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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.



SPENDAN'S LAKES EN

Our Year 5 students are prepared and ready for camp.

Below is some important information for our camp.

- Students need to be at school at **6.45 am on Monday**, **4**th **August**, **for a 7 am departure**
- Please bring morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for Monday, labelled and packed separately in disposable packaging
- Students will need to bring a **water bottle** with them which they can refill throughout the day as we move around Sovereign Hill
- Please ensure you have returned your child's medical form and brought in any medication with your child's name and dosage recorded. The medical form is required whether your child takes medication or not
- The weather forecast for Ballarat for next week is maximum temperatures of 9-11 degrees.
 Please ensure you pack for cold and wet weather, as the forecast can change, and mornings and evenings are often cold.
- We are expected back at school before 2.45 pm on Wednesday, however, updated arrival times will be advised via PAM

Thank you,
Year Five Team



Enjoy your camp Year 5.

We look forward to hearing all about your adventures.

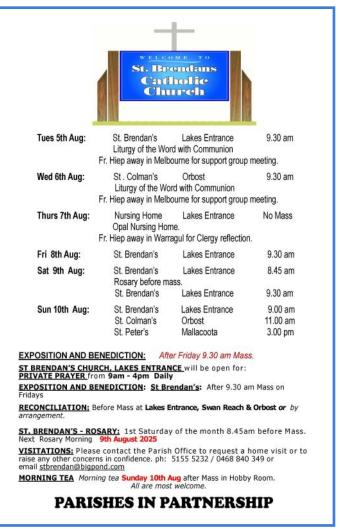


Curriculum Days
Student Free Days
Week 3
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th
August

LUNCH ORDER UPDATE— NO RICE PAPER ROLLS

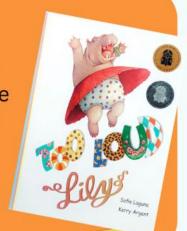
		Up Coming Events
		Term 3
Week 2	AUGUST 2025	
	Sunday 3rd	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Week 3	Monday 4th	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
	Tuesday 5th	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp 9.10am Australian Maths Competition
	Wednesday 6th	Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
	Thursday 7th	Curriculum Days - Student Free Days 3.30pm Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
	Friday 8th	Curriculum Days - Student Free Days
Week 4	Monday 11th	9.10am Whole School Prayer: Mary Mackillop
	Thursday 14th	Eastern District Athletics 3.30pm Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
	Friday 15th	9.10am Year 3 & 3/4 Mass 2.30pm Assembly: Year 5 Blue
Week 5	Monday 18th	Book Week Parade - time to start thinking of a dress up
	Tuesday 19th	9.10am Year 2 Prayer
	Friday 22nd	9.10am Reconciliation for Candidates 6.00pm Confirmation







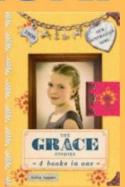
After an inspiring session with author Sofie Laguna, our Year 1 students delved into her beloved picture book Too Loud Lily. The story follows Lily Hippo, a spirited young hippo whose exuberant volume often causes a stir at home and school. However, when a vibrant drama teacher named Miss Loopiola arrives, Lily discovers that her loudness is a unique gift, especially on stage.





SOPHIE LAGUNA

Feedback from Year 6



Sofie Laguna Incursion

When: Sofie visited St Brendan's on Monday 28th July

Where: In the Megaspace

Who: Each grade attended Sofie's sessions.

• 12.05pm - 1.50pm - Year 4-6

11.15am - 12.05pm - Foundation - 3

Sofie is an award-winning author for children and adults. She originally studied to be a lawyer, but after deciding law was not for her, she moved to Melbourne to train as an actor. Sofie worked for many years as an actor before she began to write books.

We would like to thank Sofie for coming to St Brendans and sharing her journey with us.



Lacev

What surprised you about her writing journey? She was a fairy before she became an official author

Have you read any of her books? No I haven't, but the Grace book looked like a good read!

If you have what do you like about them? Sofie read a bit of the book Grace, and I thought it was intriguing.

Did you enjoy her presentation style? Yes, she was very funny #LOL

What else do you wonder about? What is her favourite book to read besides hers? Millio

What surprised you about her writing journey? Her story "The Yellow Blanket" got rejected by four publishers before getting published.

Have you read any of her books?

When I was younger, Ibriefly remember my dad reading "Too Loud Lilly."

If you have what do you like about them? The humor and illustration is great.

Did you enjoy her presentation style? Yes it was welcoming and engaging.

What else do you wonder about? Will she always be an author?

Haze

What surprised you about her writing journey? All of the jobs she had beforehand, almost becoming a lawyer, becoming an actor (and a fair).

