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.









🔑 Please join us on Friday, 9th May at **8.00am** in the Mary MacKillop Hall. We would really love to see you there!

For catering purposes please return the reply slip to school by Monday, 5th May. If you are in the position to be able to donate, could you please indicate below, we would really appreciate donations in before Thursday, 8th May.

Tickets for the Mother's day raffle will be available in the morning, with the raffle prizes drawn after breakfast.

		Up Coming Events		
Term 2				
Week 1	Friday 25th	ANZAC Day - Students attending the ANZAC day march will gather at the RSL club at 10.30am		
	MAY 2025			
Week 3	Monday 5th	Division Cross Country		
	Tuesday 6th	Mother's Day Stall		
	Wednesday 7th	Mother's Day Stall		
	Thursday 8th	3.30pm First Communion Parent Workshop		
	Friday 9th	Mother's Day Breakfast St Brendan's Athletics Carnival		
	Sunday 11th	Mother's Day TACO TU	ESDAY	
Week 4	Tuesday 13th	9.10am Year 3, 3/4 Prayer TACO TUESDAY		
	Friday 16th	9.10am Whole School Prayer : St Brendan's Feast 2.30pm Assembly - School Captains		
Week 5	Tuesday 20th	9.10am Year 6 Prayer		
	Friday 23rd	9.10am Year 2 Mass District Winter Sports		
	Sunday 25th	First Communion Commitment Mass		







Tues 29th April:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 30th April:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Thurs 1st May:	Opal Nursing Home	Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
Fri 2nd May:	St. Brendan's Calvary	Lakes Entrance Lakes Entrance	9.30 am 11.00 am
Sat 3rd May:	Rosary St Brendan's St. Joseph's	Lakes Entrance Lakes Entrance Swan Reach	8.45 am 9.30 am 5.00 pm
Sun 4th May:	St. Brendan's St. Colman's	Lakes Entrance Orbost	9.00 am 11.00 am

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: After Friday 9.30 am Mass.

ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, LAKES ENTRANCE will be open for: PRIVATE PRAYER from 9am - 4pm Daily

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: St Brendan's: After 9.30 am Mass on Fridays

RECONCILIATION: Before Mass at Lakes Entrance, Swan Reach & Orbost or by arrangement.

ST. BRENDAN'S - ROSARY: 1st Saturday of the month 8.45am before Mass.

Next Rosary Morning 3rd May 2025

<u>VISITATIONS:</u> Please contact the Parish Office to request a home visit or to raise any other concerns in confidence. ph: 5155 5232 / 0468 840 349 or email stbrendan@bigpond.com

MORNING TEA Morning tea Sunday 11th May after Mass in Hobby Room.

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Pope Flancis - 1936-2025

Pope Francis passed away on Monday 21st of April. He leaves behind a legacy of reform. He was elected to papacy in March 2013, the first Pope born in the western hemisphere and from the Jesuit order. Pope Francis was a champion of the poor and the oppressed. He wished the Church to be open to the diversity of the world and meet the challenges of environment and wasteful consumption. He endorsed the rights of indigenous peoples and modernised the governance of the Catholic Church. May we continue on the journey Pope Francis has begun.

Gracious God,

Hear our voice as we give thanks for your faithful servant for it is the voice of praise joining with sadness and joy.

Hear our voice as we pray for the future for it is a voice of hope longing to see your Church made whole.

Hear our voice as we watch with those who deliberate for it is the voice of humility asking for their wisdom and discernment.

Hear our voice as we pray in solidarity with the poor for it is the voice of peace

Words by Annabel Shilson-Thomas

For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

searching for justice.









CLASS PRAYER



HARMONY



SCHOOL

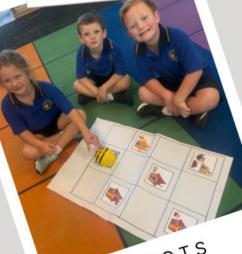




MISS MARRIOTT STUDENT TEACHER



CROSS COUNTRY



BEEBOTS

MEASURING LENGTH

TERM 1





MEASURING CAPACITY



MEASURING CAPACITY



LITTLE LEARNERS



BUDDIES - EASTER EGG HUNT



GOLDEN HONOUR

During Term 1, it was a real pleasure witnessing the blossoming of the Foundation students. They demonstrated a passion for learning, a strong work ethic and care for each other. We've been thrilled to see every student learning their sounds, beginning to read/write and exploring mathematical concepts with joy. Keep up the outstanding work Foundation Red, We are super proud of you all.

Mrs Alsop and Ms McGuinness





The 2025 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Brendan's is excited to be participating.

The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

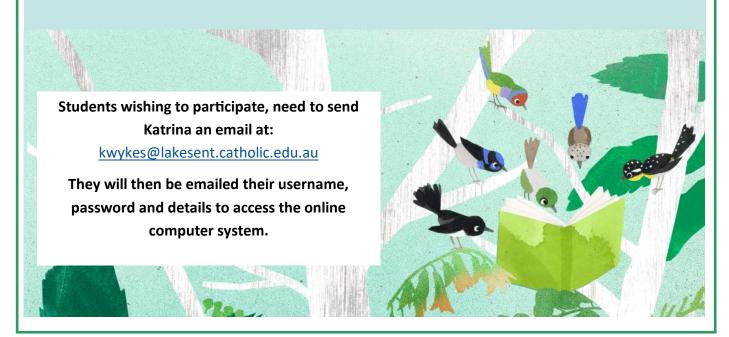
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5th September, 2025.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge has an online recording system which is intended for students to enter their books at home.



