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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.





Pyj<u>ama Da</u>y

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)



Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, Step Dads, Uncles, Grandfather's or special family friends.

We hope you enjoyed our Father's Day Breakfast and enjoy your special day on Sunday.



Dear Families and Friends,

After a few weeks of influenza sweeping through the school we appear to be getting back on track. It certainly helps that the sun is shining and that days are getting longer.

I was away last week reviewing a school in Berwick/Cranbourne and I am very pleased to be back home. City traffic is not for me! I heard the foundation assembly item was a hit last Friday and the teachers were brimming with pride. When you speak to the students, they just love assemblies, which is a nice bit of feedback to us. Please make sure you get down when you can.

Thank you to all our mums who assisted in running the Fathers' Day gift stalls and the breakfast, it is a sign of a very health community. Thanks also to our staff who came early on Friday to facilitate the event. I hope all dads and grandads have a wonderful day on Sunday. Twenty-three degrees to look forward to.

Some food additives can cause reactions: https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/

For most people, additives are not a problem in the short term. However, 50 of the 400 currently approved additives in Australia have been associated with adverse reactions in some people. Some food additives are more likely than others to cause reactions in sensitive people.

It is often the additives that are used to give a food a marketable quality, such as colour, that most commonly cause allergic reactions. Some of these hypersensitive reactions include:

- **Digestive disorders** diarrhoea and colicky pains
- Nervous disorders hyperactivity, insomnia and irritability
- **Respiratory problems** asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis
- **Skin problems** hives, itching, rashes and swelling.

It is important to realise that many of the symptoms experienced as a result of food sensitivities can be caused by other disorders. Medical diagnosis is important. If you try to diagnose yourself, you may restrict your diet unnecessarily and neglect an illness.



This week, we had Australian Rules Football clinics conducted by past student- Josh Dorling. The students had a wonderful time playing modified AFL games under the guidance of Josh. All other grades will have their clinics conducted next week.

Last night, we had four students attend the Lions Club Public Speaking competition and were supported by friends, family and members of staff. Ella O'Rourke, Elise Mahony, Willow Watson and Elan Jakobi represented our school with distinction and displayed great confidence..

Next Friday, we will have a pyjama day to raise money for fostered children. A great cause and an opportunity to celebrate Catholic Social Teaching, providing help to a local organisation. During the day we will also conduct our Science Afternoon. This is always a hit with students. Students get to take part in three short experiments that usually get a bit messy. One of the features is that our year six students conduct several of these lessons. The peer tutoring opportunity is a valuable step in their leadership.

Have a great weekend,

Matthew Hamer

		Up Coming Events	
	SEPTEMBER	Term 3	
	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	
Week 9	Friday 19th	The Big Picnic 9.10am GHC Assembly: Year 4/5 Red 2.15pm Term Ends	
	OCTOBER	Term 4	
Week 1	Monday 6th	9.00am Term 4 commences Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3 Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3	
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	Wednesday 8th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3	
	Thursday 9th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3	
	Friday 10th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3 District Summer Sports	





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EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: After Friday 9.30 am Mass.

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

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

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

ST. BRENDAN'S - ROSARY: 1st Saturday of the month 8.45am before Mass.
Next Rosary Morning 6th September 2025

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

MORNING TEA Morning tea Sunday 7th September for Father's Day after Mass in Hobby Room. All are most welcome.

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP



EASTERN BEACH CLEANUP

Written by Brock and Hudson

On Wednesday, the 20th of August 2025, Year 6 headed down to Eastern Beach with a lady from Tangaroa Blue called Anne-Marie.

Tangaroa Blue works with local communities to remove marine debris from the environment, and record what's found in their data base.

Anne-Marie taught us about the effects plastic pollution has on earth, and it was very interesting to learn about what plastic does to our beautiful planet and the effects on humans and marine life. We cleaned up 2 Kilometres of Eastern beach and found 60 pieces of plastic over the span of 1 hour and 15 minutes. We would like to thank Tangaroa Blue and Anne-Marie for teaching us about plastic and spending time cleaning it.

Did you know that plastic bottles take 450 years to decompose? Did you know that fishing line takes 600 years to decompose?

We are looking forward to continuing to learn more about plastic pollution throughout our Geography sessions and analysing the data from our collections on the day.

Thank you to Mrs Bromilow, Miss Witherow & Mel for organising the day!

















EASTERN BEACH CLEANUP







WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT MARINE DEBRIS?

