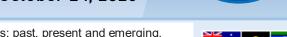
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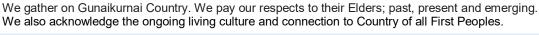
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Wear a touch of red to
Celebrate Day
for Daniel.

This is not an out of uniform day - just add a touch of **red** to your uniform.

Students and teachers will gather on the oval to enjoy lunch together to reinforce the message about keeping kids safe.







School Resumes Wednesday 5th
November @ 9.00am

Dear Families and Friends,

Swimming in the first two weeks of term was a huge success. Thank you to all families who supported us in this endeavour through organising your child and in helping volunteer on the walks to and from the Aquadome. The students have also transitioned smoothly back into routine, and we have booked swimming for the same time next year.

Last week, Hannah Neal and Emma Albert took our very keen athletes to Newborough for the **Regional Athletics Carnival.** Both Hannah and Emma were thrilled with the behaviour of the students which makes us particularly proud, and they returned with the following results.

Brock Voigt 3rd in 200m, Ivy O'Donnell 3rd in 1500m, Hannah Fitzgerald 3rd in Shot Put and Shiloh Eiseman 1st in 1500m. Shiloh will compete in Melbourne at the State Finals. Congratulations to all our wonderful competitors.

Walk to school morning was a lot of fun. Over sixty of our staff and students walked to school from the footbridge rotunda to encourage this type of healthy lifestyle and to draw more attention to road safety. At school all students were greeted with a piece of fruit, generously donated by Woolworths. We thank Woolies for their commitment to supporting this initiative each year.

Learning maths: connecting school and home: https://raisingchildren.net.au/

Your child has been <u>learning about maths since birth</u>. And when your child starts school, you have a big role in helping them continue to build, practise and improve maths and numeracy skills.



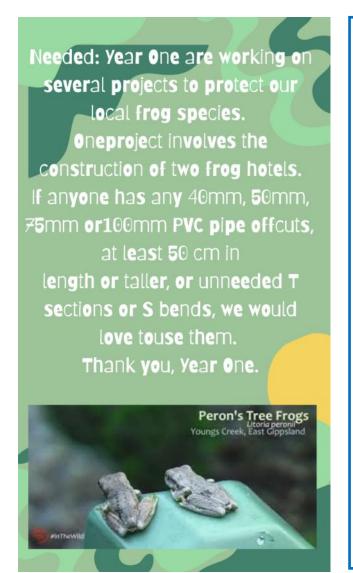
Here are ways that you can help your child learn maths concepts and skills at home:

- Ask about the maths topics your child is learning at school and talk about how maths can help with everyday activities. For example, understanding fractions can help you measure ingredients when cooking.
- Be available to help your child with maths revision. You could ask 1-2 questions about a topic your child already knows so that they feel encouraged when they answer correctly.
- Use objects, words, numbers, pictures, drawings or symbols to help your child understand maths problems. For example, you could cut an apple into pieces to help your child understand fractions. Or you could add up the items on your family shopping list.
- Encourage your child to show you how they worked out a maths problem. For example, you could ask your child, 'How did you figure that out?' or 'Is there another way to figure this out?' Or you could both do the maths problem and compare how you worked out the answer.
- Encourage your child to try different ways to solve maths problems, especially when they get the wrong answer. Learning maths isn't just about finding the right answer it's also about learning how to solve problems.

There is always plenty happening at St Brendan's, but that is magnified when we start to get close to the end of a school year. Please remember to check the calendar on PAM or attached to this newsletter to keep informed. Of course, we have numerous transitions taking place for students entering secondary colleges and we have our orientations beginning next month. We have also begun advertising for 2027 enrolments as places filled up quickly this year. Please contact the school office should you want to ensure a **foundation placement for 2027.**

Kind Regards, Matthew Hamer

		Up Coming Events		
	OCTOBER	Term 4		
Week 3	Friday 24th	2.30pm Assembly—School Captains SOCKTOBER		
Week 4	Thursday 30th	3.30pm Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop	Day for	
	Friday 31st	9.10am All Saint Day Mass DAY FOR DANIEL	Join Australia's largest child safety education	
	NOVEMBER		and awareness day. Friday 31 October, 2025	
Week 5	Monday 3rd	Student Free Day	WEARRED EQUICATE DONATE	
	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	You're invited to our	
Week 7	Monday 17th—25th	Book Fair	SCHOLASTIC Book Fair	
	Wednesday 19th	2026 Foundation Orientation (9.00am-11.00am / 12.00pm-2.00pm)		
	Friday 21st	2.30pm Assembly – Year One	2.30pm Assembly – Year One	







Year 2 Inquiry



This term in Year 2, we are learning all about **minibeasts**. Last term we wrote some persuasive letters to a professor about bees and they have asked us to find out all about minibeasts in Lakes Entrance.

We have been having close up looks at lots of different minibeasts, making observations and drawing them. We even got to observe a real-life caterpillar that we found in the school yard! It made a big mess in Year 2 Red's library returns tub!











Minibeasts we have been learning about include:

- Cockroaches
- Bees
- Flying ants
- Dragonflies
- Ladybird
- Butterflies
- Spiders
- Worms
- Grasshoppers
- Beetles
- Ants
- Snails
- Fire Ants
- Fireflies



Year 2 Inquiry



We have learnt that scientists use classification to organise them into different groups. They can be classified into: insects, crustaceans, molluscs, arachnids and worms.

