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Newsletter No 5 March 6, 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.

Friday,

Maree's funeral will be on Friday, 7 March. As you would expect, our staff will be attending Maree's funeral to farewell a much-loved member of our community. This situation means we will not be able to conduct regular classroom programs at school on this day. We understand that this is short notice and if you cannot make arrangements for your child to be at home, they will be supervised at school and learning activities will take place. If your child will be attending school on Friday, 7 March please phone the school office A.S.A.P.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Monday,

March 10th

March 7th





Welcome Families and Friends,

It has been quite a challenging few weeks at St Brendan's. Our love and prayers go to the William's family and the Armistead family. It is essential that we continue to support them as time moves on.

I would have to acknowledge how heartening Monday's assembly was for us all. The year six students were presented with their badges and they then continued to provide a very professional agenda. They spoke with clarity and included plenty of fun for the younger students. I was thrilled and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

I'd like to provide a big congratulations and thank you to Hannah Neal who has facilitated our St Brendan's swimming carnival. Hannah also took competitors to the District and Division carnivals where the young athletes performed very well. A successful start to Hannah's role as St Brendan's Sports Coordinator.

Collaborative Conferences have taken place this week. I'd like to acknowledge our teachers' efforts in working late for three nights and taking time to meet with all families. It is our hope that together you have formed a plan for your child's learning and you have formed an alliance with your child's teacher.

Confidence and Motivation - https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter

Building confidence and motivation in young people is essential for their development and overall wellbeing. Supporting these traits means encouraging your child to set realistic goals, celebrate their achievements, and learn from setbacks. Confidence allows young people to believe in their abilities, face challenges with resilience, and feel empowered in their decisions. Meanwhile, motivation drives them to pursue interests, strive for personal growth, and stay engaged in school and other activities. By fostering a supportive environment at home, parents can help nurture these qualities, providing their children with the tools they need to navigate life's ups and downs and maintain a positive, proactive mindset.

"Confidence and motivation are two critical ingredients for young people's success. Supporting your child to help nurture these qualities allows them to believe in their abilities and navigate life's challenges with resilience and a positive outlook."



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

NAPLAN begins on Wednesday, 12 of March for students in Years Three and Five. Students completed an online mock assessment today to prepare them for the way the assessments will be provided to them. This practice also helps students become familiar with the language of the tests. Assessments for the week are:

Wednesday, 12 March – Writing

Friday, 14 March – Language Conventions

Please assist us in preparing your child for the assessments by ensuring they have very little screen time, eat well and get to bed at a reasonable hour.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

Thursday, 13 March – Reading Tuesday, 18 March – Numeracy

		Up Coming Events	
Term 1	MARCH 2025		
Week 6 Friday 7th		Maree's Funeral—please refer to letter home to parents	
Week 7 Monday 10th Labour Day		Labour Day	
	Tuesday 11th	Class Prayer: Year 2	
	Wednesday 12th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5	
	Thursday 13th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5	
	Friday 14th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 2.30pm Assembly: Year 6R	
Week 8	Tuesday 18th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5	
	Friday 21st	9.10 Class Mass Year 6 Harmony Day	
Week 9	Friday 28th	9.15am St Brendan's Cross Country	
	APRIL 2025		
Week 10	Tuesday 1st	Class Prayer: Foundation	
	Wednesday 2nd	Class Prayer: Year 4 & 4/5	
	Friday 4th	9.10am GHC Assembly - Year 6 Blue 2.15 Term Ends	
Term 2			
Week 1	Monday 21	Easter Monday	
	Tuesday 22nd	9.00am Term 2 commences Year 3 Camp	
	Wednesday 23rd	Year 3/4 Camp	
	Thursday 24th	Year 4 Camp	
	Friday 25th	ANZAC 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.



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.

Division Swimming

Last Thursday, on the 27th of February the division swimmers had a blast whilst competing in the Division Swimming Competition at Bairnsdale. Everyone gathered in the Mary Mackillop hall entrance, jumping onto the bus as a chattering and enthusiastic bunch. The bus headed on the road and was filled with excitement. When we reached our destination we laid down the tarp on the ground and set up ready to cheer on our peers. We saw all the other schools arriving and this made us even more excited. We were competing schools such as, Gippsland Grammar, Lucknow, St Mary's, Marlo, Orbost, Newmerella, Lakes Entrance, Toorloo Arm, Eagle Point, Nicholson & Mallacoota

Overall we had a great day swimming and cheering on our peers! It was a wonderful experience.

