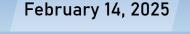
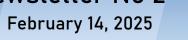
# St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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# Newsletter No 2







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.



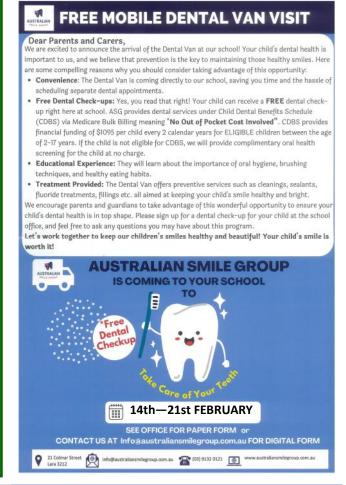


#### Medical Information Update

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

Please use the Email Address and code below:

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

#### X3007EL54E

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.



		Up Coming Events
Term 1	FEBRUARY 2025	
Week 4	Monday 17th	Swimming Lessons Yr 4/5/6
	Tuesday 18th	Swimming Lessons Yr 4/5/6 Class Prayer: Year 1
	Wednesday 19th	Swimming Lessons Yr 4/5/6 Foundation Pupil free Day
	Thursday 20th	Swimming Lessons Yr 4/5/6 District Swimming Sports—Orbost
	Friday 21st	Swimming Lessons Yr 4/5/6 9.10am Assembly—School Captains
Week 5	Monday 24th	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	Wednesday 26th	Year 4/5 Inform and Empower
	Thursday 27th	Division Swimming Sports - Bairnsdale
	Friday 28th	9.10am Class Mass: Year 3, & 3/4 Year 1 Excursion - Griffiths Shell Museum
	FEBRUARY 2025	
Week 6	Tuesday 4th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 5th	9.10am Ash Wednesday Mass—Lent begins 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Thursday 6th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
Week 7	Monday 10th	Labour Day

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



Saturday 15th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass Sunday 16th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00am Tuesday 18th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30am Wed 19th Feb: St. Colman's Orbost 9.30 am Friday 20th Feb: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30am Saturday 21st Feb: St Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30am Sunday 22nd Feb: 9.00am St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance St. Colman's Orbost 11.00am 5.00pm St. Joseph's Swan Reach Vietnamese Mass.

### 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.



Last Friday, the Year 3/4s, 5s and 6s went to the Lakes Entrance Aquadome for the St Brendan's competitive Swimming Carnival.

Students participated in 50 and/or 25 metre
Backstroke, Freestyle, and Breaststroke.
Some fun events at the end were the Relay and
Cork-Scramble where students competed against other
Houses.

The School House Champions were:

1st Green House 2nd Yellow House 3rd Blue House 4th Red House

We would like to thank Mrs Neal and Mr Hamer for organising this amazing event, along with the School and House Captains for lending a hand. Thank you to Katrina and Meaghan for awarding the ribbons and places, and parent volunteers for coming along and helping out on the day.

