### St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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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.



## Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, 2 & 3

Water Safety and Survival Program times for Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Monday 6th - Friday 17th October

First 2 weeks of Term 3

Children are to wear their bathers under their uniform each day. It would be considered appropriate for children to wear their sports uniform for the duration of the swimming program. Children should bring the following in a plastic bag, clearly labelled, which they will carry to the pool: -Underwear -Towel -Goggles

-Water Bottle

Working With Children registration will WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK TOTORIA be required to walk the children to and

-Brush/Comb

Please inform your class teacher if you can help. Thank you.



Permission for Swimming Lessons has been released on PAM. Please complete at you earliest convenience. Thank you





Term 3 ends today at 2.15pm - early finish

**Term 4 commences** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

		Up Coming Events
	SEPTEMBER	Term 3
Week 9	Friday 19th	2.15pm Term Ends
	OCTOBER	Term 4
Week 1	Monday 6th	9.00am Term 4 commences Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Tuesday 7th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Wednesday 8th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Thursday 9th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Friday 10th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 District Summer Sports
Week 2	Monday 13th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Tuesday 14th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
	Wednesday 15th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Regional Athletics
	Thursday 16th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 3.30pm Reconciliation Parent Workshop
	Friday 17th	Swimming Lessons Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Walk to School Day Division Summer Sports
	Sunday 19th	9.00am Reconciliation Commitment Mass
	NOVEMBER	
Week 5	Monday 3rd	Student Free Day
	Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday

### Summer Uniform



The school holidays is a great time to get your summer uniform ready for next term.

- · Wash hats and library bags
- · Clean out school bags
- · Check dress length for girls
- Purchase new uniform or shoes if required

There is a two week cross over in Term 4 before all students will be required to wear summer uniform.



Tues 23rd Sept: Lakes Entrance St. Brendan's Fr. Hiep away in Melb. Liturgy of the word with communion. St . Colman's Orbost No Fr. Hiep away in Melb. Liturgy of the word with communion. Wed 24th Sept: No Mass Fri 26th Sept: Lakes Entrance St Brendan's 9.30 am Fr. Hiep away in Melb. Liturgy of the word with communion. Sat 27th Sept: St. Brendan's Lakes Entrance No Mass St. Brendan's 9.00 am Sun 28th Sept: Lakes Entrance Orbost Swan Reach St. Colman's 11.00 am St. Joseph's 5.00 pm Vietnamese mass.

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 4th October 2025

VISITATIONS: 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 <a href="mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com">stbrendan@bigpond.com</a>

MORNING TEA Morning tea Sunday 12th October after Mass in Hobby Room.

All are most welcome.

### PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

# Reverence — Love and Compassion — Honesty — Generosity — Commitment — Faithfulness — Inclusion — Forgiveness — Respect

### **GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS**

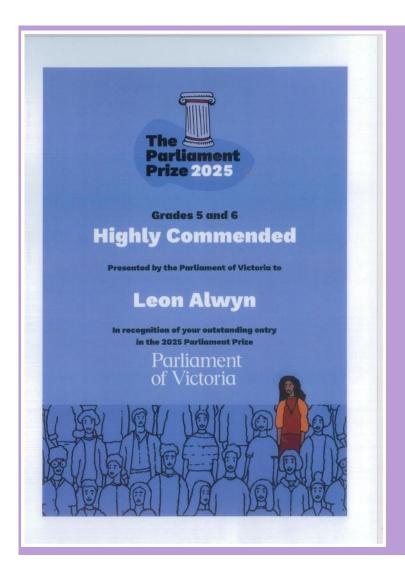
Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Golden Honour Awards for Term 3, 2025