We would like to congratulate the following students for competing in the Bairnsdale Division Swimming Carnival: Maddison Silver, Aaliyah Dollman, Harrison Rebeiro, Blaise Smith, Ollie Connally, Jesse Downing, Elise Mahony, Billie Piper, Ivy O'Donnell, Evie McMeekan, Indie Whelan, Jake Richardson, Charlie Smythe, Olivia Cheng, Sunny Eiseman, Leon Alwyn, Georgia McGuinness, Jesse Gilbert, Harley Crellin & Hudson Williams.

Billie Piper from the 9/10 girls relay team stated that she found the swim rather cold yet enjoyable for she was able to swim with her friends and interact with others. In the end the girls relay came second with a possible chance of them making it through to Regional as we are waiting for results.

While interviewing the 9/10 boys relay team Jesse Downing said that it was fun to compete against other schools, swim with friends and that he was happy to meet his other friends. The boys relay team finished the day with a 3rd place ribbon.

Harley Crellin - it was fun there but the water was cold! There were heaps of people to talk to and it was a fun day. It was super fun competing against other schools!

On the behalf of the swimmers in the division event we would like to give a big thank you to Kelly Richardson for helping out at the Orbost pool in District and at the Bairnsdale pool for Divison Swimming. We would also like to thank Mrs Neal and Miss Witherow for organising the day, looking after us and supporting us on the day!

Written by Sunny E & Olivia C

























Year One - Excursion to the Shell Museum

Ruby - "I loved going to the Shell Museum because there were glowing shells"



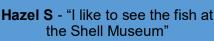
Lylah-J - " I got to see a starfish. I always wanted to see one"





Franklin - " | enjoyed the day, my favourite part was when we visited the Shell Museum"

















Sophia - " It was so much fun! I collected some seashells"

Jeremy - " I liked going to the beach because the sand was soft"



St Brendan's Parish News

2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

What exactly *is* a Jubilee Year?

Imagine a reset button for the soul. That's kind of what a Jubilee Year is. It has roots in the Old Testament, where every 50 years, debts were forgiven and slaves were freed – a chance for a fresh start. The Catholic Church adopted this idea, creating its own version typically every 25 years. It's a special period dedicated to spiritual renewal, forgiveness, and a deeper connection with God. A Jubilee Year offers everyone, regardless of background, an opportunity for reflection, hope, and perhaps even a personal discovery.

Why is this Jubilee Year happening?

The core idea behind a Jubilee is to encourage people to live better lives, filled with kindness, compassion, and a deeper connection to something bigger than themselves. It's a chance to hit the pause button on our busy lives and ask ourselves some important questions. Where are we going? What truly matters? How can we make the world a better place?

(Catholic education Diocese of Wollongong)

St Brendan's Parish will be looking for lots of different ways to be part of the Jubilee Year over the next few months. One way, designed to help build spiritual renewal, is to take part in a traditional prayer known as *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*. In this prayer, the consecrated host is displayed in a special vessel in the Church and people are invited to come and pray before it. Adoration will take place for 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm on Wednesday 5th March and again on Saturday 15th March. If you could spare a few minutes to come and pray, anytime during these days, you would be most welcome!





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 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	
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	1 Tuna & Avo sushi roll	\$4.00
	1 Raspberry drink	\$3.00
	Total	\$7.00
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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,

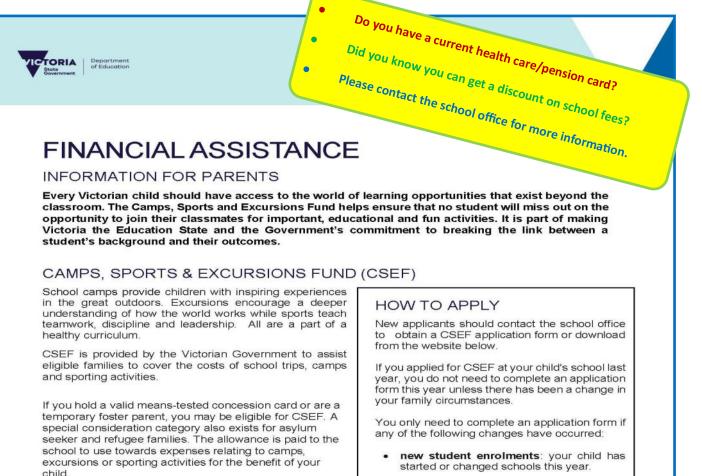
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The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

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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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



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

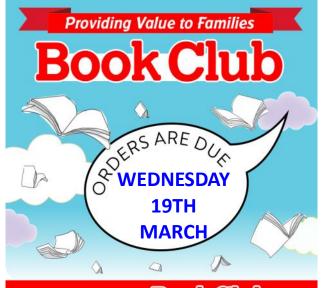
If dropping students off in the morning, you must also walk them into school. Please do not use the disabled parking bay without permission to do so.