In this edition of SchoolTV - CYBER SAFETY

Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives — for learning, socialising, and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access — it's about empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams, and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Cyber Safety** edition of SchoolTV https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/cybersafety-au



Cybersafety

A SchoolTV topic supporting modern-day parenting







SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Supporting School Events

As in previous years we will not be running a formal Parents and Friends committee in 2025. Alternatively, it is the School Advisory Committees recommendation that we provide families with a list of events taking place over the course of the year requesting that families select one or two events they can assist with. Prior to this event taking place, volunteers will be contacted by the school with more details.

This initiative supports the school by spreading the workload and ensuring our students can enjoy all the

The activities that you can come and help at school with:

Taco Tuesday

Mother's Day Stalls Mother's Day Breakfast

Athletics Day Father's Day Stalls

Father's Day Breakfast **Graduation**

opportunities we have in place. Please remember, all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Card which has been presented to the school office.

The survey can be found on PAM. You will have a new alert listed, highlighted in red,

"Connect Surveys - Supporting School

Events". Follow the prompts to complete.

Please select one or two of the events named that you can assist with. Your help is greatly appreciated.







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 -

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 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 organise 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.



ST BRENDAN'S

2025 SHOE GUIDE



Bairnsdale 133 Main St, Bairnsdale, VIC 3875

The Athlete's Foot





Uniform Reminders



<u>JEWELLERY</u> is restricted to the following - a wrist watch, no more than **one** small plain matching pair of studs or sleepers in the ear lobe - gold, silver or gemstone, a religious medallion on a chain to be worn under clothing.



Fashion jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

<u>HAIR</u> is to be kept neat and tidy at all times. Hair longer than collar length, must be **tied back completely**. This is to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Headband, hair ties, ribbons, scrunchies and clips must be **blue**, **black or brown**.

It is not appropriate for children to come to school with dyed or inappropriate hair styles as deemed by the Principal.





Year 3-6 ICT Student User Agreement

Please read together with your child/ren and return the signed agreement ASAP. Thank you





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



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.







It's Aussie Rules without the tackling. Teams range from 5-9 players per side, so kids feel safe learning footy and building confidence, while still having fun. Each session starts with 15 minutes of skills before putting those skills into action with 45 minutes of fun, modified game play.

Registrations are now open. Please go https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/3c7cfe

The cost for the program is \$85 for a 9-week program ending 27th June 2025

All participants receive a Superkick Kit. This is delivered directly to participants.

Please read through the terms of participation before signing up, available here: https://www.play.afl/play/terms-of-participation/afl-nines-afl-superkick/



Registrations are now open. Please go https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/489e7c

The cost for the program is \$91.

The program will run for 9 weeks ending 27th June 2025

You can find our terms of participation here: https://play.afl/play/auskick/terms

There is no set uniform for Auskick & Superkick sessions, just ensure your child is comfortable to be able to participate in all activities.

We recommend sports clothing and either

We recommend sports clothing and either runners or footy boots.

Many participants choose to wear their AFL team's colours and jumpers.

Superkick & Auskick are volunteer run programs and require parental support. If you are able to help, please contact Co-Ordinator David Behan on 0430 031 703

Auskick & Superkick Programs Start Friday 2nd May 2025



February 2024 Bushfire and Storm Events

Windermere[®]

Recovery Support Available for Families and Children





Our Recovery Support Program recognises the visible impact disasters have on communities. We now provide support for the less visible impacts of trauma that children and families are experiencing.

If a child in your care has been impacted by the February 2024 Fire and Storm events, we may be able to provide you with additional supports such as:

- a dedicated recovery support worker
- · referrals to external agencies for mental health and wellbeing needs
 a range of practical and financial supports where available
- advocacy and assistance with completing applications/ paperwork for financial or insurance claim processes and
- information and resources to connect with local services that can assist with the recovery process
- advocating on your behalf to overcome obstacles in your recovery journey
- outreach visits by an allocated recovery support worker

Families can contact us directly or referrals can be made via email or phone.





ENROLMENTS YEAR 7 2026

Nagle College is an active and proud Catholic learning community that provides a rich holistic education to the young people of East Gippsland.

Applications for Year 7 in 2026 will open on Monday 31 March 2025.



ENROLMENTS TIMELINE

MARCH 31

MAY 9 Applications Close

JUNE 18/19 AUGUST 4

Offers of ement Made



DISCOVER NAGLE YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

WED 2 APRIL 2025

We welcome you and your family to learn how Nagle College can support your child's secondary school journey.

There are 3 sessions: 4.00pm, 4.45pm & 5.30pm

ions are limited. Bookings essential.

For further information, visit our website: www.nagle.vic.edu.au

FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

LEGO Club 2025

EAST GIPPSLAND AGES 5 -12





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 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





