29 October, 2026

NEWSLETTER 33

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.



Enjoy your mini break, school resumes Wednesday 4th November @ 9.00am

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Term 4

		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
TERM 4	WEEK 4	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	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 7	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18 FOUNDATION 2027 ORIENTATION	Nov 19	Nov 20 9.10am Year 1/2 Class Mass 2.30pm Assembly - 5 Red Year 2 Camp Experience 3:30 - 5:30

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

Praying before meals: Grace
The custom of praying over a meal is ancient in the Catholic faith tradition. Even before Jesus, who prayed over the gifts of the Last Supper and over the gifts at the multiplication of the loaves and fish the ancient Jews prayed over their meals as well. They did so in gratitude both for the food and for the land which the Lord had given them.

There are many ways to pray before eating. One to share this week is;
God is great and God is Good.
Let us thank Him for our food;
By his blessings we are fed.
Give us Lord, our daily bread.
Amen

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 childs 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.*

YEAR 3/4 MARINE MAMMAL FOUNDATION VISIT

Last week, our Year 3/4 students took part in an incursion run by Matt from the Marine Mammal Foundation. Matt taught students about the unique Gippsland Lakes environment, the Burrunan dolphin, and why it is so important to protect our local waterways and wildlife. Through a range of hands-on activities, students learnt about the impact litter and plastics can have on the Lakes and explored how rubbish can end up in our environment. They worked together in small groups to discuss environmental issues in our community, identify possible causes, and share ideas for positive solutions. Students also learned about sustainability, inspiring them to think about the actions they can take to help care for the Gippsland Lakes.

Fletcher

I found the incursion really cool and interesting. I learned about a newly discovered species of dolphin and why we need to protect them. It was also interesting to learn that seals often stay above dolphins when they are hunting so they can catch fish too.



MARINE MAMMAL

FOUNDATION

Shana

We learned a lot about dolphins. We could definitely pass Dolphin College if it existed! Did you know people can tell dolphins apart by looking at the scratches and notches on their fins? You probably didn't.



Rocco

The incursion was so much fun. I loved learning about dolphins. Their echolocation was so cool. It was also really fun when we got to make our own dolphin fin and create a story about it.

Remy

At the Marine Foundation incursion, they taught us about dolphins and how researchers tell them apart. Every dolphin has a different fin with unique markings. There are about 30 Burrunan dolphins living around Lakes Entrance. We also learned how dolphins find their food. They use echolocation by making sounds that bounce off objects and help them find fish.







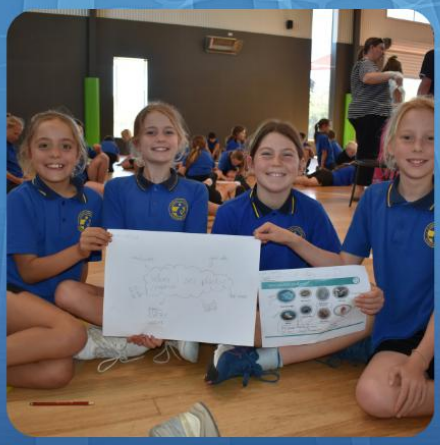
Liam

Yesterday I learned about dolphin skulls, the Burrunan dolphin, and different animals and their habitats. It was really cool to listen to the sounds of dolphins and seals. It was inspiring to touch the bones and learn how much rubbish people throw on the ground. I also learned about the markings on dolphins and how they get their own unique markings.

MARINE MAMMAL

FOUNDATION

Mahlee
At our Year 3/4 incursion we had so much fun. We got to draw our own dolphin fin, look at skulls, listen to sounds, and do some brainstorming activities. I would like to say thank you to Matt for teaching us so much.





Oscar
We learned about lots of things. We looked at posters, worked in groups, and drew our own dolphin fins.

Jarrah
I liked all of it, but my favourite part was looking at the bones because now I know the different parts of a dolphin skull.



