27 November, 2026

NEWSLETTER 37

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.

2027 SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES

- **School captains are on Wednesday, 9th December @ 9.15am**
- **House captains are on Thursday, 10th December @ 11.30am**



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Dear Families and Friends,

We had a brilliant three weeks with our new foundation students for next year. They assimilated to primary schooling particularly well. The teachers spoke of them listening well, following instructions and getting along famously with their buddies. We have a great deal to look forward to next year.

Camp experiences for years one and two took place over the last two weeks. While a simple concept, the students thoroughly enjoyed the experienced shared with their peers in a different environment. We got lucky with the weather on both occasions, and the students are better prepared for the independence they will require when journeying to the year three overnight camp.

Once again, our assembly last Friday was very well conducted by our year six cohort. In the week before each assembly, we ask our school captains to write their lines for what they will present. I have been so proud of the commitment shown by Winter Thomas, Georgia McGuinness and Arlo Kenworthy-Smith to prepare and deliver these assemblies is such vibrant manner. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

Why play is important for your child's emotional development at 5-8 years: https://raisingchildren.net.au/

Play is a key way for your school-age child to explore, express, recognise and learn to manage emotions. This is important when your child is *starting school*, experiencing new and intense emotions, and learning to get along with others. For example, children playing together are practising patience when they take turns and managing disappointment if they don't win.

At this age, play with you still has an important and special role too. Playing together – for example, throwing a ball to each other or playing a board game – gives your child the chance to experience and express emotions like happiness and disappointment in a supportive environment. It strengthens your relationship too, and it's all good practice for when your child is playing with others.

Friendships become more important to your child at this age. This means your child might feel strong emotions about belonging, friendship, fairness and rejection. They might be more aware of how their friends feel too. Some experiences can stir up strong emotions like frustration, disappointment or anger.

As we near the end of the calendar year we have many events taking place. We look forward to engaging with families at the collaborative conferences next week. There is so much to be celebrated and discussed in planning for next year. The Golden Honour Card assembly is a big celebration where we present our year six cohort with their leadership certificates and congratulate students on their achievements. Later that day we have the Family Barbecue which is many peoples favourite event of the year.

Our final day for the year is Tuesday, 15 December which begins with the Year Six Graduation Mass and ceremony. School concludes at 2.15pm on that day.

Kind Regards,
Matthew Hamer

Term 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
WEEK 9	**Nov 30** Nagle Orientation COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	**Dec 1** Nagle Orientation Grammer Orientation COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	**Dec 2** Nagle Orientation Grammer Orientaton COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCES	**Dec 3** Grammer Orientation	**Dec 4** Grammer Orientation 9.10am Whole School Mass - End of Year Indigenous Morning Tea
WEEK 10	**Dec 7** Lakes Secondary College Orientation	**Dec 8** Lakes Secondary College Orientation Bairnsdale Secondary College Orientation	**Dec 9** Bairnsdale Secondary College Orientation 9.15am School Captains speeches	**Dec 10** 11.30am 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



You're Invited

To our end of year Mass
Come and celebrate the end of the year and the Second week of Advent with us.
Date: Friday 4th December
Time: 9:10am
Place: St Brendan's Church

All Welcome

A Prayer to Share

Congratulations to Remy Lay and Alexandra Hayes for paricipating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday. This Sacrament is a beautiful celebration of forgiveness and love.

A prayer of Thanksgiving
Loving God,
Thank you for the wonderful gift of Reconciliation.
We celebrate Alex and Remy who received this special sacrament last week.
May they continue to grow in faith, love and kindness.
Help us to forgive others, show compassion and bring joy to those around us.
May our school always be a place of love, peace and forgiveness.
Amen.

Discuss things that we are thankful for.

St Brendan's Newsletter - Summer Edition coming soon!

We are looking for short good news stories about any of our families or children, such as achievements, special birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, etc. Please email our Parish Secretary, Cherie (stbrendan@bigpond.com) leave a hard copy at the Parish office (letterbox near the door) or the school office (att. Helen Renehan). If possible, please attach a photo.



Tues 1st Dec:	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Wed 2nd Dec:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
Thurs 3rd Dec:	Opal Nursing Home	Lakes Ent.	11.00 am
Fri 4th Dec:	St. Brendan's Whole School End of Year Mass. Calvary Nursing Home	Lakes Entrance Lakes Entrance	9.10 am No Mass
Sat 5th Dec:	Rosary St Brendan's St. Brendan's St. Joseph's	Lakes Entrance Lakes Entrance Swan Reach	8.45 am 9.00 am 5.00 pm
Sun 6th Dec:	St. Brendan's St. Colman's	Lakes Entrance Orbost	9.00 am 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 13th December 2026** after Mass in hobby room. A morning Tea (Cuppa & Biscuits) will be every Sunday in **January.**

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP
WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES

