13 November, 2026

NEWSLETTER 35

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.

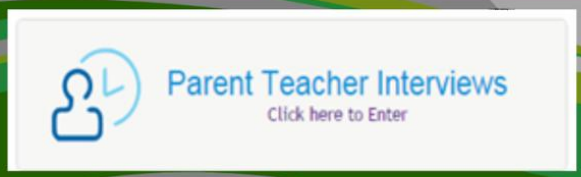
COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES: (PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS) BOOKING THROUGH PAM

COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, TUESDAY 1ST & WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 3.30PM - 6.00PM

Our Semester Two 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.

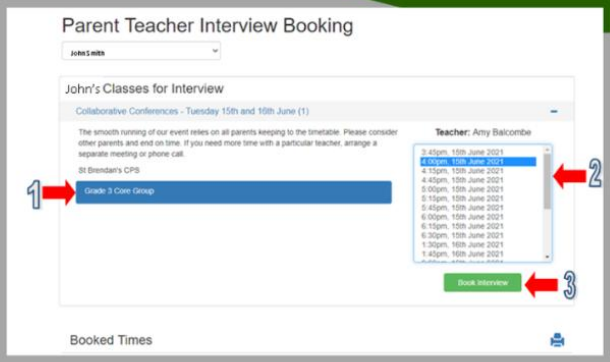


Please login to PAM as normal and you will immediately see a screen including the Parent Interview short cut. Once you click on the window you will be given the chance to select your child. The screen would be similar to the one below. You select your child one at a time.





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.



Contact us: 51 55 2712 Please contact the school if you have any difficulties logging into Pam.

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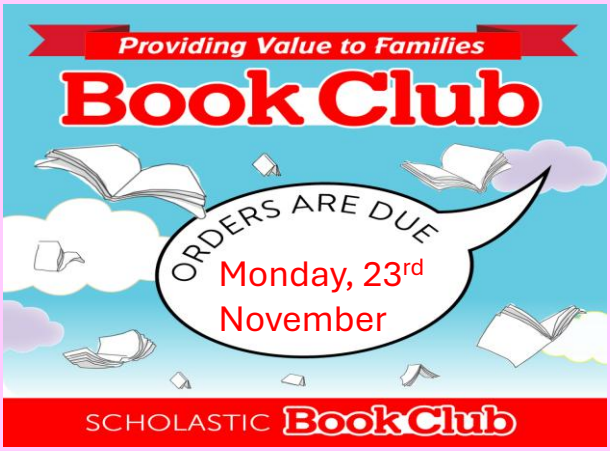
Term 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 7	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18 FOUNDATION 2027 ORIENTATION	Nov 19 6.00pm Reconciliation	Nov 20 9.10am Year 1/2 Class Mass 2.30pm Assembly - 5 Red Year 2 Camp Experience 3:30 - 5:30
WEEK 8	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25 FOUNDATION 2027 ORIENTATION	Nov 26	Nov 27
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
WEEK 10	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9 School Captains speeches	Dec 10 House Captains speeches Orientation - 2027 new students	Dec 11 2.20pm GHC Assembly Family BBQ

Term 4 Week 11: Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation & Term 4 ends @ 2.15pm







Tues 17th Nov:	St Brendan's Liturgy of the word and	Lakes Entrance Communion Service	9.30 am
Wed 18th Nov:	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Thurs 19th Nov:	St Brendan's Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebration.	Lakes Entrance	6.00 pm
Fri 20th Nov:	St. Brendan's Year 1/2 Class Mass. All Welcome.	Lakes Entrance	9.10 am
Sat 21st Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
Sun 22nd Nov:	St. Brendan's St. Colman's St. Joseph's Vietnamese Mass.	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: **5th December 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 13th December 2026** after Mass in hobby room. - A Special morning Tea for the RCIA

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP
WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES

East Gippsland Community Christmas Appeal

This year, St Brendan's will continue to support the East Gippsland Community Christmas Appeal. This Appeal provides food hampers and children's gifts to East Gippsland families at Christmas. It is about locals looking out for locals and acknowledging that Christmas can sometimes be a time of financial strain. Not all families experience the joy of sharing a Christmas meal with family and friends.

Community Service Agencies refer families to the Christmas Appeal, and hampers and gifts are given without judgment. It is an opportunity for the community to work together to share their best wishes at Christmas time.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting goods for this appeal. Each class has been allocated a family to think and pray for and to collect a hamper for. All items need to be in by **Friday, 4 December**, where they will be packaged ready for pickup. If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, it would be gratefully accepted and would help with the purchase of any missing items.

The Social Justice Student Leaders will be coordinating the collection of goods for the hampers.

