# **St Brendan's Primary School 1581**

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# Newsletter No 3 February 21, 2025



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.



The School Captain's Assembly for today Friday, 21 February has been postponed until to **Friday, 7 March at 2.30pm**. During this assembly, year six leaders' badges will be blessed and presented to the students.

> The School Photographer

# THIS MONDAY

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.

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# **2025 SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS (SSB)**

The School Savings Bonus is a State Government initiative designed to assist families with cost-of-living pressures.

Under this funding, each eligible student is entitled to a \$400 bonus for application towards activity levies and uniform purchases from approved supplier.

Within our school, all CSEF applicants are eligible to receive this funding.

All families who have a Centrelink Health Care Card and have not applied for CSEF in the past are encouraged to contact the school office and initiate an application this year.

#### Please refer to the below link for more information:

https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus#non-government-school-information

		Up Coming Events
Term 1	FEBRUARY 2025	
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
	Friday 7th	2.30pm Assembly - School Captains and Year 6 leader badge presentations
Week 7	Monday 10th	Labour Day



#### 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.

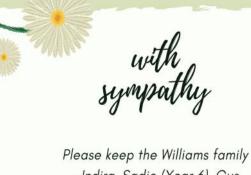
Information about students medical conditions are recorded to ensure we are able offer the relevant care while they are at school. It is important to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical information and or needs as soon as possible so we can maintain accurate and up-to-date records.

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.

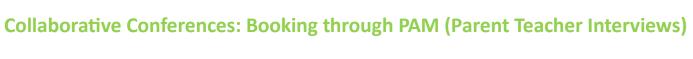
# St Brendan's & St Colman's Catholic Church - Mass Times



Mon 24th Feb:	St. Colman's Orbost	11.00 am
	Funeral Service for Marion Anne V	Nard.
Tues 25th Feb:	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 26th Feb:	St. Colman's Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 28th Feb:	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance	9.10 am
	Grade 3 & 3/4 Class Mass.	
Sat 1st March:	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance	8.45 am
	Rosary before Mass	
	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	St Joseph's Swan Reach	5.00 pm
Sun 2nd March:	St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	St. Colman's Orbost	11.00 am



Please keep the Williams family
Indira, Sadie (Year 6), Gus
(Year 4) & Ollie (Foundation)
in your prayers on the
recent loss of husband and
father, Luke.
Our thoughts and prayers are
with you all.



Collaborative Conference interviews will take place on

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th March, 3.30pm—5.30pm

Our Semester One Collaborative Conferences are an essential parent/school meeting in which to share feedback and to plan for future learning. Your child must attend this meeting as they will lead some of the discussion. Through this process we want our students to understand themselves as learners, to know what they are learning and how they can be successful. We look forward to meeting with you.

#### Collaborative Conferences will be booked electronically using PAM.



Please login to PAM as normal and you will immediately see a screen including the Parent Interview short cut.



John Smith

Once you click on the window you will be given the chance to select your child. The screen would be similar to the one below.

You select your child one at a time.

### Parent Teacher Interview Booking

Collaborative Conferences - Tuesday 15th and 16th June (1)	
The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider	Teacher: Amy Balcombe
other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.	3:45pm, 15th June 2021
	4:00pm, 15th June 2021
St Brendan's CPS	4:15pm, 15th June 2021
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Grade 3 Core Group	5:00pm, 15th June 2021 5:15pm, 15th June 2021
	5:45pm, 15th June 2021
	6:00pm, 15th June 2021
	6:15pm, 15th June 2021
	6:30pm, 15th June 2021
	1:30pm, 16th June 2021
	1:45pm, 16th June 2021
	Book Interview

Select the Core Group button and the availability schedule appears. This provides you with the teachers name and available times a booking can be made. When you have completed your booking a summary will appear on the bottom of the page.

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties logging into Pam.

# YEARS 4F6 Symming Lessons

On Monday the 10th of February, school swimming lessons started for children in Year 4-6. Everyone has been having lots of fun doing safe entries into the pool, diving off the edge of the pool, and at the end of every lesson, some groups have been able to do jumps off the edge of the water mat into the pool, trying to make the biggest splash.

Everyone has been learning how to perfect their freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and survival backstroke, with the help of the swimming instructors.

Everyone is looking forward to survival day on the final day of swimming lessons, where you wear your clothes over your bathers in the pool, do survival backstroke, swim through obstacles, and learn how to put on a lifejacket.

Thank you to all our swimming instructors for upskilling us in water safety and to our teachers for walking us to and from the pool each day.

By Camilla and Billie, Grade 6

# INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA

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Isla and Phoebe had a great day at the interschool gymkhana.

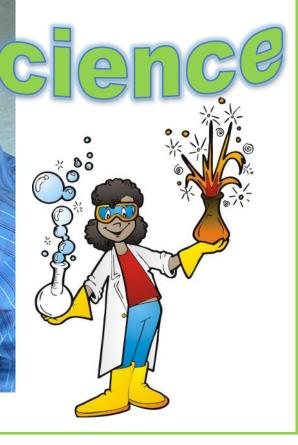
Isla & her pony Bondy: 2nd place Handler & 3rd Rider. Phoebe & her pony Archie: 4th Handler. In showjumping they both had a clear round.

