

St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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Newsletter No 14

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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.



School Pick Up Reminder

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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

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Winter Sports was postponed.

The new date will be:

Friday, 30th May - All sports will take place at their original venue.

Parents, please update the new permission form on PAM.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



Dear Families and Friends,

Last week on Friday we had a very condensed day. We began the morning with our St Brendan's Feast Day whole school prayer. There were plenty of nice messages throughout the prayer and I'd have to say the highlight for me was Ayla Van Rensburg (Foundation) reading in front of our school. Remarkable! Immediately after the prayer we had a visit from players from the Hawthorn Football Club. The AFLW players answered all the students' questions and left them with a few mementos. That morning, our younger students took part in a shoe tying incursion which is always time well spent and then we concluded the day with an assembly. The student leaders prepared a skit where we had a visit from Mrs Trunchbull from 'Matilda'. I tell you, the students will never look at Mrs Hamer the same way again after that performance.

This week one of the ways we celebrated **Catholic Education Week** was through our Maths Afternoon. Staff and student leaders facilitated engaging short lessons/games in mathematics. The students were broken up into junior and senior student groups and the activities were well-received. It was a pleasure to see our student leaders planning for learning and teaching maths concepts to their peers. Next term, we will run the Science Afternoon which is always a big hit.

In the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed **Winter Kettle-Johnson** and her family to St Brendan's. Winter has already made a successful transition to our school. Our available enrolment positions for Foundation 2026 are filling up quickly if you are interested in enrolling your child for next year, please call the office on 51552712.

Resilience: <https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/resilience>

Resilience is important for a child's mental health. It is their ability to bounce back from failure, challenges, adversity and stress. It's not something that kids have or don't have but a skill that kids develop over time as they grow. Building resilience not only helps a child deal with current difficulties, but it also helps develop a resilient mindset that will help them deal with challenges later in life. All children are capable of working through challenges and coping with stress, but they require guidance and support from a charismatic adult role model.

"Resilience is key to addressing mental health issues. We need to allow our kids to experience adversity. There is a tendency to shield our kids because parents have become a bit over-protective."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

National Reconciliation Week 2025 – 'Bridging Now to Next' begins next week on Tuesday. Our classrooms will have particular focus on lessons to celebrate and recognise the week. We will also conduct an assembly during the week facilitated by our Reconciliation Action Team and the Social Justice Leaders.

Please be aware that the District Winter Sports carnival, due to take place today has been postponed to Friday, 30 May due to weather conditions. Hopefully, next Friday will be dry. Consequently, we have also moved the week six assembly to Thursday, 5 June at 2.30pm.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

		Up Coming Events
Term 2		
	MAY 2025	
Week 5	Sunday 25th	First Communion Commitment Mass
Week 6	Tuesday 27th	9.10am Year 3 & 3/4 Class Prayer
	Thursday 29th	3.30pm First Communion Parent/Child Workshop
	Friday 30th	9.10am Year 1 Mass District Winter Sports
	JUNE 2025	
Week 7	Thursday 5th	Regional Cross Country 9.10am Pentecost Whole School Mass 2.30pm Assembly: Year 2 Blue PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
	Friday 6th	Student Free day
Week 8	Monday 9th	KING'S BIRTHDAY
	Friday 13th	Division Winter Sports
	Sunday 15th	9.00am First Communion
Week 9	Monday 16th	Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 17th	Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 18th	Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 20th	9.10am Year 4 & 4/5 Mass 2.30pm Assembly: Year 2 Red
Week 10	Wednesday 25th	5.00pm Sovereign Hill Camp Meeting Information Session
Week 11	Monday 30th	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	JULY 2025	
	Tuesday 1st	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Wednesday 2nd	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Thursday 3rd	3.30pm Confirmation Parent Workshop
	Friday 4th	9.10am GHC Assembly: Year 3 Blue 2.15pm Term Ends

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

Tues 27th May: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass
Fr. Hiep away in Melbourne for a Pastoral Supervision Group Meeting.

Wed 28th May: St. Colman's Orbost No Mass

Fri 30th May: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.10 am Year 1 Mass.

Sat 31st May: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.30 am
St. Joseph's Swan Reach 5.00 pm

Sun 1st June: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance 9.00 am
St. Colman's Orbost 11.00am



Taco Tuesday

By Isla, Ivy and Sunny



On the 13th of May we had **Taco Tuesday**! On this day students had the option to dress up in a Mexican outfit or wear red, orange or green. Lots of people got very creative and some even brought Sombreros, skirts and things from Mexico! Everyone had lots of fun and at lunch time, we got to eat tacos and have an ice pole together as a school down on the junior oval.