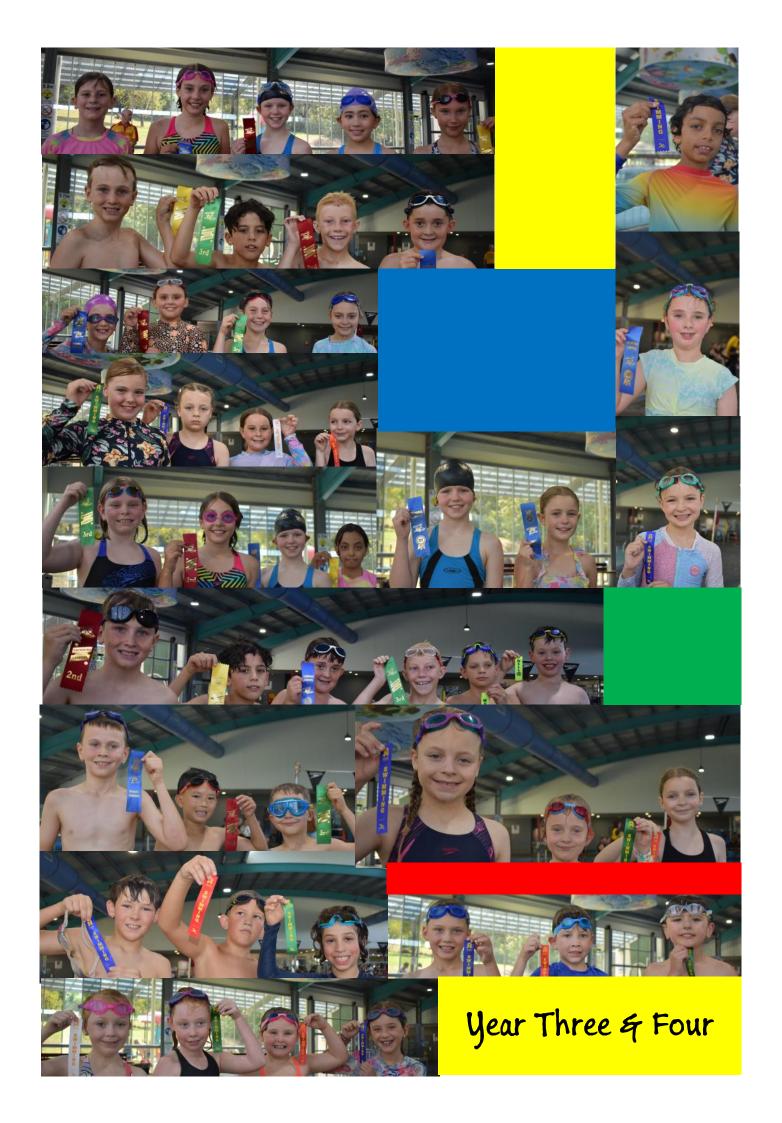
#### The House Captains













# YEAR 2 INQUIRY & WRITING

## HOW TO MAKE A BLOCK ANIMAL BY YEAR 2

Step I: Get some blocks.

Step 2: Pick what animal you want to make.

Step 3: Think about what your animal will look like.

Step 4: Build your animal.

Step 5: Take a picture of your animal.

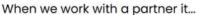
Step 6: Pack up.

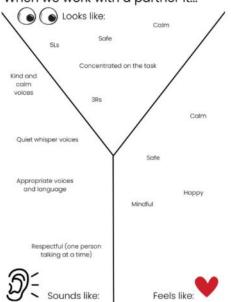




## PARTNER WORK

As part of our inquiry this term, the Year 2s are learning how to be expert learners. We have started off with discussions around how we work with partners.













# Wellbeing Barometer Survey 2025



#### A SPECIAL REPORT: The Wellbeing Barometer - 2025

The Wellbeing Barometer survey is an invaluable tool for schools, providing critical insights into the mental health and wellbeing of young people. This annual survey identifies areas of concern, highlights resilience and adaptability in students, and emphasises the importance of preventative strategies to promote positive outcomes.



Participation in this survey is strongly encouraged, as it offers a comprehensive view of students' experiences, challenges, and achievements. By capturing a detailed understanding of young people's experiences, the survey supports a tailored approach to enhancing their mental, emotional, and social wellbeing. It helps to identify strengths and areas for improvement, as well as pinpoint opportunities for early intervention.

The survey is part of an ongoing longitudinal study, and we encourage you to take a few moments to complete the survey for each of your children. Responses remain anonymous and should be based on your observations over the last 12 months. By working together, we can reduce the long-term impact of mental illness and make a meaningful difference to the lives of our young people for a brighter future.

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

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

Here is the link to your special report:

https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-2025-au

# 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 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)











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# \*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.

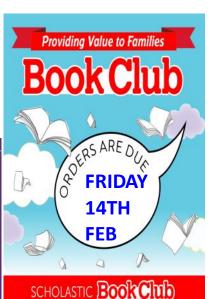
You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$3).

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	
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





When picking up and dropping off your child we ask all parents to observe the following procedures at St Brendan's CPS.

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.

Please use the appropriate car park entry and exit. Please do not drive across the footpath to enter or exit the car park. We have students and other pedestrians using the footpath.

#### 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

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.

Regards,
Matthew Hamer
Principal

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# Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





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.









#### MONDAY NIGHT JUNIOR COMPETITION

**TERMS 1 & 2** 

9&U - 4 - 5 PM 13&U - 5 - 6PM

- · Commencing Monday 24th Feb with two weeks of skills & training for all age groups
- 13&U games begin Monday 17th of March to allow time for grading and teams to be made
- 9&U 20 mins skill sessions + shortened game
- 12 weeks of netball
- Cost: \$70 + Netball VIC annual membership
- Registrations closes Monday March 24th



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A reminder that the car park at the front of the school and

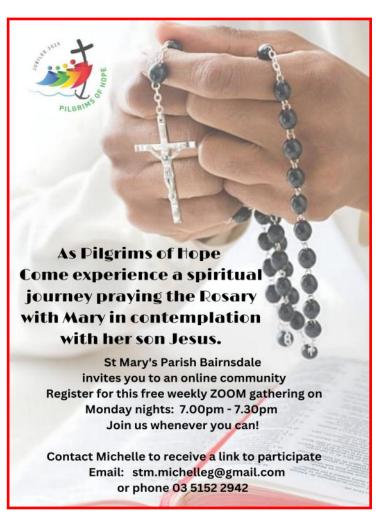
the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

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.





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



# 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.

# SHIRE LIBRARIES



Lakes Entrance Service Centre Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

4.00 pm - 5.00 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
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

FREE NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

#### EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

## 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 10.00 am - 10.30 am

> Paynesville Service Centre

Monday 3 February 10.30 am - 11.00 am

Mallacoota Service Centre Tuesday 4 February 10.00 am - 10.30 am





