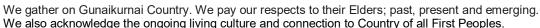
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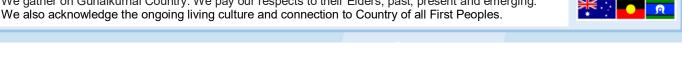
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October 17, 2025









KICK GOALS FOR GOOD

Friday, the 24th of October, St Brendan's CPS will participate in SOCKTOBER.

Students are asked to wear crazy/colourful/mismatched socks.

We ask students wearing crazy sock to bring a gold coin donation to help support the children in Zambia.

socktober.org.au



| | | Up Coming Events | | |
|--------|----------------|---|--|--|
| | OCTOBER | Term 4 | | |
| Week 2 | Sunday 19th | 9.00am Reconciliation Commitment Mass | | |
| Week 3 | Monday 20th | Division summer Sports—Good Luck Teams! | | |
| | Thursday 23rd | Year 3 & 3/4 Prayer | | |
| | Friday 24th | Year 1 Mass 2.30pm Assembly—School Captains SOCKTOBER | XXX | |
| Week 4 | Thursday 30th | 3.30pm Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop Regional Summer Sports | Day for | |
| | Friday 31st | 9.10am All Saint Day Mass DAY FOR DANIEL | Join Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. | |
| | NOVEMBER | | Friday 31 October, 2025 WEARRED Educate DONATE | |
| Week 5 | Monday 3rd | Student Free Day | | |
| | Tuesday 4th | Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday | | |
| | Thursday 6th | State Athletics | | |
| | Friday 7th | Assembly—Year 3/4 | | |
| Week 6 | Wednesday 12th | 2026 Foundation Orientation (9.00am-10.30am / 12.00pm-1.30pm) | | |
| | Thursday 13th | Year 2 Celebration of Learning 1.45pm-3.00pm | | |
| | Friday 14th | Year 2 Mass | | |



November @ 9.00am



| Tues 21st Oct: | St. Brendan's | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am |
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| Wed 22nd Oct: | St . Colman's | Orbost | 9.30 am |
| Fri 24th Oct: | St. Brendan's Year 1 Class Mass | Lakes Entrance s. All welcome. | 9.10 am |
| Sat 25th Oct: | St. Brendan's St. Brendan's Welcoming Mass | Lakes Entrance Lakes Entrance for new Parishioners. | 9.00 am 5.00 pm |
| Sun 26th Oct: | St. Brendan's St. Colman's St. Joseph's | Lakes Entrance Orbost Swan Reach | 9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm |

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

ays

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 1st November 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 stbrendan@bigpond.com

MORNING TEA Morning tea Sunday 9th November after Mass in Hobby Room.

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES





Join Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Friday 31 October, 2025

WEARRED educate DONATE



It's all about keeping kids safe!

Register your school or early learning centre, or workplace today!

DanielMorcombe.com.au

IMPORTANT information on keeping kids safe





"I feel yucky"

You have the right to be SAFE and you can get





"Run to find help"

TALK

to the five grownups on your safety network until you get the HELP you need





Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Emergency

Check out our FREE videos and resources at **DanielMorcombe.com.au**

#DayForDaniel #KeepingKidsSafe #RecogniseReactReport







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.



On 10/10/25 the boys cricket team consisting of Leon, Noah, Brock, Shaaurya, Lucas, Lincoln, Harrison and Maddox went to the Lakes footy field, for summer sports. When we arrived we put on sunscreen and started playing. Up first was Lakes Entrance Primary School (LEPS.) We won the bat flip and chose to field. They scored 64 runs and we scored 72 runs and won the game. Then we immediately played Toorloo Arm Primary School (TAPS.) We won the bat flip and decided to bat first. We smashed many sixes and fours, we had scored 114 runs but TAPS scored 118. We played very well but we just missed out on the win by 4 runs. We then had a small break where we could eat and re-apply sunscreen. Then we went to the small pitch to play against TUBBS 'B' where we won 127 to 112 runs.

