional cricket players for Melbourne Stars.

They did some cricket drills with us like, hitting the wickets by throwing the ball at a target, hitting the ball with a bat and catching. At the end they gave out free posters to get signed by them, as well as a mini bat and ball, a friendship bracelet, and some blow up clappers. We had lots of fun!!! Thank you to all the teachers and staff who supervised us and to the Melbourne Stars players and staff.

Special thanks to Mrs Whelan and Meaghan for organising the excursion.





Nursing Home

By Bailey, Haddie and Keelie

On Friday the 23rd of August, Year 6 attended the Lakes Entrance Aged Care homes, Opal and Calvary. Year 6 Blue went to Opal and Year 6 Red went to Calvary. We presented a play of the Lew-Carroll poem 'The is Jabberwocky'. The elderly people loved it! After the play we played games and talked to the elderly and we met many lovely people. Some Year 6's chose to play cards. It was a great morning.





Confirmation

On Friday the 23rd of August, Confirmation was held at St Brendan's Catholic Church at 6pm. There were 7 candidates: Leo Drew, Archer Rickman, Isobel Mills, Berlins Kirwa, Bravil Kirwa and Sierra Lazzarotto. We participated in the Reconciliation Sacrament in the morning with Father Hiep before the Confirmation. We all researched a Saint that we found inspiring and took their name for Confirmation. We also chose a sponsor to support us on our Christian journey. We took lots of photos with our families and friends before and after the celebration, so that we could hold the memories forever. Bishop Greg and Father Hiep anointed us with the special oil on our foreheads and prayed for us. After the mass, we had an after-party with lots of chocolate, pies, sausage rolls and cake.

We give thanks to Bishop Greg, Father Hiep and Katrina for preparing the delicious special cake.

By Berlins











Andrew Chinn

By Piper & Savannah



On Monday 26th of August, we had a very special guest named Andrew Chinn, come to our school to sing and dance with us. He was very funny and entertaining for all ages. He creates songs about God and the Holy Spirit along with Jesus and Mary. Some of his songs that he has created are: Ubuntu, An African Blessing, Shine Among Us and many more. He was very kind to everyone and I think everyone had a blast. He had lots of funny stories of when he was a teacher that made everyone laugh. He named some songs and dance moves after us that have some of our names in them which made all of us laugh. We all enjoyed it very much and hope he can come again some time in the future.







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- Challenging word for Cooper: precipitous Cooper came 3rd
- Indi winner, advancing to the state final in Traralgon on Tuesday 3rd September
- Millie came equal 7th, Brock 6th

At 10:15 AM, we got into the car with Mrs Alsop, Georgia, Cooper Kennedy, and Indi Rijs. We drove down to Paynesville and got there by 11:00am. When we got there, we checked in and went into the hall. Firstly 12, year fives went up. You had to pick a ball out of a cup and read out the number written on it. They numbered a list of words and would give you your word. If you spelled it correctly, you were into the next round, but if not, you were eliminated. In each round, more people were eliminated until there was one left standing. Remi Petrocca from Lakes Primary won year five, going through to Traralgon, and from year 6, Indi Rijs won from our school. It was a super cool experience, and we had lots of fun!!

Written by Millie Stewart and Brock Voight



On the 23rd of August, Cooper Kennedy, Indi Rijs, Millie Stewart, and Brock Voigt went to Paynesville for the 2024 Vicspell with Mrs Alsop and Georgia. First up were the grade 5s, Millie and Brock. Unfortunately, Millie was eliminated on the word, "jewel". Brock on the word "beggar". In the Grade Six round, Indi and Cooper made it to the final 3. Cooper was eliminated on the word, "precipitous", and Indi won on the word occasionally, and moved into the State round of VicSpell. It was a great experience and we wish next year's contestants goodluck!

By Cooper Kennedy and Indi Rijs





By Alexander and Ivy

Kids Roar is a fun and exciting way to learn about safety and what's right and wrong, if you don't feel safe you can always tell a trusted adult.

Kids Roar is a good place to learn about the human body and how to be safe. The main things we learnt are:

- We all have the right to feel safe and need to recognise when our body feels unsafe.
- We all have the right to say no or stop, this is called consent.
- And we are all humans and all different.

Kids Roar includes activities that teach children about safety and when it's ok to say stop! Every child should have a trusted adult who they can tell if they feel unsafe. It is important that we are safe and help others around us feel safe. Supervision is the most important safety key to keep children safe around the world.











A SPECIAL REPORT: Healthy Study Habits

In today's world, where distractions are abundant and the pressure to excel is high, guiding children to develop healthy study habits is more important than ever. As students aspire to achieve academic success, the cornerstone of that achievement lies not just in their intelligence or drive, but in the study habits they cultivate.

