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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.



WHEN: FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST
TIME: 9.10AM
WHERE: MARY MACKILLOP HALL

EVERY YEAR WE HOLD A BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK.
STUDENTS DRESS UP AS BOOK CHARACTER FOR THE DAY. COSTUMES DON'T NEED TO BE ELABORATE AND YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GO AND PURCHASE NEW OUTFITS - IN THE PAST YEARS, SIMPLE COSTUMES HAVE OFTEN BEEN THE STAND OUT. PLEASE CONSIDER SAFETY AND COMFORT IN CREATING OUTFITS. APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR IS A MUST.

**BOOK WEEK
DRESS UP
DAY AND
PARADE**



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



You are invited to come to the
St Brendan's Primary School
Father's Day breakfast on:

Friday, 5th September,
8.00-8.40am at the Mary
MacKillop Hall.

We would really love for you
to come along!

For catering purposes could you
please return the reply slip to school
by Friday, 22nd August.

Remember to wear your footy/team colours on Friday, 5th September



		Up Coming Events	
	AUGUST	Term 3	
Week 4	Friday 15th	2.30pm Assembly: Year 5 Blue	
Week 5	Tuesday 19th	9.10am Year 2 Prayer	
	Friday 22nd	Book Week Parade - Please note change of date 9.10am Reconciliation for Candidates 6.00pm Confirmation	
Week 6	Monday 25th	Inform & Empower: Year 1 11.30am VIC SPELL @ Paynesville PS	
	Tuesday 26th	9.10am Year 1 Prayer	
	Friday 29th	9.10am Year 6 Mass 2.30pm Assembly: Foundation	
	SEPTEMBER		
Week 7	Tuesday 2nd	Father's Day Stall	
	Wednesday 3rd	Father's Day Stall	
	Thursday 4th	6.00pm Lions Public Speaking - Mechanics Hall	
	Friday 5th	8.00am Father's Day Breakfast 9.10 Whole School Mass: Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee	
	Sunday 7th	Father's Day	
Week 8	Monday 8th	School Nurse visit - Foundation Division Athletics	
	Tuesday 9th	School Nurse visit - Foundation	
	Wednesday 10th	School Nurse visit - Foundation	
	Thursday 11th	9.10am 4 and 4/5 Prayer	
	Friday 12th	Pyjama Day 9.10am Foundation Mass 1.35pm Science Afternoon	



UNIFORM REMINDER

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR JUMPERS AND TRACKSUIT PANTS TO SCHOOL ON SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS AND LONG PANTS FOR DRESS UNIFORM DAYS. MANY STUDENTS ARE PRESENTING TO THE OFFICE IN THE MORNING, COLD, REQUESTING JUMPERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A JUMPER TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. THANK YOU.

			
Tues 19th Aug:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 20th Aug:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 22nd Aug:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	6.00 pm
	Confirmation Mass.		
Sat 23rd Aug:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sun 24th Aug:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
	Vietnamese Mass.		



Pyjama Day

On Friday the 12th of September at the end of this term we will be having a fundraiser for The Biggest Gippsland Pyjama Day. This is a local charity we are proud to support. As a school, we will participate in their fundraiser for "A Better Life for Foster Kids" which is a place that finds foster homes for children in our local area. They not only help children who are in out of home care, they also provide those children with items they need, resources for carers and even Christmas presents.

On the 22nd of July they were victims of a terrible robbery as their store room was ram-raided and their items they had were either stolen or destroyed. Now they have to start from scratch and we want to help.



We kindly ask for you to bring a gold coin to help local children in out of home care and students can wear their pyjamas to school on Friday the 12th of September.

We are also asking politely for brand new toiletries items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, bodywash, etc.) The reason we are asking for this is that the charity creates a crisis case. This is a small suitcase that a child can take with them already packed with the necessities that someone needs. Please go to their website or Facebook page to find out more.



We look forward to seeing everyone in their PJs on Friday the 12th of September. Remember, every donation is another step closer to their fundraising goal.

By Leanne and Olivia



Pyjama Day

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

**Slide into Your Comfiest Cause Yet!
Get ready to cosy up for a cause!**



Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day is back and St Brendan's is joining the fun.

By simply swapping your school uniform for sleepwear for the day, you'll be helping "A Better Life For Foster Kids" provide emergency care packs, essentials, and ongoing support to children who need it most.