After this we went against the best team we would face on the day. We won the bat flip and chose to field. We did very well fielding and made them score 80 runs, then we were batting. Brock and I made 45 runs and the rest of us did very well but sadly we didn't win. Which meant we didn't make it through to the next round but overall we had lots of fun!

We would like to thank Mel and Mrs Neal for coaching us on the day and everyone that helped out to make the day happen.

By Shaaurya S





On Friday the 10th of October, the girls cricket team headed to the Lakes Entrance football oval to play TUBBS and LEPS in cricket.

It was a very windy day and tough conditions to play cricket in but the sun was out which was enjoyable. When we first got there we warmed up and started playing against LEPS. If we won this game we would make it through to division, and we did!

We are so excited that we get to go to Bairnsdale to play.

The next game we only won by one point! It was 58 to 59. Our day was amazing and we loved putting zinc on our faces and eating lollies.

We can't wait to go to the next level in summer sports! Everyone did an amazing job batting, bowling and fielding.

We would like to thank Mrs Neal and Mel for coaching us and Brent Neal for umpiring our games.

Thank you also to Ollie & Scott from the Lakes Entrance Cricket Club who came along to umpire the other matches.

Written by Josie N & Sienna J





When we got to the high school we started the warm ups. We focused on serves, digs and sets. Throughout the games we worked on the three techniques. The first game we did really well with our serves and digs. We didn't really use sets but at our second game, the host had told us to try to use our set to an advantage which helped a lot.

Girls volleyball was a challenge but also a lot of fun. The first game we smashed TUBBS then we went up against LEPS and sadly they won that round. We had a few good rallies against LEPS but then eventually we lost by a few points. TAPS was the last team we went up against. We won! Overall, we won two and lost one game but we didn't get through. We had a lot of fun!

Thank you to Shaun for teaching us new skills and supporting us through the day and Lakes Entrance Secondary College for hosting the event.

A big thanks also to Mrs Bromilow and Kylie for coaching us and supporting us throughout the day.

By: Hannah Rose Fitzgerald.





Last week, our mixed volleyball team represented St Brendan's in the Summer sports competition. The students played with great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day.

Although the team didn't make it through to the next level, they showed great skill and improvement with every match.

It was wonderful to see both the boys and girls working together, showing respect for their opponents and celebrating each other's efforts. The team should be very proud of how they played and the way they represented our school. Thank you to Mrs Bromilow and Kylie for supporting us on the day.





On Friday the 10th of October, we had the volleyball, cricket and basketball teams go to summer sports, but in this article it's all about girls basketball. At the St Brendan's school basketball hall, eight girls - Sadie, Hunta, Lacey, Kenya, Billie Ivy, Winter and Georgia competed against Lakes Entrance Primary and TAPS.

We won all of our four games using great teamwork, sticking together and not giving up! We versed some people we know from other schools, so we were friends in general but enemies on the court. The schools were really fun and showed good sportsmanship which really brightened everyone's day. Each game we evaluated our chances of winning and came up with a strategy that would give us a chance to win. We played Man on Man, and used the benefit of passing to get the ball to our end faster.

During our last game with five seconds on the clock, Lacey number 13 scores a one-handed three from the yellow line - a perfect way to finish our day, busing with excitement and celebrating our wins.

We would like to thank our fantastic coach Fi for guiding us through games and running training sessions, parents who came to watch and score our games, and other schools and teachers for making this event possible.

If you want to cheer us on, come and watch one round and sing our lucky song!!! SONG:

I said Brrrrrrr It's cold here! There must be some St Beeeeeees In the ATMOSPHERE!! By Lacey and Sadie





On Friday the 10th of October, we had Summer sports. The first game was against Lakes Entrance Primary School (LEPS) and the score was LEPS 13, St Brendan's 39. Everyone played well and worked together to get the win.

Then we had a break and watched the other game being played.

Our second game was against TAPS. The boys shared the ball around and always looked for the open player to help score. The final score was TAPS 15, St Brendan's 27.

After our second game there was a lunch break and a chance for the referees to have a break.

In our last game we played TUBBS. The scores were TUBBS 4 St Brendan's 38. After working hard all day, Jordan scored his first goal through the support of his team mates and it was worth it to see the joy on his face!