- Bring reusable shopping bags to the supermarket.
- Use a stainless steel flask instead of plastic bottles.
- Reduce single-use plastics by using reusable items where possible.
- Put your litter in the bin. If the container is already overflowing, take it with you.
- Recycle as much as you can. Check with your local council what goes in the recycling bin.
- Pick up some rubbish when you go for a walk on the beach, in the park, in your neighbourhood or along waterways, or attend a beach clean





Lakes Entrance Beach Clean-up August 2025



Participants



1.25

Total Hours



9.1

Total Kilograms Removed



Total Distance Covered



Volume of debris removed



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Total items removed

Total Items: Plastic first aid materials & equipment (bandaids & bandages) Foam insulation & packaging (whole and remnants) Rubber balloons, balls, toys, elastic straps & bands Plastic bags supermarket, garbage, dog poo & ice Miscellaneous paper, labels & tickets Cloth, clothing, hats, and towels tem Summary: Top Ten Items Fishing line (recreational) Cigarette butts & filters August 2025 Clean-up. Hard plastic remnants Aluminium cans Š 2 2 M 4 S 9 œ 7 6

Tangaroa Blue Foundation would like to acknowledge the important contribution of St Brendan's Primary School as the on-ground volunteers contributing to this clean-up

Data Acknowledgement: Tangaroa Blue Foundation & the Australian Marine Debris (AMDI) Database.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Lands and Sea Country on which we live and work. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their continuous relationship to this land and the ongoing cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

Data Enquiries: data@tangaroablue.org



YR 6 GEOGRAPHY

In Geography Yr 6 explored the global connections of ocean currents. We discovered that in all oceans there are a system of gyres or whirlpools. We mapped the directions of currents and labelled the known gyres that were also known ominously as garbage patches.



PLASTIC POLLUTION & OUR OCEANS

The idea of Garbage Patches in our beautiful oceans really revolted us. Why were they there and what can we do about it?

So...we explored when plastic was invented and how it was made. We realised that we were part of the problem.

Hey...but we are the next generation so what can we do to solve it??



Did you know that plastic bottles take 450 years to decompose?

Did you know that fishing line takes 600 years to decompose?





That's when we connected with Tangaroa Blue. They are an organisation that tracks plastic pollution on a data base and uses this as evidence to lobby producers, governments and consumers to change their behaviours and hold us all accountable for the waste we produce.

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Plastic Pollution

We use lot's of things that are plastic like bags, bottles, toys

What do we use that's plastic

When plastic ends up in the ocean marine life can get tangled in the nets and plastic bags. I

OCEAN PROBLEMS BY AMITY

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGES IS PLASTIC. IT IS EVERYWHERE! LIKE I BET IT'S IN YOUR HOUSE RIGHT NOW, DON'T BELIEVE ME? CHECK IT FOR YOURSELF.

YOU SEE, PLASTIC IS A GIANT REASON WHY WE CAN'T HAVE HEALTHY OR PRETTY OCEANS. RUBBISH IS CAUSING ALL SEA ANIMALS TO DIE ALL OVER THE WORLD AND I BET IT MAKES YOU SAD THAT YOUR FAVOURITE SEA ANIMAL IS DYING OVER THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE THROWING AWAY. LIKE ONE MIGHT BE DYING RIGHT HERE AS YOU'RE **READING THIS.**

PLASTIC POLLUTION IN OUR • CEAN!!!!! Today the biggest problem in our world and our oceans is plastic pollution. Plastic pollution is quite hard to get rid of because once it is in our ocean it is nearly impossible to get out unless it washes up on our beaches. Rubbish can get into our ocean many different ways it can come from the producers, careless people dumping rubbish anywhere, rubbish coming overboard on ships or sailors dumping over the side. The easiest way to remove rubbish is stopping it at the source. Rubbish harms lots of animals by choking, poisoning and drowning and most of these lead to death. More than 1 million marine animals die each year. Rubbish can also harm us because large predators eat the animals who have digested rubbish then have the plastic in them and it gets into the food chain and we eat seafood. Humans eat microplastics and that can also be bad for our bodies. So basically, we have have to stop plastic at its source or everyone's well being







What is marine debris?

Marine debris is everything unnatural that is in the marine environment that is man made. It can be anything from plastic bottles and bags, old fishing equipment, and even shipwrecks. Most of the debris in our oceans is plastic. Plastic is light and durable so it can easily get tangled up with our animals. When This occurs because marine life can not swim, find food and sometimes can't breathe. Often they eat these plastics which makes them sick. Why don't we just remove the plastic from the water you say? Sadly it's not that



simple. Microplastics are too small to see and the ocean is a huge place! Terribly enough, one garbage truck per minute enters our oceans. So far there is already 90 tons of plastic in the oceans. Plastic and marine debris poses a massive threat to earth's delicate ecosystems.

