St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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We gather on Gunaikurnai Country. We pay our respects to their Elders; past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the ongoing living culture and connection to Country of all First Peoples.





Medical Information Update

Parents and carers are required to update your child's medical information via PAM every year their child attends our school. The information you include on these forms will allow us to maintain our records and put in place any plans to assist in managing their medical conditions.

Information about students medical conditions are recorded to ensure we are able offer the relevant care while they are at school. It is important to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical information and or needs as soon as possible so we can maintain accurate and up-to-date records.

Parents or cares of students diagnosed with Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy must also provide a personalised condition specific action plan completed and signed by their doctor.



School Photos will be held on Monday, 24th February 2025.

All students are expected to wear full summer dress uniform.

All Orders can be placed online including sibling orders.

Please use the Email Address and code below:

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

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Order envelopes have been sent home, please complete them and return these to school, even if you have ordered photographs online.

If you require a sibling envelope please pick up from office.



Welcome Families and Friends,

It appears most families stayed around home for the Christmas break to enjoy the weather and the beauties of Lakes Entrance. As a result of this break, we have seen children return to school life in a very positive frame of mind. Staff also are returning with real purpose, and I am genuinely thrilled with the transition to 2025. It is going to be a great year!

We are very excited to welcome many new students to St Brendan's for 2025.

Foundation:

Brianna Borg, Olivia Brooks, Owen Clark, Mac Dickson, Lylah Dollman, Isaiah Drivata, Reeve Fischer, Caleb Grech, Willow Hall, Sam Howden, Theodore Ivanczuk, Colt James, Jackson Jenkin-Tsarouhas, Charlotte Kenny, Harriet Kenny, Alek Kyriakou, Navy Lee, Taomi Owen, Zachary Rebeiro, Darcee Richards, Darcy Roberts, Shaivyaa Sahay, Logan Sep, Alice Smits, Amber Smits, Arabelle Supple, Elaina Theologou, Sol Thomas, Fletcher Turner, Octavia Van Den Berghe, Ayla Van Rensburg, Scarlett Vu, Penelope Wegmann, Luna Whelan and Ollie Williams

Year 2: Eziah Fischer and Kylo Bebbington

Year 3: Nelle Jakobi and Cooper Reed

Year 4: Helen Biju, Shiloh Eiseman and Aaliyah Dollman

Year 6: Isabel Biju, Nate Adam-Strange and Sunny Eiseman

As you can imagine, our year six students are doing an excellent job of nurturing the start of our foundation students experience at St Brendan's. It has been quite entertaining watching the older students follow their buddies around the playground. They will continue to do this for another week until their buddy is settled in and playing with their peers. On Friday, 21 February at 9.10am at our first assembly we will present the leadership badges to our year six students. Please join us if you are able.

2025 School Leaders

School Captains: Sadie Williams and Leon Alwyn

Indigenous School Captain: Callum Yates

Blue House Captains: Billie Hayllar and Millie Stewart

Green House Captains: Isla Behan and Lacey Lee

Red House Captains: Hazel Johnson and Anton Whelan

Yellow House Captains: Hunta Smethurst and Shaylee Edwards







Activities Leaders

Nate Adam-Strange, Isaac Balintong, Isabel Biju, Elan Jakobi, Ivy Lay, Anthony Meloury, Josie Neal, Shaaurya Sahay, Noah Waite, Hudson Williams, Maddison Woodward, Brock Voight

Events Leaders

Kiara Bownds, Lucas Brownett, Kenya Connally, Sunny Eiseman, Sienna-Lee Findley, Hannah Fitzgerald, Sienna Johnson, Charlie Owen, Dane Sztynda, Amity Thomson

Social Justice Leaders

Olivia Cheng, Leanne Nguyen, Camilla Sanders

We have not had to employ any new staff for the beginning of the school year. However, we have placed staff in some different roles and had an extensive handover process to prepare for the year.

