

# 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.*



## Collaborative Conferences: Booking through PAM (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Collaborative Conference interviews will take place on

**Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th June, 3.30pm—5.30pm**

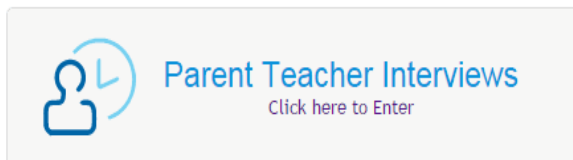
Our Semester Two Collaborative Conferences are an essential parent/school meeting in which to share feedback and to plan for future learning. Your child must attend this meeting as they will lead some of the discussion. Through this process we want our students to understand themselves as learners, to 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.



### Parent Teacher Interview Booking

John Smith

John's Classes for Interview

Collaborative Conferences - Tuesday 15th and 16th June (1)

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

St Brendan's CPS

Grade 3 Core Group

Teacher: Amy Balcombe

3:45pm, 15th June 2021
4:00pm, 15th June 2021
4:15pm, 15th June 2021
4:45pm, 15th June 2021
5:00pm, 15th June 2021
5:15pm, 15th June 2021
5:45pm, 15th June 2021
6:00pm, 15th June 2021
6:15pm, 15th June 2021
6:30pm, 15th June 2021
1:30pm, 16th June 2021
1:45pm, 16th June 2021

Book Interview



Booked Times



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.

**Monday 10th June - King's Birthday - Public Holiday**



Dear Families and Friends,

You would all be aware that we have been encouraging our students to reduce their screen time at home to allow them to sleep better, enjoy better social interactions and to function more efficiently at school. Please continue to support this initiative by monitoring the time your child spends on devices, including television. Please encourage outdoor play and insist they turn off all devices two hours before they go to sleep. We recommend this to take place before dinner. Your child's education relies on them coming to school, ready to learn!

Reconciliation was celebrated today at the Lakes Entrance Primary School for schools in the region. Our indigenous students attended along with a buddy of their choice. There were plenty of activities on offer to engage students in the history and culture of our indigenous communities and to enhance the understanding of how we can all build a better future.

### Physical Activity and Exercise – School TV <https://lakesent.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/physical-activity-exercise>

Physical activity and exercise is not only vital to a child's overall development but it has so many other benefits. With children spending more time on computers being sedentary, it is even more important to get kids moving more. As well as maintaining a healthy weight, it also improves concentration by helping to establish connections between different parts of the brain. It helps kids develop fundamental movement skills impacting positively on their confidence, self-esteem and ability to develop social skills. On an emotional level, it reduces stress and anxiety while improving posture and sleep. Physical activity and exercise is good for your child's health, now and in the future. Parents should encourage their kids to move or play sport at every opportunity – in and out of school.



*“Research shows, regular physical activity and exercise leads to changes in the brain. It improves cognitive function, elevates mood, improves learning and reduces ‘stress chemicals’ like cortisol.”*

*Dr Michael Carr-Gregg*

Next week, we have four students competing in the Regional Cross Country Championships at Lardner Park. Best of luck to Callum Yates, Ivy O'Donnell, Keelie Silver, and Oceanna Greaves. We know they will do themselves and us proud. On Friday our year two class will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass together, please join us. Last week's Mass was particularly well attended by families and parishioners. Then in the afternoon we have the infamous science afternoon. We're all looking forward to making a bit of mess.

I have been taking many new families around our school for enrolment tours. If you intend for your child to come to school next year please call the office for an appointment.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Hamer

<b>Dates for the Calendar</b>		
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	Tuesday 4th	9.10am Foundation Class Prayer
	Thursday 6th	Regional Cross Country - Drouin 3.30pm First Communion parent/child workshop—Hobby Room
	Friday 7th	9.10am Year Two Class Mass 1.40pm Science Afternoon
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Monday 10th June</b>	<b>Kings Birthday Holiday</b>
	Friday 14th	Division Winter Sports 11—2pm Bairnsdale 2.30pm Assembly - Year 2 Red
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 17th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 18th	9.10am Year 3, 3/4 Class Prayer 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 19th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 21st	9.10 Whole school prayer for Community
	Sunday 23rd	9.00am First Communion
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 24th	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Tuesday 25th	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Wednesday 26th	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Thursday 27th	Year 6 Melbourne Camp
	Friday 28th	9.10am GHC Assembly - Year 3 Blue End of term Disco & lunch <b>2.15pm Term 2 Ends</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>JULY 2024</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 15th	<b>9.00am Term 3 Commences</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	Thursday 25th	3.30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting
	<b>AUGUST 2024</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Thursday 1st</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
	<b>Friday 2nd</b>	<b>School Closure Day</b>



