

20 February , 2026

NEWSLETTER 3

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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.



Order envelopes have been sent home, please complete them and return these to school, even if you have ordered photographs online.

School photos will be held on
Monday, 23rd February 2026

All students are expected to wear full summer dress uniform.

All orders can be placed online including sibling orders. If you require a sibling envelope please pick up from office.

Please use the Email Address and code below:

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

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The
School
Photographer.

**PHOTO DAY
COMING SOON!**

Monday, 23rd February 2026

Head to our website to view the available packages and to place your order

VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE:

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St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
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We look forward to seeing you at our first **school assembly** for the year, hosted by our School Captains
Friday, 27th February @ 2.30pm
in the Mary MacKillop Hall



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Dear Families and Friends,

We enjoyed a very reverent occasion during the Ash Wednesday Mass this week. We could not have been more impressed with the students as they showed a great deal of respect for the liturgy. We had many guests including parishioners, St Joseph's school children and members of Missionaries of God's Love. It was a nice way to enter into Lent and it is an opportunity to reinforce our theme for the year of 'Striving to find our best performance'.

Little Learners Love Literacy is in action across Foundation to Year Two. Our new staff were inducted and trained at the beginning of the year in LLLL. The routine of the program along with the small group instruction really hits a chord with our learners and they are working with purpose.

Our St Brendan's CPS learning focus for 2026 is as follows:

- In English, students will demonstrate the ability to write a structured, grammatically correct, genre-specific piece of writing
- In English, students will respond with accuracy to Text Dependent Questions/Written responses using evidence from the text.
- In Mathematics, students will demonstrate the ability to answer, reason and problem solve with accuracy as measured by NAPLAN, PAT and class assessment.
- That, the language of the Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support such as attention grabbers are embedded within school culture
- To observe a development in students' use of emotional literacy language and their skills to express feelings and needs.

While swimming lessons can provide organisational complexities, it is pleasing to see the development in the students' swimming confidence/ability at the end of the two weeks. This time has allowed our year three cohort to build on their strategies for test scenarios. Both year three and year five students are preparing for NAPLAN which will take place over weeks 7 and 8. The format will be as follows:

March 11 Writing – March 12 Reading – March 13 Language Conventions – March 16 Numeracy

Healthy screen time and digital technology use: checklist- <https://raisingchildren.net.au>

Screen time and digital technology use are part of life for most children and teenagers. The time your child spends watching TV and using computers, gaming consoles, smart toys, tablets and smartphones can be part of a healthy lifestyle.

You can help your child use digital technology in a balanced way as part of a healthy lifestyle by encouraging your child to:

- **have fun and learn while using screens**
- **use, watch or play good-quality apps, games, TV, movies and online videos**
- **be safe and protect their data and privacy online**
- **have healthy posture when using screens, be physically active and get the sleep they need**
- **spend social time with family and friends online and offline**
- **be actively involved in a variety of hobbies and interests, including reading and creative activities.**

Thank you for the families that attended the Inform and Empower Cyber Safety session held last night at school. The information presented is so important in our endeavours to educate children in the safe use of technology. It is vital that schools and families work together in this rapidly developing area.

Our Foundation Enrolment tours for 2027 have already begun. If you have a child eligible for foundation next year please call the school to book your tour.

Thank you to the families who have indicated they are able to assist with Harmony Day celebrations. If you are able to assist with cooking food for this multicultural cuisine celebration. Please call the office on 51552712. We could use your assistance.

Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer

Up Coming Events

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|--------|---|--|---|---|--|
| WEEK 5 | Feb 23  SCHOOL PHOTOS 2.40pm Year3/4 prayer | Feb 24 | Feb 25 | Feb 26 | Feb 27 9.10am Year 5 Mass 2.30pm Assembly - School Captain |
| WEEK 6 | Mar 2 Division Swimming Carnival 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences | Mar 3 9.10am Year ½ Prayer 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences | Mar 4 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences | Mar 5 | Mar 6 9.10am Year 6 Mass - Wold day of Prayer 2.20pm Clean Up Australia Day |
| WEEK 7 | Mar 9 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY | Mar 10 | Mar 11 5.00pm Karoonda Camp Meeting NAPLAN | Mar 12 Regional Swimming Carnival NAPLAN | Mar 13 2.30pm Assembly: Year 6 Red NAPLAN |
| WEEK 8 | Mar 16 NAPLAN | Mar 17  9.10am Whole School Prayer (St. Patrick's Feast Day) | Mar 18 | Mar 19 | Mar 20 Harmony Day St Brendan's Cross Country  |

