20 November, 2026

NEWSLETTER 36

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.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our candidates:

Alexandra Hayes & Remy Lay









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Term 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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
WEEK 11	Dec 14	Dec 15 Year 6 Graduation/Mass Term Ends 2.15pm	Dec16	Dec 17	Dec 18 Staff Final Day

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





Tues 24th Nov:	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 25th Nov:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Fri 27th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sat 28th Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
Sun 29th 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: **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 22nd November 2026** after Mass in hobby room. - A Special morning Tea for the RCIA

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP
WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES

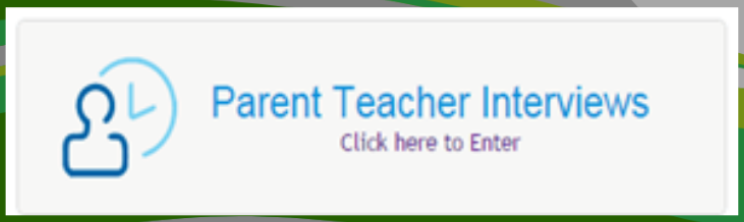
COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES: (PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS) BOOKING THROUGH PAM

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.

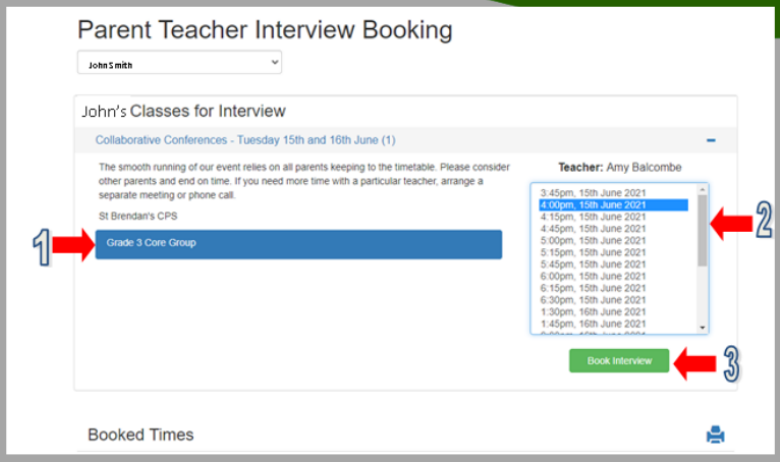


Please login to PAM as normal and you will immediately see a screen including the Parent Interview short cut.
Once you click on the window you will be given the chance to select your child. The screen would be similar to the one below. You select your child one at a time.





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.

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.

Year 1 Camp Experience

On Thursday the 12th of November 2026 we went to Eastern Beach for camp experience.



We did a sand castle competition. **Hattie**

I found an earthworm in my sandcastle. **Ollie**

We added a love heart to our castle. **Fletch**

Me and Gil made 2 castles and connected them. **Alek**



















Year 1 Camp Experience







Inside the parachute looked like an arena. **Dalton**

All of us went under the parachute. **Theo**

The parachute is bigger. **Arabelle**

The outside parachute looked like Patrick's house. **Darcy**

We played with the parachute. **Owen**

The parachute was very fun to play on. **Jackson**

The parachute was colourful. **Penelope**

The parachute was like a tent. **Hattie**









Year 1 Camp Experience











It was fun. **Valerie**

We played on the park and we had lots of fun. **Lylah**

We had fruit skewers to eat. **Shaivyaa**

My favourite part was eating the fruit because it was so yummy. **Taomi**







We played fun games. **Lotte**

I climbed across the entire monkey bars. **Luna**

I found a crab claw. **Scarlett**

Me and Isaiah made a place to sit on the grass. **Fatheh**

A crab tried to pinch me on the toe. **Sam**

Shaivyaa, Arabelle, Taomi and I collected a lot of shells. **Haizel**

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.





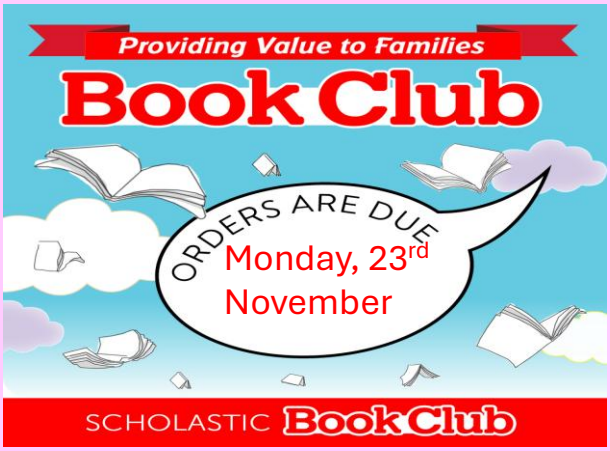
LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FRIDAY

ORDER MUST BE IN THURSDAY



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





A PRAYER TO SHARE

Dear God,
Thank you for this beautiful day.
Thank you for family, friends, and everyone who loves and cares for us.
Thank you for food, our homes, and our school.
Thank you for the sunshine, the flowers, the animals, and the beautiful world you created.
Please help us to always have thankful hearts.
Please help us to be kind, share with others, listen to our parents and teachers, and show love to everyone we meet.
When I feel sad, help me to remember that you are always with me. When I feel happy, help me to share my happiness with others.
Thank you, God, for all your blessings, big and small.
Amen.



ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LAKES ENTRANCE

WARMLY INVITE ALL TO JOIN OUR

'A CAROL EVENT'

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER @ 7PM

'O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL'







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

FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Sensitive Santa

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES

Santa Visit For Children With Additional Needs



Join us for a very special visit from Santa!

Santa has taken time out of his very busy schedule and agreed to join us at the library for a talk and a photo!

Sensitive Santa is for children and families who would benefit from a low sensory and supported environment.

Children with additional needs are invited to meet Santa in a free private 20-minute session with their families.

This project is supported by the Uniting Vic Tas - East Gippsland Communities for Children program, using funds provided through the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS)

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

Book Now
Speak to our friendly library staff to book your time or call 5152 4225

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Medical Information Update

URGENT

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 your 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.*

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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