

St Brendan's Primary School 1581

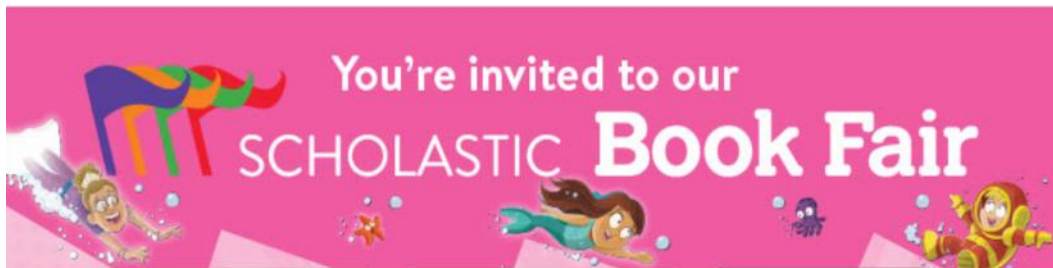
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November 14, 2025



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.



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, 24th November	8.40am - 9.00am	3.00pm-3.30pm
Tuesday, 25th November	8.40am - 9.00am	3.00pm-3.30pm

A 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



Collaborative Conferences

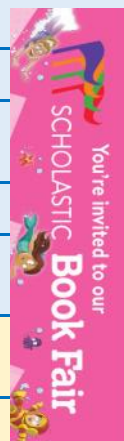
**Monday 1st,
Tuesday 2nd
and
Wednesday 3rd**

Collaborative Conference times have been sent out today.

Please check your child's bag for the note.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please let the office know and we will do our best to arrange another time.

		Up Coming Events
	NOVEMBER	Term 4
Week 7	Monday 17th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library
	Tuesday 18th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library
	Wednesday 19th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library 2026 Foundation Orientation (9.00am-11.00am / 12.00pm-2.00pm)
	Thursday 20th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library
	Friday 21st	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library 2.30pm Assembly – Year One
Week 8	Monday 24th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library Year 2 Camp Experience
	Tuesday 25th	Book Fair (8.40am—9.00am & 3.00pm-3.30pm) in the Library
	Wednesday 26th	2026 Foundation Orientation (9.00am-2.00pm)
	Friday 28th	Year 1 Camp Experience
	DECEMBER	
Week 9	Monday 1st	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 2nd	Year 6 Orientation Day Nagle College 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 3rd	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 5th	9.10am End of Year Mass
Week 10	Friday 12th	2.20pm GCH Assembly 4.30pm Family BBQ
Week 11	Monday 15th	Year 5 Graduation Mass



REMINDER: NO SMART WATCHES AND DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.

At St Brendan's students may only bring mobile phones/ devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school the phone/ device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone/ device/ SMART Watch at the end of the day. Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message.



Tues 18th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 19th Nov:	Waratah Lodge Nursing Home	Orbost	10.30 am
Thurs 20th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	5.00 pm
	Celebration of 1st Reconciliation for students		
Fri 21st Nov:	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sat 22nd Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
Sun 23rd Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	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 **6th December 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 14th December** after Mass in Hobby Room.

**PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP
WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES**

Primary Track and Field State Championships

My State Athletics Adventure in Melbourne

By Shiloh Eiseman

I recently had the incredible opportunity to compete in the State Athletics Championships in Melbourne in the 1500m!

Representing St Brendan's at this level was truly exciting.

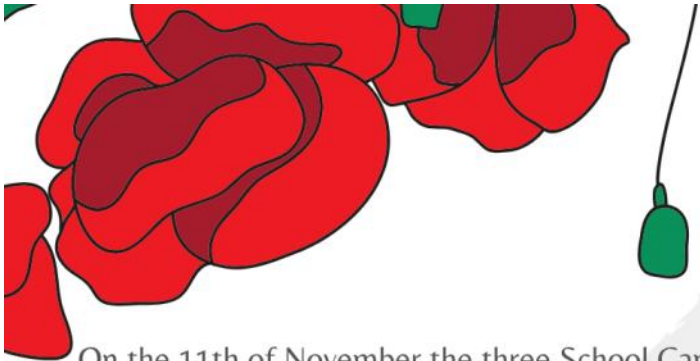
My amazing support crew—my mum, sister, and brother—all came along to cheer me on, which meant the world. Before the race started, I felt really nervous, but once I got going, I felt fine and focused, even though I unfortunately got a nasty stitch halfway through the race!

Despite that little hiccup, I pushed hard and finished 9th out of 16 competitors. I felt exhausted afterwards, but also really proud to have finished the race strongly.

After my event, we stayed to soak up the atmosphere and watched all of the thrilling 100m races. I'm so grateful to my mum for driving me all the way to Melbourne and back; that was a huge trip! And yes, we definitely celebrated with some well-deserved KFC for dinner on the drive home!

