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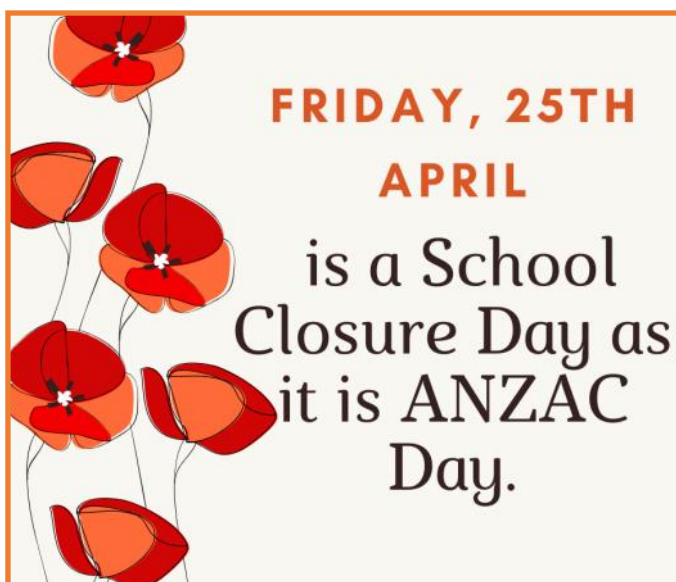
We gather on Gunaikurnai Country. We pay our respects to their Elders; past, present and emerging.
We also acknowledge the ongoing living culture and connection to Country of all First Peoples.



Congratulations on your

GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS

Term 2 - Commences at 9.00am Tuesday 22nd April



Welcome Families and Friends,

Last week, we had the most enjoyable experience with Kyle from Kinect2dance leading all students through dance workshops and hosting a couple of school discos. Kyle was an incredible teacher and all students were engaged, energetic and having a marvellous time. The feedback we received from students, parents and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you, again for the support and we are thrilled that everyone had such a wonderful experience.

The St Brendan's CPS cross country carnival was another terrific day, the weather was perfect, the support from families was excellent and the students' performance and encouragement of one another was impressive. Many thanks go to Hannah Neal for preparing the students so well and for facilitating such a well-run event. Congratulations to the following students who will compete in the Division Cross Country in Bairnsdale.

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| 9/10 Year Old Girls 1 Shiloh Eiseman 2 Madison Silver 3 Kirby Voigt 4 Harper Scicluna 5 Darby Kenworthy-Smith 6 Elise Mahony Boys 1 Blaise Smith 2 Harvey Masoud 3 William Bire 4 Lucas Rickman 5 Jesse Downing 6 August Neal | 11 Year Old Girls 1 Ivy O'Donnell 2 Josie Neal 3 Lacey Lee 4 Isla Strong 5 Billie Hayllar 6 Shaylee Edwards Boys 1 Alexander Jackisch 2 Arlo Kenworthy-Smith 3 Jordan Morrison 4 Jesse Gilbert 5 Jaxon Crawley 6 Luca Mazzitelli | 12/13 Year Old Girls 1 Maddison Woodward 2 Isla Behan 3 Olivia Cheng 4 Sadie Williams 5 Emilia Stewart 6 Ivy Lay Boys 1 Brock Voigt 2 Callum Yates 3 Sunny Eiseman 4 Isaac Balingtong 5 Leon Alwyn 6 Noah Waite |
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Physical Activity & Exercise: <https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/physical-activity-exercise>

Physical activity and exercise is not only vital to a child's overall development but it has so many other benefits. With children spending more time on computers being sedentary, it is even more important to get kids moving more. As well as maintaining a healthy weight, it also improves concentration by helping to establish connections between different parts of the brain. It helps kids develop fundamental movement skills impacting positively on their confidence, self-esteem and ability to develop social skills. On an emotional level, it reduces stress and anxiety while improving posture and sleep. Physical activity and exercise is good for your child's health, now and in the future. Parents should encourage their kids to move or play sport at every opportunity – in and out of school.

"Research shows, regular physical activity and exercise leads to changes in the brain. It improves cognitive function, elevates mood, improves learning and reduces 'stress chemicals' like cortisol."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Thank you everyone who contributed to the fundraising effort for the Quin/Williams family that concluded on Wednesday, 2 April. We are very grateful for your generosity as is the family. We are very proud of the community we live within!