It's essential for students to recognise that good study habits aren't merely about spending extra hours hitting the books. It's more about quality over quantity and having a more balanced approach. Emphasising the value of a routine is essential. Consistent study times establish a sense of structure and discipline, turning studying into a natural part of their daily routine rather than a burdensome task.

Additionally, how students approach their study sessions is equally important. Taking regular breaks is a crucial part of this process in maintaining focus and preventing burnout.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes sufficient sleep, a balanced diet, and consistent physical activity are indispensable elements that will significantly impact your child's ability to study effectively. Fostering these healthy habits is one of the most valuable gifts we can offer children, paving the way for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

This Special Report will help you support your young person as they embark on studying for exams.

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-healthy-study-habits-au



SPECIAL REPORT

Healthy Study Habits





Do you qualify for free home internet?



Our helpful team can check for you. Scan the QR code or call **1800 954 610** for more information.

National Referral Centre (Mon - Fir, 10am - 6pm AEDT). Caliback, webchat, translating and interpreting services available. Visit anglicansist organists dent-internet for more information.

Get back to school ready with the School Student Broadband Initiative

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

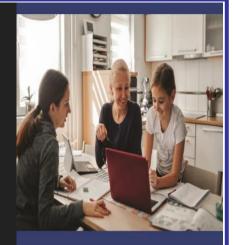
With broadband internet access your family will be able to access fast internet at home, which supports children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more dependent on digital technology.

There is still time to sign up for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI):

- For any families signing up now, this offer means free internet until 31 December 2025.
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Collecting Students from School Grounds – Child Safety As you would understand, child safety is the number one priority for schools. As circumstances evolve, we want to ensure we have the best possible practice in place. Please note the following requirements for collecting students at the end of the day.

Collecting from the church gate - (New arrangements)

Students in years Foundation, One and Two will remain with their class teacher at the end of the day just outside their classroom. The church gates will be open at 3.15pm, at which time parents are required to enter the school grounds to collect their children from the class teachers. This action is in place to avoid situations where students leave the school grounds and run into the church gate car park area without an adult being present.

Collecting from the administration office

Please enter the gates and collect your child from the junior classroom area or your child from years Three to Six may meet you just inside the gates. Students are not to leave the grounds and cross the car park area without an adult walking with them.

If dropping students off in the morning, you must also walk them into school. Please do not use the disabled parking bay without permission to do so.

Collecting from car line

Typically, St Brendan's staff are there to organize students into cars at the end of the day. If you wish to park and collect your child, please use the crosswalk and an adult must walk with their child/ren. Drop off at the beginning of the day should take place at the bus stop area.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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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.

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Boys - Long pants

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

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

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.



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



LIBRARY BAGS

It is a school requirement that <u>all students</u> 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



<u>JEWELLERY</u> 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.

<u>HAIR</u> is to be kept neat and tidy at all times. 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**.

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.



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club invite all 4-9 year olds to join our Blasters program.

Our sessions take place at 9.30am Saturday mornings from 12th

October until 30th November.

Please contact Mark for more information on 0408088587 or metungswanreachcc@outlook.com



SIGN UP TODAY!

Q Play Cricket

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From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game.based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development.

Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.





Q Play Cricket











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JUNIOR CRICKET **PATHWAY**



Start your cricket journey at YOUR local club!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

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- Woolworths Cricket Blast



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The Forge Presents...

THE LIBRARIAN

Friday 13th September 6.00pm

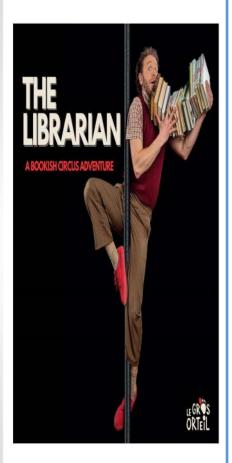
At first glance, Paul-Emile Dumoulin seems like just a regular librarian. He is serious, proud and very orderly. Every book is in its place on his impeccable shelves. The only problem? As soon as Paul-Emile gets his nose in a book, reality disappears, giving way to the slightly crazy worlds he discovers between the pages.

On his adventures, the very sensible librarian suddenly turns into strange and silly characters who perform acrobatics, balancing, juggling, break dancing and beatboxing.

This show blends clowning, physical theatre and the circus arts. It invites young audiences to discover the passion of reading and the power of the imagination.

Suitable for ages 5-12, click on the link below to book: -

https://www.trybooking.com/CNITO





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)

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- 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	44

SALADS & BOWLS

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

DRINKS

Lightly	Sparkling
Minera	al Water
Lime, I	Raspberry,
Water	melon, Mango

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HOT FOOD

Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice	\$10

RICE PAPER ROLLS

(2 roll + sauce

Γofu	\$9
emongrass Chicken	\$9
Pork	\$9
Prawn	\$9
Pork & Brawn	\$9