Chester
I liked looking at the skulls of the dolphins and the seals.



Lucy
It was brilliant. I learned how lucky we are to have dolphins living so close to us. I also learned about the techniques dolphins use to catch fish and about the little nicks and notches in their fins. We learned about litter and waste as well. I loved it!

YEAR 5 PRAYER EXPERIENCE

On the 27th of October, our Year 5 classes came together for a special prayer session where we took time to slow down, reflect and connect with Jesus. We participated in three different prayer activities. We reflected on the prayers of the faithful, thought about the things we are grateful for, and took part in a peaceful guided meditation.



Prayers of the faithful

When I stepped into the room of prayers of the faithful it made me feel calm and relaxed. When I was writing my prayer I felt peaceful and I wrote a kind prayer. When people were reading their prayers it was so nice to know that all the people in the world that are struggling have support. When I feel sad for struggling families, I believe in our community. We are very lucky that we have a safe country to live in. I'm sure a lot of other students enjoyed this composed time as well. When we feel down and have no hope the candle represents igniting hope sparking inside.
By Harriet







YEAR 5 PRAYER EXPERIENCE







Gratitiude hands

Another way we prayed was with gratitude hands. We cut out paper hands and wrote 5 different things and people we were grateful for on each finger. We displayed all of these in our foyer.



YEAR 5 PRAYER EXPERIENCE

IGNATION MEDITATION

During our ignation meditation, we closed our eyes, became still and quiet, and used our imagination to picture ourselves in a beautiful, peaceful garden. We imagined the gentle breeze, the colourful flowers and the calming sounds of nature around us. As we relaxed, we took time to breathe slowly and let go of the busy thoughts of the day. We imagined Jesus beside us, reminding us that we are loved, cared for and never alone. This special time helped us feel calm and peaceful while reflecting on our faith and the wonderful world God has created.

By Billie

Our class prayer was a lovely opportunity to pause, appreciate our blessings and strengthen our connection with Jesus. We learnt that prayer is not only about speaking to God, but also about being still, listening with our hearts and taking a moment to be thankful.



SUMMER 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	GIRLS
Boys Blue Short Sleeve Shirt	Summer dress/Summer shorts and shirt
Stubbies shorts (grey)	Bomber Jacket (with emblem)
Bomber jacket (with emblem)	Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)
Polar Fleece Jacket (with emblem)	Royal blue school hat (with emblem)
Royal blue school hat (with emblem)	White school socks - above ankle (no logos)
Grey socks - above ankle (no logos)	Black **leather** school shoes or Buckle/lace-up/T-bar
Black **leather** school shoes/boots	











BOYS & GIRLS
Blue polo shirt with emblem (Short Sleeve)
Black Basketball shorts (in summer), Skorts Girls
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**)







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. HEADBANDS, 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.

SPORTS UNIFORM IS WORN ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY UNLESS ADVISED IN WRITING. RUNNERS/SNEAKERS ARE TO BE WORN ON THESE DAYS. CONVERSE OR SKATE SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

COLOURED T-SHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN UNDER UNIFORMS. BOXER SHORTS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN UNDER THE UNIFORM.



Week 4: Shine a Light: Loving Our Neighbour

As we reach the final week of our October journey with the *Shine a Light* initiative, our focus turns to the very heart of Christian living: fostering safety, kindness and deep respect in every relationship. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme, 'Love Your Neighbour,' comes from the heart of the Gospel, where Jesus teaches that love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. Loving our neighbour as ourselves begins in the warmth of our own homes and parish community. When we choose patience, listen with empathy and uphold the dignity of those around us, we put love into real practice and create spaces where everyone feels secure, valued, and cherished.

Shine a Light: Loving Our Neighbour by Petra Mazai

When Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, His answer is beautifully simple: to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. At times, faith can seem complicated, but Jesus brings us back to what matters most: love. After all, God is love, and every act of genuine love reflects His presence in our lives.