Week 9: Mon 23rd - Wed 25th March - Year 3 and 4 Camp - Koroonda Park

Week 10: Thursday 2nd April - Term 1 ends

Medical Information Update



Parents and carers are required to update your child's medical information via PAM every year their child attends our school. The information you include on these forms will allow us to maintain our records and put in place any plans to assist in managing their medical conditions. Information about students' medical conditions are recorded to ensure we are able offer the relevant care while they are at school. It is important to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical information and or needs as soon as possible so we can maintain accurate and up-to-date records.

Parents or cares of students diagnosed with Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy must also provide a personalised condition specific action plan completed and signed by their doctor. **Action plans must be updated each year.**



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| Tues 24th Feb: | St. Brendan's | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am |
| Wed 25th Feb: | St. Colman's | Orbost | 9.30 am |
| Fri 27th Feb: | St. Brendan's | Lakes Entrance | 9.10 am |
| | Year 5 Mass all welcome. | | |
| Sat 28th Feb | St. Brendan's | Lakes Entrance | 9.30 am |
| | St. Joseph's | Swan Reach | 5.00 pm |
| Sun 1st Mar: | St. Brendan's | Lakes Entrance | 9.00 am |
| | St. Colman's | Orbost | 11.00 am |

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 **7th March 2026**

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 8th March** after Mass in Hobby Room.

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

COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES: (PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS) BOOKING THROUGH PAM

**COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE INTERVIEWS WILL
TAKE PLACE ON**



**MONDAY 2ND, TUESDAY 3RD & WEDNESDAY 4TH
MARCH, 3.30PM - 6.00PM**

Our Semester One Collaborative Conferences are an essential parent/school meeting in which to share feedback and to plan for future learning. Your child must attend this meeting as they will lead some of the discussion. Through this process we want our students to understand themselves as learners, to know what they are learning and how they can be successful. We look forward to meeting with you.

Collaborative Conferences will be booked electronically using PAM.



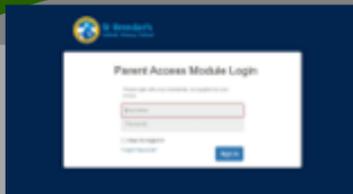
Parent Teacher Interviews

[Click here to Enter](#)

Please login to PAM as normal and you will immediately see a screen including the Parent Interview short cut.

Once you click on the window you will be given the chance to select your child. The screen would be similar to the one below.

You select your child one at a time.



Select the Core Group button and the availability schedule appears. This provides you with the teachers name and available times a booking can be made. When you have completed your booking a summary will appear on the bottom of the page.

Parent Teacher Interview Booking

John Smith

John's Classes for Interview

Collaborative Conferences - Tuesday 15th and 16th June (1)

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

St Brendan's CPS

1 → Grade 3 Core Group

Teacher: Amy Balcombe

3-45pm, 15th June 2021
4-00pm, 15th June 2021
4-15pm, 15th June 2021
4-45pm, 15th June 2021
5-00pm, 15th June 2021
5-15pm, 15th June 2021
5-45pm, 15th June 2021
6-00pm, 15th June 2021
6-15pm, 15th June 2021
6-30pm, 15th June 2021
1-30pm, 16th June 2021
1-45pm, 16th June 2021

3 → Book Interview

Booked Times



Contact us: 51 55 2712

Please contact the school if you have any difficulties logging into Pam.



18 FEBRUARY
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Ash Wednesday Mass

Our Ash Wednesday Mass was an incredible experience and an amazing way to start this Lent season. On the 18th of February, St Joseph's CPS came to our school and joined in with our ceremony. Parents, grandparents, and our community came together to celebrate this special day with us, and what an amazing time it was! We sang hymns, listened to bible verses, and got our foreheads marked with ashes which symbolise repentance.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is important to our catholic community because it's the day we start Lent. Lent goes for 40 days leading up to Easter and Easter is the day that Jesus has risen. We celebrate this very moment because it connects us together and a time we get to talk to Jesus.

Ash Wednesday is an important time for our school community, we pay respect, show dedication and repent. And the ashes on our forehead show it. Through these 40 days of Lent we will give up something just how Jesus did to get closer to God.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Ash Wednesday Mass and we hope to see you again next time.