Our 2025 teaching staff are:

Class	Teacher	ESO	
Foundation Blue	Melissa Terry/Sarah McGuinness	Mike Park Pauline McAteer Julie Ross	
Foundation Red	Lauren Alsop		
Year 1 Blue	Cassandra Supple/Elle Whelan	Fiona Yates Maree Armistead	
Year 1 Red	Helen Renehan	Waree Armistead	
Year 2 Blue	Maddy Schulz	Gabby Duncan Dan Johnson	
Year 2 Red	Chelsea Bulmer/Elle Whelan		
Year 3 Blue	Luke Bates/Jacqui Mallen	Georgia Kenny Emma Albert	
Year 3/4 Red	James Clarke		
Year 4/5 Red	Danielle Mills/Hannah Neal	Kylie Curnow Jenny Vogrig Rourke	
Year 5 Blue	Alexandra Falk		
Year 6 Blue	Mikaela Witherow	Mel Rickman	
Year 6 Red	Christiane Bromilow		
Health	Jacqui Mallen		
PE	Hannah Neal		
Art/ Science	Leesa Thompson		
Mandarin	Stephanie Hamer		
Kitchen/Garden		Jane Whelan	

Our focus for the first weeks of school is to embed expectations and reiterate the concept of our three Rs. We are developing the leadership potential of our more senior students and ensuring that everyone's behaviour reflects the strong moral values we have at St Brendan's CPS.

Morning Routine For School Tips – https://raisingchildren.net.au

- A morning routine helps children arrive at school ready to learn and play.
- Think about what you need to achieve in the mornings. You can probably do many things the night before.
- When you've worked out a morning routine, write it up and display it where everyone can see it.
- Plenty of sleep, time and positive attention can help children cooperate with school morning routines.

If you know there are things that might cause conflict in the morning, it can help to deal with these the night before. For example, your child might find it hard to get out of bed on time. You and your child might be able to come up with a solution together if you talk about the issue the night before.

We look forward to seeing you at the Swimming Carnival today, 7 February or the first assembly at 9.10am on Friday, 21 February.

Kind Regards, Matthew Hamer

		Up Coming Events
Term 1	JANUARY 2025	
Week 3	Mon 10th - Fri 21st	Swimming lessons—Year 4/5/6 Dental Van visit
	Wednesday 12th	Foundation Pupil free Day
Week 4	Tuesday 18th	Class Prayer: Year 1
	Wednesday 19th	Foundation Pupil free Day
	Thursday 20th	District Swimming Sports—Orbost
	Friday 21st	9.10am Assembly—School Captains
Week 5	Monday 24th	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	Thursday 27th	Division Swimming Sports - Bairnsdale
	Friday 28th	9.10am Class Mass: Year 3, & 3/4

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



Tuesday 11th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass Wed 12th Feb: St. Colman's Orbost No Mass Friday 14th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass Saturday 15th Feb: St Dymphna's Buchan No Mass St. Joseph's Swan Reach No Mass Sunday 16th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00am St. Colman's Orbost 11.00am







Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons Begin Monday, 10th February

The Water Safety and Survival program times for **Years 4 to 6** for February, 2025 are listed below. Students will leave school to walk to the pool, approximately 20 minutes before their allocated time.

Children are to wear their bathers, appropriate for swimming lessons, under their uniform each day. It would be suitable for children to wear their sports uniform for the duration of the swimming program. This decision will be left to parent's discretion.

If you are able to assist with walking to/from the swimming pool and have a current WWC, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Week 3: Monday, 10th February – Friday, 14th February. Week 4: Monday, 17th February – Friday 21st February.

Year 4: 12.30pm - 1.15pm Year 5: 1.15pm - 2.00pm Year 6: 2.00pm - 2.45pm



INFORM& EMPOWER presents

RAISING KIDS IN WEBINAR FOR PARENTS A DIGITAL WORLD & CARERS

Social media

Online gaming

Strengthening family communication

Impacts of screen time

Cyberbullying

Managing devices at home

Child & tween online trends

Explicit/adult content

St Brendan's Primary School

Thursday 20 February 7.30 - 9.00 pm

*This webinar is strictly for parents and carers only as the content is not suitable for children.



Martin McGauran, primary teacher and digital safety educator and Carley McGauran, psychologist and mum to 3 school-aged kids.



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 a changeover period for uniforms at the beginning of Term Two and Term Four.

<u>UNIFORM ITEMS - Available from Nick's in Bairnsdale</u> Most items are regulation, meaning that the school has determined the style or manufacture.

Regulation Summer Uniform:

BOYS GIRLS

Boys Blue Short Sleeve Shirt Summer dress/Summer shorts and shirt

Stubbies shorts (grey) Bomber Jacket (with emblem)

Bomber jacket (with emblem) Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)

Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem) Royal blue school hat (with emblem)

Royal blue school hat (with emblem) White school socks - above ankle (no logos)

Grey socks - above ankle (no logos) Black leather school shoes or Buckle/lace-up/T-bar

Black leather school shoes/boots

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.