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Foundation Red	Scarlett Vu	For being a truly diligent student who consistently tries hard when completing all learning tasks and for producing work to a high standard.
	Penelope Wegmann	For consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic by completing all learning tasks to a high standard.
Foundation Blue	Sam Howden	For his positive attitude to learning. He approaches every opportunity with attentiveness and a genuine willingness to learn. His growth driven by determination is admirable.
	Valerie Carnegie	For her impressive growth in literacy. Valerie approaches each learning opportunity thoughtfully and applies feedback with care to continually improve her skills.
1 Red	Sophia Bakes	For displaying personal qualities that make her a great class member, patience, empathy, kindness, helpfulness and tolerance.
	Hazel-Therese Mongan	For being an engaged and enthusiastic learner, always giving 100%
1 Blue	Zara Meloury-Jones	For her growth and improved confidence in her reading skills.
	Oliver Hayllar	For always leading by example and completing learning tasks in a thorough manner.
2 Red	Pippa Ford White	Pippa is a caring member of the class. She is always willing to help others. Pippa consistently strives for excellence in all her tasks, enjoying her journey of learning.
	Phoebe Strong	Phoebe is always engaged and enthusiastic about her learning. She consistently shows her 3Rs towards staff and students. Congratulations Phoebe!
2 Blue	Remy Lay	For your dedication and determination during Toe-by-Toe lessons to improve your reading skills.
	Isla Johnson	For using growth mindset when learning and applying long vowel diagraphs to your spelling.
3/4Red	Anelia Wyllie	For sharing her thinking and applying herself to the best of her ability in all topic areas.
	Brock Lina	For working to the best of his ability and showing outstanding effort in all topic areas.
3 Blue	Mahlee Roberts	For going the extra mile helping out in the class and consistent approach to learning.
	Evie Friend	For engaging in all learning tasks with enthusiasm and showing pride in your work.
4/5 Red	Aaliyah Dollman	For always giving her best effort in learning. She consistently engages in class discussions, shares her ideas and shows respect to teachers and classmates.
	Blake Howden	For continually taking on feedback to improve his learning. He shows persistence and always strives to better himself. He contributes thoughtfully in class adding value to discussions and supports a positive learning environment.
5 Blue	Isla Strong	For your consistent approach to extend your own learning and complete all tasks to a high standard.
	Georgia McGuinness	For demonstrating perseverance and commitment to improving your mathematics knowledge.
6 Red	Elan Jakobi	For your outstanding dedication to learning across all curriculum areas and for proudly representing our school at the Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition.
	Callum Yates	For the wonderful growth you have shown in your leadership. The way you join in, give your best to your learning and show respect to others makes a big difference.
6 Blue	Shaaurya Sahay	For consistently showing initiative, taking responsibility & approaching every task with a positive attitude. You are a dedicated role model who leads by example & inspires others through your actions.
	Maddison Woodward	For always setting a positive example for others & leading by example, as well as demonstrating outstanding diligence & commitment to your learning!
Art	Sadie Morrison	For always applying herself and adding extra detail to her artwork. Well done Sadie!
	Luca Fry	For always trying to improve his artwork by asking questions and adding details. Well done Luca!
Sport	Sunny Eiseman	For always setting a positive example through respect for both your teachers and peers. You are an outstanding role model. You have also grown in confidence, allowing your skills and leadership to shine!
	Hazel Scicluna	For showing excellent listening skills and for following instructions with focus. Hazel displays enthusiasm for all sports and movement activities.
Science	Abbey Lawrence	For asking inquisitive questions in science and explaining her thinking to the class.
	Ava Corrie	For using questioning and reasoning skills in science lessons. Ava always thinks and applies her knowledge when developing questions and predictions.
Mandarin	Elan Jakobi	for your continued confidence to speak Mandarin phrases with clarity and accuracy in front of your peers. It is wonderful to see you using learnt phrases to build new sentences Elan. Zuò dé hǎo 做得好 (well done).
	Isaac Balington	for your ability to remember Chinese phrases and always showing your knowledge by speaking Mandarin in class. Keep up the positive attitude Isaac. Fēicháng hǎo 非常好 (extremely good).
Health	Anelia Wyllie	For demonstrating a strong understanding of gender stereotypes and how they can be unfair. You have shown that you can recognise and challenge stereotypes, suggest fair alternatives and create a character that promotes equality and inclusion.
	Oliver Hayllar	For always listening carefully, applying new knowledge to learning and showing a positive attitude in every task. Your enthusiasm and effort make you a wonderful role model for your class.
Deputy Principal	Tahlia Woodward	For your consistent manners towards peers and teachers, your respect for school values and your bright and encouraging outlook towards everything you do.
School Captains	Tahlia Woodward	For always pushing herself to extend on her own learning across all areas.
Indigenous	Fletcher Pollard	For his deep thinking and thoughtful contributions to class discussions on Indigenous history. He demonstrates empathy and respectful understanding to the experiences and perspectives of the events and people involved.

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Golden Honour Awards



Congratulations Leon for receiving a

Highly Commended in recognition of his outstanding entry in the 2025

Parliament Prize.





It was lovely to see how many people came to school in their pajamas. The amount of different pyjamas were amazing. We would like to thank everyone for kindly donating to A Better Life For Foster Kids.

We are proud to say that on Friday we raised over \$400 and collected a mega assortment of products!!! We would also like to give a big thank you to Amcal for donating toiletries and Gippsland Megasavers for their generous donation of beanies and ear muffs. Check out the photo below for the massive amount of products that were so kindly donated.