Have you read any of her books? No, and I haven't actually heard of any.

Did you enjoy her presentation style? She was very enthusiastic about everything, and was very good at keeping us hooked and listening.

What else do you wonder about?
I wonder how much she actually gets payed.

Kenya

What surprised you about her writing journey? That she worked as a fairy.

Have you read any of her books? I have not read any of her books.

If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style? I did like how she presented because she was very loud.

What else do you wonder about?
Who is her favourite author apart from herself?

SOPHIE LAGUNA

Elan

What surprised you about her writing journey?

The fact that she was training to be a lawyer first.

Have you read any of her books?

If you have what do you like about them?

like that she has a range of different sized books , genres, times and for different ages

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Her presentation style was enthusiastic and very suitable for a younger audience. I liked it.

What else do you wonder about?

I wonder why she chose to begin train to be a lawver.

Lucas

What surprised you about her writing journey?

The fact that when she was an actor she also had to be a fairy

Have you read any of her books?

If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes, I liked the fact that she was very outgoing and shared everything with us.

What else do you wonder about?

What was the first play/movie she did as an actor? What inspired her to do acting?

Why did she choose to be a fairy?

Isla

What surprised you about her writing journey?
After everything she went through she gave up and even when she did she got back up

Have you read any of her books? No I havent but want to now

If you have what do you like about them? They sound interesting and engaging

Did you enjoy her presentation style? YES she was so enthusiastic and was

What else do you wonder about?

What surprised you about her writing journey? It surprised me about how long it took her to find her spot in a career

Have you read any of her books? No I haven't but it inspired me to read her books.

If you have what do you like about them?

 $\mbox{\sc Did}$ you enjoy her presentation style? Yes i did she spoke loud and confident, a lot of people loved her presentation.

What else do you wonder about? I wonder how long it took for her to create all of her famous books. Sophie is a very talented author

What surprised you about her writing journey?

She wanted to be a lawyer which isn't very creative then she changed her mind to a writer which is creative. The journey was hard and embarrassing since she was a fairy at children parties.

Have you read any of her books? No, I have never heard the the author let alone read any of her books.

If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style? Yes she was very enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge and experience.

What else do you wonder about?
What made her even think about being a lawyer since she wanted to be an actor?

Maddi

What surprised you about her writing journey?

That her friends story inspired her to write her first book

Have you read any of her books?

No not yet but they look interesting so i'll think about reading one

If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes she seemed very proud and passionate about her books and what she does.

I wonder how she gets all the ideas for her books.

What surprised you about her writing journey?
That she came all the way from being a fairy at parties to writing picture story books about memories and stories shared with her and sophisticated pieces about real life problems.

Have you read any of her books?
I have read the first two Grace books.

If you have what do you like about them?

That Grace's bold nature and cunning acts remain consistent throughout the whole story line, and the plot never drops excitement.

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes, it was very engaging and you could tell she was very passionate about writing.

What else do you wonder about?

How she managed going through all the petrol stations in Melbourne without having a breakdown.

What surprised you about her writing journey? Before she started writing, she had to dress up like a fairy and go to birthday

Have you read any of her books?

No but I'm going to ask my mum when I get home to get me some books

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

What else do you wonder about? How long overall did it take her to become a writer and how long has she been a



HIELAGUN

Hudson

What surprised you about her writing journey?

The thing that surprised me was that she was an actor and she used to dress up as a fairy for birthday parties

Have you read any of her books?
I haven't yet but I hope that I will soon.

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes, because it was very informative.

What else do you wonder about?

How many books did she exactly publish?

Josie

What surprised you about her writing journey?

That she started of as an actor and that on weekends she was a fairy.

Have you read any of her books? No not yet but I am interested in her grace books. If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

I think she was very passionate about who she is and what she does.

What else do you wonder about?
I wonder how she gets all her ideas for her books.

I also wonder about how she has enough time to write all of her books.

Maddi

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What else do you wonder about?

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Shavlee

What surprised you about her writing journey?
That Sophie waited 2 years for Tom the illustrator to write a letter back for her.

Have you read any of her books?

I have read a few of her Grace books which I enjoyed.

If you have what do you like about them? I liked the descriptive words.

Did you enjoy her presentation style? Yes, i did because it was quite interesting.

What else do you wonder about?

I wonder if Sophie will get more work as an actor.

Leanne

What surprised you about her writing journey?

Something that surprised me was that she was keen to dress up like a fairy.

Have you read any of her books?

No I haven't read any of her books yet, but I would like to explore some of her books.

If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes, because she was very enthusiastic and expressed everything so well about her writing journey and her love for acting.