We would like to thank Miss Witherow for coaching us and Sheenie for supporting us during the day. Thank you also to Cooper and Evan for umpiring our games. We are looking forward to the next round!

By Sunny ,Cal and Isaac



Social media age restrictions



What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

Online services are constantly evolving but at this stage the restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube,** among other platforms.

Online gaming and standalone messaging apps are among a number of types of services that have been excluded under the legislative rules.

Teens will still have online access

Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require being logged into an account. For example, most content is currently available to view on YouTube without holding an account.

Having an account increases the likelihood that they'll be exposed to pressures and risks stemming from design features which encourage children to spend more time on screens, while serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

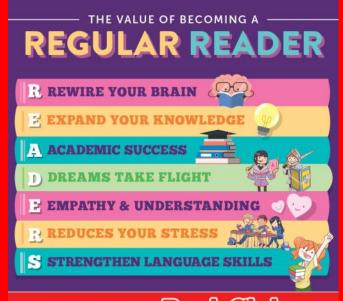






For more **information and resources** to help you prepare, visit **eSafety.gov.au**





SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Orders are due back: Thursday 23rd October





SCHOOL UNIFORM

St Brendan's School Uniform can be ordered online!

Link to website for St Brendan's Uniform below:

https://nicksbairnsdale.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/st-brendans-uniform/

2025

93 Main Street Bairnsdale Victoria 3875 Phone (03) 5152 1333

Uniform Reminders



<u>JEWELLERY</u> 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.



<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.





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 #PartWayIsOK











🚥 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:



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.



The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is open! Get in quick as applications for a voucher

will close on 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Victorian families with a Health Care **Card or Pensioner Concession Card can** apply for up

to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Apply now at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Get \$200 to help your child play sport!



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INTERCHANGE GIPPSLAND OPEN SESSION

GRADUATING FROM SCHOOL IN 2025 OR 2026? TIME TO START EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS NOW!



Interchange Gippsland is a disability support organisation based in Bairnsdale, with a range of services available for people with a disability. Services include:

- · YAS (Adult Day Service)
- · ROADIES (weekend activities for teens)
- Transition options
- · One to one supports for all ages

UPCOMING OPEN SESSION

Monday 20th October 2:00pm to 2:30pm















💡 13b & 14a Eastwood Village Shopping Centre, 30 Howitt Avenue, Bairnsdale



😯 @LakesEntranceTennisClub 🏻 🌐 play.tennis.com.au/LETC

GIRLS Graded & Development COMPETITIONS

REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations Close 18/10/25

Season starts week of 31/10/25 Cost: \$115 plus BV fees



NO Late Registrations Accepted For all questions please text Junior Coordinator: 0475 518 250

JUNIORS MIXED COMPETITION DEGISTRATION ODEN

REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations Close 18/10/25
Season starts week of 27/10/25
Cost: \$115 plus BV fees



NO Late Registrations Accepted For all questions please text Junior Coordinator: 0475 518 250

Mixed Under 8's Competition

REGISTRATION OPEN

Registrations Close 18/10/25

Season starts 28/10/25 Cost: \$90 plus BV fees

NO Late Registrations
Accepted

For all questions please text Junior Coordinator: 0475 518 250



For more details please contact

E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au

CFA





NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.









Detox your Home is coming to Bairnsdale

Saturday 25 October 2025 | 9.00am to 1.00pm

East Gippsland Livestock Exchange, 11 Saleyard Road, Bairnsdale

Household chemicals such as bleach, pesticides, weed killers. cleaning products and fuels should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at Sustainability Victoria's free Detox your Home event, without harming your health or the environment.

For a full list of chemicals accepted, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/accepted-items

Detox your Home events are drive-through and contactless.



To register to attend simply scan the QR code or visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome



SPORTS SHIRTS All St Brendan's sports tops that have been given out to children for school sports, need to be washed and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you





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.



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





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& much more!

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UNDER 13 COMPETITION

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WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

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FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

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 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



We're Back!



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

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