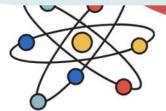


FOR FOSTER KIDS









On Friday the 12th we had our science afternoon!
Everyone was involved in the crafty experiments and activities. We got to move around to 3 different stations in our groups. The school and house captains helped out with the younger students and everyone had heaps of fun. There were lots of explosions, stretchy slime and cool experiments.

Some of the things we got to do were making pepper dance, making bubbles, erupting mini volcanos and slime. But that's only some of the incredible things we had an opportunity to take part in. We would like to thank all the staff, Mrs Thompson and the year 6s that helped support and make the afternoon happen.



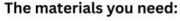






### Jumping pepper

Jumping pepper is what it's called and I'm going to tell you what it does. You put pepper and salt on a bowl and then you get a spoon and rub the spoon against a wool cloth. Then you slowly hover it against the bowl and then the pepper should jump up and stick to the spoon. Jumping pepper teaches the students about physics.



This is what you would need to make it work. You have to get a plastic spoon not a metal spoon or it won't work. Then you can get any bowl, it could be plastic or metal. Lastly, you add salt and pepper.

Written by Anton.



The mad milk was my favourite because it looked cool.

Jobey L















My favourite science experiment was the Volcano eruption experiment. You needed vinegar and bicarb soda to make the volcano erupt. We also used food colouring to make the eruption colourful. It was the best because it was an explosion and we got it all over our hands. It was very fun!

Anthony M





I liked magic milk because the colours moved when we put the soap in. **Zach R** 











I liked the little tin foil boats experiment. Mine was one of the best ones because it had a rounded bottom which held more things than others. When we tested it, it held up with straws, unifix blocks and counters.

Sienna-Lee F





On Friday the 12th of September 2025 we had our term 3 Science day. On science day there were many different experiments ranging from a volcano eruptions, floating foil boats, learning about air pressure and a bunch of other different activities. All ages from Foundation to Year 6 participated in these activities and listened to the science behind what made the experiments exciting and fun.

A big thank you to Ms Thompson for organising the Science Afternoon and the staff and year 6 students who ran each experiment for us. It was a great experience.

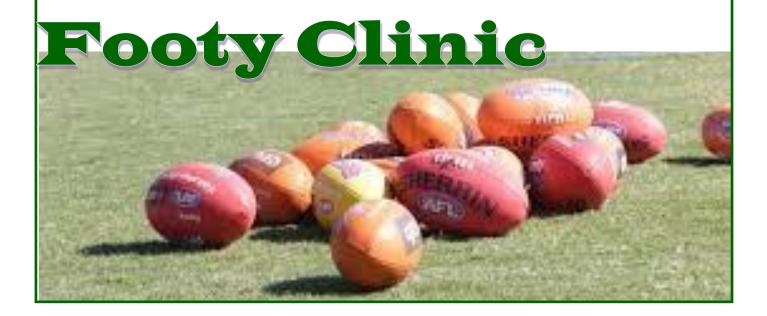


By Hudson



For the last two weeks we have had Josh from AFL Victoria teaching us new football skills during our sport lessons. We all had lots of fun and enjoyed learning new skills. I got to help Josh with the grade ones and we did heaps of fun activities and skills. Everyone did a great job mastering the new skills they learnt. We would like to thank Josh for coming to St Brendan's and teaching us these new skills and thank Ms Neal for making it happen.

Written by Sunny Eiseman



### **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.

<u>HAIR</u> 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.





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.





### 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 in 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).



# 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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

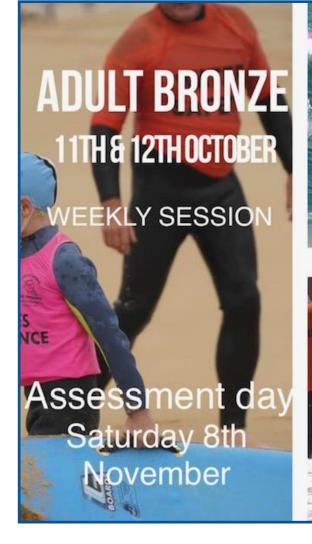
A wacky and dolightful variety show about animals



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







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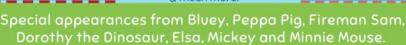
\$15 FOR 1HR SESSION - \$50 FOR 4HR SESSION

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com



- Entertainment
- Jumping Castle
- Showbags
- Live music
- Free zone Face painting
- **Emergency services**
- Squishable Moments

Photography & much more!



### **EVERYDAY COUNTS**

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.



### **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





### PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB! REGISTER NOW

**UNDER 13** COMPETITION

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

[AGES 5-9]







Any queries to 0417 712 269 / lakescc@outlook.com





### 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



