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December 17, 2024



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.



TERM 4
2024
GOLDEN
HONOUR
AWARDS

Wishing everyone in the St Brendan's School and community, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year.





Dear Families and Friends,

RE: End of 2024 School Year

This year seems to have gone past in a blink of an eye. It felt like only days ago we were preparing for Term Four and now we are wrapping up 2024. The year has provided so much growth for our students. In this year we received outstanding NAPLAN results with our school equaling or topping the State mean in seven out of the ten assessment areas. Reading results indicate our year five cohort are two terms ahead of the State mean and year three a year ahead. While these results relate to two year levels, other data indicates this is a snapshot of our school across all year levels. These results are due to our school wide systematic approach to differentiating the learning, collaborative teaching and a strong focus on modelling and teaching positive behaviour. I am very proud of our school environment. It is a great place for young people to learn and I thank our wonderful staff for working towards common goals.

At the end of the year, we farewell Jenny Graham. Jenny is our Learning Adjustments/Curriculum Leader and a classroom teacher. Jenny has worked tirelessly towards school improvements for many years. She is a life-learner who is informed by modern theories in education. Jenny has nurtured and developed the minds of teachers and students at St Brendan's, and we will miss her incredible work ethic. Jenny leaves to take on a wellbeing position at St Joseph's in Orbost and to spend more time with her boys (Charlie and Tommy) as they complete their secondary school years. We also farewell Alexandra Delaney who has taught in Year One for Term Four. Ally will take on a leadership role in her previous school in Sale. We thank both Jenny and Ally and wish them well.



I'd also like to thank our parent community for their ongoing support. During the year we get so much positive feedback and in general, feel a great sense of trust that parents believe in our judgement. Together we have the most important job of engaging children in their education, tailoring learning to their point of need and ultimately enabling them to thrive. I very much value the relationship we share.



On Monday, 16 December we said farewell to our graduating class of 2024. This is a group of students who completely embody the concept of inclusion. They have been outstanding role models for their peers. They are also the only year six team to be successful in the parents versus students' soccer match. At our end of year function we recognized the following students with our annual awards.



Award Recipients for 2023
Father Shanley Bursary: Archer Rickman
Sr Maureen Philp Award: Leo Drew
Sporting School Victoria Winner: Piper Crawley
Wally Art Award: Ruby Crellin



In 2025, after consultation with the School Advisory Committee, St Brendan's CPS will operate with following class structure.

Foundation Blue	Foundation Red
Year 1 Blue	Year 1 Red
Year Two Blue	Year Two Red
Year Three Blue	Year Three/Four Red
Year Five Blue	Year Four/Five Red
Year Six Blue	Year Six Red

All students commence school on **Friday, 31 January 2025**.

For the beginning of 2025, foundation students are required to attend a beginning of year assessment interview on one of the following days: **Wednesday, 29 January or Thursday, 30 January**. A letter detailing each student's interview time has been emailed to parents.

Hopefully everyone gets a holiday break that refreshes and revitalizes.

Take care and stay safe.

Matthew Hamer



Dates for the Calendar

Term 4	DECEMBER 2024	
Week 11	Tuesday 17th	Last day for students— School finishes at normal time - 3.15pm - Happy holidays
	Friday 20th	Last day for staff
Term 1	JANUARY 2025	
Week 1	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
Week 2	Wednesday 5th	Foundation Pupil free Day
Week 3	Mon 10th - Fri 21st	Swimming lessons—Year 4/5/6
	Wednesday 12th	Foundation Pupil free Day
Week 4	Wednesday 19th	Foundation Pupil free Day

Reminder

Pay school fees!

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.

Medication Collection

As it is coming to the end of the year we are asking parents to come and collect their child's medication from the office during school hours.

If your child requires daily medication please collect on the last day.

Thank you for your cooperation.



End Semester 2, 2024 reports. **Parents can access the reports via PAM.** In **PAM**, select your child, from the **Profile Menu** select **Assessment Reports**, Select report to download.