Foundation Blue	**Foundation Red**	**1/2 Blue**	**1/2 Red**
Mum Dad Nan Girl 5	Mum Boy 8 Girl 4	Mum Dad Boy 6 Girl 16 Girl 24	Nan Pop Boy 4
1/2 Green	**3/4 Red**	**3/4 Blue**	**3/4 Green**
Mum Boy 3	Mum Dad Boy 3	Mum Boy 4	Mum Dad Girl 6 Boy 5 Girl 3
5 Red	**5 Blue**	**6 Red**	**6 Blue**
Grandmother Boy 14 Boy 12 Girl 11	Mum Girl 3	Mum Boy 5	Mum Girl 12 Girl 11 Girl 10 Girl 8

Each hamper needs at least one (more for larger families) of the following;

·Christmas cake · large tin of ham · tin of peas · tin of carrots · tin of potatoes
.Christmas pudding · custard · Christmas shortbread · long-life milk · potato chips
·Christmas chocolates, e.g. chocolate stocking or box of chocolates
·3 x extra grocery items, e.g. pasta, rice or soup
·Gifts for the adults/children

St Brendan's has been a strong supporter of this appeal for several years now and this year we will once again, like Mary Mackillop, try to put our faith into action. Please talk to your children about why we are doing this and perhaps involve them in choosing which item/s to donate.

Thank you in anticipation.

pickle ball

Year 3/4 & Year 5



Last Wednesday and Thursday, we enjoyed learning to play pickleball during sport at school. Our instructor, Mike Spruzen, teaches pickleball and tennis in Lakes Entrance.

We developed new skills, including serving, striking and dinking. We also played Around the World, a fun game that gave us the chance to practise serving and rallying the ball.

Everyone who participated had an enjoyable time. We showed respect and courtesy towards Mike and thanked him for sharing his time and expertise.

By Blake Howden (Year 5)

pickle ball

Year 3/4 & Year 5











pickle ball

Year 1/2 Green

Hudson - I REALLY LIKED IT BECAUSE WE LEARNT KEEPY UPPIES
Reeve - I HAD FUN PLAYING PICKLE BALL
Oliver - PICKLE BALL IS FUN
Theodore - YOU HOLD THE BAT LIKE A HAMMER.
Hattie - IT IS HARD HITTING IT BACK OVER THE NET





Amber - IT WAS FUN BECAUSE WE GOT TO HIT THE BALL TO EACH OTHER
Sol - YOU GET TO HAVE A LIGHT BALL AND A LIGHT BAT
Penelope - YOU HAVE TO HIT THE BALL OVER THE NET
Luna - IT'S DIFFICULT, I KEPT ON MISSING THE BALL BUT IT WAS FUN





pickle ball

Year 1/2 Green

Alek - IT WAS VERY FUN BECAUSE YOU NEED TO HIT THE BALL OVER AND OVER
Sadie - MIKE TAUGHT US HOW TO PLAY
Lincoln - I DO PICKLE BALL OUT OF SCHOOL WITH MIKE AT THE TENNIS COURTS
Ruby - PICKLE BALL IS FUN
Noah - I DO PICKLE BALL EVERY WEEK
Shaivyaa - MIKE TAUGHT US DINKING, IT'S WHEN YOU BOUNCE THE BALL AND THEN HIT IT UNDER ARM













Fletcher - I LIKED HAVING FUN WITH MY FRIENDS
Brianna - PICKLE BALL IS HARD BUT ITS GOOD TO HAVE A GO
Valerie - PICKLE BALL IS A GREAT SPORT
Layla - I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, IT WAS FUN
Leo - I DO PICKLE BALL ON THE WEEKEND

A SPECIAL REPORT: Puberty & Relationships

Puberty is a time of significant change, bringing new experiences, emotions and questions for young people and their families. Alongside physical development, children and adolescents are navigating changing friendships, growing independence and an emerging sense of identity. These changes can feel exciting, confusing and sometimes overwhelming.

Conversations about puberty and relationships need to start early, before these changes begin. Introducing age-appropriate discussions about bodies, feelings, personal boundaries and respect helps lay the foundation for later conversations about consent and intimate relationships. For adult carers, this means creating regular opportunities to talk, listening without judgement and letting children know their questions are always welcome.

This Special Report provides practical guidance to help families start these conversations early and keep them going as children grow.

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-puberty-relationships-au



Puberty & Relationships

A SchoolTV topic supporting
modern-day parenting

SchoolTV

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

Help get more East Gippsland families walking!

We'd love your feedback!

Take our quick, anonymous survey and help your local Health Promotion teams create a free, family-friendly activity booklet and online resources.

Your feedback will help more families discover local walks, explore the outdoors and enjoy being active together.



ONLY 6 QUESTIONS

Viewing this QR Code on your phone?

1. Take a screenshot of the QR code
2. Open the screenshot in your Photos or Gallery
3. Press and hold the QR code, then tap the link to go to the survey!

Gippsland Lakes Complete Health





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





IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast to receive your Blast Pass

1 x BBL MCG Match of your choice	All WBBL matches at junction Oval	All Victorian State Cricket Matches	10% off Stars merchandise	Exclusive partner offers	20% off selected New Balance gear

Lakes Entrance CC - Blasters - $76
Start Date: Wednesday 25 November
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Venue - Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve

SIGN UP TODAY!

Play cricket

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
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



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