BY ELAN

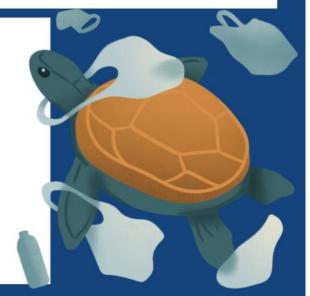
A Plastic Pollution

By Lacey Lee

Plastic pollution is changing society a lot in this century. And it's not just the factory workers or the Government's fault, it's our problem too. Us, the consumers of plastic, make a lot of bad decisions when it comes to plastic, we throw it on the ground or beach, don't recycle and leave rubbish in nature. It's not something we should be proud of, many animals and the environment have felt the most of the impact.

THE IMPACT

You may think the rubbish will eventually degrade after a few days but no, cardboard takes 2 months, cigarettes take 1-2 years, 6 pack rings take 400 years and the creepiest thing is scientists don't know how long a glass bottle takes to decompose! These rubbish go into animals and marine life's homes and they mistake it for food and end up dying. WWF states that its estimated 100,000 animals die from plastic each year!



Plastic Effects on People.

Plastic pollution doesn't just harm wildlife, it affects us too. Tiny plastic particles known as microplastics (less than 5mm in size) are now commonly found in oceans and waterways. Fish and other marine organisms ingest these particles, which then make their way into the human body through our food. Studies suggest that the average person consumes about 5 grams of plastic each week from the consumption of fish and other animals contaminated with microplastics, the equivalent of a credit card. Microplastics have even been found in human organs and are found to cause serious health concerns, including cancer, hormonal imbalances, and

immune system issues.

Contribution to climate change

Plastic is made from petrol, and its production and disposal release significant amounts of greenhouse gases. Each year, plastic manufacturers emit roughly 1.9 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2). When plastic is incinerated, it releases even more, about 6,330 kilograms of CO2 per tonne. If current actions continue, plastic related emissions could make up 15% of the world's total carbon output by 2050

SPECIAL REPORT:

Celebrating Father's Day



Over the centuries, the role of fathers has evolved. During the industrial revolution, fathers were more detached, spending long hours working in factories, whilst mothers took on the role of primary socialiser and educator of children. Men tended to show their love and devotion from a distance, choosing to leave the child rearing to their wives.

Today things have changed dramatically with many Dads being celebrated for being sensitive, caring and more hands-on. Research has shown that the amount of time fathers are now spending teaching, helping and playing with their children, has trebled. This has transformed our understanding of how fathers shape their children's lives from the start, challenging conventional ideas of parenthood and gender.

Fathers who involve themselves in physical activity with their children, play a key role in influencing them to learn self-control, face challenges, regulate emotions and take manageable risks. However, to be a great Dad, you need to also indulge in a little self-care and look after your own mental health. This allows you to be more responsive to your child's needs, and engage more readily in play and learning activities.

If you are a Dad and struggling a little bit, it is advisable to seek help from a medical professional. Or, if you just want to talk to someone who understands, you can call one of the following organisations.

In Australia, phone MensLine on 1300 78 99 78 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36.

In New Zealand, contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or Man Alive on 0800 826 367.





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

Collecting Students from School Grounds – Child Safety As you would understand, child safety is the number one priority for schools. As circumstances evolve, we want to ensure we have the best possible practice in place. Please note the following requirements for collecting students at the end of the day.

Collecting from the church gate -

Students in years Foundation, One and Two will remain with their class teacher at the end of the day just outside their classroom. The church gates will be open at 3.15pm, at which time parents are required to enter the school grounds to collect their children from the class teachers. This action is in place to avoid situations where students leave the school grounds and run into the church gate car park area without an adult being present.

Please use the appropriate car park entry and exit.

Please do not drive across the footpath to enter or exit the car park. We have students and other pedestrians using the footpath.

Collecting from the administration office

Please enter the gates and collect your child from the junior classroom area or your child from years Three to Six may meet you just inside the gates. Students are not to leave the grounds and cross the car park area without an adult walking with them.

If dropping students off in the morning, you must also walk them into school. Please do not use the disabled parking bay without permission to do so.

Collecting from car line

Typically, St Brendan's staff are there to organise students into cars at the end of the day. If you wish to park and collect your child, please use the crosswalk and an adult must walk with their child/ren. Drop off at the beginning of the day should take place at the bus stop area.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,

Matthew Hamer

Principal



St Brendan's Op Shop has second hand school uniform available.