Regulation Sports Uniform: 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)











2025: Mandarin

Xīn Nián Kuàilè: Happy New Year 新年快樂

Nuānyíng 歡迎 - Welcome to 2025 and I hope you had a relaxing holiday brea<mark>k</mark>.

This year in Chinese Mandarin class, students will continue to review phrases previously taught and learn new vocabulary to extend their oral language.

Our language curriculum encompasses both language and culture components. Specifically, the curriculum is broken down into four modules. The first three modules introduce new content whilst the fourth module consolidates the vocabulary learnt throughout the year.

Each module involves the 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 Chinese characters and pinyin (middle and upper grades)
- Cultural awareness (not assessed)

Content taught:

<u>Foundation</u>: introductions, pets (animals), I have I dont have, numbers, items, I like, I dont like, fruit, counting using measure words - GE, eating, foods.

<u>Year 1:</u> introductions, colours, instructional verbs, I like, I dont like, I have I dont have, family members, counting using measure word – GE, feelings.

<u>Year 2:</u>: introductions, drinks, first activity verbs, numbers, food (potato, tomato, corn, cucumber) measure words - GE, GEN, I have, I want.

<u>Year 3/4/5:</u> countries, spoken languages, animals, describing animals, food and eating, time of meal, taste of food.

<u>Year 6:</u> places, locations, time and time phases, transport, higher numbers, verbs: sports, directional verbs.

A list of vocabulary words can be provided if you wish to practise Chinese at home.

Xièxiè 謝謝

₩ SCHOLASTIC

*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 a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

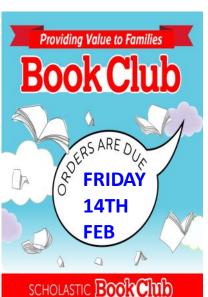
You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3).

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 safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or 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 classroom, 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.



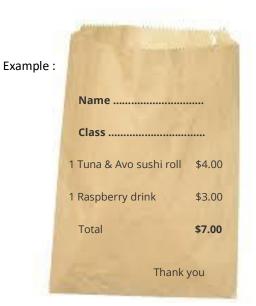




Lunch orders are available on a Friday and are supplied by Mamma Vu's Kitchen.

- 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.



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

DRINKS

Lightly Sparkling	\$3
Mineral Water	
Lime, Raspberry,	
Watermelon, Mango,	



HOT FOOD

Fried Rice	\$7
Fried Pork Gyoza (6pc)	\$7
Spring Rolls (4pc)	\$7
Chicken Hokkein Noodle	\$10
Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice	\$10

RICE PAPER ROLLS

(2 roll + sauce)

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



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:

- · \$154 for primary school students
- · \$256 for secondary school students

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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund



2025 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	1 CHILD	2 CHILD	3 CHILD	4CHILD
	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY
SCHOOL FEES	\$ 990.00	\$ 1085.00	\$ 1175.00	\$ 1265.00
TUITION LEVY	\$ 204.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 816.00
INC.STATIONERY EXCURSIONS	\$ 58.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 232.00
CAPITAL LEVY	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$1282.00	\$1639.00	\$1991.00	\$2343.00

Payments for fees may be made either by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct debit. 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, 5th February, 2025. Last payment date for Excursion & Capital Levy is Friday, 28th February, 2025. Fee Statements will be sent to families at end of March, June, August and October. Last payment for School Fees: Friday, 28th November, 2025.

School Fees - are charged to allow the school to function. They are determined by the amount of shortfall in Government funding to Catholic schools. Heating, electricity, water, telephone, cleaning, maintenance, insurances and council rates are very costly and so the collection of fees to meet these costs is extremely important.



www.lunchboxweek.org

#NationalLunchboxWeek



National Lunchbox Week is here!

National Lunchbox Week celebrates the uniqueness of every lunchbox. A lunchbox can reflect love, care, and nourishment from simple sandwiches to creative meals. St Brendan's is proud to support National Lunch Box Week to help make lunchboxes enjoyable, nourishing and pressure- free.

Every lunchbox tells a story shaped by family traditions, available resources, and unique preferences, reminding us there's no one-size-fits-all approach. During National Lunchbox Week, we embrace the diversity of lunchboxes and promote supportive, judgment-free conversations around food.

We know that packing a lunchbox can sometimes feel daunting. Nutrition Australia's tips and simple options can make busy mornings much more manageable. More importantly lunchbox packing isn't about perfection but finding what works for you and your family. Affordability matters, too, and with some practical ideas, nutritious lunches can be both satisfying and budget-friendly.

