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NEWSLETTER 34

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.

STATE ATHLETICS

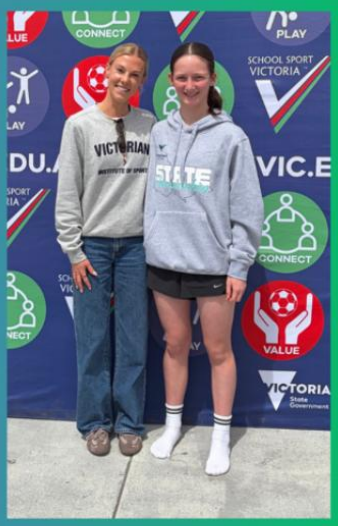
By Ivy O'Donnell

On the 29th of October I travelled down to Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park Melbourne to compete in 80 metre hurdles and the 800 metres. Even though this was my 3rd time going to STATE I was still pretty nervous but extremely excited and grateful to have this opportunity and couldn't be more proud of my results of 13th in both events. I would like to thank my amazing mum and dad for taking me down and cheering me on.









Ivy with Abbey Caldwell who is an 800m & 1500m Olympian.

Year 1 Camp
Experience
Thursday 12th November
3.30pm - 5.00pm

Year 2 Camp
Experience
Friday 20th November
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Collaborative Conferences
coming up
Mon 30th Nov
Tue 1st Dec
Wed 2nd Dec

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Dear Families and Friends,

Our beautiful town was a spectacle to be hold on Sunday with the Run Lakes Entrance festival taking place. It was a pleasure to see some of our young students not only supporting the runners but getting out there and testing their endurance. Blake Howden completed the 10 km course in around an hour and Harvey Masoud ran the 2 km course in under 8 minutes. Well done, boys!

There has ben plenty of writing and assessment taking place at St Brendan's over the last couple of weeks and it is an enjoyable time as teachers and students get positive feedback on their work. These assessments continue to be used as the foundation for our planning as we will continue to teach and learn right up until the last day of the year. We look forward to sharing the conversations about students progress at your child's Collaborative Conference on Monday 30 November – Wednesday, 2 December.

The Passport Program has begun on Fridays in year six to help our students make the transition to secondary schooling. Thanks again, to the Smith Family for providing this experience. It certainly does encourage conversation and begins to settle the nerves of our young adolescents.

Importance of Connection - https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me

"Connection comes in many forms. It isn't just about friendships or family ties, but also about feeling a sense of belonging, being part of something bigger and developing shared experiences and traditions."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Connection is vital to the wellbeing and development of children and young people. Strong relationships with family, friends, school and the wider community help build belonging, self-esteem and resilience. As young people grow more independent, these connections can change, with online relationships also playing an increasing role. By creating opportunities for meaningful connection, modelling healthy relationships and ensuring young people have trusted adults in their lives, parents and caregivers can help them feel valued, supported and better equipped to navigate life's challenges.

Foundation Orientations begin on Wednesday of next week and continue for three weeks. Our Year Five students are beside themselves with excitement and we can't wait to get the buddy relationships underway.

In the next two weeks our year one and year two students will participate in their camp experience at Eastern Beach. Let's hope the weather improves so they can make the most of the opportunity. This longer school day is a step towards the year three overnight camp.

Please join us for assembly this week. Our year fives will be presenting their item which showcases their learning in class about sustainable fishing practices.

Kind Regards,
Matthew Hamer

Term 4

		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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 8	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25 FOUNDATION 2027 ORIENTATION	Nov 26	Nov 27
TERM 4	WEEK 9	Nov 30 COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	Dec 1 COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	Dec 2 COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	Dec 3	Dec 4 9.10am Whole School Mass - End of Year

Term 4

Week 9: Mon 30th Nov, Tue 1st Dec & Wednesday 2nd Dec - Collaborative Conferences
Week 10: Friday 11th December Family BBQ
Week 11: Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation & Term 4 ends @ 2.15pm

A PRAYER TO SHARE

Each month, Pope Leo puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. For the month of November, Pope Leo's prayer intention is on the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.
Amen



Tues 10th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 11th Nov:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 13th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.10 am
	Year 3/4 Class Mass. All Welcome.		
Sat 14th Nov:	St. Dymphna's	Buchan	9.00 am
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
Sun 15th Nov:	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: 7th November 2026 – Rosary will be at 8.45 am.

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









PE

We did stretches, cardio and dance in the hall for sport this week. The kids had loads of fun!







2026 REGIONAL SUMMER SPORTS

On the 28th of October, the year 6 girl basketball team went to Traralgon for Regional Summer Sports. At 7:30 am we started to head to the basketball stadium. Mrs Kenny and Dan accompanied us by helping and coaching us for the day. We had only 7 minutes of a break before each game which was very exhausting.

Our first game was at around 10:15 am and we played Gippsland Grammar Primary School. Unfortunately we lost the game but we all played so hard and tried our best. In the second game we played St Gabriel's. Sadly we lost that one as well but they were a really hard team to beat. We competed against COWES which is a school near Philip Island. St Brendan's also lost that one, but only by a few points. Our fourth and last game we played Columba. We won that game!

Each game we improved tremendously. We demonstrated leadership and teamwork which makes our school proud. Our team was first to make it into Regionals in a while which also makes us SO grateful. After that we stayed for a presentation.

In the end we finished 4th place out of 5 teams. Thanks to everyone who made this possible, especially Mrs Kenny for coaching and Dan for scoring and driving us there. Overall we had such a great day even if we didn't win. Congratulations to St Gabriel's for making it through to State and COWES for finishing runners up. We finally arrived back at school around 4:15pm. We all played exceptionally well and had loads of fun.

By Leanna and Indie

BASKETBALL GIRLS



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.

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





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

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

Kids PICKLEBALL

Sundays 1-2PM FAMILIES WELCOME



$2 MEMBERS
$4 NON MEMBERS

AT THE LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS COURTS

LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB

JOIN THE FUN!

LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB SEAGULLS

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

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
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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



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