I wish you a safe and fulfilling holiday break over the next few weeks. Please remember that school begins on Tuesday, 22 April and that is also the first day of the Year Three camp to Karoonda Park.

As is our tradition, we will gather at the RSL club at 10.30am on Friday, 25 April for the ANZAC Day March. We also gather to support our school captains, Sadie Williams and Leon Alwyn as they read a poem at the service. Indigenous School Captain, Callum Yates, will join them in laying the wreath.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

Up Coming Events

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| Term 1 | APRIL 2025 | |
| Week 10 | Friday 4th | 2.15pm Term Ends |
| Term 2 | | |
| Week 1 | Monday 21 | Easter Monday |
| | Tuesday 22nd | 9.00am Term 2 commences Year 3 Camp—Karoonda Park, Gelantipy |
| | Wednesday 23rd | Year 3/4 Camp—Karoonda Park, Gelantipy |
| | Thursday 24th | Year 4 Camp—Karoonda Park, Gelantipy |
| | Friday 25th | ANZAC Day - Students attending the ANZAC day march we 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 |
| Week 4 | Tuesday 13th | 9.10am Year 3, 3/4 Prayer |
| | Friday 16th | 9.10am Whole School Prayer 2.30pm Assembly - School Captains |



Lakes Entrance CFA is once again spending Friday 18th April collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, if anyone would like to help we request that you please register your interest with Lesley on 0415 579 218

Registration open from 8.30am Friday 18th April for a 9am start 1

LAKES ENTRANCE



Thank you to all the families that supported the Baker's Delight Bun-Raiser.
This year we raised \$288.

Bakers Delight **LOVE our LOCALS™**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGY AT ST BRENDAN'S LAKES ENTRANCE

Holy Thursday: 17th April: Mass of Lord's Last Supper 5 pm

Good Friday: 18th April: Stations of the Cross at 10 am and
Passion of the Lord Service at 3 pm

Holy Saturday: 19th April: Easter Vigil at 6 pm

Easter Sunday: 20th April: Mass 9 am at St. Brendan's

Mass at 11 am at St. Joseph's Swan Reach,

Mass at 3pm Vietnamese Mass at St. Joseph's Swan Reach

GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Golden Honour Awards for Term 1, 2025

Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness – Respect

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| Foundation Red | Brianna Borg | For consistently demonstrating a positive approach to all learning tasks. You take on feedback to improve your work and present it beautifully. |
| | Ollie Williams | For consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and passion for learning to complete each task to a high standard. |
| Foundation Blue | Jackson Jenkin-Tsarouhas | For your growing love of learning and continued improvement in little learners and mathematics. |
| | Willow Hall | For outstanding development in little learners and writing your name. |
| 1 Red | Fletcher Bire | For setting himself a high standard in all written tasks and for practising the skills of being a great friend. |
| | Lyla-J Ingram | For having a great mindset, always displaying a positive attitude to her learning, thinking hard and not giving up and joining in all tasks with enthusiasm. |
| 1 Blue | Makenzie Williams | For completing learning tasks to a high standard and making amazing connections in your learning. |
| | Blair Mills | For his growing confidence in the classroom, always showing the 3Rs and completing learning tasks to a high standard. |
| 2 Red | Oscar Kenny | For consistently displaying the 3Rs, being an amazing role model in and outside of the classroom and always challenging himself academically. |
| | Mia Borg | For showing dedication toward her learning and always doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. |
| 2 Blue | Huxley Dickson | For always putting in your best effort to improve your reading skills during little learners. You are willing to have a go at challenges to extend your learning. |
| | Jobey Lamanna | For your growth in your willingness to have a go at challenging tasks and trying your best to show the 3Rs in the classroom and out at play. |
| 3/4Red | Shiloh Eiseman | For working to a high standard in all topic areas, being a leader and always showing the 3Rs. |
| | Julian Parsons | For giving his best effort in all topic areas, being kind to others and showing the 3Rs. |
| 3 Blue | Max Howden | For his consistent approach to all learning tasks (including reading journal) and displaying the 3Rs at all times. |
| | Harper Scicluna | For showing courage in her learning, taking pride in work and working well with others. |
| 4/5 Red | Kirby Voigt | For consistently producing a high level of work and challenging herself with her goals. |
| | Evie McMeeken | For demonstrating a greater confidence in class discussions and giving 100% effort. |
| 5 Blue | Summer Sheilds | For showing a willingness to challenge her learning across all learning areas. |
| | Jesse Gilbert | For showing dedication and perseverance towards learning tasks across all areas. |
| 6 Red | Brock Voigt | For showing his resilience and determination in stepping out of his comfort zone to embrace leadership responsibilities, refine his social skills and grow as a confident communicator. Congratulations Brock! |
| | Isla Behan | For setting an example through her dedication and hard work in all aspects of her learning. Isla consistently contributes to a positive and inclusive classroom environment, making her a true asset to our school community |
| 6 Blue | Olivia Cheng | For consistently displaying the 3Rs across all aspects of your learning! Well done. |
| | Ivy Lay | For showing perseverance in your learning and always demonstrating the qualities of a leader! |
| Art | Camila Sanders | For her attention to detail to produce quality art pieces this term. |
| | Elki Thomas | For always listening and carefully following instruction to complete art tasks to a high standard. Well done Elki! |
| Sport | Isaac Balintong | For using his skills and knowledge of basketball to help, assist and encourage his classmates to achieve their own success. Great teamwork, Isaac! |
| | Elise Mahony | For your all round commitment in sport and for seeking feedback on your progress, particularly during swimming carnivals. Keep it up! |
| Science | Cruise Smith | For his enthusiasm towards science and sharing this with his classmates. |
| | Charlie Smythe | For displaying a keen interest in class (science) and asking insightful questions. |
| Mandarin | Emilia Stewart | For your continued confidence to speak Mandarin phrases with clarity and accuracy. Millie, your willingness to build complex Chinese sentences and ability to retain learnt vocabulary is to be commended. Yōu xiu de (excellent). |
| | Lacey Lee | For your focus and enthusiasm to answer questions in Chinese. You always try to remember new vocabulary and extend your sentences, especially when you created your map outlining locations in Chinese. You are amazing Lacey. Nǐ tài bang le. |
| Health | Kiara Bownds | For embracing learning about identity and expressing well-developed ideas and understandings of how identities are shaped by people, places and experiences. Well done, Kiara! |
| | Charli Pollard | For consistently approaching your learning with quiet confidence and curiosity, thoughtfully investigating how challenges help build resilience and shape identity. Well done, Charli! |
| Deputy Principal | Franklin Friend | For your infectious positive attitude towards school and learning and for always having impeccable manners. |
| School Captains | Billie Piper | For showing great initiative and leadership skills during class, and always striving to do her best. |
| Indigenous | Harrison Rebeiro | For your active engagement, valuable contributions to the discussion, and for fostering meaningful conversations in your Indigenous session . |

Cross Country

On Friday the 28th of March we had our annual St Brendan's cross country! Grades foundation to year six all competed, giving it their best shot. For the fabulous foundations they had their first cross country finding it to be....

Hattie K - "I found it tiring but fun and I loved getting a ribbon."

Ollie W - "It was super exciting and I loved getting fifth place."

Luna W - "I thought it was super fun and enjoyed getting a third place ribbon."

Owen C - "It was tiring but I love my well done ribbon."

The year sixes successfully completed their last primary school cross country and it was awesome to see everyone coming together to cheer for each other as it was the final countdown for the year sixes.

It was great to see everyone cheering for each other and participating to gain a point for their house colour.

Thank You to Katrina, Mrs Neal, and to all the teachers who made this event possible.

Thank you to all the parents and families who came to cheer us on.

We hope everyone had a great time completing the run!

Congratulations to Red House who won the overall Cross Country for 2025.

Written by: Sadie Williams & Maddi Wooward





FOUNDATION



YEAR 1



YEAR 2



9 YEAR OLDS



10 YEAR OLDS



11 YEAR OLDS



12 YEAR OLDS





Kinect 2 dance 2025

Kinect 2 Dance is a company that travels to different schools to get people up and moving and in the groove. Kinect 2 Dance recently came to St Brendans! Kyle ran the project and taught kids to dance for five days. Kyle was a great support to all the students.

In year five and six, the four dances we learned were Men In Black, Thunder (by Imagine Dragons), Make The World Move, and Spooky Scary Skeleton. One of the special things Kyle did to keep us entertained during breaks was the statue game, where we stayed as still as we could, and Kyle would choose the best statue. On the last day, we had a humongous dance circle, where someone went into the middle, then once they finished their dance move, everyone had to copy it.