By Izy Doland And Leanna Nguyen

HOCKEY ROAD SHOW



Last week, Years 1 - 4 participated in a Hockey Road Show. Cleo and Charlotte (our teachers) taught us hockey in P.E. We played a couple of running and dribbling games that we learnt lots of new hidden skills, everyone loved octopus tag and Cleo and Charlotte beat everyone. They gave us hockey sticks and balls to practise with. Cleo is from Melbourne, she has played overseas, she plays at a very high level. Charlotte is from Swan Reach and if you play local hockey you might see her.

By Jesse Downing and Noah Yuen



SCHOOL

Swimming Lessons



By Bella Hayllar and Summer Sheilds

Grade 4-6 have been participating in swimming lessons at the Lakes Entrance Aquadome last week and this week.

As grade sixes we have been walking to swimming at 1:45 and our swimming lessons start at 2:00 and finish at 2:45, we normally get back at around 3:10.

For the lessons we are divided into four groups based on how good we can swim. The four teachers are Lucas, Rihanna, Sarah and Elly. We have been learning lots of new skills and improving our swimming abilities.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 are doing swimming lessons at the start of the year and foundation to grade three will complete their swimming lessons in Term Four.

We are looking forward to survival day which is coming up later this week.

A SPECIAL REPORT: Wellbeing Barometer Survey - 2026

The Wellbeing Barometer survey is an important annual check-in that helps our school better understand the wellbeing of our students. Each year, the survey provides valuable insights into young people's experiences, highlighting areas of concern, recognising strengths and resilience and reinforcing the importance of early, preventative support.

This year, the survey has been reviewed and refreshed to further refine the information shared by parents and adult carers, helping provide a clearer and more meaningful overview of wellbeing across our school community. These updates support more accurate insights while maintaining the same commitment to privacy and confidentiality.

Your participation is strongly encouraged. We ask that you take a few moments to complete the survey for each of your children, based on your observations from the past 12 months. All responses remain anonymous and are reported only in aggregate.

By capturing a broad picture of students' emotional, social and mental wellbeing, the survey helps us respond more effectively to the evolving needs of our school community. The insights gathered assist in identifying emerging trends, areas of strength, and opportunities for early intervention, ensuring support can be targeted where it is needed most.

If any of the content raises concerns for you or your child, please contact the school or seek professional medical advice.

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-wellbeing-barometer-survey-2026-au

SPECIAL REPORT



Wellbeing Barometer Survey 2026

A SchoolTV topic supporting
modern-day parenting



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

- **Do you have a current health care/pension card?**
- **Did you know you can get a discount on school fees?**
- **Please contact the school office for more information.**



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.



NAGLE
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Nagle Catholic College is an active and proud faith-led learning community that provides a rich holistic education to the young people of East Gippsland.

DISCOVER NAGLE YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

We welcome you and your family to discover firsthand what makes our College community so special - from our welcoming learning spaces to the natural beauty that surrounds us.



There are 3 information sessions, followed by the opportunity to explore our campus:

Wednesday 25 March

4.00pm, 4.45pm & 5.30pm

Sessions are limited.
Bookings essential.

SCAN HERE
TO BOOK

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN YEAR 7 2027



Enrolment Applications are now open for families seeking to join the Nagle Catholic College community for Year 7 in 2027.

To assist with timely processing, please ensure required documents are provided at time of application.

APPLY TODAY

APPLICATIONS CLOSE **FRIDAY 18 MAY 2026**



Key Dates for Year 7 2027 Enrolments:

- **Applications are now open** (online via our [website](#))
- **25 March** – Discover Nagle: Year 7 2027 Information Evening
- **8 May** – Applications Close
- **June** – Enrolment Interviews (dates TBC)
- **27 July** – Offers of Placement made
- **01 December** – Orientation Day

Please note that the **Department of Education Application for Year 7 Placement Form** is not an application for enrolment at Nagle College.

Families wishing their child to be considered must complete the College's enrolment process.

