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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.



THE BIG PICNIC Friday, 19th September

The day begins with
our Golden Honour
Card Assembly at
9.10am in the Mary
MacKillop Hall.

Please be aware that
St Brendan's Primary
School begins the
September holidays at
2.15pm on Friday, 19
September.

SPORTS SHIRTS

All St Brendan's sports
shirts, shorts and socks that
have been given out to
children for school sports,
need to be washed and
returned to school as soon
as possible.

Thank you

Reminder to grant permission on PAM for:



- The Big Picnic
- Foundation Swimming Lessons
- Year 1 Swimming Lessons
- Year 2 Swimming Lessons
- Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Thank you

On Friday, 19 September we celebrate the end of term with our Big Picnic.
At 10.30am the staff and students will walk down to the
Footbridge Rotunda.

While there we will have games and enjoy lunch together at 12.15pm. We
leave the park around 1.15pm to return to school.
Students will be in sports uniform.

They should have a water bottle, hat, a packed lunch and snack.

Please join us for the celebration. If you wish to take your child home
from the rotunda, notify your child's classroom teacher so that they may
mark the attendance roll.



Write down one **kind and
helpful thing** that you will do
for a family member tonight.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Last Week of
term.

Friday, 19th September early
finish at **2.15pm**





Every Day Counts

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: The importance of regular school attendance.

At St Brendan's CPS, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

At our current rate of average attendance, students at our St Brendan's will miss 20 days of school in 2025. This equates to 5 terms over the 13 years of primary/secondary schooling or well over 1 year of schooling!

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time or just not being as lenient with taking 'the odd day off'. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or assessments, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or Sarah McGuinness (Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader) about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via PAM so we can work together to support them.

Remember, Every Day Counts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hamer

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EVERYDAY COUNTS

Being at school every day helps students benefit from learning, friendships and opportunities that shape their future.

80% ATTENDANCE = 1 DAY A WEEK

An 80% attendance rate puts your child at risk of falling behind.



1 DAY A WEEK = 40 DAYS A YEAR



That's almost a full term of lost learning.
Every day counts, even small absences make a big difference.

40 DAYS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 7 YEARS

Attendance matters.
The more days missed, the harder it is to catch up.



Together we achieve

St Brendan's
Catholic Primary School

		Up Coming Events
	SEPTEMBER	Term 3
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
	Tuesday 7th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year3
	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

Seasons for Growth® Program

Learning to live with change and loss:

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Brendan's Catholic Primary School, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation,

divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are, therefore, offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth early Term Four. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

If you require further information, please contact **Sarah Waite** at school (Student Wellbeing Officer and Seasons for Growth Facilitator).



			
Tues 16th Sept:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 17th Sept:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 19th Sept:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sat 20th Sept:	St. Dymphna's Fr. Hiep away in Melbourne for Ordination to Priesthood	Buchan Swan Reach	No Mass 5.00 pm
Sun 21st Sept:	St. Brendan's St. Colman's	Lakes Entrance Orbost	9.00 am 11.00 am

DIVISION ATHLETICS



By Lacey, Maddi and Sadie

On Monday the 8th of September, 28 students from grade three to six traveled to Howitt Park in Bairnsdale to compete in field and track events. We were lucky that the weather was so beautiful, throughout the day we had an average of 17 to 23 degrees. During the course of the day we had several successes with many students placing. Parents, students and carers all supported those competing by cheering and celebrating before and after races. The spirit remained high and resulted in success with 15 students making it through to Regional Athletics in Newborough.

There were a bunch of different schools in attendance, about double the amount there were last time at district athletics. So that means there were LOTS of students there. We all definitely had some competition! Everyone tried their best and did an amazing job competing in all their events, we all had lots of fun and are super proud of our efforts.

We'd like to thank Mrs Neal, Mrs Bromilow and Jenny V for taking us and making sure we got to our events on time, all the people who ran the events and our bus driver for driving us.



DIVISION ATHLETICS



LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2025



This term, a few grade sixes have been writing persuasive texts on artificial intelligence. Then we all read our pieces to the class. The teachers decided who would go through out of the sixes. I, Elan Jakobi was chosen and so was Willow Watson in grade five. In grade three and four Elise Mahony and Ella O'Rourke were the St Brendan's CPS representatives. We would all read our speeches competing against other schools.