Thank you to all the staff who organised Kinect 2 Dance to come to our school. We really appreciate all the hard work you did. Thank you to Mr Hamer, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to Kinect 2 Dance, for agreeing to come to our school. Thank you to Kyle, for taking the time out of his day to come and teach us. Lastly, thank you to every single student who participated, we hope you enjoyed it! Thank you Kinect 2 Dance!

Written by Lucas & Hudson



2025 Disco!!!!

On March 26th there was a disco from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Foundation - Year 2 showed off their dance moves from 4.30pm - 5.30pm, followed by the Year 3 - 6s from 6.00pm-7.00pm. Shout out to Kyle! Thank you so much for all the dances you taught and did for us!!! You really helped out the school.



The disco was held as a fundraiser for the Williams family or for Sadie, Gus, Ollie and Indira Quinn. There were lots of people that were very creative with their clothing, such as a seven layer dress!!! Overall it was a very rad and exciting time. Luckily everyone went home exhausted all thanks to the disco. Everyone was also given an icy pole after!! The disco was cool and there were also a lot of people! They played lots of different types of music and at the end we all huddled up in a line and everyone was having fun dancing. We did lots and lots of dancing and heard lots of our favourite songs. We also had a huge conga line and lots of different dancing games!

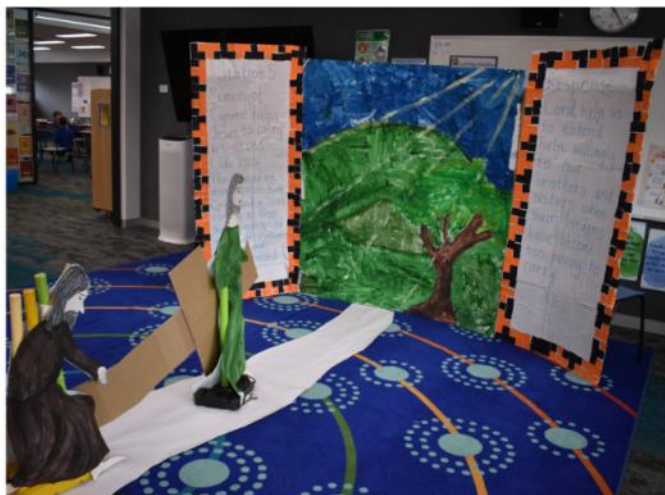
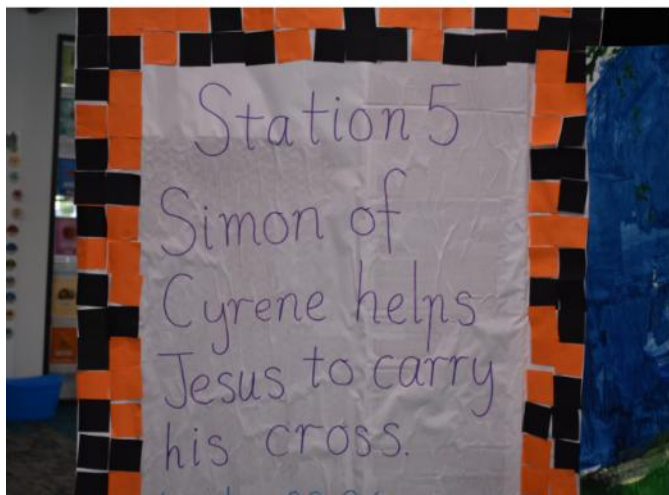
We would like to thank Kyle and Kinect2Dance for coming to our school and running dance lessons and our school disco. We would also like to thank Mr Hamer, Mrs Morrison and the parents who helped out on disco night. We would love to have Kinect2Dance back at St Brendan's soon!

by: Hannah Fitzgerald and Charlie Owen.