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

Sat 1st June	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
	St Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00pm
Sun 2nd June	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11am
Tues 4th June	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Thurs 6th June	Opal Nursing Home		11.00am
Fri 7th June	Year Two Class Mass in Church		9.10am
	Calvary Nursing Home		11.00am
Sat 8th June	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30am
Sun 9th June	St Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00am
	St Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
	St Peter	Mallacoota	3pm



# Year One History

In Year One we have been learning about the different ways we can find out answers to our questions. Through both History and Religious education we have used the internet, books, ask an expert and even went to visit the church. Another way we have learnt about history this term is through studying artefacts.

In History, we are learning what an archaeologist is and have even had a go at being archaeologists. We have emailed an expert our questions about archaeology and are eagerly waiting for an answer. We went on an archaeological dig in the senior sandpit where we got to dig up all sorts of historical items. We are now exploring what they could be used for and many other things about them.



I found a vase.  
**Fletcher Pollard**



I found a pen case.  
**Jobey Lamanna**

We learnt lots of things about a doily.

**Phoebe Strong**

Some of the artefacts were metal.

**Isla Johnson**

I found precious jewellery.

**Jax Findley**

Some of our artefacts were colourful.  
**Abbey Lawrence**

I found an indigenous artefact.  
**Eddie Ford White**



In Year 5 Blue we are learning about area and perimeter. We created a map zoo to show the exhibits area and perimeter measuring in centimetres or metres. We picked ten animals and measured the size of their exhibits to calculate the area and perimeter of each enclosure. We added a food stand, ticket booth, bathroom, zookeeper building and a stage. We also added a footpath to neatly connect the all the parts of our zoo. It was amazing we had so much fun doing it because we got to learn, but also enjoyed what we did. We were impressed with what we were able to create.



# Year 5 Blue



Reconciliation week is a time for all Australians to learn more about the Indigenous culture, achievements and our shared histories. Our school did an activity to celebrate Reconciliation Week. Everybody was provided with a leaf and wrote one action they would do towards reconciliation. After we had completed our leaves they collected and added to the big tree display on the window of Block B. A whole school prayer about reconciliation week was created and all of the classes took part in saying a prayer for reconciliation.



# Day in the life of a Grade 6 Blue Student!

In Grade 6, we are exploring new ideas and knowledge every day. Here is a look at what a day in our life learning looks like in our classrooms!

## Reading Fluency

Miss Terry reads a certain text that is different each week. Each day we read out loud to each other for one minute each. We read the same page every day to get better at our reading out loud and our fluency. We are having great success in reading faster and clearer each time.

By Huzaifa Kashiff and Leo Drew



## Maths Review

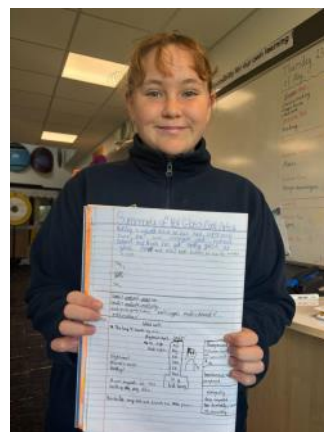
In maths review, we looked at numbers, division, addition, subtraction and multiplication. Most of the questions are easy because we know them and are practising and other questions are harder. By reviewing things we have learnt multiple times it helps us to learn and remember them for good!

By Grace McMeeken



## Word Work

In word work, we looked at the long /ai/ sound and the long /ee/ sound. We learnt a few new words and looked at the definition of them. Our new words were flummoxed and reverently. We had to write some sentences and spell some different words. I like the word work sessions because we get to look at new words and I like learning about what they mean!



## Maths Lesson

In maths, we are learning about shapes. We were asked to try and draw 2D and 3D shapes. We are using graph paper and rulers to help us. Square and rectangles are easy but the octagons and triangular pyramids are hard!