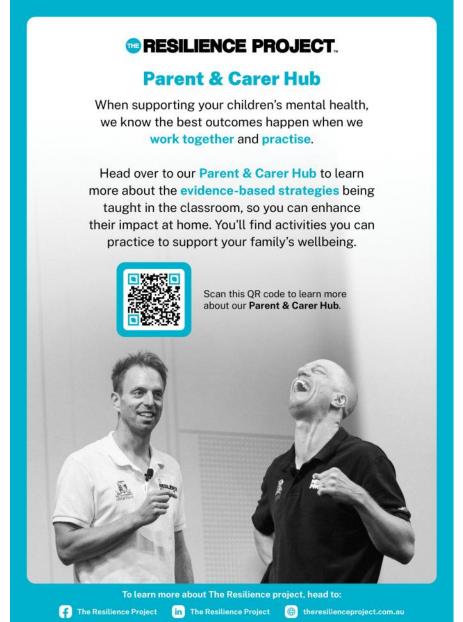
St Brendan's School uniform available \$3.00 per item unless otherwise marked.

Open 10am-3pm Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday.









School Crossing Assessment

Council have been asked to conduct a school crossing inspection on behalf of the "Department of Transport" Victoria. This inspection will be completed at a random date during term 3 or 4 at morning drop off and afternoon pickup. During these inspections, Council officers will be required to take photos and measurements of existing school crossings and road infrastructure. There will be no facial recognition in any of these photos as all faces will be blurred out.



Walk to School!

This October we're joining VicHealth's Walk to School with a local twist: "Park and Walk" \(\bar{\chi}\)

Walking helps kids feel energised, healthy, and ready to learn, while keeping school zones safer ♥

Families can park at the Aquadome carpark, and enjoy a short walk to school. Because Part Way is OK!

Keep an eye out for your child's fun "Park and Walk" activity booklet coming soon!

#WalktoSchool #ParkandWalk #PartWayIsOK























Save the Date

We're celebrating our 50th birthday and we want you there!

Saturday 11 October 2025 11.00 – 3.30pm GLCH, 18–26 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration featuring live music, roving performances, a community footpath art project, local food stalls, and giveaways.

Put the date in your calendar now – it's going to be great!







For your little tribe we have tailored NEW range of our best Saltwater creative workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break. Ages 5-15, 1,5 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included.

Kids Klay - Monster making

Tuesday 23rd @ 10:30am-12.00pm
Make your very own monster this spring
holidays! Were going to learn simple hand
building clay techniques to create something
totally out of the ordinary!
\$60.00pp

Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Intro to the basics

Wednesday 24th @ 10:30am-12pm Thursday 2nd @ 10:30pm-12.00pm Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics. \$65.00pp

Mask decoration

Tuesday 30th @ 10:30am-12:00pm
We are bringing this unique activity back
from the dead. Be as creative and out there
as you possibly canl \$60.00pp

Textured art workshop for all ages

Wednesday @ 10:30am - 12pm

Tuesday 1pm @ 1pm-2:30pm
We LOVE getting artsy and this workshop is
exactly about that! We take you or/and your
title artist through shapes and techniques to
create their unique masterpiece of textured

\$60.00pp

Kids Acrylic Smash Balloon Painting Session

Thursday 25th @ 1pm - 2:30pm
Using fluid art technique and balloon
smashing to create up to three beautiful &
bright artworksl
\$50.00pp

Please note depending on the weather you might need to leave the pieces in the studio to dry for 24h

Please note clay pieces will take 3-4 weeks to be ready.

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

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOWS

The Velveteen Rabbit

Tuesday 30 Sept 11.00am and 6.00pm

A playful and poetic reimagining of the



Polite Mammals

Friday 3 Oct 11.00am and Saturday 4 Oct 6.00pm

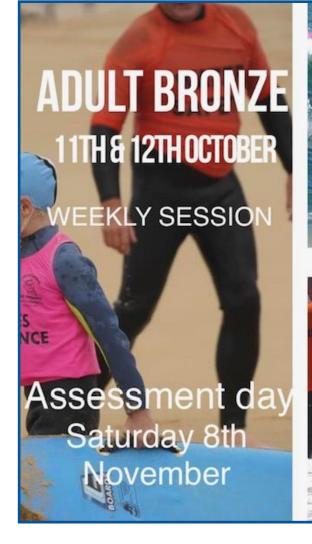
A wacky and dolightful variety show about animals



The Forge Theatre, 80 McKean Street, Bairnsdale www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets







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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 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre Wednesdays 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre Mondays

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