- Insects have six legs, antennae, 3 body parts (head, thorax, abdomen) and some can have wings.
- Crustaceans have shells on the outside of their body, it is just like armour.
- Molluscs are soft bodied and carry shells.
- Arachnids have 8 legs.
- · Worms have no legs and are slimy.

We already know lots about minibeasts but there is so much more that we will be finding out.















By Year 2 Blue



Walk to School

Day

On Friday 17th October we had our Walk to School day. Walk to school day is where you get dropped off at the rotunda around 8:00am and start walking to school at 8:15 am. Walk to school day helps kids to be active and enjoy physical activity with friends. The most exciting part of the morning was seeing dolphins in the lake whilst we were at the rotunda!

When we started walking to school we had to have a partner. We crossed lots of roads and had to move to the side when other people were coming on the path. When we reached the school we were allowed to help ourselves to a piece of yummy fruit!

Thank you to Woolworths who donated all the fruit!

Overall we had a great time and had lots of fun. Thanks to all the amazing teachers who helped us walk to school safely and make the morning great!

By Shaaurya Sahay







REGIONAL

ATHLETICS











On Wednesday, 15th October students from years 4, 5 and 6 went to participate in the Regional Athletics competition held at the Moe Newborough athletics track. We had to leave school early in the morning and didn't return until 5pm. Everyone did really well and had a great time competing at this level. Students competed in events such as shotput, 1500m, relay, 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump, triple jump, just to name a few.

Brock Voigt	200m (3rd)	
Ivy O'Donnell	1500m (3rd)	
Hannah Fitzgerald	Shot put (3rd)	
Shiloh Eiseman	1500m (1st) (qualified for State level)	

Congratulations to Shiloh Eiseman who has qualified for the State Athletics Competition! We wish you the best of luck for your race!

Thank you to Mrs Neal and Emma for taking us and supporting us on the day!



Division Summer Sports Cricket Girls

On Monday, 20th October, the girls cricket team arrived at the West Bairnsdale oval for their summer sports. We had a total of three games to come, so we were all feeling nervous but excited.

In fact, a bunch of us had never played competitive cricket before. Our first game was against Bairnsdale West, and they all seemed really nice. Luckily, we won the game. The score was 80-110 and the other team did a really great job. Next we had a game against Lucknow. We were a bit more nervous than before as we watched their previous game and they were really good. Unfortunately we lost against them.

As we were preparing for our final game, it started to pour down with rain! We decided to wait it out, but after ten minutes we decided it wasn't going to stop and we had to cancel the last game.

We would like to thank Mrs Neal and Mel for taking us to Bairnsdale to play cricket. Everyone had lots of fun and it was a great experience. Hopefully, everyone had a great time, and well done to everyone else who represented St Brendan's in other sports!

By Ivy and Millie













On Monday 20th October we had a boys and girls basketball team and girls cricket team make it through to the next level of summer sports at Bairnsdale. The girls basketball team competed at the BARC against Bairnsdale West PS and Lucknow PS. We had a great time and had a lots of fun.

We won 1 of our 2 games. We won against Lucknow PS where we played man-on-man and used the benefits of passing the ball to each other to score a goal. The score was 34-23. We lost against Bairnsdale West, but we worked together and tried our best. The score was 31-18.

We would like to thank our amazing coach Fi for supporting us and getting us through the day, and the parents that came and watched us play. Thank you to Indi for scoring some of our games and the other schools and teachers for making this event possible.

By Hunta and Kenya





On Monday, 20th of October we had Division Summer Sports in Bairnsdale where we competed in three basketball games across the day. It was a great day and we had lots of fun. We did really well but we didn't make it through.

The first game we played was against Lucknow PS. They were a tall team but we tried our best. Unfortunately we lost, 19-28. After this game we got to watch and cheer the girls team on in their first game.

Our next game was against Lindenow. We won this game with all players hitting the scoreboard, 51-5.

Finally we played our last game. We played Bairnsdale West and we lost that but we played well and had a lot of fun.

We would like to thank Miss Witherow for coaching us and Fi for coming along on the day. Thank you to Indi and Rachael Morrison for helping score and all the parents who came to watch.

By Sunny, Callum 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**





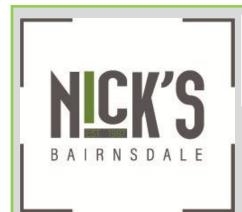
A reminder that the **car park** at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

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.





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/

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

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.





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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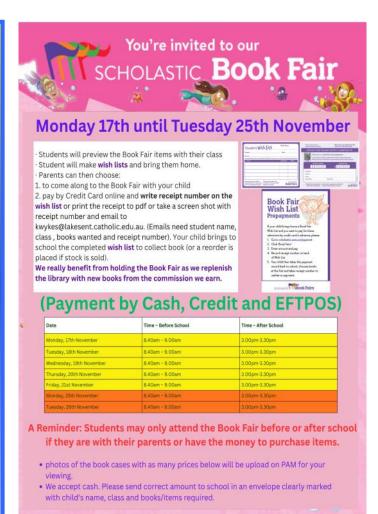


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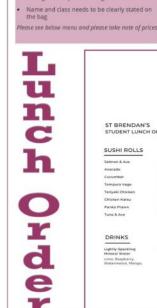




All St Brendan's sports
tops that have been
given out to children
for school sports,
need to be washed
and returned to
school as soon as
possible.
Thank you



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL REWARDS



unch orders are available on a Friday and are upplied by Mamma Vu's Kitchen.

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









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











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.



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for Parents

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To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





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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 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

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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

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





