

# St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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*We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Gunaikurnai people.  
We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all people.*

*We would especially like to acknowledge the land on which our school stands and ask everyone to show respect to the environment and all that it includes.*



A reminder that the **car park** at the front of the school and the church are **NOT** drop off zones.

If you enter these car parks you **MUST** walk your children into the school.

**DROP OFF ZONE** is via the **Mary MacKillop Hall carpark only.**

The Disabled Parking spaces are for people with permits **only.**

Thank you.

## Collaborative Conferences:

### Booking through PAM (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Collaborative Conference interviews will take place on

**Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February, 3.30pm—5.30pm**

Our Semester One 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.

**Interview times have been made for families that didn't utilise the online booking system. Dates and times have been sent home. If you don't know or have forgotten your day or time please contact the office for details.**

**Today, Friday 23rd February at 2.30pm**  
**Assembly in the School Hall ( Mary MacKillop Hall)**  
**All welcome!**

Dates for the Calendar		
Term 1	FEBRUARY 2024	
Week 4	Friday 23rd	2.30pm Assembly - School Captains
Week 5	Mon 26th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
	Tuesday 27th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons 9.10am Year 1 Class Prayer <b>3.30pm Collaborative Conferences</b>
	Wednesday 28th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons <b>3.30pm Collaborative Conferences</b>
	Thursday 29th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons <b>3.30pm Collaborative Conferences</b>
	MARCH 2024	
	Friday 1st	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
Week 6	Mon 4th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
	Tuesday 5th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons 9.10am Year 2 Class Prayer
	Wednesday 6th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons 11am - 1pm Division Swimming @ Bairnsdale
	Thursday 7th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
	Friday 8th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons <b>2.30pm Assembly - Year 6 Red</b>
Week 7	Monday 11th	No school - Labour Day Holiday
	Thursday 14th	Regional Swimming - @ Sale
	Friday 15th	9.10am Whole School Mission Mass
Week 8	Tuesday 19th	9.10am Year 4/5 & 5 Class Mass 5.00pm - 5.30pm Year 3/4 Karoonda Park Parent Information Session

## LIBRARY BAGS

It is a school requirement that **all students** have a library bag to take home their readers/books.

We have library bags for sale in the office for \$8.00 each. If you can't get to the school office, you may contact the office to have the cost added to your school fees and the bag supplied to your child.



## St Brendan's & St Colman's Catholic Church - Mass Times

Saturday 24/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:30 am
Sun 25/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11:00am
Tues 27/2	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
Wed 28/2	St Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Friday 1/3	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:30am
	Calvary Nursing Home	Mass	11.00am
Saturday 2/3	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:30 am
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
Sunday 3/3	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9:00am





# District Swimming

On February 22nd, students from grades 3-6 competed in district swimming at Orbost. We got many 1st in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and relays. The experience was so fun, everybody was cheering the team on while our school swam. All our relay teams and medleys made it through to the next level, division takes place at Bairnsdale swimming pool. We can't wait for the next round of swimming.

**By Isobel Mills**









# Science 2024

In 2024 the school has introduced Science as a specialist subject and I can't wait to teach it. Either on a Monday or Tuesday students will have science and health. In science we will cover Biological Science, Earth and Space Science, Physical Science and everyone's favourite, Chemical Science. We have begun the year by looking at what is science, what do scientists do and what would you like to do in Science?

## What is Science?

- Observing
- Interesting
- Exploding things
- Testing different stuff
- Discovering new things
- Experimenting
- Futuristic stuff
- Studying everything
- Studying interesting stuff
- Fun
- Chemical reactions

## What do Scientists do?

- Find interesting information about the world
- Discover new things
- Make new predictions and help with the future
- Experiment in a lab
- Use and make technology
- Do things with chemicals
- Study the universe and every little thing in it
- Studies animal, plants and diseases and finds cures

## This year I would like to.....

- Learn about geology
- How foods were invented
- Learn about bugs
- How organisms grow
- How things grow
- Do experiments that explode or explode stuff
- Learn about animals
- Learn the planet, plants and animals
- Do lots of experiments
- Have better understanding of bacteria
- Do lots of chemistry learn about space and the solar system

## My favourite

I would like to learn as much as I can!!