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

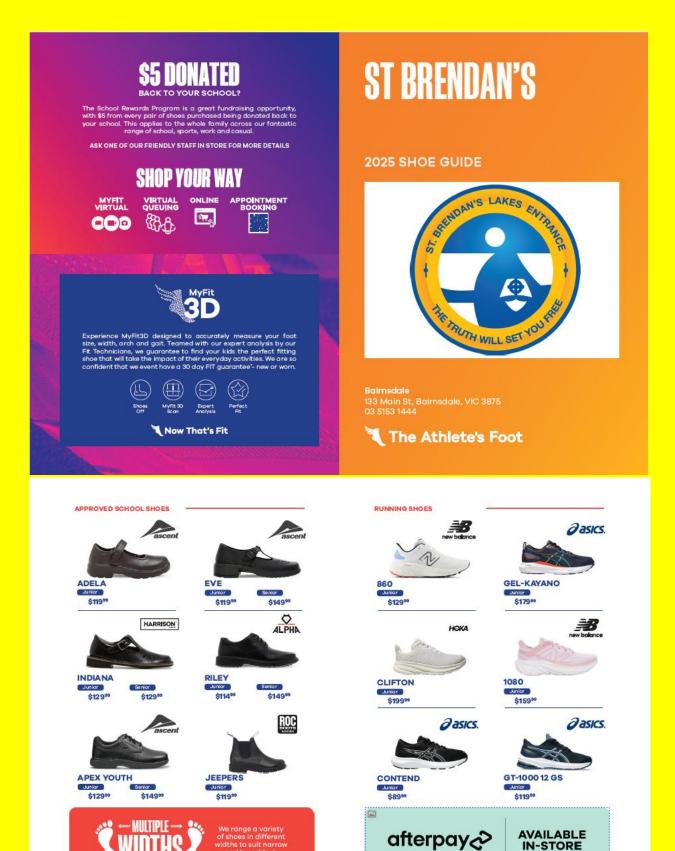
St Brendan's School uniform available \$3.00 per item unless otherwise marked. Open 10am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.





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

Survey for Lakes Entrance water plan

Local families are being invited to share their views on how water should be managed in Lakes Entrance and surrounding areas.

A short (5 minute) <u>survey</u> is now open, giving community members an opportunity to help shape future plans for water.

East Gippsland Shire Council, in partnership with East Gippsland Water, catchment-management authorities, and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), is developing an Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plan for Lakes Entrance, Kalimna, Lake Tyers, Lake Bunga and Toorloo Arm.

The plan will focus on improving water, wastewater and stormwater services.

More information is <u>here</u> (or via this link <u>https://</u> yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/lakes-entrance-integratedwater-management-plan)

The survey will close on 14 March and can be found <u>here</u> (or via this link <u>https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/lakes-entrance-integrated-water-management-plan/surveys/</u>community-insights-on-water-

related-challenges-andopportunities-in-lakesentrance)







Lakes Entrance Junior Football will be starting training for season 2025 on Wednesday 5th March 2025

All age groups will start from 4.30pm

PLEASE NOTE :

Registrations are not currently open and more information will be provided in the coming weeks.

EGJFA DATES OF BIRTH FOR AGE GROUPS 2025

AGE GROUP	START DATE	END DATE
UNDER 11	01/01/2014	31/12/2015
UNDER 13	01/01/2012	31/12/2013
UNDER 15	01/01/2010	31/12/2011

A player must turn 10 in 2025 in order to play in the Under 11s.

We encourage all kids aged under to continue with Superkick/Auskick program.

FEMALES MAY PLAY IN UNDER AGE FOOTBALL UP UNTIL THE AGE OF 14

For any enquiries to contact Junior President Matt Zagami on 0407 170 178

Registrations are not currently open and more information will be provided in the coming weeks. Please enter oval from caravan park entrance and park as their is limited parking at Bowls Club entrance due to cricket & netball training sessions. We look forward to seeing you all there.



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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

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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