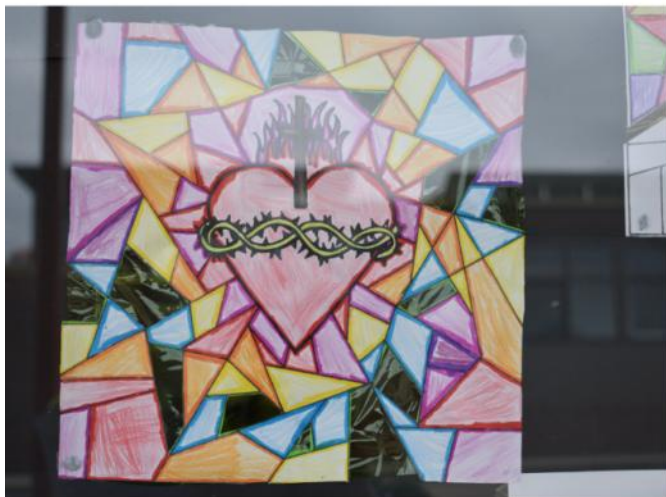




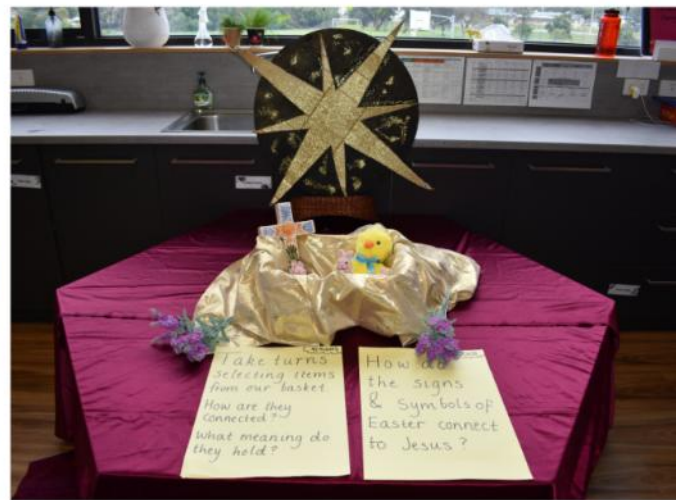
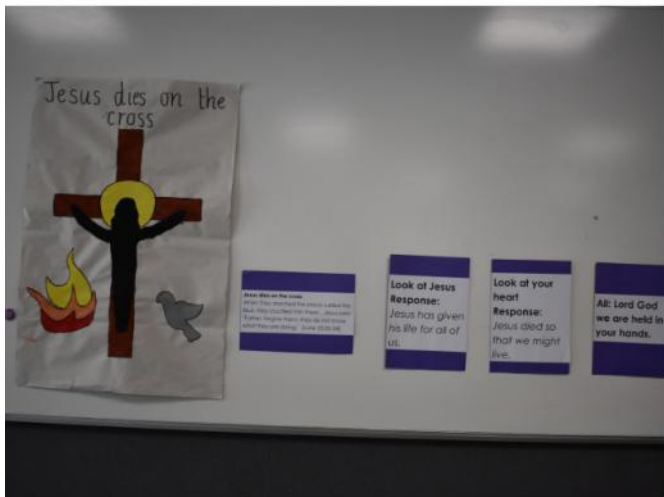
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In this edition of SchoolTV - CYBER SAFETY

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





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 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 Clubs

they help build our
classroom resources

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.



\$ Seesaw

Keeps everyone in the learning loop

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.

\$5 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL?

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ST BRENDAN'S

2025 SHOE GUIDE



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EVE
Junior \$119⁹⁹ Senior \$149⁹⁹



INDIANA
Junior \$129⁹⁹ Senior \$129⁹⁹



RILEY
Junior \$114⁹⁹ Senior \$149⁹⁹



APEX YOUTH
Junior \$129⁹⁹ Senior \$149⁹⁹



JEEPERS
Junior \$119⁹⁹

RUNNING SHOES



860
Junior \$129⁹⁹



GEL-KAYANO
Junior \$179⁹⁹



CLIFTON
Junior \$199⁹⁹



1080
Junior \$159⁹⁹



CONTENT
Junior \$89⁹⁹



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Junior \$119⁹⁹



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

Measles alert

Please be advised of the following health alert from Dr Tarun Weeramanthri the Chief Health Officer. March 4th 2025.

There has been two new cases of measles has been reported in Victoria that have not travelled overseas, and have no known links to recent cases of measles. These cases were infectious at multiple locations in Greater Bendigo and metropolitan Melbourne. This means there is now local transmission of measles in the community.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can lead to uncommon but serious complications, such as pneumonia and brain inflammation (encephalitis). There have been 8 cases of measles identified in Victoria in 2025.

