

16 October, 2026

NEWSLETTER 31

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.



That's a wrap!

Swimming Lessons finished for 2026

Thank you to the parent helpers that assisted with swimming.

A big thank you to Mrs Morrison for organising the swimming timetable, to get all the students to and from the pool each day safely.



Good luck, to our boys and girls basketball teams participating in Division Summer Sports next week.



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Term 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
TERM 4 WEEK 3	Oct 19 Division Summer Sports	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22 Year 3 / 4 Marine Mammal Incursion	Oct 23 2.30pm Assembly - School Captains	Oct 25 9am First Reconciliation commitment Mass
TERM 4 WEEK 4	Oct 26	Oct 27 9.10am Year 5 Class Prayer	Oct 28 Regional Summer Sports	Oct 29 9.10am Whole School Mass - All Saints 3.30pm First Reconciliation parent/student workshop State Athletics	Oct 30 No school	
TERM 4 WEEK 5	Nov 2 No school	Nov 3 No school Melbourne Cup Day	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6 2.30pm Assembly - 5 Blue	
TERM 4 WEEK 6	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11 FOUNDATION 2027 ORIENTATION	Nov 12 Year 1 Camp Experience 3:30 - 5:00	Nov 13 9.10am Year 3 / 4 Class Mass	

Term 4

Week 6, 7 & 8: Foundation Orientation for 2027 on a Wednesday (Allocated times sent out to parents)
 Week 9: Mon 30th Nov, Tue 1st Dec & Wednesday 2nd Dec - Collaborative Conferences
 Week 11: Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation & Term 4 ends @ 2.15pm

A PRAYER TO SHARE

Dear God,
 Thank you for the wonderful gift of books and reading.
 Thank you for the stories that make us laugh, the adventures that take us to new places, and the characters who help us learn and grow.
 Help us to be curious, to ask questions and to enjoy discovering new ideas.
 Give us patience when reading is difficult and confidence to keep trying.
 Help us to share books with others and remember that every story can teach us something new.
 May the pages we read open our minds, fill our hearts with imagination, and inspire us to be kind creative and thoughtful.
 Amen



Tues 20th Oct:	St. Brendan's Funeral Prayers for Mr Brian Daly	Lakes Entrance St Brendan's	9.30 am 11.30 am
Wed 21st Oct:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 23rd Oct:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sat 24th Oct:	Rosary St Brendan's St Brendan's	Lakes Ent Lakes Entrance	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sun 25th Oct:	St. Brendan's St. Colman's St. Joseph's	Lakes Entrance Orbost Swan Reach	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 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: Every Saturday for the month of October 8.45am
 Next: Rosary Morning 24th October 2026

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

MORNING TEA Morning tea Sunday 8th November 2026 after Mass in hobby room.

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

2026 DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS



BASKETBALL GIRLS



**By Ivy O'Donnell and Willow
Watson**

On October 9th, our girls' basketball team competed at St Brendan's in the District Basketball Competition. Our team had a fantastic day, showing great sportsmanship, teamwork and determination. We played three games and won every game by around 40 points! Everyone contributed, with every player scoring and doing their best to help the team succeed. We had lots of fun playing together and representing our school. A big thank you to all the players (Ivy O'Donnell, Willow Watson, Georgia McGuinness, Winter Thomas, Isla Strong, Summer Shields, Indie Whelan and Leanna Nguyen), and our coaches, Mrs Kenny, and Tully for their support.



2026 DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS



BASKETBALL

BOYS

By Jordan and Jesse

On October 9th, our boys' basketball team competed in the District Basketball Competition at Lakes Entrance Recreation Hall. We played five games against schools from our area and won every game by more than 20 points! Our team worked really well together, showing great teamwork all day. There were eight players in our team: Jordan, Jake, Alexander, Jaxon, Arlo, Jesse, Harley and Lucas. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Moresi and Mrs Rickman for coaching us.





2026 DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL

By Charlie and O'Shae

On October 9th, we competed in volleyball at Summer Sports. There were three teams competing, and we all had a great time playing together and representing our school. The games were exciting, and we worked hard as a team to give ourselves the best chance of winning. The only team that managed to match us was LEPS. We tied with them, but they finished on top overall. We came second, just two points behind! Unfortunately, only the first-place team could progress to the next round, but we were still proud of our efforts and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs Mills and Dan for a great day.