I like that we get to draw in maths.

By Savannah Guillott

In maths today we started on Google slides and learnt how to draw and show 2D and 3D shapes. Some are easy and others are hard. When we finished we had a fun word search to find and name 3D objects!

By Lyra Nowell



## Indigenous Education

We watched a video and learnt about Uluru and Ayres Rock. We looked at the birdseye view of Uluru. We talked about the importance of Uluru to Indigenous Australians. We went outside and used pastels to create our own artwork of Uluru to represent our learning.

By Indi Rijis



# Year 1 & 2 History Incursion

Last Thursday the Year 1 & 2 students participated in a History incursion. We loved listening to Jan play the banjo and singing songs about our History. We all got to sing along with him and we even made our own song together, it goes like this:

**We live near the Gippsland Lakes  
There's creatures in the sea  
And crabs on the beaches  
And boats down on the quay  
And we play in the playground  
Go fishing on the lakes  
And we have lots of fun playing chasey  
round the tree**



*'I liked that Jan hung up washing in our classroom and made a story about it' - Jesse*



*"I liked that we got to make songs together and sing them." - Maddison*



*"I liked that I got to make a song about my family" - Abel*



*'I liked the songs and music about home' - Darby*







**Collecting Students from School Grounds – Child Safety** As you would understand, child safety is the number one priority for schools. As circumstances evolve, we want to ensure we have the best possible practice in place. Please note the following requirements for collecting students at the end of the day.

**Collecting from the church gate – (New arrangements)**

Students in years Foundation, One and Two will remain with their class teacher at the end of the day just outside their classroom. The church gates will be open at 3.15pm, at which time parents are required to enter the school grounds to collect their children from the class teachers. This action is in place to avoid situations where students leave the school grounds and run into the church gate car park area without an adult being present.

**Collecting from the administration office**

Please enter the gates and collect your child from the junior classroom area or your child from years Three to Six may meet you just inside the gates. Students are not to leave the grounds and cross the car park area without an adult walking with them.

If dropping students off in the morning, you must also walk them into school. Please do not use the disabled parking bay without permission to do so.

**Collecting from car line**

Typically, St Brendan's staff are there to organize students into cars at the end of the day. If you wish to park and collect your child, please use the crosswalk and an adult must walk with their child/ren. Drop off at the beginning of the day should take place at the bus stop area.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Just a reminder that all students should now be in Full Winter Uniform.

**Girls - Winter tunic or skirts or navy 'Midford' pants. Navy tights.**

**Boys - Long pants**

**Track pants on sports days at the start of the day.** Shorts can be worn underneath.

Student should bring a jumper to school everyday - don't forget to label your uniform!

# Lunch Order

**Fried Pork Dumpling (Gyoza) are no longer available from the menu**

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.





The 2024 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Brendan's is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6th September, 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