- ✦ **It's fun.**
- ✦ **It's feel-good.**
- ✦ **And it makes a real difference.**



We kindly ask for you to bring a gold coin and if possible brand new toiletries items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, bodywash, etc)





FATHER'S DAY *stall*

TUESDAY 2ND | & | WEDNESDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER
\$1 - \$5 GIFTS
RAFFLE TICKETS \$1.00 EACH
RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT SCHOOL DURING THE FATHER'S DAY STALLS.
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY MORNING - PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT 8.50AM

***\$10 IS A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT FOR STUDENTS TO BRING FOR THEIR GIFT AND THERE IS A LIMIT OF \$5 PER STUDENT FOR RAFFLE TICKETS.**
IF STUDENTS ARE BUYING FOR A GRANDPARENT THEY MAY HAVE MORE MONEY.

PARENTS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THEY WILL HELP WITH THE STALLS, YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED FROM 9.00AM - 10:30AM ON THESE DATES.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE NOW UNABLE TO ASSIST.



What are some **random acts of kindness you could do this week?**

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Bullying NO Way!

Foundation and Year 6 students spent time together to understand how a sense of belonging makes them feel connected which is a powerful protection against bullying.

Belonging means we can embrace who we are, respect everyone's differences, build resilience and stand up together against unkindness.

**We
all
belong!**

Belonging means everyone has a place in our class and in our school.



We made a fish collage to remind us how we can be different but all belong.



Life would be boring if we were all the same!



YEAR 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL



LIGHT SHOW/AURA

On the first night of camp we had the light show at 8:00pm and it lasted about 90 minutes. There were 3 parts to it, the first part was a 3D experience and we wore these 3D glasses making everything come out at us. The second part was lights coming out of the water onto the hill telling us about their Aboriginal culture. The second part was our favourite, it was a show with projectors shining on tents. The lightshow was one of our favourite parts of camp.

By Ivy O'Donnell, Indie Whelan and Leanna Nguyen



CANDLE DIPPING

The candle dipping in Sovereign Hill Ballarat is a thing where you have a white candle and dip it into colorful candle wax to make your own candle.

Lots of people loved it and hope to go back someday.

By Summer



CONFECTIONARY MAKING

The confectionary making is about learning how to make lollies like how they did in 1857 during the gold rush. He started with boiling sugar and toffee, next he poured it out onto a heated table and started folding the toffee over and over again after he cut them into little groups, then he flavoured and coloured the toffee yellow after that he left it to harden. Then he rolled it through a lollie roller and it made a special print onto it. Finally he dropped the toffee on the table and it shattered into a thousand pieces and we got to try the lollies and it was delicious.

By Tablia, Jake and Chloe

YEAR 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL

GOLD PANNING



At Sovereign Hill, the gold panning area was a creek going down a series of small waterfalls about 50cm tall with 4-6 metres of water in between to pan in. Some kids found a few tiny flakes of gold to put in vials. Everyone had a heap of fun. By Charlie



BOWLING

At the top of the hill in Sovereign Hill, we discovered the old 1850s bowling alley. We were surprised to see that the whole place was made of wood. There were two different lane lengths: one was 40 metres and the other was 20 metres. The ball return wasn't electric, but it looked like it was made out of bamboo, and you had to put the ball in with a big push so it comes perfectly back to you.

There was a rope across the alley, and that's the closest you could go to the bowl. You don't have to start there when you knock down the pins; you have to stand them up. The ball was very heavy, and the building had no electricity at all; instead, you had candles for lighting. It was a fun experience, but it was also hard work.

By Bella, Harley and Arlo



MINE TOUR

We went to the quartz mine by carriage. It took 90 seconds in the pitch black to adjust our eyes to the dim light. We walked past the old mine shaft lift, and then we saw gold in a quartz reef. We also walked past an old mine tunnel, which was quite small. We saw a large mine drill being used to create holes for placing dynamite. The last thing we saw was a really big quartz reef that they found when digging out the tunnels that were there before there were wooden poles on the floor and on the roof, so if the wood creaks, they go through a tunnel and out of the mine, because it means there are rocks about to fall on them. We went out the same way we came in, and altogether it took around 40 minutes.

YEAR 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL



CHINESE MINERS' EXPERIENCE

We attended an educational session about the Chinese miners' experiences.

It was about how the Chinese people were treated, how they lived and what they brought. We learnt that one of the main items they brought was a straw pillow that was painted or wrapped in leather. They got a boat from China to Robe, then they walked to Ballarat, and they used two baskets tied to two long pieces of bamboo, called a yolk, to carry all their belongings. They taught us how they hold the yolk by resting it on one of their shoulders. They walked 405 km with the bamboo over their shoulders. We also learnt about how they live. They live in a tent with 4-6 people in it. This is what we learnt about the Chinese miners' experience.



YEAR 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL

GOLD FEVER

One of our best activities at our grade five Sovereign Hill camp was our gold fever game.