They both did really well in the heat and had a great day.



In Foundation, students have been growing rainbows.

The colourful results will be used as butterfly wings as we learn about lifecycles.







At Bakers Delight, we're all about our local community, so this Easter we'd like to offer your school, club or organisation the opportunity to bring some additional delight to your network with our Easter Fundraising Drive!

# HOW DOES IT WORK?

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We'll provide you with forms to gather all your orders.

#### Need more convincing?

We pride ourselves on maintaining the highest possible quality products by using only the finest ingredients. We will happily provide free samples of our baked fresh daily Hot Cross Buns.

#### Interested in fundraising with us?

If you wish to organise a Bakers Delight fundraising drive, simply contact us or visit us in-bakery to start the conversation.

Matthew Stephenson Bakers Delight Lakes Entrance Shop 4, Lakes Entrance Shopping Centre, 371 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance T: +61 3 5155 5941



ORDER FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TODAY. PLEASE RETURN BY: MONDAY 24TH MARCH



# 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.



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

### 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.

Summer dress/Summer shorts and shirt

Bomber Jacket (with emblem)

Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)

Royal blue school hat (with emblem)

#### **Regulation Summer Uniform:**

#### BOYS

GIRLS

Boys Blue Short Sleeve Shirt Stubbies shorts (grey) Bomber jacket (with emblem) Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem) Royal blue school hat (with emblem) Grey socks - above ankle (no logos) Black **leather** school shoes/boots



#### 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)

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









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.* 

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Example :		
	Name	
	Class	
	1 Tuna & Avo sushi roll	\$4.00
	1 Raspberry drink	\$3.00
	Total	\$7.00
	Thank	you



#### 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

#### ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER

#### SUSHI ROLLS

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#### DRINKS

Lightly Sparkling Mineral Water Lime, Raspberry, Watermelon, Mango,

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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.

Do you have a current health care/pension card?

Did you know you can get a discount on school fees?

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



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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



St Brendan's Op Shop has second hand school uniform available.

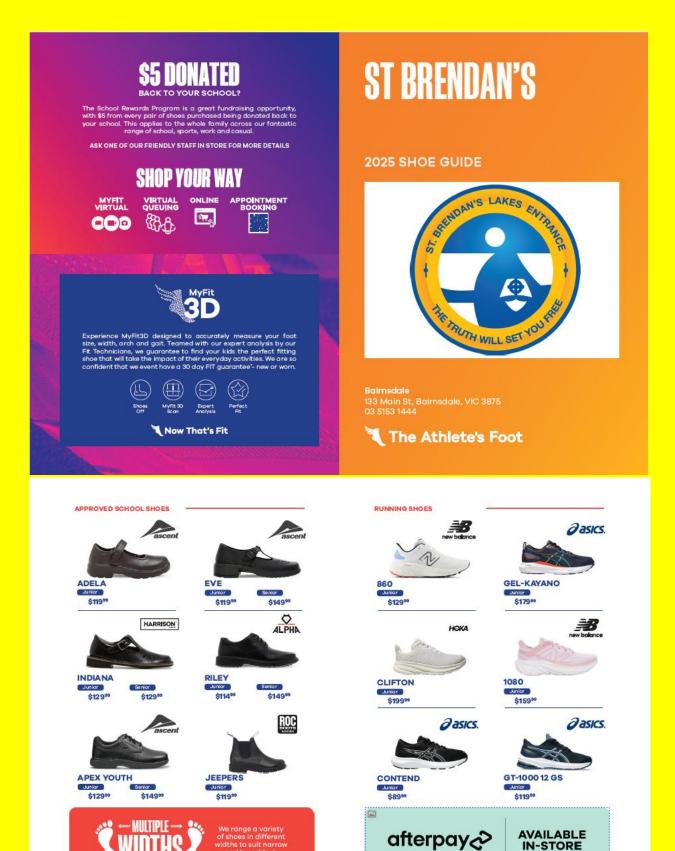
St Brendan's School uniform available \$3.00 per item unless otherwise marked. Open 10am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.





**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.



Clarks, Roc & Harrison 20% OFF discourt pricing valid from 31/12/2024 - 20/02/2025. School styles only. Price displayed is RRP



### LAKES ENTRANCE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### 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



lakesentrancena@gmail.com



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.

#### **As Pilgrims of Hope Come experience a spiritual** journey praying the Rosary with Mary in contemplation with her son Jesus.

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale invites you to an online community Register for this free weekly ZOOM gathering on Monday nights: 7.00pm - 7.30pm Join us whenever you can!

Contact Michelle to receive a link to participate Email: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or phone 03 5152 2942

# KIDS & TEENS FTER SCHOO

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

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FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

#### TEENS CLAY (ages 12 - 18)

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 1) • Time:5.30pm - 7pm · Session Dates: February 10th -March 31st \$280.00pp

EAST GIPPSLAND

SHIRE LIB

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.

# **EAST GIPPSLAND** SHIRE LIBRARIES

**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



# **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.

111/// Libraries Change Lives

**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