2026 DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS

CRICKET



By Maddox and Angus

On October 9th, our boys' cricket team competed in the Summer Sports competition. We had a fantastic day and played exceptionally well. Everyone gave their best effort and enjoyed the opportunity to represent our school. It was a great experience, and we had lots of fun playing cricket with and against other schools in our local area. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Neal and Mrs Mallen for taking us and helping make it such an enjoyable experience.



Week 2: Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts

Our month-long journey with the *Shine a Light* initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme, **'Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts'**, connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.

'Enlighten the eyes of our heart' (Ephesians 1:18) by Rose-Marie Black

One of the central themes of this parable is that God freely invites humanity to his eternal banquet. There are those who willingly accept the invitation, reject the invitation or are indifferent, consumed with the busyness and demands of their own lives. By accepting God's invitation, we are called to transform our lives, to "enlighten the eyes of our heart" by seeing as Christ sees. In a sense, Christ is the "wedding garment". St Paul refers to this as "putting on Christ" (Romans 13:14).

"Enlighten the eyes of our heart" can therefore become a prayer: *Lord, help us to see what we have become accustomed to not seeing, to that which blinds us from seeing with the eyes and heart of Christ.*

It is often very challenging to look beyond what is visible and to see people and situations as Christ sees them. In the context of domestic violence, this means having the courage to recognise what may be hidden behind closed doors: fear, control, intimidation, humiliation and abuse. As a community we are called to respond with courage and compassion that respects the inherent dignity of the person. In his Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" Pope Leo reminds us that "Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. #50"

I think that it is fitting to end this reflection with part of the prayer from the ACBC Social Justice Statement, 2022-2023: Respect, Confronting Violence and Abuse:

Loving God, you made each of us in your own image and likeness
open our eyes to recognise one another as equals,
replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse
with mutuality, reciprocity, respect and freedom.
Help us to love like you.

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 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

ISSUE 7 OPEN NOW!

Free Book offer!



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
**Thursday
22nd Oct**

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Parent Notified Absences (PNA)



Parents are asked to inform the school of any absences as soon as possible. If notification has not been received by the school by 9.30am, parents/carers will receive a SMS alerting them of their child's absence. Parent must then reply via Parent Notified Absence (PAM) or contact the school. **Do not reply via the SMS message.**

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period, eg holidays, please enter the absence on PAM and provide a note or email to the school with dates of leave.

SPARTAN LAKES ENTRANCE

NOV 21-22, 2026

SPRINT 5K / SUPER 10K / BEAST 21K / ULTRA 50K / KIDS



SPARTAN LAKES ENTRANCE

East Gippsland Children's Expo 2026

Friday 23rd October - 2pm - 6pm - Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre

64 Great Alpine Road, Lucknow

**Free Entry, Activities & BBQ
plus Giveaways & Prizes!**

- Welcome to Country
- Cultural Connect Dance Group
- Jumping Castles & Soft Play Area
- Face Painting
- Designated Quiet Space
- Stalls & Entertainment
- Coffee Van (\$)
- Games & Activities
- Dance & Gymnastics
- Library - Reading for Kids



Children have the right to use their own language,
celebrate their culture, and practise their religion

Children's Week 2026



**Ages
0-12**

**Meet & Greet with Bluey
& Fireman Sam!**
2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm



For more information contact
Rachael: 0409 355 043



YOU'RE INVITED

Whole School Prayer for All Saints Day

Date: Thursday 29th October

Time: 9:10am

Where: St Brendan's Church

All Welcome!



What made you
smile today?



RESILIENCE PROJECT.

Communication With the School Office

Please ensure that after school arrangement are organised with your child at the beginning of the day. If for some reason your circumstances change, please provide notice to the office before 12.00pm.

A great idea is an after-school routine keychain on your child's bag. It provides a clear, visual reminder of exactly who is picking them up or where they are going that afternoon.





LAKE SIDE Events

FAMILY FUN DAY

MON 2ND NOVEMBER 2026
2PM - 8PM

Lakes Entrance Foreshore
Near Playground

BLUEY MAKING AN APPEARANCE!
4 SESSIONS
4PM • 5PM • 6PM • 7PM
FOR 15 MINS EACH SESSION

JUMPING CASTLE

FACE PAINTER

FOOD
 • BURGERS
 • WRIGGS
 • HOT DOGS
 • SNACKS
 • DRINKS

ICE CREAM
 Good Food Great Vibes

MARKET STALLS
 Handmade Local Unique

FOOD VENDORS

FOOD COURT

Stalls ♥ Food ♥ Fun ♥ Community



WE ARE FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS

Registrations are now open for Season 2026-27 **REGISTER TODAY**

Lakes Entrance Little Athletics

Come and join Lakes Entrance Little Athletics!

