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NEWSLETTER 20

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.



WELL DONE!

IVY & AUGUST



FOR YOUR AMAZING EFFORTS AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY

End Semester 1, 2026 reports

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Dear Families and Friends,

We begin every term with a short welcome back assembly. This week we celebrated seven new students starting at our school. We welcomed the following students to these classes:

Foundation Blue: Matilda Carson, **Foundation Red:** Sienna Neville

Year 1/2 Green: Laura Ratten, **Year 1/2 Red :** Gil Moresi

Year 3/4 Blue: Olivia Carson, **Year 3/4 Green:** Ned Moresi, **Year 3/4 Red:** Jake Sumesh Abraham

We also welcome their families to St Brendan's CPS and we look forward to working with them for many years to come. Mrs Belinda Moresi begins teaching at St Brendan's this week in the year five and year six spaces. Belinda has teaching experience across a range of sectors and year levels. We are very excited to have her join our teaching team.

Yesterday, we had three students compete at the Victorian State Cross-Country finals. What an enormous effort to make it this far and for Ivy and Shiloh this is not the first time. We are very proud of them and on the day, they placed, Ivy 73rd and August 80th. Shiloh was unwell on the day and could not compete.

We are pleased to say that our students are very conscious of how Catholic Social Teaching relates to their lives. In the last few weeks our students have self-initiated projects to support people in need. Last term, a group of year three students raised money for the Royal Children's Hospital with a cake stall at recess. They baked cakes at home, picked fruit from their trees and made other items to sell. This term, some more year three students are collecting non-perishables to provide to people who are having trouble feeding their families. They have come up with the idea to ask students to bring in packaged food that lasts and is healthy. You will see their advertisements in the newsletter next week. Our Social Justice Leaders, Zander Nowell and Remy Albert are conducting a soup kitchen at school to provide food to families who are doing it a bit tough. Essentially, this is what we want for our students, that they grow into people who care and who act to support the lives of their community. What great stories!



Social Media Age Restrictions – For great information and resources go to:

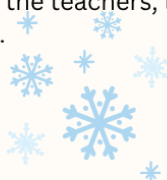
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>

Quick facts

- As of 10 December 2025, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Kick](#), [Reddit](#), [Snapchat](#), [Threads](#), [TikTok](#), [Twitch](#), [X](#) and [YouTube](#) are required to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from having accounts on their platforms. These services, among others, have self-assessed as being age-restricted: [BigoLive](#), [BlueSky](#), [Lemon8](#), [Wizz](#), [Yubo](#).
- Under-16s are still allowed to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.
- Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, are not affected by the new law.
- There are no penalties for under-16s who access an account on an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers. This is about making the platforms take greater responsibility for the safety of children – they face penalties of up to \$54.6 million if they don't take reasonable steps to implement the changes.

Sovereign Hill camp for year five heads to Ballarat next Wednesday. The students have been doing plenty of research about mining and the gold rush period. Along with the teachers, they are all very excited. Parents, remember to pack beanies as the weather is set to be chilly.

Have a wonderful term! Kind regards,
Matthew Hamer



Term 3

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 2	July 20	July 21	July 22 Year 5 Camp -Sovereign Hill	July 23 Year 5 Camp -Sovereign Hill 3.30pm Confirmation parent/student workshop	July 24 Year 5 Camp -Sovereign Hill
WEEK 3	July 27 Book Fair	July 28 Book Fair 9.10am Year 6 Class Mass	July 29 Book Fair Regional Winter Sports	July 30 Book Fair	July 31 Book Fair 2.30pm Assembly - School Captains & Foundation
WEEK 4	Aug 3 Book Fair	Aug 4 Book Fair Australian Maths Comp	Aug 5 Book Fair	Aug 6 9.15am Recon for Confirmation students	Aug 7 9.10am Whole School Prayer: Mary MacKillop 2.30pm Assembly - 3 / 4 Blue
WEEK 5	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13 Pupil Free Days	Aug 14 Pupil Free Days
					Aug 8 6pm Confirmation Mass Bairnsdale

TERM 3

Week 6: Thursday 20th August - Eastern District Athletics
 Week 8: Friday 4th September - Father's Day Breakfast
 Week 9: Monday 7th september - Division Athletics

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.**

Asthma Plans Reviews

If you are aware your child's plan is over 12 months old please make an appointment to have the plan reviewed. Please supply the school with an updated plan and update your medical profile on PAM.

The school will be contacting parents in the coming weeks regarding out of date plans and out of date ventolin.

Our school **Health Care Needs Policy** states:

3.2 Student Health Support Plan Review

Student Health Support Plans will be reviewed:

- when updated information is received from the student's medical/health care practitioner
- when the school, student or parents, guardians and/or carers have concerns with the support being provided to the student
- if there are changes to the support being provided to the student, or
- on an annual basis. The advice received from the medical/health care practitioner is reviewed annually unless it is agreed that the annual review of the plan is not required. In this case, the principal (or their delegate) may request updated medical information.



Tues 21st July:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	Liturgy of the Words & Communion.		
Wed 22nd July:	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Fri 24th July:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sat 25th July:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
Sun 26th July:	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 **1st August 2026**

VISITATIONS: Please contact the Parish Office to request a home visit or to raise any other concerns in confidence. ph: **0403 572 474** or email stbrendan@bigpond.com

MORNING TEA Morning tea **Sunday 9th August 2026**, after Mass in Church Hall

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES

Free public transport ceased on May, 31, 2026. **Public transport in Victoria will be half price for all passengers until 1 January, 2027.**

Please find below the website address to purchase a one off \$5 Youth myki to travel on the public bus. If you would prefer to pay as you go, each trip is 0.75 cents.