A number of populations in Victoria are susceptible to measles, including anyone who is unvaccinated, infants under 12 months of age, immunocompromised people and adults who were born between 1966 and 1992 who may not have received two MMR vaccines in childhood.

Symptoms include fever, cough, sore or red eyes (conjunctivitis), runny nose, and feeling generally unwell, followed by a red maculopapular rash. The rash usually starts on the face before spreading down the body. Symptoms can develop between 7 to 18 days after exposure.

Initial symptoms of measles may be similar to those of COVID-19 and flu. If a symptomatic person tests negative for COVID-19 and/or influenza but develops a rash, they should be advised to continue isolating and be tested for measles.

Infectious period People with measles are considered infectious from 24 hours prior to the onset of initial symptoms until 4 days after the rash appears. Measles is highly infectious and can spread through airborne droplets or contact with nose or throat secretions, as well as contaminated surfaces and objects. The measles virus can stay in the environment for up to 2 hours.

A typical measles rash



Anyone who develops symptoms of measles should seek medical care and testing for measles. Call your GP beforehand to advise that you may have been exposed/have measles symptoms. You will be given instructions on what to do next.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-alerts/new-measles-case-in-victoria-4>

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

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.

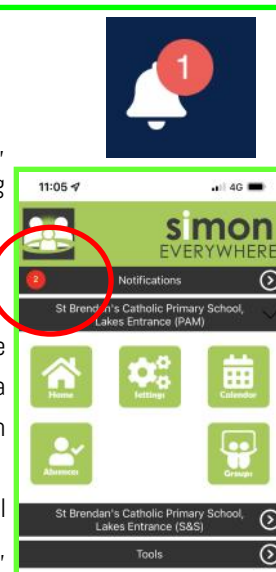
The activities that you can come and help at school with:

Easter Raffle Prizes **Taco Tuesday**

Mother's Day Stalls *Mother's Day Breakfast*

Athletics Day **Father's Day Stalls**

Father's Day Breakfast **Graduation**



Uniform Reminders

JEWELLERY 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.

HAIR 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

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.

Example :



Lunch Order

ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER

SUSHI ROLLS

| | |
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| Salmon & Avo | \$4 |
| Avocado | \$4 |
| Cucumber | \$4 |
| Tempura Vege | \$4 |
| Teriyaki Chicken | \$4 |
| Chicken Katsu | \$4 |
| Panko Prawn | \$4 |
| Tuna & Avo | \$4 |

DRINKS

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

HOT FOOD

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| 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)

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



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

MORE INFORMATION

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

- 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.

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.



1 | Department of Education

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.

Lakes Entrance Seagulls

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 .



The Next Level DANCE STUDIOS

At The Next Level Dance Studios, we believe dance is more than just movement—it's a way to express passion, build confidence, and create lifelong connection. Our studio is dedicated to providing a supportive and inspiring environment where dancers of all ages and skill levels can grow, learn and thrive.

\$10-30 PER CLASS

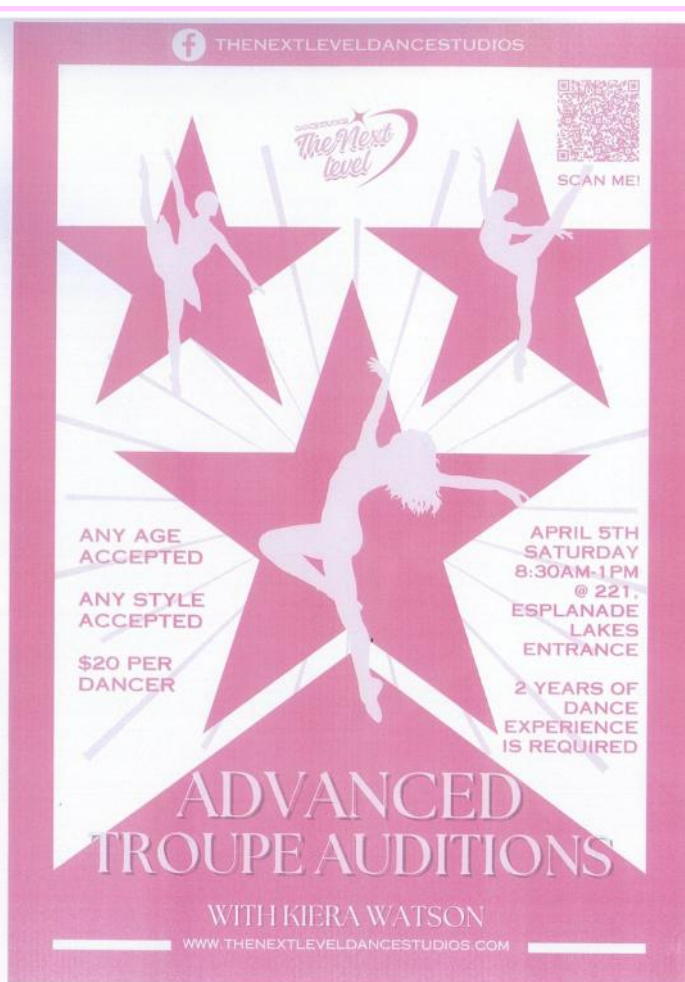
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WEDNESDAYS 2pm-9pm