In the tacos there was meat, lettuce, cheese and a choice of salsa. There was a vegetarian option and a meat option. Everyone loved the tacos and had lots of fun!

We are very thankful for the school leaders, Mel, Jane, Emma and the parent helpers who helped out to make this event happen and run smoothly!



Hawthorn squad

By Hunta and Billie

Our school was lucky enough to have four terrific Hawthorn AFLW players come to our school and talk to us about their lifestyle and what they do.

Their names were Tamara, who wears number 24, Lucy number 31, Lavinian number 8 and Janna number 11.

We had the opportunity to ask questions like:

How many times do you practise in a week for footy? What do you eat before and after the big game?

It was great to hear the responses from the girls and get some insight into their life as an AFLW player.

Overall, it was a great experience for us as students and all of the staff to learn about AFLW players and we all had a fantastic time. Some of the students were even lucky enough to get an item signed by the players.

Emmet (Year 4): "I had a great experience at the Hawthorn visit."

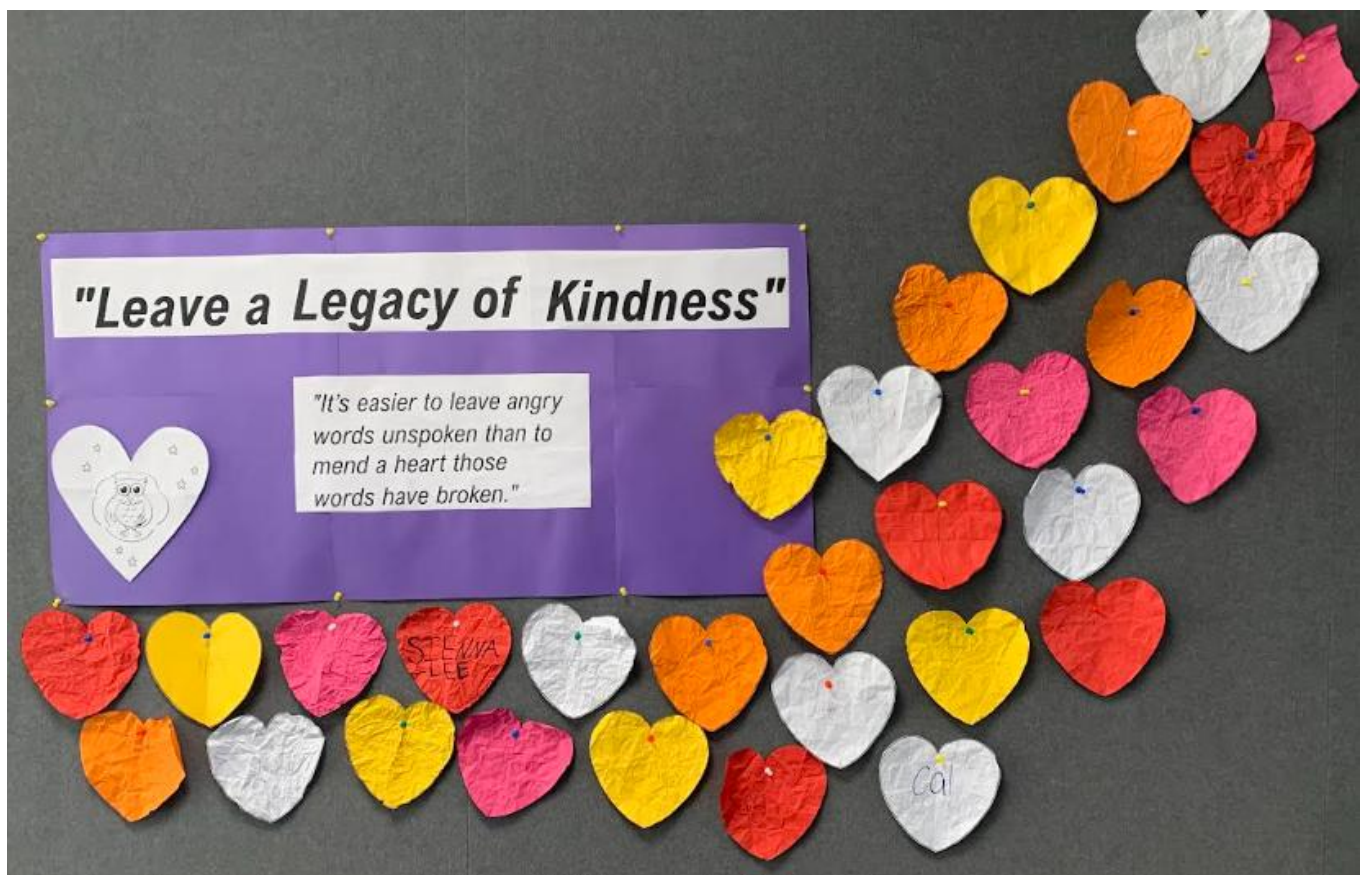


Hunta (Year 6): "I had a great experience and had lots of fun and I like that we got to know what they did



before and after a game."