What else do you wonder about?

I wonder when she got into acting.

Sunny

What surprised you about her writing journey?

How many things she had tried to do

Have you read any of her books?

If you have what do you like about them? No but I would like to

Did you enjoy her presentation style?

Yes I did. I liked her enthusiasm and how she told us about her whole life and I liked the start of the book she read us.

What else do you wonder about? What year she made her first book

Olivia

What surprised you about her writing journey? I was surprised by the fact that when given ideas to write about she did not want to write about them.

Have you read any of her books?

No. I haven't read her books vet.

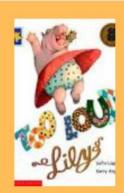
If you have what do you like about them?

Did you enjoy her presentation style? Yes, because of how she was super enthusiastic and was fast when talking while still being clear as well as her hand gestures.

What else do you wonder about?

I wonder about how long she was working as a fairy.













State Cross County



Hi my name is Shiloh Eiseman and I went to School State Victoria on Thursday, Term 3, Week 1. I had to drive up to Melbourne on the morning of the race. I was very nervous. I felt like jelly but it ended up being a pretty simple race. I ended up coming 36th. I mean, I'm happy it's over with. After the race my Mum and I went shopping. After wasting all my Mum's money we started to drive back to Lakes Entrance. On the way back we got Hungry Jacks and that's something to make my siblings mad. That's pretty much all I did when I went to State Cross Country.

Ivy O'Donnell also attended the State Cross Country.
Ivy finished in 77th place.

Congratulations, Shiloh and Ivy
We are very proud of you at St Brendan's







Sibling Relationships

A SchoolTV topic supporting modern-day parenting



In this edition of SchoolTV - SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Sibling relationships are often a child's first and longest-lasting social connection. These bonds can offer companionship, support and opportunities to develop important life skills such as empathy, negotiation and conflict resolution. However, like all close relationships, sibling dynamics can be complex. Differences in temperament, age, needs and parental attention can all contribute to tension or rivalry. It's not uncommon for children to compete for attention, especially during times of change or stress.

As a parent or caregiver, your role in shaping the tone of sibling relationships is vital. Creating a home environment that celebrates each child's unique strengths and avoids direct comparisons helps reduce rivalry and fosters mutual respect.

By listening without judgement, teaching emotional regulation, and supporting each child's individuality, you can create a family culture where siblings feel secure and valued. This edition of SchoolTV offers insights to support young people in developing positive, lasting sibling bonds that can remain strong well into adulthood.



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.

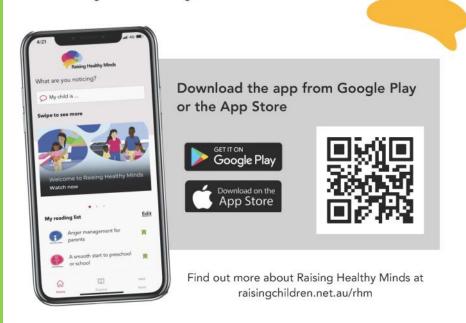
Here is the link to the **Sibling Relationships** edition of SchoolTV https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/sibling-relationships-au



Do you have a question about your child's emotions, behaviours and wellbeing?

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a FREE, personalised pocket resource to help you raise confident, resilient children.

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The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help parents and carers raise confident, resilient children. Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds aims to support children's social and emotional wellbeing with evidence-based information.

You'll find information on topics like dealing with worries and making friends, as well as ideas for day-to-day life, like creating family routines, looking after yourself as a parent, and building strong relationships.

The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years. You can tailor information to the age of your child and opt-in to receive helpful tips.

Raising Healthy Minds provides simple-to-use information at your fingertips with clear actions you can start today.

Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to <u>raisingchildren.net.au/rhm</u> to learn more and raise a healthy mind



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

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 Reminders

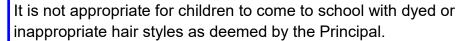


JEWELLERY is restricted to the following - a wrist watch, no more than one small plain matching pair of studs or sleepers in the ear lobe - gold, silver or gemstone, a religious medallion on a chain to be worn under clothing.



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.





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:











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.



Lunch Order







Kids Classes

Term 3 After School art classes Mondays 4:15 to 5:15pm Various mediums including graphite pencil, chalk pastels, charcoal, coloured pencils, water paint, acrylic paint and air dry clay. **Paxart Studio Lakes Entrance NDIS Supported**

Bookings and enquiries PH: 0408 500 451 Caroline Pax Art Therapy on Facebook





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.











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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





FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED AGES 5 -12

LEGO Club 2025



EAST GIPPSLAND



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