221 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, VIC, 3909

REGISTER NOW

For More Information www.TheNextLevelDanceStudios.com



THE NEXT LEVEL DANCE STUDIOS

ADVANCED TROUPE AUDITIONS

WITH KIERA WATSON

ANY AGE ACCEPTED

ANY STYLE ACCEPTED

\$20 PER DANCER

APRIL 5TH SATURDAY 8:30AM-1PM @ 221, ESPLANADE LAKES ENTRANCE

2 YEARS OF DANCE EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED



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 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**

LAKES ENTRANCE

AUSKICK & SUPERKICK CENTRE

FRIDAYS 5PM

LAKES ENTRANCE REC RESERVE

STARTING MAY 2ND

4 - 8 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

8 - 12 year olds

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

VISIT PLAY.AFL



Kids school holiday program

For your little tribe, we have tailored a range of our best Saltwater Workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break.

Ages 5-15. 1.5 & 1 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included
To book head to www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com

Kids Clay - Make a Monster Mug

Tuesday 10th of April 1pm - 2:30pm
&
Wednesday 23rd of April 11am-12:30pm

Make your very own monster mugs this summer holidays! We're going to learn simple hand building clay techniques to create something totally out of the ordinary!
\$60.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Introduction to the basics

Tuesday 8th of April 11am - 12:30pm
&
Thursday 17th of April 1pm-2:30pm

Tuesday 22nd of April 11am-12:30pm
Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics!
\$65.00pp

Pottery Glazing Workshop - Kids & Adults Alike

Thursday 10th of April 11am - 12:30pm

Hand paint your own ceramic piece. Hand made in our studio choose from a range of cups, plates bowls and vases.
\$50.00pp

Kids Fluid Painting Session

Thursday 10th of April 1pm - 2:30pm
&
Wednesday 16th of April 10am-11:30am

Using fluid pouring techniques we are going to create three beautiful & bright artworks before we design and paint our very own skate board decks.
\$60.00pp

Kids Clay - Mum's & Bubs (0 - 4 years)

Tuesday 15th of April 10:30am-12pm

Create a personalised wall hanging you and your babe can keep forever.
\$40.00pp

Kids Textured Art Workshop

Thursday 17th of April 11am-12:30pm

Expect to get a bit messy in this stunning workshop. Create three beautiful artworks using plaster medium and paint.
\$60.00pp

Kids Clay - Personalised Pet Bowls

Saturday 19th of April 11am-12:30pm
&
Thursday 24th of April 11am-12:30pm

Come create something super special for your pet this summer. We're going to hand build our very own pet bowl and personalise them using underglaze and stamps
\$30.00pp

Head to our website to book tickets or visit us at the studio.

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



KIDS & TEENS AFTER SCHOOL CLAY

An after school art alternative? Saltwater is a 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 2)

Time: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Session Dates: May 5th - June 30th

\$260.00pp

TEENS CLAY (ages 12 - 18)

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 2)

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

Session Dates: May 5th - June 30th

\$280.00pp

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



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GIPPSLAND LAKES LIONESSES

Indoor Market

EASTER SATURDAY

19TH APRIL 9AM - 2PM

MECHANICS HALL, LAKES ENTRANCE

HANDMADE CRAFTS,
WOODWORK, JEWELRY,
TEXTILE CRAFTS, JAMS,
VEGETABLES, PLANTS
BRIC-A-BRAC,
USED BOOK STALL

DEVONSHIRE TEAS,
SANDWICHES,
RAFFLE PRIZES
EASTER EGGS

CONTACT MARILYN 0400 358269



FACEBOOK: LIONS CLUB OF GIPPSLAND LAKES LIONESSES

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

WY YUNG REC RESERVE

THURS APRIL 10TH

9AM - 3PM



Nagle College
Bairnsdale

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

Applications
Open



MAY
9

Applications
Close



JUNE
18/19

Enrolment
Interviews



AUGUST
4

Offers of
Placement 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

Sessions are limited.
Bookings essential.