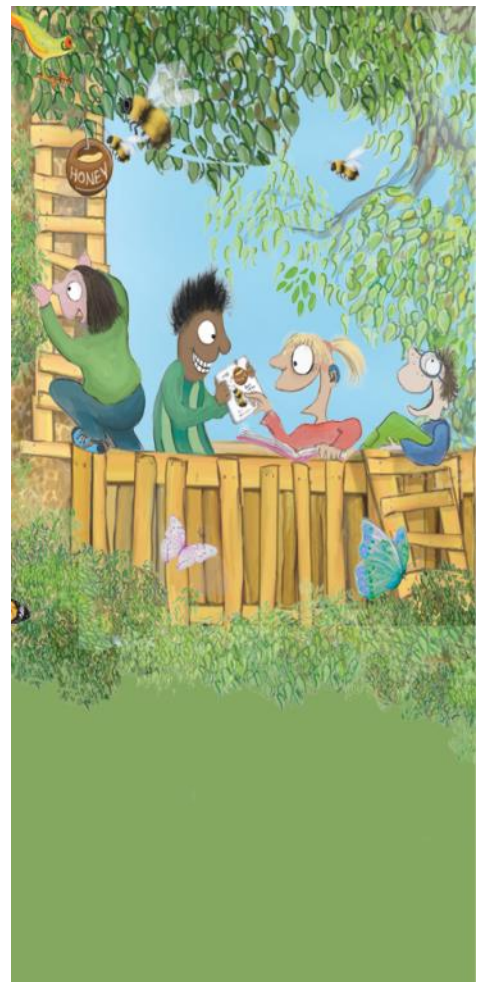
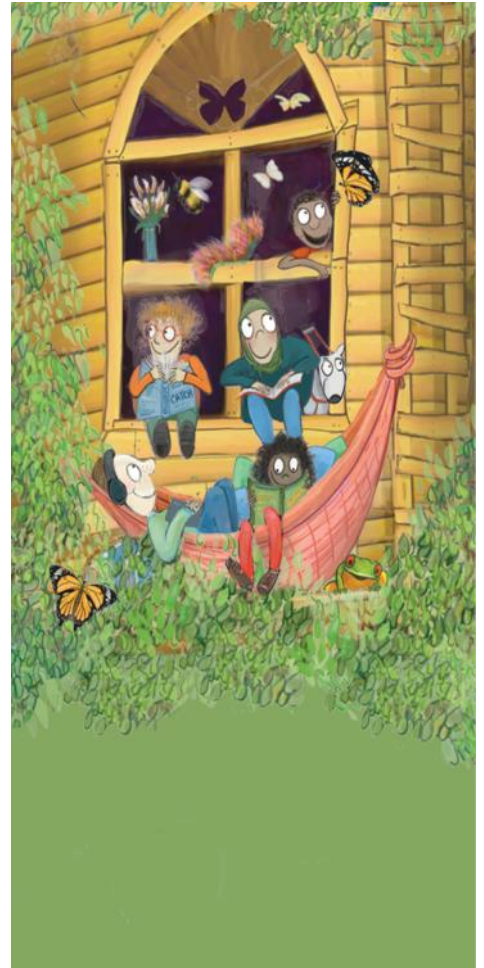
To view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge](http://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

The Premiers Reading Challenge has an online recording system which is intended for students to enter their books at home.

**Students wishing to participate, need to send Katrina an email at:**

**[kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kwykes@lakesent.catholic.edu.au)**

**They will then be emailed their username, password and details to access the online computer system.**



**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



## 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.



## 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 **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.



## 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.

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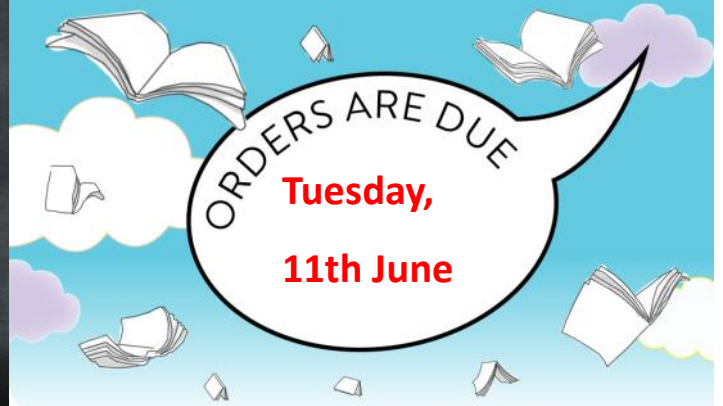
Issue 4 **Out Now!**



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Providing Value to Families

# Book Club



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**



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.

## St Brendan's Parish Office, Lakes Entrance Parish Secretary Position

St Brendan's parish Lakes Entrance requires an experienced bookkeeper to take on the position as parish secretary. Finance experience is essential.

The position is for three days per week from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Applicants should include at least one reference.

Interested persons should apply in writing to:

Fr Van Hiep Nguyen

St Brendan's Parish,

40 Golf Links Rd,

Lakes Entrance 3909

Or by email to: [paul.hiep296@gmail.com](mailto:paul.hiep296@gmail.com)

# SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE CAMP

**ONE WEEK ONLY**

**Age 12 - 15**



**Mon 30th Sep to Fri 4th Oct 2024**

Are you looking for something fun & exciting to do?  
Experience the best of the outdoors on our "Adventure Week"



- Great way to meet friends
- Develop new skills
- Keep active
- Exciting challenges

Includes Staff, Accommodation, Activities & Food

Accompanied transport available from Puffing Billy Train Station GEMBROOK, VIC (no cost)  
Alternatively, family arranges personal drop off and pick up directly to & from camp

**LIMITED SPACES  
PRICING ON APPLICATION**

**BOOKINGS**

bookings@hallsoutdoored.com.au

**03 5968 1739**



# Do you want to continue playing tennis?

You might be eligible for funding from the  
**Australian Tennis Foundation** through the  
**Opportunity Knocks Subsidy Program.**

The ATF Opportunity Knocks Subsidy Program is available to children and young people aged between 5-17 years who are facing financial hardship and/or disadvantage.