Year 6 students have been engaged in lesson about respect and kindness. They have been exploring and discussing how verbal and non verbal communication can leave a positive or negative impact on people. Year 6 are working hard to leave a legacy of kindness at St Brendan's by being inclusive, supportive and encouraging members of our community.



Celebrating
Catholic Education Week
16 May to 23 May 2025



In Year 2 we are proud of our strength! We know we all have different talents and strengths that make us unique. These help us make friends, be kind to others and help us grow and learn each day.



DON'T FORGET LUNCH ORDERS
ARE AVAILABLE ON A FRIDAY.
ORDER MUST BE IN THURSDAY.

MANY YUMMY OPTIONS
INCLUDING HONEY CHICKEN:



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 :

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

Lunch Order

ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER

SUSHI ROLLS

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

DRINKS

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



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

LOST AND FOUND

Are these items yours?

Lost Something? We May Have Found It!

The following items have been found over the past week at school after the Mother's Day, Athletics day and the Taco Tuesday dress day.



Enrolments are open for 2026

Book your personalised school tour

Modern, spacious, flexible learning spaces

All families are welcome!

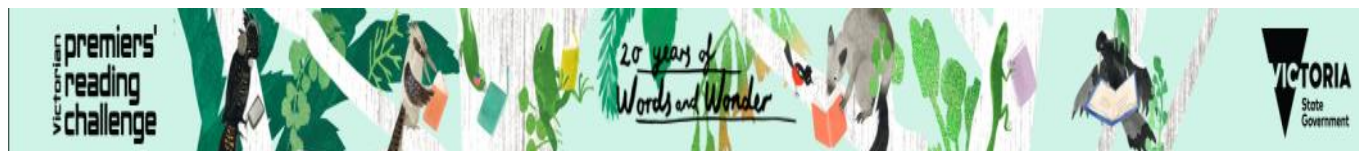


Call the school office on 03 51552712 or email office@lakesent.catholic.edu.au to book your tour



www.lakesent.catholic.edu.au

Call into the office if any of the above items are yours.



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

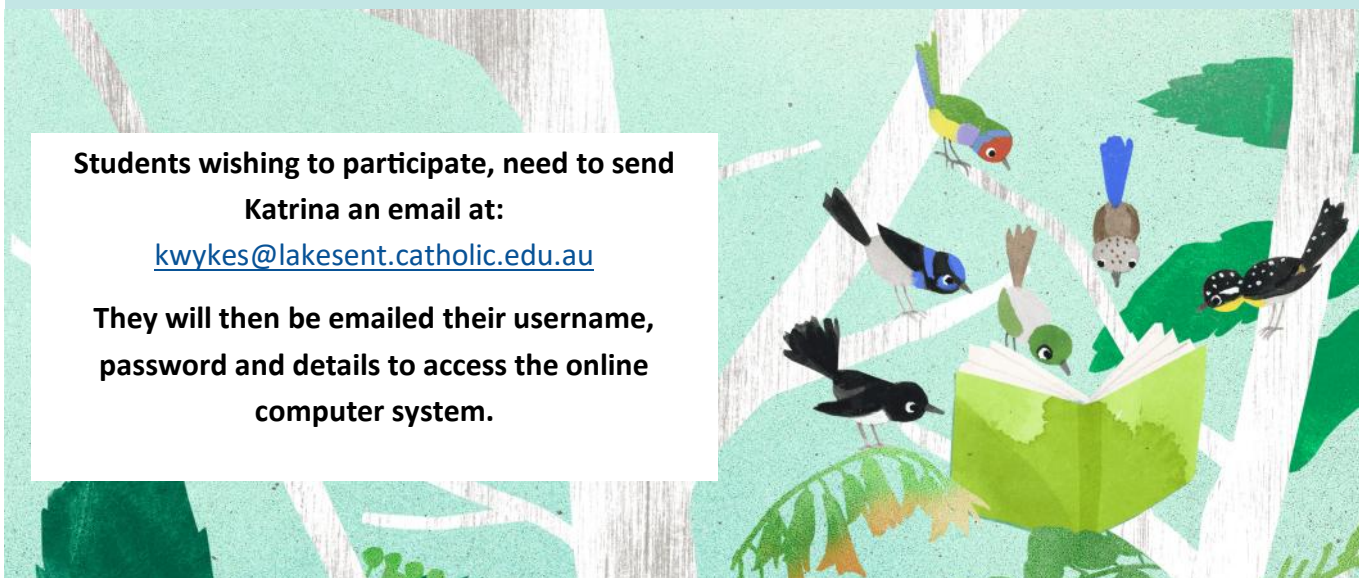
The Premiers Reading Challenge has an online recording system which is intended for students to enter their books at home.