# TERM ONE

Topic

**Biological Science**

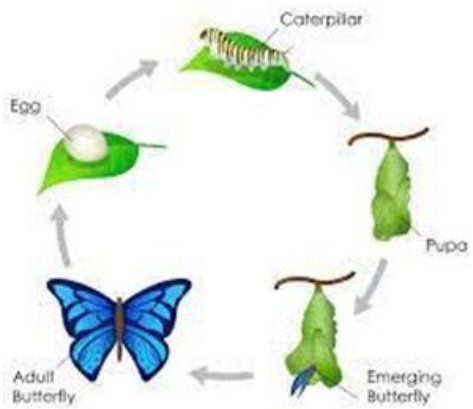
**Living and Non Living Things**



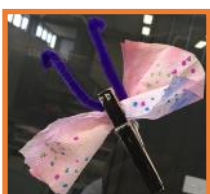
# Foundation Science

## Life Cycles

The life Cycle of a Butterfly



Biology Life Cycle of Butterflies





# Wanted for Science

## **A small fish tank for the science room**

If you have an unwanted, unused fish tank and filter we would love to use it in the science room. We are happy to clean and replace any parts.



## **Empty tomato sauce bottles**



## **To hatch chickens**



An egg incubator and or fertilised eggs, to hatch chicks in the science room.

## **Baby food jars**



## **MAGAZINES**



SCHOOL  
UNIFORM



St Brendan's School Uniform can be ordered online!

Link to website for St Brendan's Uniform below:

<https://nicksbairnsdale.com.au/product-category/schoolwear/st-brendans-uniform/>

93 Main Street Bairnsdale Victoria 3875

Phone (03) 5152 1333



Keeps everyone in the learning loop



## Uniform Reminders

**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.**

**HAIR** is to be kept neat and tidy at all times. Hair longer than collar length, must be **tyed 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.



## REMINDER: NO SMART WATCHES AND DEVICES AT SCHOOL

Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.



At St Brendan's students may only bring mobile phones/devices/ SMART Watches to school if there is a need for them to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school. Upon arrival at school the phone/ device/ SMART Watch is to be checked in at the school office where it will be turned off and kept securely for the day. It is the child's responsibility to collect the phone/ device/ SMART Watch at the end of the day. Parents with an urgent need to be in contact with their child during the day should contact the school office and appropriate steps will be taken to pass on the message.



# Digital Safety & Wellbeing is taught in primary schools

## Students...

participate in engaging, interactive live streamed incursions **every term**.

## Teachers...

are provided with optional lesson ideas and follow up activities.

## Parents...

are given an overview of each session to help open up important conversations.

**SAVE THE DATE : Parent Webinar**

**Thursday 21st March, 7.30pm**

## RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber Bullying


Child & Tween Online Trends

Managing Devices in the Home

Explicit/Adult Content


Strengthening Family Communication

**St Brendan's Catholic Primary School**  
Thursday 21 March | 7.30pm AEDT




**Martin McGauran**  
Primary School Teacher & Digital Safety Educator

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources



**Carley McGauran**  
Psychologist & Mum to 3 school-aged kids

Register to come along: [bit.ly/21march2024](https://bit.ly/21march2024)



Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year."

Principal

An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week!"

Parent of 9yo & 11yo

## TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**YEARS 3-4**  
TERM 1 2024

### What did your child learn about at school?

Our actions online leave a **digital footprint**. This includes actions such as leaving comments, likes, who we follow and what we post.

THINK  
TWICE  
BEFORE  
YOU POST!

It is our responsibility to ensure we keep our online accounts safe.

We can do this by

- having strong passwords
- only sharing passwords with a trusted adult (parent/carer, teacher etc)
- sign out or lock your screen when you're finished

### Some conversation starters:

- What is your #1 favourite thing to do online at the moment?
- What are some ways you could be aware and clever online?
- Do you have any accounts with passwords that you've shared with others?  
Change them together.
- What could you do if you needed help online?  
(Have a look at the Kids Helpline website together)

#### Further Support:



## TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**YEARS 5-6**  
TERM 1 2024

### What did your child learn about at school?

Our choices online leave a **digital footprint**. This includes actions such as leaving comments, likes, who we follow and what we post.

WHAT YOU  
POST ONLINE  
IS POSSIBLY  
PERMANENT  
AND POSSIBLY  
PUBLIC

It is our responsibility to ensure we keep our online accounts safe.