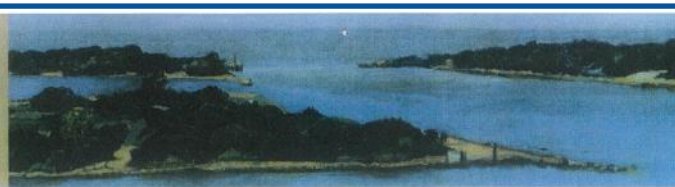
The Program funds up to \$400 per person per year for coaching fees, plus an additional \$100 per person per year is available for club membership and/or competition fees.

Scan here or click on this link for more information



Contact your local coach  
Nigel Carr  
0400 003 270

Contact your local club  
Lakes Entrance Tennis Club  
45 Palmers Rd  
Lakes Entrance  
play.tennis.com.au/LETC



## Friends of the Library Lakes Entrance Book Review Competition

Friends of the Library Lakes Entrance  
invite

**Primary school students (grades 1-6)**

**Secondary students (years 7-12)**

to

- borrow a book from the Lakes Entrance Library,
- collect an entry form and
- write a short review and
- return the book and review to the Library

All reviews will go into the monthly draw for a gift \$20 voucher for "Lakes Books and Games" store and be displayed in the Library.

### 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,	



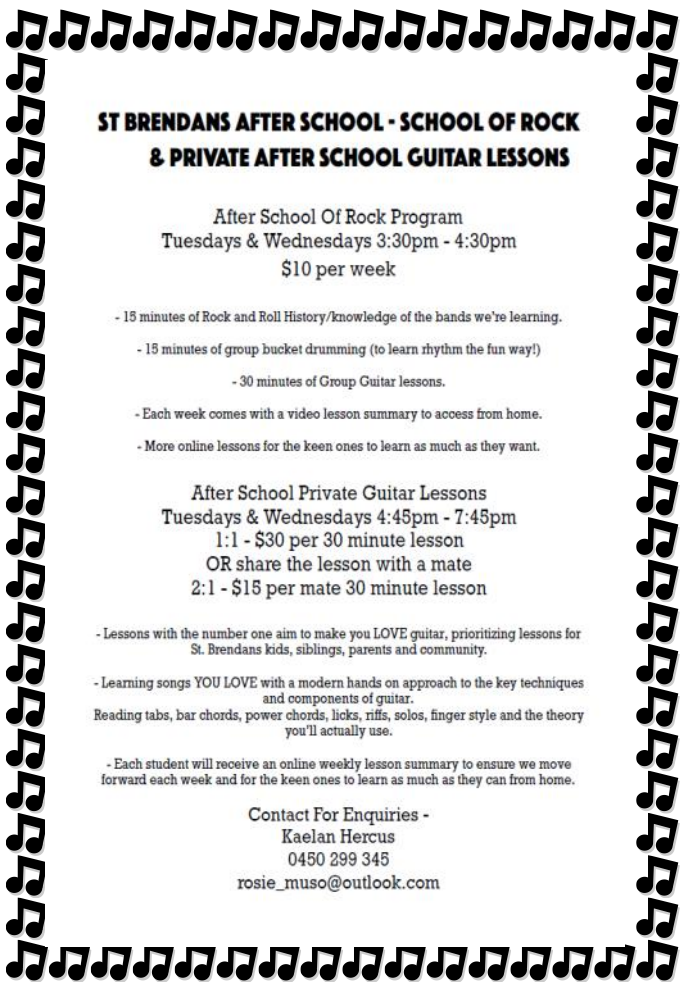
#### HOT FOOD

Honey Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Teriyaki Chicken + Fried Rice	\$10
Chicken Oyster Stir fry + Fried rice	\$10

#### RICE PAPER ROLLS (2 roll + sauce)

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

# Lunch Order



### ST BRENDANS AFTER SCHOOL - SCHOOL OF ROCK & PRIVATE AFTER SCHOOL GUITAR LESSONS

After School Of Rock Program  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
\$10 per week

- 15 minutes of Rock and Roll History/knowledge of the bands we're learning.
- 15 minutes of group bucket drumming (to learn rhythm the fun way!)
- 30 minutes of Group Guitar lessons.
- Each week comes with a video lesson summary to access from home.
- More online lessons for the keen ones to learn as much as they want.

