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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.



Conference interviews will take place on

Collaborative

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December

3.30pm—5.30pm

Our Semester Two Collaborative Conferences will take place in Week Nine of this term. These meetings enable us the opportunity to further inform you about your child's progress. Your child is also able to reflect on their achievements and set goals for the following year. You will also be able to speak with the teacher to reinforce information that will be handed over to your child's teacher for 2025.

This semester, the Collaborative Conferences are <u>optional</u>. If you require a meeting please make your booking through PAM, following the steps provided. Collaborative Conferences are face to face meetings. If for some reason you cannot make the meeting, please inform the office that you require an online meeting.

Booking are made on PAM.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The school will not be making appointments for those that have not booked this term. Please make sure if you would like an interview, login to Pam and make an appointment.



Just a reminder that all items need to be in by **Monday, 2nd December**, so we can have them packaged ready for pickup. We would just like to acknowledge the overwhelming support we have received this year. The St Brendan's community are truly amazing and generous.

		Dates for the Calendar
Term 4	DECEMBER 2024	
Week 9 Monday 2nd Collaborative Conferences		Collaborative Conferences
	Tuesday 3rd	Collaborative Conferences
Wednesday 4th C		Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 6th	Whole School Mass—End of Year
Week 10	Tuesday 10th	Year 3 and 4 Fishing Excursion
	Wednesday 11th	School Captain Speeches
	Thursday 12th	House Captain Speeches
	Friday 13th	2.20pm GHC Assembly 4.30 Family BBQ/soccer match
Week 11	Monday 16th	Graduation Mass Orientation Day for new 2025 students
	Tuesday 17th	Last day for students - Happy holidays
	Friday 20th	Last day for staff
Term 1	JANUARY 2025	
	Tuesday 28th	Teachers commence
	Wednesday 29th	Foundation 2025— beginning of year assessment interviews
	Thursday 30th	Foundation 2025— beginning of year assessment interviews
	Friday 31st	Foundation to Year 6 Students commence



A friendly reminder that school fees are now due. Also, families who hold a Health Care Card and receive the concession discount, are required to have their fees paid in full at the end of the year to be considered for this discount next year. Statements will be sent out this week.

School fee statements have been sent out via email. If you haven't received one in your inbox please check your spam folder otherwise please contact the school.

	Saturday 30t Nov:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
		St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
	Sunday 1st Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
		Baptism—I	Haslam Family.	
		St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	Tuesday 3rd Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	No Mass
	Wed 4th Dec:	St. Colman's	Orbost	9.30 am
	Thursday 5th Dec:	Opal Lake View	Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
	Friday 6th Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.10 am
		Whole Scho	ool Mass– End of Year.	
		Calvary Kalimna N	1ass Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
	Saturday 7th Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	8.45 am
Rosary before Mass.				
		St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	Sunday 8th Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
		St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
		St. Peter's	Mallacoota	No Mass

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Grade 3/4 Red did an assembly item last week about what we have been doing in design tech. For this we had to build Mr Beans car. I did this by using plastic pipes, cardboard, and tape. Before we started I painted the cardboard with Lenni, Willow, Summer and Eli. Once the paint had dried I the cardboard on the frame with masking tape leaving a space for Angus (Mr Bean) to hop in and drive it across the stage. By Jordan

MR BEANS CAR

Year One Camp Experience







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First we made silly vegetable sandwiches. Then we had fairy bread for a snack. Next we split into our classes and played a soccer game and it was a draw. Finally we played tail tag and a parachute. Our mums and dad came and picked us up. We all had lots of fun. ~ Oscar











Year One Camp Experience





We got to play lots of games and have lots of snacks. ~Phoebe

> I used carrots, capsicum and cucumber to make my face snack. ~Poppy

I enjoyed playing soccer. It was fun and you got to get goals and people were cheering me on. ~Emmy









Year One **Camp Experience**



I loved going into the parachute every time Mrs Supple said "down". ~Fletcher

I liked playing soccer. It was fun, our team scored lots of goals. ~Arlo

I liked tail tag because we got to run around. It was fun. ~Zane

We got to play with the hula hoops. The soccer game was really really fun. ~Sadie

I got to eat veggies. I made them into a silly face. It had cucumber eyes and a carrot for the mouth.



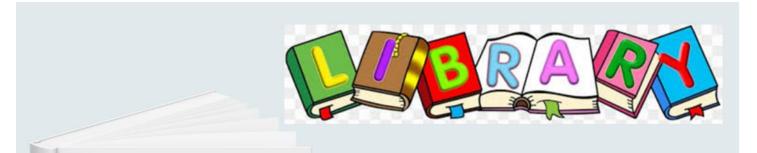








~ Tai



Year Three LOVE their borrowing sessions at the St Brendan's library with Katrina! It is a chance to share the books we have enjoyed with our friends.