As we journey through this Franciscan Year, these words invite us to pause and reflect on how love is lived out in our everyday lives. Love is present in the patience we show a family member, the forgiveness we offer when we have been hurt, the encouragement we give to someone who is struggling, or the time we take to truly listen. These moments may seem small, but they often have the greatest impact, bringing comfort, hope, and healing to others.

The readings remind us that God has a special concern for those who are vulnerable, isolated, or in need. They challenge us to look beyond ourselves and see others through eyes of compassion. In a world that can sometimes feel hurried and divided, we are called to make others feel seen, valued and cared for.

St Francis understood this deeply. He recognised the dignity of every person and responded with humility, kindness, and joy. His example reminds us that love is not simply a feeling but a choice we make each day through our words and actions. May we take time this week to reflect on the ways we show love to those around us. Through even the smallest acts of kindness, we can make God's love visible in our homes, parish, and the wider community. When we choose love, we bring the Gospel to life, for God is Love.

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.





LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FRIDAY

ORDER MUST BE IN THURSDAY



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

Anglican Parish of Tambo

POP-UP OP SHOP

St Columbs Church

2015 Princes Highway, Swan Reach

Friday October 30th 9.30am – 2.30pm
Saturday October 31th 9.30am – 2.30pm

ADULT CLOTHING
(Most $1 - $3)



KIDS CLOTHING
(Most 50c - $1)

SOME FREE ITEMS TOO

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Surplus quality goods from Bruthen Op Shop at discount prices.

Fashions and everyday wear for all ages.

Pre-loved books, shoes, toys, linen and more at bargain prices.

Ye Olde Oppe Shoppe at Bruthen will also be open as usual.
Why not pop in there too, meet our friendly volunteers and see what else you can find.

G.E.M.

Create a **'Happy' playlist** for the class.

Have each student suggest a song that makes them feel happy, and add it to the playlist.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

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.









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: lakesentrance@lavic.com.au

LAKES ENTRANCE 165 LITTLE ATHLETICS

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

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

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.

LAKES ENTRANCE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
OSHC

Before & After School Care PROGRAM



5-12 YEARS OLD

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

LEARN MORE:

(03) 5155 1812 EXT 2

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

LAKES 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: Cunninghame 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 LAKES ENTRANCE RUNNING FESTIVAL · 31 OCT + 1 NOV 2026
Presented by Fit City Events with East Gippsland Shire Council

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LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB

LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB SEAGULLS

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. LAKES ENTRANCE.
COME PLAY WITH YOUR MATES!

Lakes Entrance Cricket Club | lakescc@outlook.com | 0407 704 383

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

Lego Club



Junior LEGO enthusiasts are invited to attend our after-school LEGO Club sessions

Libraries Change Lives

Bairnsdale - Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Lakes Entrance - Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm

EAST GIPPSLAND
SHIRE LIBRARIES
FREE | BOOKINGS REQUIRED
Sensitive Santa



Join us for a very special visit from Santa!

For children and families who would benefit from a low sensory and supported environment.

Libraries Change Lives

Visit your local library to book

Bairnsdale Library

Thursday 26 November, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 28 November, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Orbost Service Centre

Wednesday 25 November, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

LibrariesConnect

Rhymetime
at your local library

Bairnsdale Library
Wednesday 10:30am

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Wednesday 10:30am

Orbost Service Centre
Thursday 10:00am

Paynesville Service Centre
Monday 10:30am

Mallacoota Service Centre
Tuesday 10:00am



Libraries Change Lives

Storytime
at your local library

Bairnsdale Library
Tuesday 11:00am

Lakes Entrance Service Centre
Tuesday 11:00am

Mallacoota Service Centre
Thursday 2:30pm

Omeo Service Centre
Thursday 10:00am

Orbost Service Centre Tuesday 10:30am

Paynesville Service Centre
Tuesday 11:00am



Libraries Change Lives