After School Private Guitar Lessons  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:45pm - 7:45pm  
1:1 - \$30 per 30 minute lesson  
OR share the lesson with a mate  
2:1 - \$15 per mate 30 minute lesson

- Lessons with the number one aim to make you LOVE guitar, prioritizing lessons for St. Brendans kids, siblings, parents and community.
- Learning songs YOU LOVE with a modern hands on approach to the key techniques and components of guitar.
- Reading tabs, bar chords, power chords, licks, riffs, solos, finger style and the theory you'll actually use.
- Each student will receive an online weekly lesson summary to ensure we move forward each week and for the keen ones to learn as much as they can from home.

Contact For Enquiries -  
Kaelan Hercus  
0450 299 345  
rosie\_muso@outlook.com



## Carer Camino Wellbeing Walking Retreat



**Tuesday 29th October to Friday 1st November 2024**

Would you like to take some time out to refresh and boost your wellbeing?

Join us for this Carer Camino as we walk the Great Southern Rail Trail from Fish Creek to Port Welshpool over 4 days / 3 nights.

Starting at the Fish Creek Hotel, we will walk 40 km to finish on the jetty at Port Welshpool, walking an average of 10 - 12 km each day (there is a bus available for those who require a pick up along the way).

Morning meditation sessions and afternoon wellbeing workshops will be facilitated. Each person will develop a Wellbeing Plan with simple strategies to care for your wellbeing when you are back at home.

Accommodation will be provided in Foster at the Prom Country Lodge, and meals at local venues.

The Carer Camino is open to carers who live in Gippsland and care for a person who meets the Disability Services Act 1986 eligibility criteria.

**Accommodation and food are included at no cost.**

**Interested?** Give us a call on **1300 736 765** or email us at **admin@icg.asn.au**

**Places finalised by Friday 20th September 2024**

**interchange GIPPSLAND** REGISTERED NDIS PROVIDER

### HOLIDAY OPTIONS PROGRAM (HOP)

HOP is a supported group recreation program that provides participants with opportunities to learn, develop new skills, make friends, and connect with their local community. Regular activities occur during school holidays and a limited number take place within school terms. Activities are between 6-8 hours in duration.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Aged 5-12 years, residing in Gippsland and have a NDIS plan.

**ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED BASED ON PARTICIPANT INTERESTS AND MAY INCLUDE:**

- EVENTS - shows, plays, exhibits.
- ACTION - kayaking, laser tag, rock climbing, snow, water parks, indoor play centers.
- CREATIVITY - dancing, music, art, craft, cooking.
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING - fitness, teamwork, exercise.

**IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY!**

1300 736 765    admin@icg.asn.au    www.icg.asn.au

66 Commercial Road, Morwell  
278-280 White Road, North Wonthaggi  
13b & 14a Eastwood Village Shopping Centre,  
30 Howitt Avenue, Bairnsdale

## FAMILY FUN Day!

Carers of children with a disability you are invited to Interchange Gippsland's Family Fun Day!

**Date:** Sunday 16 June, 2024  
**Time:** 10am-4pm  
**Location:** Gumbuya World, Garfield  
**Cost:** FREE (places are limited)

Join us for a Family Fun Day at Gumbuya World to connect with other Interchange Gippsland families, meet new friends and enjoy family time! Free entry and lunch is supplied - please bring your own water bottle or drinks can be purchased at your own cost at Gumbuya World. Come along and experience the wildlife and rides.

\*Limited transport options from ICG offices are available!

**RSVP essential. To secure your spot please email [admin@icg.asn.au](mailto:admin@icg.asn.au) or by scanning the QR code below!**

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