Zari - I am reading Wolf Girl #8 and I love the pictures in the book because they are realistic.

Gus - I am reading Diary of a Cricket Pro and I like it because it is funny. Anelia, Matilda - We were reading Bad Guys. We liked the funny parts happening and the pictures are cool.

Brok, Lucas - We were reading Tiny Timmy. We liked it because it is about Tim Cahill when he was younger.







Julian, Madi and Billie, Heaven - We were reading Noni the Pony. We liked that the book all rhymed and the pictures that went with them. Blake, Daniel - We were reading the Guinness World Records 2020. We liked it because it had weird stuff in it like the most scored soccer player who is Ronaldo.

Kobe, Jack - We were reading riddles and they were hard because Kobe got most of them wrong. But then that is what riddles are for they try to trick your brain.









Blaise, Will - We were reading the Guinness World Records and we learnt that someone could hold 40kg with their tongue.
Brock, Harry, Ollie - We were reading Ripleys Believe or Not and we found out that someone swallowed 19 bike chains, 400 coins and lots of other things and still survived. But do not try this at home!!!
Tilly and Harriet - We were reading Queen Seline. It was an ordinary book, we like the graphic novels like 'Smiles more than Queen Seline'.

Indigenous Morning Tea

























DURING THE END OF YEAR FAMILY BBQ, STUDENTS FROM FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6 WILL BE PERFORMING A CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT. THEY HAVE BEEN REHEARSING OFTEN DURING THE TERM WITH CHRIS TAYLOR, OUR SINGING INSTRUCTOR.

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO WEAR CERTAIN ITEMS TO INCORPORATE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. PLEASE SEE THE LIST BELOW FOR YOUR CHILD'S CHOSEN OUTFIT:

FOUNDATION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 & YEAR 3/4R:

PLEASE WEAR ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATION OF THE COLOURS GREEN, RED AND WHITE. ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR THE FESTIVITIES ARE DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS HEADWEAR PIECES, SUCH AS SANTA HATS, TINSEL, REINDEER EARS.

YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6:

PLEASE DRESS TO RESEMBLE A SHEPHERD/WISE MEN. SCARF AND HEADBAND/BATHROBE OR SIMILAR. THERE IS NO NEED TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE USE ITEMS FROM HOME.

THE AFTERNOON STARTS AT 4.30PM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, CHILDREN WILL NEED TO ARRIVE AT 4.45PM TO FIND THEIR TEACHER AND GET ORGANIZED BEFORE THE CAROLS BEGIN AT 5PM.

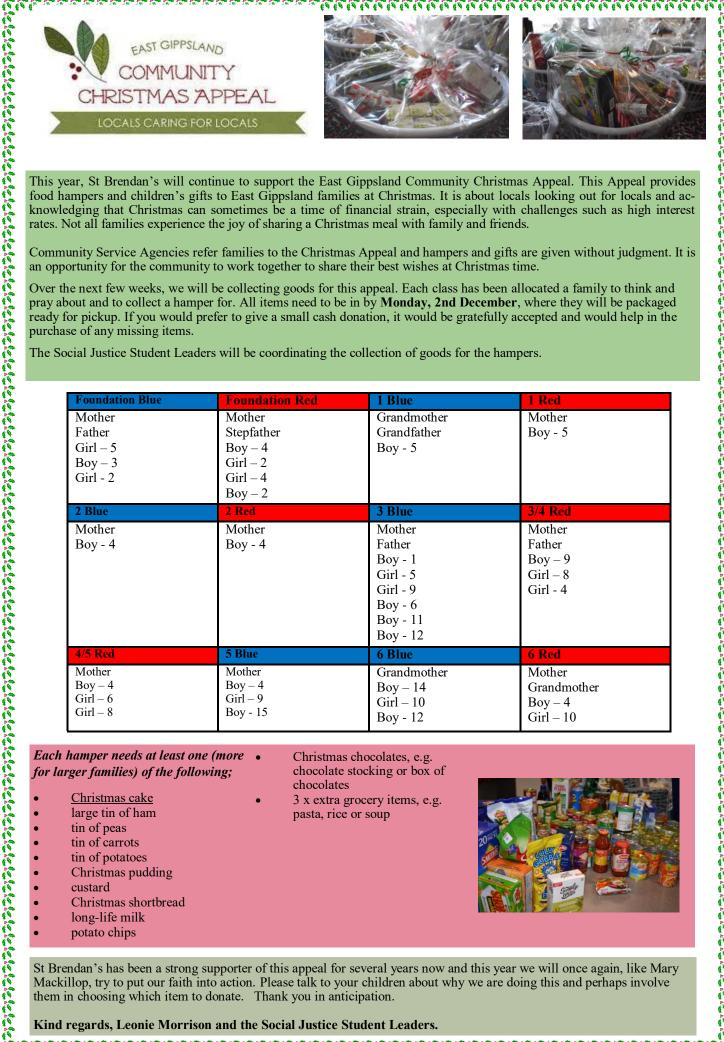
THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

Uniform Reminders

<u>JEWELLERY</u> 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.

