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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.



World Teachers' Day

Friday 31 October 2025

Thank you to our teachers, leaders and support staff for Inspiring Faith and Inspiring Learning every day.



Staff Planning Day
No School
Monday 3rd Nov

Public Holiday

Melbourne Cup Day 

Tuesday 4th Nov

School Resumes Wednesday 5th
November @ 9.00am



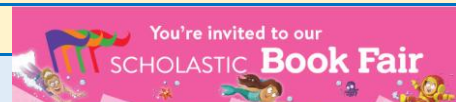
We wish Shiloh all the very best competing in the 1500m at the Primary Track and Field State Championships on Wednesday, 5th November



You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Comming
Soon

		Up Coming Events
	NOVEMBER	Term 4
Week 5	Monday 3rd	Student Free Day
	Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
	Thursday 6th	State Athletics - Good luck, Shiloh!
	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
Week 7	Monday 17th—25th	Book Fair
	Wednesday 19th	2026 Foundation Orientation (9.00am-11.00am / 12.00pm-2.00pm)
	Friday 21st	2.30pm Assembly – Year One



Needed: Year One are working on several projects to protect our local frog species.

One project involves the construction of two frog hotels. If anyone has any 40mm, 50mm, 75mm or 100mm PVC pipe offcuts, at least 50 cm in length or taller, or unneeded T sections or S bends, we would love to use them. Thank you, Year One.



Tues 4th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service.		
Wed 5th Nov:	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Thur 6th Nov:	Opal	Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
Fri 7th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	Calvary	Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
Sat 8th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sun 9th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	Rite of Welcome for RCIA		
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	St Peter's	Mallacoota	3.00 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

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

SOCKTOBER

On Friday, 24th of October we participated in our Socktober, which was an event where the Year 6s handmade sock balls using old clothing and recycled materials. Students participated in activities such as bowling, silent ball, soccer, netball, golden child, bin ball and a few others using these balls. Each grade participated in a different activity and they all had fun, even though a few balls came undone. The balls were made out of either bubble wrap, old clothes, strings, and bags.

We did this fundraiser for the people of Zambia, who don't have proper balls to play with and have to make their own. We wanted to raise awareness and funds for communities, such as the ones in Zambia, to help ensure children have access to food and education, giving them the chance to build a brighter future. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.

A big thank you to our social justice leaders for leading this event and Mel R for helping to organise the day.



By Noah W





Foundation

What socks did you wear?

Ollie - I wore batman socks with batman wings

Zach - I had Santa cruse socks

Lottie - Unicorn with cool wings



Year 1

What activities did you participate in?

Franklin - I did bowling, and I had lots of fun.

Sofia - I liked doing bin ball with my friends



Year 2

Did you like fundraising money and participating in Socktober?

Isla - Yes, I liked the games

Sadie - Definitely, I liked all the crazy socks

Abbey - Yeah, I liked playing Golden Child

Eddie - Yes, my games were so fun



Year 3

Was your activity fun?
August – Yeah, I loved bowling
Harper – Silent ball was really fun.



Year 5

Jordan – I liked wearing crazy socks
Zari – I liked Socktober because I didn't have to wear white socks
Billie – I liked that we got to wear crazy socks
Willow – I brought in money to help fundraiser for Socktober



Comments collected by Josie & Sienna J



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.





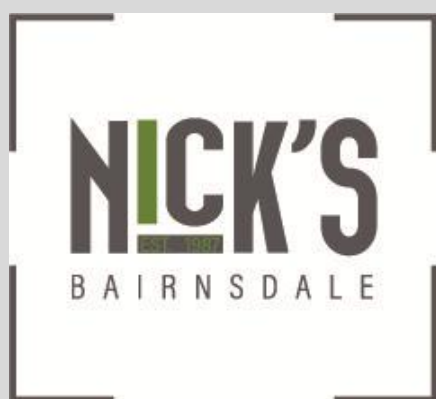
A reminder that the **car park** at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

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/>

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.

HAIR 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

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

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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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

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Monday 17th until Tuesday 25th November

- Students will preview the Book Fair items with their class
- Student will make **wish lists** and bring them home.
- Parents can then choose:
 - to come along to the Book Fair with your child
 - pay by Credit Card online and **write receipt number on the wish list** or print the receipt to pdf or take a screen shot with receipt number and email to kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au. (Emails need student name, class, books wanted and receipt number). Your child brings to school the completed **wish list** to collect book (or a reorder is placed if stock is sold).

We really benefit from holding the Book Fair as we replenish the library with new books from the commission we earn.

(Payment by Cash, Credit and EFTPOS)

Date	Time - Before School	Time - After School
Monday, 17th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday, 18th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday, 19th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 20th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 21st November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Monday, 25th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday, 26th November	8:40am - 9:00am	3:00pm - 3:30pm

Reminder: Students may only attend the Book Fair before or after school if they are with their parents or have the money to purchase items.

- photos of the book cases with as many prices below will be upload on PAM for your viewing.
- We accept cash. Please send correct amount to school in an envelope clearly marked with child's name, class and books/items required.

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

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SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

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 Vegie	\$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!

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.



WHEN: Saturday 29th November 2025
11:30am to 1pm



WHERE: Newborough Football Netball Club
Southwell Avenue, Newborough VIC 3825



WHO: Open to the whole community - \$5 per person
Interchange Gippsland affiliated families run for free!



WHAT: Be a part of the Interchange Gippsland Colour Run 2025 and experience a burst of energy, music & colourful vibes!
Remember to wear a white shirt! AGM to follow at 1pm!



RSVP: Register today by contacting us on 1300 736 765 or admin@icg.asn.au





LAKES ENTRANCE
SLSC NIPPERS 25/26

Registration is now open
Swim assessment
Friday 17th & 24th October 4pm-6pm Sunday 19th October 9.30am-11.30am
Lakes Entrance Aquadome
Beach Training
Commences Sunday 9th November 2025 through to Sunday 8th Feb
Enquiries
Contact Pip McInnes pippi_lee@hotmail.com
0408016927
Visit our website
<http://www.lakesentrancesurflifesaving.org.au/>

SURF LIFE SAVING LAKES ENTRANCE



YOU ARE INVITED
to our Year 2 Celebration of Learning

When: Thursday 13th November, 1:45pm - 3:00pm
Where: Year 2 Classrooms

Younger siblings are welcome to join in our celebrations.



Who are some people you can talk to about your **worries**?

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

G.E.M. (Growth, Empathy, Mindfulness)

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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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**

[AGES 9-13]



**WOOLWORTHS
CRICKET BLAST**

[AGES 5-9]



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



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

FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

**EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES**

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

Orbost 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