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

Enrolments are open for 2026

Book your
personalised
school tour

Modern,
spacious,
flexible learning
spaces



All families are welcome!



Call the school office on
03 51552712 or email
office@lakesent.catholic.edu.au
to book your tour



www.lakesent.catholic.edu.au

HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK
YOUR CHILD'S
SWIMMING
ABILITY!

Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April
2025

For ages 3 and up

Cost: \$60

On confirmation of booking a \$20
deposit will be required to secure
your child's spot.

Enrolments due
Friday 28 March

ENROL ONLINE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE



DAILY 30 MINUTE
LESSONS OVER 5
DAYS!



43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
P (03) 5155 3333
www.lakesaquadome.com.au



SOCCER IS BACK!



EAST GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE



FIND US ON
FACEBOOK

JOIN OUR
COMMUNITY!

REGISTRATION CLOSING: 14TH MARCH
START DATE: SAT 26 APRIL (ROUND 1)
FINISH DATE: SAT 16 AUGUST (FINALS)
HOWITT PARK, BAIRNSDALE
12 ROUNDS, PLUS SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS
AGE GROUPS: 7S, 9S, 11S, AND 13S

CONTACT: EASTGIPPSLANDSOCCERLEAGUE@OUTLOOK.COM

AUSSIE HOOPS - TERM 2

(4-6 years skills program)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Start date - 9/5

Cost - \$20.00 + \$50.00 (for Aussie hoops pack)

When - Fridays - 4-4:45pm

(any questions please text 0475 518 250)



Please use the link to register

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/3ee59f>

JUNIORS - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- Start date - 5/5
- 12 rounds + Finals
- Cost - \$115.00 + insurance
- Registration closes - 17/4
(any questions please text 0475 518 250)
- please use the link at the top of the post to register



Age groups

U10's - 2016/17

U12's - 2014/15

U14's - 2012/13

U16's - 2010/11

U19's - 2007/09

JUNIORS MIXED REGISTRATION

Please use the link to register

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/56a93b>

UNDER 8's

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

(players born 2018/19)

- Start date - 6/5
- 12 rounds
- Cost - \$90.00 + insurance
- Registration closes - 17/4
(any questions please text 0475 518 250)



UNDER 8's REGISTRATION

Please use the link to register

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/7d0f44>

GIRLS COMP - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- Start date - 7/5
- 12 rounds + Finals
- Cost - \$115.00 + insurance
- Registration closes - 17/4
(any questions please text 0475 518 250)
- please use the link at the top of the post to register



Age groups

U10's - 2016/17

U12's - 2014/15

U14's - 2012/13

GIRLS COMP - REGISTRATION

Please use the link below to register

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/353410>

February 2024 Bushfire and Storm Events



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 grants
- 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 as needed.

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

Contact the Windermere Disaster Recovery Intake Team:

(03) 8793 4206

RecoverySupport@Windermere.org.au

8.00am - 5.00pm Monday - Friday

www.vic.gov.au/recovery-support

windermere.org.au

Learn more
about our
Recovery Support
Programs



EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

April School Holiday Movie



Join us these School Holidays for a fun movie screening!

Looking for something fun to do these school holidays? Come into the library for a free family-friendly movie screening!

Parents/carers are required to accompany their children.

For specific film information, ask in library.



Libraries
Change Lives

Bairnsdale Library
Thursday 10 April
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Monday 14 April
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre
Tuesday 15 April
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Orbost Service Centre
Friday 11 April
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Omeo Service Centre
Thursday 17 April
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Paynesville Service Centre
Thursday 17 April
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Book Now

At your library
5152 4225

www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries
Scan the QR code



FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED
AGES 5 - 12

LEGO Club 2025

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES



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



Libraries
Change Lives

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



Libraries
Change Lives