On the 4th of September St Mary's Primary School, Metung Primary School, Lakes Entrance Primary School, and St Brendans Primary School students met at Mechanics hall to read their speeches. It was a competitive night but we all supported each other and had lots of fun.

Thank you to the St Brendan's teachers and staff who came to support us.

By Elan



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

2025



On the 5th of September we had our Fathers Day breakfast in the morning. Everyone there had so much fun and we loved to see everyone in their footy colours (go Freo!)

It was lovely to see everyone celebrating how important their father figures are in our lives and showing our appreciation towards them. Father figures are people who will always show up and care for us no matter what.

We would like to thank the St Brendan's staff for showing up early to help set up and families for donating eggs and bacon, because without these donations we wouldn't be able to have food for everyone. Thank you to the mums who helped cook our food, it was delicious. Thanks Mel and Kylie for organising the raffle and our prizes, Meaghan for making this event happen and organizing it and for all the dads taking time out of their day to celebrate with us!

We hope everyone had an amazing Fathers Day and showed their appreciation towards their father figures

By Ivy and Isla

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Last week on Monday and Tuesday, we had our Fathers Day stall. Thank you to Mel Rickman for buying all the gifts and to all the mums that helped out to run the Fathers Day stall. A big thank you to the local businesses we purchased from, whose support helps make our raffle possible. We all enjoyed decorating the personalized gift bags in art. We hope all the dads loved their gifts.

By Isaac B

THANK
YOU

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A SPECIAL REPORT: R U OK?Day

Understanding the growing challenges related to mental health among young people is an important consideration. Anxiety, depression and self-harm - are all causes for concern. Factors like academic pressure, social media, family dynamics, and societal expectations, are contributing to these issues. It's therefore crucial for parents and caregivers to take action early, remove the stigma around discussing mental health, and offer accessible support to address these issues and the wellbeing of their children.

R U OK?Day is an initiative that focuses on preventing suicide by encouraging meaningful personal connections and helping informal support networks to help recognise the signs of distress. We urge all families to take part, emphasising the value of genuine human relationships and reminding everyone to ask the important question, "Are you OK?"

Engaging in R U OK?Day activities goes beyond the classroom; it's a commitment to our students' overall development. By talking openly about mental health, schools create safe spaces where students feel understood, valued, and supported. As parents and caregivers, you can contribute by fostering open conversations, normalising feelings and breaking down mental health stigmas. Participating in R U OK?Day promotes compassion and shows our dedication to the wellbeing of the entire school community, reaffirming that together, we can truly make a difference.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to talk to your child about mental health and engage in meaningful discussions.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-r-u-ok-day



SPECIAL REPORT



I'm **here**
to **hear**





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



A reminder that the **car park** at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

If you enter these car parks you **MUST** walk your children into the school.

DROP OFF ZONE is via the Mary MacKillop Hall carpark only.

The Disabled Parking spaces are for people with permits **only**.

Thank you.

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

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" 🚶

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 #PartWaysOK



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!

50 Years | Thousands of Stories | Locals
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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

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SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2025

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 Clay - Monster making

Tuesday 23rd @ 10:30am-12:00pm

Make your very own monster this spring 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 - 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 can! \$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 little artist through shapes and techniques to create their unique masterpiece of textured art.
\$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 artworks!
\$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 or contact us via the details below.

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ART & CERAMICS STUDIO

HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

**FAST TRACK
YOUR CHILD'S
SWIMMING
ABILITY!**

**Monday 29 September - Friday 3
October 2025**

Cost: \$60
On confirmation of booking a \$20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.

**Enrolments due
Friday 26 September**

**DAILY 30 MINUTE
LESSONS OVER 5
DAYS!**



ENROL ONLINE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE




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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
classic tale



Polite Mammals

**Friday 3 Oct 11.00am
and Saturday 4 Oct 6.00pm**

A wacky and delightful
variety show about animals



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

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:

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PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

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REGISTER NOW

**UNDER 13
COMPETITION**

[AGES 9-13]



**WOOLWORTHS
CRICKET BLAST**

[AGES 5-9]



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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



**SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS
SORTED**

LUCKNOW REC RESERVE
THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND
9AM - 3PM
AGES 5-12