We can do this by

- having strong passwords
- only sharing passwords with a trusted adult (parent/carer, teacher etc)
- sign out or lock your screen when you're finished
- enabling 2 Factor verification

### Some conversation starters:

- Have you ever thought about your digital footprint? (Google your names and usernames and see what comes up)
- Have you or someone you know ever felt upset about something posted online? How could 'thinking twice' have helped?
- Apart from me (parent/carer), who else could you talk to if you had concerns online? (Give them permission to talk to a network of trusted adults & Kids Helpline).

#### Further Support:



- Do you have a current health care/pension card?
- Did you know you can get a discount on school fees?
- Please contact the school office for more information.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



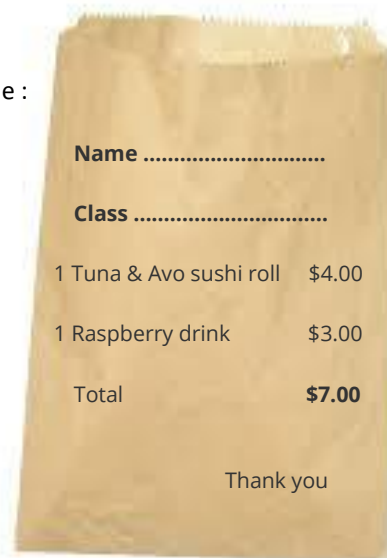


Lunch orders are available on a Friday and are supplied by Mamma Vu's Kitchen.

- 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 see attached menu and please take note of prices.*

Example :



# Lunch Order

## ST BRENDAN'S STUDENT LUNCH ORDER

### SUSHI ROLLS

Salmon & Avo	\$4
Avocado	\$4
Cucumber	\$4
Tempura Vege	\$4
Teriyaki Chicken	\$4
Chicken Katsu	\$4
Panko Prawn	\$4
Tuna & Avo	\$4

### SALADS & BOWLS

Salmon Poke Bowl	\$12.5
Tofu & Vege Poke Bowl	\$10
Vege Soba Noodle Salad	\$10

### DRINKS

Lightly Sparkling Mineral Water	\$3
Lime, Raspberry, Watermelon, Mango,	



### HOT FOOD

Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice	\$10
Fried Pork Dumpling (Gyoza) with plum dipping sauce	\$7.5

### RICE PAPER ROLLS

(2 roll + sauce)

Tofu	\$9
Lemongrass Chicken	\$9
Pork	\$9
Prawn	\$9
Pork & Prawn	\$9

Lakes Entrance  
Baptist Church

# KIDS CLUB



This Term:

## Fruit Season



START DATE

THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Every Thursday 3:30-5:30 pm

Baptist Church 141 PrincesHWY, Lakes Entrance

A/Tea, Bible Stories, Music, Games, Art&Craft

Naomi & Brendan 0456657165

Ages  
5 to 9



Metung Bloodhounds

# TRIVIA NIGHT

March

## 14

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM  
Metung Yacht Club

Theme your Team and dress up accordingly (not mandatory) prize for the best themed team!

Drinks available at bar prices.

BYO snacks for your tables

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00 PM  
\$10 PER PERSON / TABLES OF 8 PLAYERS

Book online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPCIK>  
Or phone 0461 277 085



We are supporting the BRHS Pain Management Clinic hoping to raise \$3,000 to purchase specialised exercise equipment.

Come along and join us for a fun entertaining evening of trivia, games and other fundraising activities while supporting a very worthy cause.



## INDOOR SOCCER

FUTSAL SEASON STARTING  
13th MAY 2024

### WINTER COMPETITION

Mondays - 12 weeks + Finals

Juniors (ages 7+) & Seniors (Men & Women)

Come and Try days & Practice Matches at the BARC  
29th April - Juniors 4:30 to 6pm / Seniors 6 to 7:30pm  
6th May - Juniors 4:30 to 6pm / Seniors 6 to 7:30pm

- \$120 Juniors (7yo - 15yo) Plus FV Futsal Reg. & Insurance for new players to Futsal in 2024
- \$150 Seniors (16+)

Early Bird Discount available until 31 March!



SCAN ME

[PLAYFOOTBALL.com.au/REGISTER](https://playfootball.com.au/REGISTER)  
(search for Bairnsdale Soccer Club)



@bairnsdalesoccerclub

info@bairnsdalesoccerclub.com



St Brendan's Op Shop has second hand school uniform available.

St Brendan's School uniform available \$3.00 per item unless otherwise marked.

Open 10am-3pm

Tuesday,  
Wednesday &  
Thursday.



SCHOLASTIC

## Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