Finally, a massive thank you goes out to everyone at St Brendan's for supporting me and for providing me with my sports shirt for the day. Your encouragement really made a difference!





REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH 2025

On the 11th of November the three School Captains of St Brendan's went to the Mechanics hall to read the poem, In Flanders Fields. We read the poem at around 10:55am. We sat down near the microphone at the front. We listened to everyone else read their part and listened to the anthems.

After the ceremony we watched all the organisations lay their wreaths down. Then, we laid our wreaths down and stood in silence for a minute.

After we were done we were showered down with compliments and grace and were treated like celebrities with lots of photos. We then hopped in the car and went to McDonalds and had some burgers and chips.

We would like to thank Mr Hamer and Fiona for taking us to the Remembrance Ceremony.

Sadie, Leon & Callum



L to R: Callum Yates, **Stephen Ivanczuk (Infantry Soldier deployed to Afganistan and parent at St Brendan's)**, Sadie Williams, **Mick Collins**, Leon Alwyn & **Tyson Pollard (Army Rifleman Infantry depolyed to Iraq and parent at St Brendan's)**

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NOVEMBER 11TH 2021



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918, World War One ended due to a signed agreement (an armistice). The 11th of November is now known as Remembrance Day. Remembrance day is when we come together to commemorate WW1 and to honour those who sacrificed and served for us.

On Tuesday, at 11 o'clock everyone headed to the hall to pay respect to the anzacs that fought at Gallipoli. Large numbers of Australians and New Zealanders came forward to enlist in the AIF. It's estimated that over 1,000 Indigenous Australians helped by participating in the great war. It is unknown what motivated them but loyalty, and patriotism doubtlessly played a part.

We wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance of those who died during the war. Poppies were a common sight during WW1 on the battlefields in Northern France and Belgium. In the fighting fields in France, poppies bloomed and are now worn every Remembrance day.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

It was great to see everyone in the school going down to the hall to commemorate and honour those who sacrificed and fought for us.

A big thank you to our Social Justice leaders and those who helped conduct our Remembrance Ceremony. Thank you to Mel for your support in organising the slides for our Ceremony.

Written by Olivia & Hazel

REMEMBRANCE DAY



A SPECIAL REPORT: Embracing Change & New Beginnings

Change is a natural part of growing up. Whether it's the start of a new school year, moving between year levels, or stepping beyond the school gates for the final time, each transition brings a mix of emotions, presenting both opportunities and challenges. These shifts call on young people to adjust to new routines, navigate unfamiliar environments and develop emotional flexibility. While some may embrace these changes, others may find the disruption unsettling and struggle with the loss of predictability.

Research shows that periods of transition are often linked to heightened anxiety, reduced academic engagement and changes in peer relationships. For families, these periods can also bring added stress. Recognising the emotional and psychological impact of change helps us respond more effectively and supportively.

While change can feel daunting, it also offers valuable opportunities for young people to learn and grow. By normalising uncertainty and encouraging open conversations, we help young people face new beginnings with curiosity rather than fear. When children are surrounded by guidance, encouragement and consistent structure, they're far better equipped to manage life's transitions with confidence and resilience.

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-embracing-change-new-beginnings-au



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.





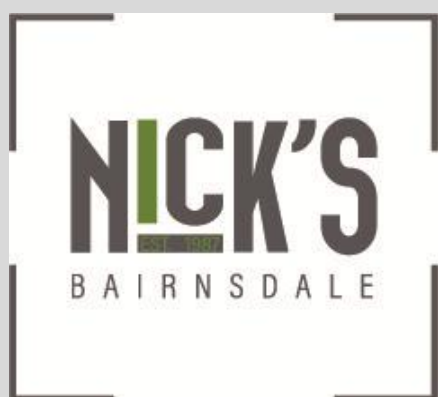
A reminder that the **car park** at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

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

Please remember to have your notifications on to receive the latest posts.

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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EGUFC 2026 U15 GIRLS TEAM

Join us for Team Selections

Dates: 19th & 26th November

Venue: Howitt Park, Bairnsdale

Time: 6.15 – 7.30pm

Age Eligibility:

Born between 1 January 2011 &
31 December 2014 (11–14 years)

Contact: egufcjuniors@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook!

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!



INTERCHANGE GIPPSLAND COLOUR RUN



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



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.



ISSUE 8 OPEN NOW!

\$5 Earn a
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Included with order confirmation



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
Thursday
27th
November

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

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.



Who was **there** for you this week, and what did they do to show they care?



THE **RESILIENCE PROJECT.**

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Book Club **LOOP**

for Parents

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www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



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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

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

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