Students wishing to participate, need to send

Katrina an email at:

kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au

**They will then be emailed their username,
password and details to access the online
computer system.**





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

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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

Thanks for buying
books from

SCHOLASTIC

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.

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The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual.

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ST BRENDAN'S

2025 SHOE GUIDE



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The Athlete's Foot

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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



CONTEND
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GT-1000 12 GS
Junior \$119⁹⁹



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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.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Parent & Carer Hub

When supporting your children's mental health, we know the best outcomes happen when we **work together** and **practise**.

Head over to our **Parent & Carer Hub** to learn more about the **evidence-based strategies** being taught in the classroom, so you can enhance their impact at home. You'll find activities you can practice to support your family's wellbeing.



Scan this QR code to learn more about our **Parent & Carer Hub**.



To learn more about The Resilience project, head to:

The Resilience Project The Resilience Project theresilienceproject.com.au



HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!

TO CHECK

Check the scalp for insects or eggs.
Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

TO TREAT

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/lotion (containing insecticide) - this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

Always re-treat 7-10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.

TIPS

- ✓ Check and treat the hair every night
- ✓ Please tie up long hair for school
- ✓ If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home
- ✓ Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/scarves etc.



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.michelle@gmail.com
or phone 03 5152 2942



The Rotary Club of Bairnsdale Sunrise
invites you and your friends to a



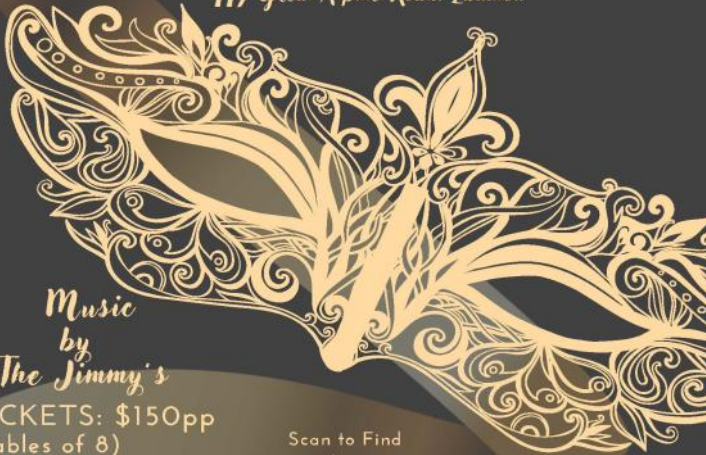
MASQUERADE

WINTER GALA

June 21 2025 6pm - midnight

CLUB EASTWOOD

117 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow



Music

by

The Jimmy's

TICKETS: \$150pp

(tables of 8)

EARLY BIRD: \$120pp

(before 6 June)

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8 - 12 year olds

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EAST GIPPSLAND UNDER 15's GIRLS ACADEMY

Launching Wednesday 7th May
Bairnsdale City Oval | 5:00pm Start

Female Football Gippsland invites girls
born 2010-2014 to join the Girls
Academy — a welcoming, inclusive
program for those ready to develop
their skills and take on competitive
football.

Perfect for players transitioning from
mixed teams or new to the game, the
Academy focuses on growth,
confidence, and enjoying footy in a
supportive environment.



REGISTRATION ARE NOW OPEN

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ad2013>

Contact Tom Crellin 0447 295 014
for more information




**EAST GIPPSLAND
WINTER FESTIVAL**
20 JUNE – 20 JULY 2025



Experience How We Winter

Be welcomed by friendly locals and creative communities for a region-wide celebration of luminous art, epic winter feasts, lively music, dark skies and roaring fires.

VICTORIA EVERY BIT DIFFERENT | **VICTORIA** | **EAST GIPPSLAND** | **EAST GIPPSLAND** WINTER LAND

SCAN FOR FESTIVAL PROGRAM   

 **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
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Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

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

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FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED
AGES 5 - 12

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES

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.

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