The game consisted of seven teams: The Irish, Chinese, English, Americans, and the Scottish miners. The other two teams were the Bankers and the Troopers. The Bankers transferred gold into pounds and shillings, three pieces of gold was equivalent to one pound. The Troopers had three main rules which were: no running, no mining without a licence, and no stealing. The team with the most money at the end would be the winner, which was the Troopers who ended up with thirty two pounds and ten shillings. The bail money to get your team member out of jail was two pounds and if you were rude or refused the Troopers the price would double. We learnt from our lesson that the

First Governor of Victoria was Charles Latrobe who was the creator of the mining licence, you might have heard of him from Latrobe Valley which was named after him.

We also found out that one pound in the 1850s is equivalent to 1000 dollars today.

Our Sovereign Hill camp was one of grade five's best experiences and we think all of loved the gold fever game by Ivy Doland, Isla Strong, and Harper Morgan



GOLD POUR

The gold pour demonstration was an activity that we watched at Sovereign Hill.

The worker talked about where gold is found - Quartz

He talked about the degrees that the gold has to be in to be melted - 1064 degrees, which is extremely hot.

After a couple of checks on the melted gold, he pulled out the cup that the melted gold was in, with gloves and a metal clamp.

He pulled the cup out of the fire and put it in a bar mould.

After a little while in the mould he slammed the mould onto the table and there sat a (still very hot) gold bar - "3 hours and it will be all cooled but I know you don't have that time so..." he said as he dropped the gold bar into a wooden bath filled with icy cold water.

5 minutes passed and then (with his bare hands) he grabbed the bar and put it on the table.

Two people got to hold the gold bar!!! The gold bar was 3 kilos and cost \$510k That's half a million dollars!!!!!!!

The two people who held the bar of gold was Harley and myself.

It was so heavy! But was it real? - Yes, because after I gave the bar of gold back to the worker he put it straight back into a safe and locked it up. The worker said that he didn't let many schools hold the bar of gold - so it was really cool and probably a once in a lifetime thing!!!!

By Winnie, Harrison and O'Shae



ST. MARY
MACKILLOP



MARY
MACKILLOP

*Feast
Day*

PRAYER

This Monday we had a whole school Mass for the St Mary Mackillop Feast day. Students from all over the school read parts of the Gospel and prayers. The grade ones sang a song called 'The People of God' and the grade sixes performed a skit about Mary Mackillop's life. Mary Mackillop was a person who followed in the footsteps of God. First she was a teacher then a nun. She knew that kindness is key.

She helped the poor and unfortunate everywhere in both Australia and New Zealand. She always believed 'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

Thank you to Mrs Supple, Mrs Terry and everyone who participated in the Mary MacKillop whole school prayer.

Written by Elan & Kiara

Chinese Class 中文課:

What is happening in Chinese class?



Foundation: learning animal names through games.



Year 3, 4, 5: revising foods in Chinese and putting them into statements and questions.



Year 3, 4: learning countries, nationalities and spoken languages: Making 3D globes to show countries in Chinese.



Chinese Library Display



Year 2: learning drinks and putting them into 'I like to drink' and 'I don't like to drink' Chinese sentences.

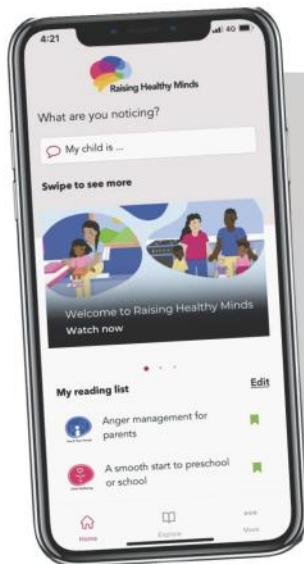


Raising Healthy Minds

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.

Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, the app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations designed to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing from birth to age 12.



Download the app from Google Play or the App Store



Find out more about Raising Healthy Minds at raisingchildren.net.au/rhm

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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 raisingchildren.net.au/rhm 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 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

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 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:

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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

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 below 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 Veggie	\$4
Teriyaki Chicken	\$4
Chicken Katsu	\$4
Panko Prawns	\$4
Tuna & Avo	\$4

HOT FOOD

Fried Rice	\$7
Fried Pork Gyoza (Rice)	\$7
Spring Rolls (4pc)	\$7
Chicken Hokkaido Noodle	\$10
Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir Fry + Fried rice	\$10

DRINKS

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

LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FRIDAY

Order must be in Thursday

MANY YUMMY OPTIONS!

ADULT BRONZE

11TH & 12TH OCTOBER

WEEKLY SESSION

Assessment day
Saturday 8th
November



Learn new skills



Help and encourage the nipper

For more information contact:

pippi_lee@hotmail.com or

jessica.woodward96@gmail.com

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



EAST GIPPSLAND UNDER 15's GIRLS ACADEMY

Every 2nd Wednesday June 4th Onwards

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



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