<u>HAIR</u> 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.



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, especially with challenges such as high interest rates. 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 about and to collect a hamper for. All items need to be in by Monday, 2nd 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 in 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 Blue	1 Red
Mother Father Girl – 5 Boy – 3 Girl - 2	Mother Stepfather Boy – 4 Girl – 2 Girl – 4 Boy – 2	Grandmother Grandfather Boy - 5	Mother Boy - 5
2 Blue	2 Red	3 Blue	3/4 Red
Mother Boy - 4	Mother Boy - 4	Mother Father Boy - 1 Girl - 5 Girl - 9 Boy - 6 Boy - 11 Boy - 12	Mother Father Boy – 9 Girl – 8 Girl - 4
4/5 Red	5 Blue	6 Blue	6 Red
Mother Boy – 4 Girl – 6 Girl – 8	Mother Boy – 4 Girl – 9 Boy - 15	Grandmother Boy – 14 Girl – 10 Boy - 12	Mother Grandmother Boy – 4 Girl – 10

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



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 to donate. Thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards, Leonie Morrison and the Social Justice Student Leaders.



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.



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.



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Do you qualify for free home internet?



Our helpful team can check for you. Scan the QR code or call 1800 954 610 for more information.

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Get back to school ready with the School Student Broadband Initiative

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

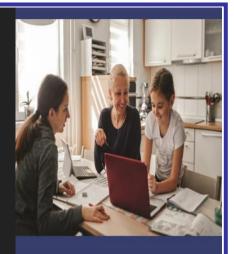
With broadband internet access your family will be able to access fast internet at home, which supports children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more dependent on digital technology.

There is still time to sign up for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI):

- For any families signing up now, this offer means free internet until 31 December 2025.
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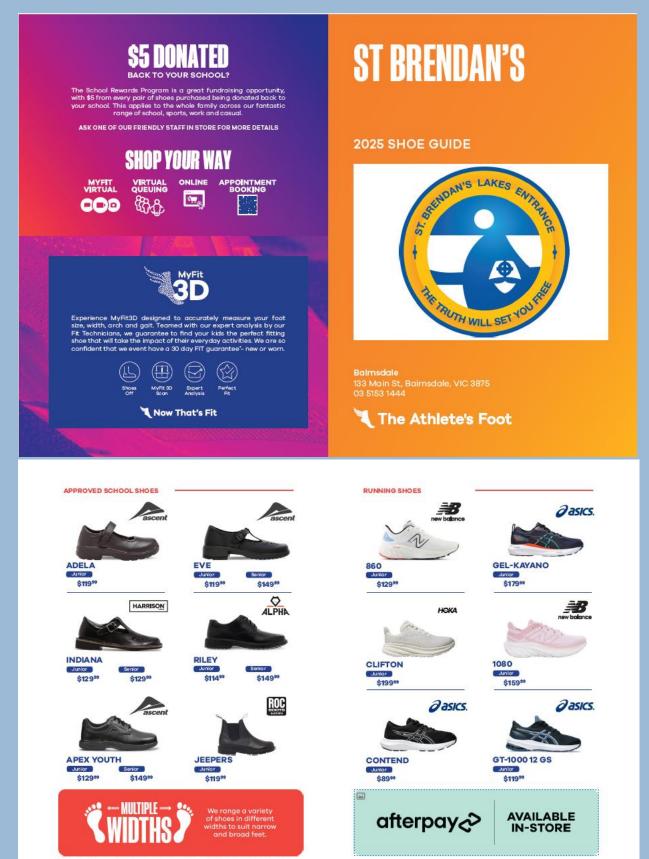
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Uniform - Together with The Athlete's Foot, Bairnsdale, we have a new School Rewards Program that is a great fundraising opportunity for St Brendan's. \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased is being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual.

The holidays is a great time to check your child's uniform and purchase new items. A reminder that we will be going into Summer uniform on return to Term 4. Check dress length for girls and make alterations before returning.



Clarks, Roc & Harrison 20% CFF discourt pricing valid from 31/12/2024 - 20/02/2025. School styles anly. Price displayed is RRP



Get \$200 to help your child play sport!

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If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now

Important Dates:

- Applications open from 9 October 2024 until the allocation is exhausted.
- Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2024 until submission of application
- Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students. www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers





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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

\$12.5
\$10
\$10

DRINKS

Lightly Sparkling \$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	\$
Lemongrass Chicken	\$
Pork	\$
Prawn	\$
Pork & Prawn	\$

Lunch Order