For further information, visit our website: www.nagle.vic.edu.au

Lunch orders are available on a Friday and are supplied by **Mama 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 take note of prices.



| ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER | | MAMA VU'S KITCHEN | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--|------|
| SUSHI ROLLS | | HOT FOOD | |
| Salmon & Avo | \$4 | Fried Rice | \$7 |
| Avocado | \$4 | Fried Pork Gyoza (6pc) | \$7 |
| Cucumber | \$4 | Spring Rolls (4pc) | \$7 |
| Tempura Vege | \$4 | Chicken Hokkein Noodle | \$10 |
| Teriyaki Chicken | \$4 | Honey Chicken + Fried Rice | \$10 |
| Chicken Katsu | \$4 | Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice | \$10 |
| Panko Prawn | \$4 | Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice | \$10 |
| Tuna & Avo | \$4 | Grilled Pork Vermicelli Bowl | \$10 |
| | | Grilled marinated pork served over vermicelli noodles with fresh herbs, pickled veg, peanuts, and a light Vietnamese nuoc cham dressing. | |
| DRINKS | | | |
| Lightly Sparkling Mineral Water | \$3 | | |
| Lime, Raspberry, Watermelon, Mango. | | | |

LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FRIDAY

ORDER MUST BE IN THURSDAY



Menu Location: PAM - Knowledge Banks: School Notes/Information & St Brendan's Website



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

BAPTISM

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. This journey is shared between families, school and parish.

If you are interested in your child participating in the Sacrament of Baptism this year we ask you to please contact Cassandra Supple or Melissa Terry.

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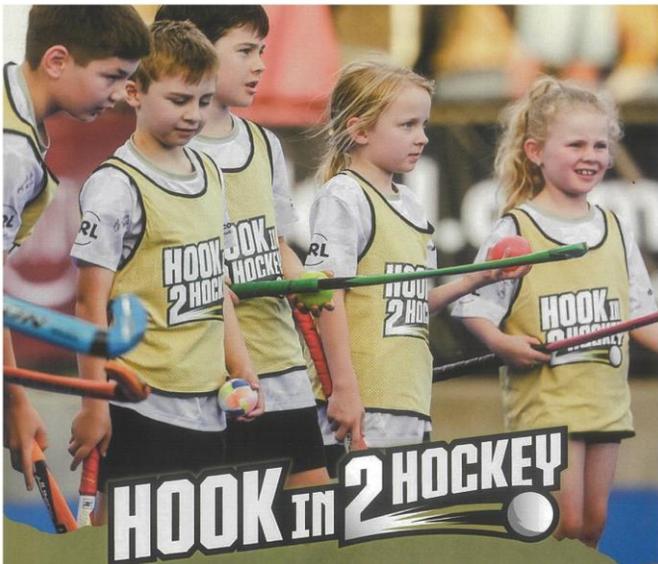
Fitness Self Defence Fun

First session FREE

Ages 6+ welcome!

Tues & Thurs
5:30PM - 7:00PM
St Brendan's
Primary School Hall

egtkd.com.au
 egtkd@gmail.com



HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

SWAN REACH HOCKEY CLUB

FIRST SESSION IS FREE! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
Mondays 4.30-5.30pm from Feb 16 2026

WORLD Hockey Fields, 101 Wallace St, Bairnsdale

For more info: swanreachhockeyclub@hotmail.com
or contact Sarah 0439 312 962



All Abilities Netball

Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

Date: Thursday 26/02/2026– Thursday 28/05/2026
Excluding School Holidays

Time: 4.00pm–5.00pm

Location: WORLD Precinct– 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale

Contact: Janet Parker at 0430 480 405

Cost – \$100

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On the BNA FB page

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TEACHER OF SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22, February 2026

8:30am - 5:00pm

Lakes Entrance Aquadome - VIC

LAKES ENTRANCE

EAST GIPPSLAND CONVOY FOR KIDS 2026

SPONSORED BY
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KENWORTH **DAE**

14th March 2026

Open 9am to 4pm at the
Great Lakes Air Field Colquhoun Rd
Lakes Entrance

Entry \$5 - Per Person or \$10 Per Vehicle
TRUCKS CONVOY FROM TRARALGON & ORBOST TO LAKES ENTRANCE
Trucks Expected to arrive at 11am
Truck Entry Is Free

CONVOY START TIME TRARALGON 7:30AM & - ORBOST 9AM

All Trucks Welcome - Show 'N' Shine - Charity Auction
Food Trucks - Merchandise Stalls - Family Fun Day - Truck'n With Tim

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CAMP QUALITY & ANGEL FLIGHT
This Event Is Alcohol Free.

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