Lunchtimes can also help children build lifelong positive relationships with food, turning every lunch break into an opportunity for enjoyment and connection. The heart of National Lunchbox Week is collaboration. Families, schools, early childhood education services, and health advocates share a common goal: for children to have nourishing, enjoyable meals that support their growth and learning.

Through National Lunchbox Week we can inspire meaningful change that benefits the next generation by working together, sharing ideas, and creating inclusive spaces. Be sure to explore the National Lunchbox Week website for helpful resources: www.lunchboxweek.org.

You can follow Nutrition Australia on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn:

https://www.facebook.com/nutritionaustralia.org

www.instagram.com/nutritionaustralia

www.linkedin.com/company/nutritionaustralia





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

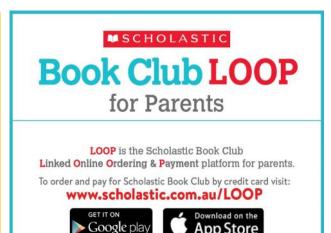
Please enter the gates and collect your child from the junior classroom area or your child from years Three to Six may meet you just inside the gates. Students are not to leave the grounds and cross the car park area without an adult walking with them.

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.



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.



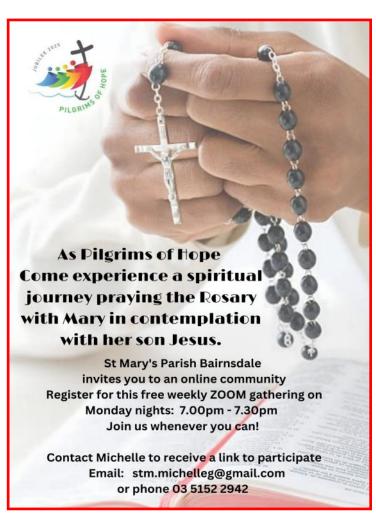


Uniform - Together with The Athlete's Foot, Bairnsdale, we have a new School Rewards Program that is a great fundraising opportunity for St Brendan's. \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased is being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual.

The holidays is a great time to check your child's uniform and purchase new items. A reminder that we will be going into Summer uniform on return to Term 4. Check dress length for girls and make alterations before returning.









An after school art alternative? Saltwater is safe, inspiring space for your kids & teens to learn the fundamentals of clay and the process of pottery - all while keeping social and exercising their creative flow. Over eight weeks we're covering all the basics of wheel throwing, hand building, and glazing. Monday eves over an 8-week-term for youth's aged 6-17 years.

Designed for complete beginners, or the experienced potter, this is the perfect way to begin your child's ceramic journey. Guided term sessions by one of our amazing instructors.

KIDS CLAY (ages 6 - 12)

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 1)

Time:4.00pm -5.30pm

Session Dates: February 10th March 31st
\$260.00pp

TEENS CLAY (ages 12 - 18)

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 1)

Time:5.30pm - 7pm

Session Dates: February 10th March 31st
\$280.00pp

visit our website for more details of contact us via the details below.



the saltwater creative co 66 marine parade, lakes entrance, VIC www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com - 0448 669 063

FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED AGES 5 - 12

LEGO Club 2025



EAST GIPPSLAND



Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our after-school LEGO Club sessions

Head into your local library and flex your creative muscles making the LEGO builds of your dreams!

Donations welcome: the library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

This is an unsupervised event - attendees must be accompanied by an adult.

Bairnsdale Library Tuesdays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre Mondays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Paynesville Service Centre Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Omeo Service Centre Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre Wednesdays FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED



We're Back!



Rhymetime Returns



Join us for our first Rhymetime session of 2025!

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the magic of stories and the joy of reading. Enjoy engaging tales that inspire creativity and imagination, along with fun songs and rhymes!

Rhymetime sessions are designed for children under 2 years and their parent/carers and run for approximately 30 minutes.

Bairnsdale Library Wednesday 5 February 10.30 am - 11.00 am

Lakes Entrance
Service Centre

Wednesday 5 February 11.00 am - 11.30 am

Orbost Service Centre Thursday 6 February

Thursday 6 February 10.00 am - 10.30 am

Paynesville Service Centre

Monday 3 February 10.30 am - 11.00 am

Mallacoota Service Centre Tuesday 4 February

Tuesday 4 February 10.00 am - 10.30 am