When: Starts Friday, 16 October at 4:30 PM

Where: Lakes Entrance Secondary College

Cost: \$100 for the full 18-week program

(all registrations include the option to join our Autumn/Winter 2027 cross-country season)

FIND ALL THE LINKS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: Lakes Entrance Little Athletics

OR EMAIL US: lakesentrancelavic.com.au

Special Offers & Vouchers:

- 2 week free trial to all new athletes
- Get Active Kids Vouchers: Eligible families can use the Get Active Kids Voucher program.

◦ Provider Number: 3351840

To sign up or find out more, reach out to our team or head to our registration page today!

lavic.com.au/centres/lakes-entrance/



Detox Your Home is coming to Bairnsdale

Saturday 14 November 2026 | 9.00am to 1.00pm

East Gippsland Livestock Exchange,
 11 Saleyard Road, Bairnsdale

Household items and chemicals such as fire extinguishers, bleach, pesticides, weed killers, cleaning products and fuel should never be put in your rubbish bins or poured down the drain.

Safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals at the **FREE** Detox Your Home event without harming your health or the environment.

For a full list of items and chemicals accepted, visit **environment.vic.gov.au/detox-your-home**



Bookings are essential - Detox Your Home is a drive-through, contactless event.

To register to attend simply scan the QR code or visit **event.humanitix.com/detoxbairnsdale2026**

No Fee Green Waste Disposal



November 1 - 30

Council is supporting garden clean-ups on private land in preparation for the summer fire season.

Up to **4 cubic metres** per person per day can be disposed for **no fee** at participating transfer stations including:

Bairnsdale Landfill, Bemm River, Bruthen, Buchan, Cann River, Lakes Entrance, Mallacoota, Marlo, Metung, Omeo, Orbost and Swifts Creek.

Please note: No vegetation is to be removed from public land without prior consent.





LAKE ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL OSHC

Before & After School Care

PROGRAM

Our OSHC is the ideal setting for students to explore new interests or establish lasting friendships, while also having a great time together!

- Homework Assistance
- Creative Art & Crafts
- Exciting Group Activities
- Snacks & Refreshments Provided



**5-12
YEARS
OLD**

LEARN MORE:

(03) 5155 1812 EXT 2

oshc.lakes.entrance.ps@education.vic.gov.au



LAKE ENTRANCE
RUNNING FESTIVAL

SAT
31
OCT



2KM FUN RUN

Cross the footbridge. Race the foreshore. Finish with a grin.



FINISHER'S MEDAL



FOOD TRUCKS



LIVE BANDS

WHEN

Saturday 31 Oct, 5pm

Kick off the festival weekend with the afternoon fun run

WHERE

Lakes Entrance Foreshore

Start: Cunningham Arm Footbridge
Finish: near the Rotunda

WHO

All ages welcome

No minimum age — kids, mums, dads, grandparents. Run, jog or walk!

ENTRY

\$25

One easy lap on a flat concrete path (1 hour cut-off)

Enter today!

lakesentrance.run

Scan the QR to register on Race Roster



PART OF THE LAKE ENTRANCE RUNNING FESTIVAL - 31 OCT + 1 NOV 2026
Presented by Fit City Events with East Gippsland Shire Council



LAKE ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB JOIN THE FUN!



**BE PART OF
SOMETHING
GREAT!**



At Lakes Entrance Cricket Club, it's more than just cricket.

It's mates. It's family.

It's making memories that last at Lakes Entrance.

ALL JUNIORS WELCOME!



MAKE MATES

Build friendships and be part of an awesome team.



LEARN & PLAY

Develop skills, have fun and grow your love for cricket.



FAMILY CLUB

A proud community club where everyone belongs on and off the field.



GREAT VIBES

Positive, inclusive and supportive environment for all kids.



FAMILY FUN

BBQs, events and good times for players and families.



JOIN THE SEAGULLS!

Registrations open now

ALL JUNIORS WELCOME!

**MATES AT LAKES.
LAKE ENTRANCE.**

COME PLAY WITH YOUR MATES!

[Lakes Entrance Cricket Club](#) | lakescc@outlook.com | 0407 704 383

JUNIORS TRAINING BEGINS

16TH SEPTEMBER
4PM
AT OUR HOME GROUND

**ALL SKILL LEVELS, ALL WELCOME,
BOYS AND GIRLS!**

Mates at Lakes