FAMILY BBQ

11th DEC

2026

ON FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER, ST BRENDAN'S WILL HOST OUR FAMILY BARBECUE. THE AFTERNOON WILL BE A GREAT CHANCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO GET TOGETHER AND PARTICIPATE IN SOME FAMILY ACTIVITIES. THE OUTLINE FOR THE AFTERNOON IS AS LISTED BELOW:





4.30PM: ART SHOW IN HALL

5.00PM: CAROLS AND SINGING GROUP PERFORMANCES

5.30PM: PARENT/TEACHER VERSUS GRADE SIX STUDENTS SOCCER MATCH



5.30 TO 7.00PM: DINNER AVAILABLE - SHARED BARBECUE DINNER (MEAT AND BREAD WILL BE PROVIDED, PARENTS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SALAD OR DESSERT)



THIS YEAR THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN SMOOTHIE.

WE ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT YEAR SIX PARENTS FOR THE SOCCER MATCH. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHILD IF YOU CAN PLAY. IT SHOULD BE A LOT OF FUN.



CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES.

PLEASE BRING A CAMPING CHAIR OR TWO.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS (NO ALCOHOL). TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED AND ANYWHERE ESPRESSO WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE HOT BEVERAGES.

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.

SMOOTHIE BIKE

Last week in health, students enjoyed making smoothies using a pedal-powered blender bike borrowed from GLCH. They selected their ingredients, named their creations, and worked with partners to blend and taste their smoothies. Students shared feedback and reflected on how they could improve their recipes, combining exercise with a fun food experience.



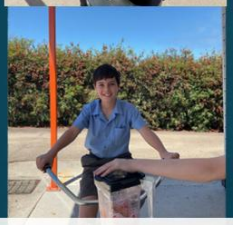


"Some kids disliked their smoothie, and some loved it. It all depended on your choice of ingredients. But the whole experience wasn't to see who could make the best smoothie, it was for having fun and enjoying ourselves in a healthy way!"
— Shana Alwyn

"In health class, we chose fruits and added milk, water or coconut water to make our own smoothies. We worked with a partner to pedal the blender bike, then poured our smoothies into cups to enjoy!"

— Lucy Jarrett















"The smoothie bike was the best part! We had fun pedalling, blending and tasting our smoothies while getting some exercise. It was one of our favourite experiences in health class!"
— Alexandra Drew & Ella O'Rourke

"My smoothie was very yummy! I used the right amount of milk and blended it so there weren't any chunks."

— Pippa Ford White

Thank you, GLCH.

Year 2 Camp Experience





I liked it when we got to have the sausages and play on the beach. - Ollie









The trampoline on the playground was really fun. I had a fun time at the camp experience. - Hudson F

It was fun when we went under the parachute. - Lincoln

The sausages were very yum. - Arden







It was fun when we got to make sandcastles and when Ms Supple picked the top 3. - Oliver

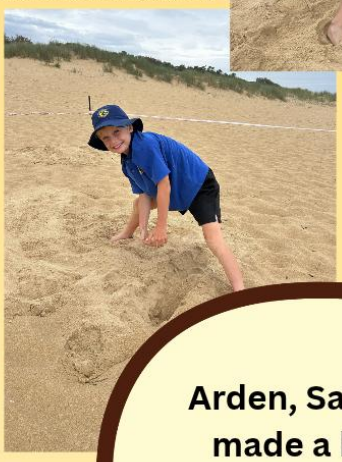




We went to the playground and I was jumping off the big platform with the fireman's pole. - Sadie L









I enjoyed the fruit kebabs, which had watermelon, grapes, kiwi fruit, rockmelon, pineapple and banana. - Mackenzie

Arden, Sadie and I made a bottom slide in the sand. - Hazel-Therese





SU Camp Coolamatong grade 4-6 holiday camp, 2027

Description:
Join us for four nights of adventure this summer at Camp Coolamatong Farm Camp! Over the 9th-13th January, 2027, students who have completed Grades 4-6 in 2026 have the perfect opportunity to grow friendships, have fun and learn about following Jesus. The camp will be loaded with great activities, including outdoor adventures, water sports, sailing, tubing, farm tours, bible engagement, and so much more. There'll also be plenty of time to connect with old friends and make new friends, as well as relax and play around the farm!
Meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost.
Camp Coolamatong is located at the foreshore of the Gippsland Lakes, Victoria. Campers may be dropped off directly at camp, or transport to camp is also available via a charter bus leaving from the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. A pick-up is also available in Traralgon en route to camp.

Link to register:
https://su.org.au/events/su-coolamatong-yr-4-6-camp-2027/

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

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
LAKES ENTRANCE
WARMLY INVITE ALL TO JOIN OUR

A Carol Event

Friday 7:00PM | 4 | December 2026

'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/

LAKES ENTRANCE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Expression of Interest

Introduction to Coaching Course

Monday 21st December
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve
1 Rowe Street, Lakes Entrance

$20

Email
lakesentrancena@gmail.com

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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