Please send your child to school with either the myki card or money if they are to catch the Town Bus.

YOUTH MYKI - transport.vic.gov.au/myki

Contact the office if you have any further questions.



The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All children from birth to Year 10 are welcome to join in.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://Premiers'ReadingChallenge.vic.gov.au)

The Premiers Reading Challenge has an online recording system which is intended for students to enter their books at home.

Happy reading!



Students wishing to participate, need to send Katrina an email at: kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au

They will then be emailed their username, password and details to access the online computer system.

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Issue 5 Open Now!

The cover of Scholastic Book Club Issue 5, 2026, featuring various book titles and a city skyline background.

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ORDERS ARE DUE **Monday 27th July**

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

WINTER UNIFORM

This is an important requirement and must be worn by every child each day. Your support in this matter is paramount to its effectiveness. We pride ourselves on our uniform and need the support of all families in ensuring that this policy is strictly adhered to. Generally summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four and winter uniform is worn in Terms Two and Three. There is changeover period for uniforms at the beginning of Term Two and Term Four.

UNIFORM ITEMS - AVAILABLE FROM NICK'S IN BAIRNSDALE MOST ITEMS ARE REGULATION, MEANING THAT THE SCHOOL HAS DETERMINED THE STYLE OR MANUFACTURE.



BOYS WINTER UNIFORM		GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM	
	Sky blue long/short sleeve shirt	Winter Tunic (Year F,1,2,3)	
	Grey trousers	Winter Skirt (Year 4/5/6)	
	Bomber Jacket (with emblem)	Blue long sleeve blouse	
	Polar Fleece /Jacket (with emblem)	Bomber Jacket (with emblem)	
	Grey socks - above ankle (no logos)	Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)	
	Black leather school shoes/boots	Navy tights/white school socks – above ankle (no logos)	
	Navy 'Midford' Pant	Black leather school shoes or buckle/lace-up/T-bar	

BOYS & GIRLS WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM

- Blue polo shirt with emblem (Short Sleeve)
- Navy track pants without logos
- Bomber Jacket / Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
- White sports socks (above ankle) – below ankle footlet style not acceptable (no logos).
- Running shoes / sneakers (**not skate or fashion shoes**)



(BLACK SHORTS MAY BE WORN UNDER TRACKSUIT PANTS FOR SPORT AND OUTSIDE PLAY.)

UNIFORM REMINDER: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR JUMPERS AND TRACKSUIT PANTS TO SCHOOL ON SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS. MANY STUDENTS ARE PRESENTING TO THE OFFICE IN THE MORNING, COLD, REQUESTING JUMPERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A JUMPER TO SCHOOL EACH DAY. THANK YOU.

HAIR - 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.

JEWELLERY - IS RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING - A WRIST WATCH, NO MORE THAN ONE SMALL 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.

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.



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 Gyozs (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
DRINKS		Grilled marinated pork served over vermicelli noodles with fresh herbs, pickled veg, peanuts, and a light Vietnamese nuoc cham dressing	
Lightly Sparkling	\$3		
Mineral Water			
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



LENA

WINTER SPRING
SEASON 2026

COME AND TRY DAYS!

Lakes Entrance
Netball Association

MONDAY 20TH & 27TH JULY

NET-SET-GO
5-7 YEAR OLDS 3:45-4:45PM

11 AND UNDER 4:45-5:45PM

14 AND UNDER 4:45-5:45PM

LEARN, PLAY, HAVE FUN!

COMPETITION BEGINS 3RD AUGUST

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

BUILD SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS, LOVE NETBALL!



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Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

LAKES ENTRANCE

Tuesday, 28 July 2026 11 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, 29 July 2026 9 am to 4 pm

Foreshore car park, Esplanade

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile service centres (MSCs) travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia to provide help and support. During natural disasters and emergencies, they can provide on-the-ground support for disaster recovery efforts.

Services Australia staff travel with the MSCs and can help you with Medicare and Centrelink payments and services. Our MSCs also have disabled access.

Our staff can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the MSC and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the MSCs.

More Information

To view the latest itineraries for the MSCs, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the MSCs

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Medicare and Centrelink information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

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SATURDAY'S
2ND MAY - 29TH AUGUST

**LAKE ENTRANCE
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**Start at
9:30AM**

*VENUE MAY CHANGE ON CERTAIN DATES

U6 - 500m
U7 & U8 - 1km
U9 & U10 - 1.5km
U11 & U12 - 2km
U13 & UP - 3km



Rhymetime

at your local library

Bairnsdale Library
Wednesday 10.30am

Lakes Entrance
Service Centre
Wednesday 11.00am

Orbost
Service Centre
Thursday 10.00am

Paynesville
Service Centre
Monday 10.30am

Mallacoota
Service Centre
Tuesday 10.00am



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Storytime

at your local library

Bairnsdale Library
Tuesday 11.00am

Lakes Entrance
Service Centre
Tuesday 11.00am

Orbost Service Centre
Tuesday 10.30am

Paynesville Service Centre
Tuesday 11.00am

Mallacoota
Service Centre
Thursday 2.30pm



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