Tuesday 17th Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	6.00 pm
	<i>Advent Reconciliation</i>		
Wed 18th Dec:	St. Colman's	Orbost	No Mass
Friday 20th Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	3.00 pm
	<i>Healing Mass</i>		
Saturday 21st Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
Sunday 22nd Dec:	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	5.00 pm
	<i>Vietnamese Mass</i>		

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



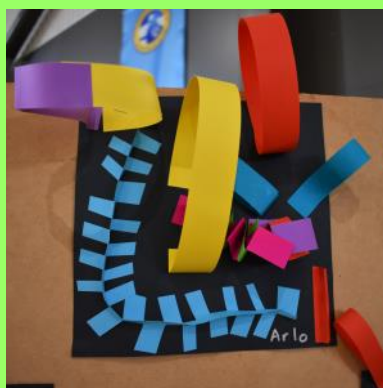
GOLDEN HONOUR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Golden Honour Awards for Term 4, 2024

Reverence – Love and Compassion – Honesty – Generosity – Commitment – Faithfulness – Inclusion – Forgiveness – Respect

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Foundation Red	Jeremy Cheng	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards his learning and making great academic gains.
	Emily Smits	For demonstrating an outstanding work ethic and a kind and caring attitude towards her Foundation peers.
Foundation Blue	Hazel Scicluna	For your growing confidence and happiness to have a go. You're a positive learner who demonstrates the 3Rs. It's been great to see your growth this term.
	Henry Vermazen	For your respectful participation in learning across all areas. You are always willing to have a go.
1 Red	Mia Borg	For her outstanding skill and creativity in writing.
	Kiros Masoud	For his confidence in speaking and listening in English.
1 Blue	Arlo Monteith	For his outstanding growth in reading and writing.
	Jax Findley	For his amazing growth in his number sense.
2 Red	Tanner O'Donnell	For embracing a growth mindset! Your dedication to learning and personal growth is excellent. Keep striving to be your best.
	Ella Wright	For your calm, friendly and caring demeanour that shines through in everything you do. You make a positive impact on those around you.
2 Blue	Oliver Grech	For your enthusiastic participation in small group work and your dedication to achieving your goals.
	Thea Prime	For your growth in confidence and fluency when reading texts and participation in all classroom activities.
3/4Red	Summer Wallace	For being a kind, considerate, caring and consistent student who always shows the 3Rs.
	Thea Bayard	For putting in her best effort and improving in all topic areas.
3 Blue	Kobe Bandura	For completing tasks to the best of his ability and taking pride in his achievements.
	Tilly Cantrill	For her excellent academic growth and overall great role model as a learner and a class mate.
4/5 Red	Kenya Connally	For taking on feedback in all areas and using this to increase her progress and learning.
	Olivia Cheng	For consistently showing great dedication and perseverance in all of her learning.
5 Blue	Ivy Doland	For always giving her best, you take on all teaching and feedback and implement it in your work. Well done on an outstanding year!
	Arlo Kenworthy-Smith	For his commitment to improving his reading and writing. You are always focusses and engaged in all learning, a role model for others in the classroom. Well done!
6 Red	Isobel Mills	For your unwavering honesty and genuine respect for everyone around you. You have impact on our classroom community.
	Harry Strong	For your leadership, compassion and ability to make everyone feel included. This has made our school a better place.
6 Blue	Huzaifa Kashif	For consistently producing outstanding work across all curriculum areas. Huzaifa has demonstrated amazing growth in his leadership and interpersonal skills.
	Eadie Costigan	For her outstanding work ethic and motivation to learn. Eadie has demonstrated the 3Rs within the classroom and her leadership giving 100%, 100% of the time.
Art	Violet Lyons	For her attention to detail and producing outstanding artworks. Well done!
	Jaxon carter	For growing independence in art this year and completing tasks.
Sport	Violet Lyon	For demonstrating movement skills, being a respectful team member and always trying her best effort in sport.
	Brok Kennedy	For being a positive team member, displaying fair play at all times and tackling sporting challenges with a smile.
Science	Piper Crawley	For being inclusive and displaying great team work in science this year.
	Luca Fry	For always working to his best in science this year.
Mandarin	Isobel Mills	For your focus and willingness to learn Chinese. Your confidence to take risks, and to have a go to write pinyin and communicate Mandarin sentences is highly commendable.
	Lyra Nowell	For your continual effort and enthusiasm to answer questions. You always try to remember new vocabulary and extend your sentence structures, especially when you created your map outlining directions in Chinese.
Health	Billie Hayllar	For embracing the added challenge of going screen-free, you explored the benefits of creativity, connecting with others and living mindfully beyond screens. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.
	Maddox Milburn	For demonstrating remarkable self-discipline, courage and determination during the screen time challenge by choosing to go completely screen-free. Your effort is a shining example of resilience, hard work and commitment.
Deputy Principal	Jesse Downing	For putting in 100% all of the time and for always being an outstanding role model to your peers.
School Captains	Oscar Kenny	For always showing the 3Rs and using his manners.
Indigenous	Ashantii Hooper-Byrne	For her leadership and participation in all school activities.



ART SHOW



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Henry



Louise



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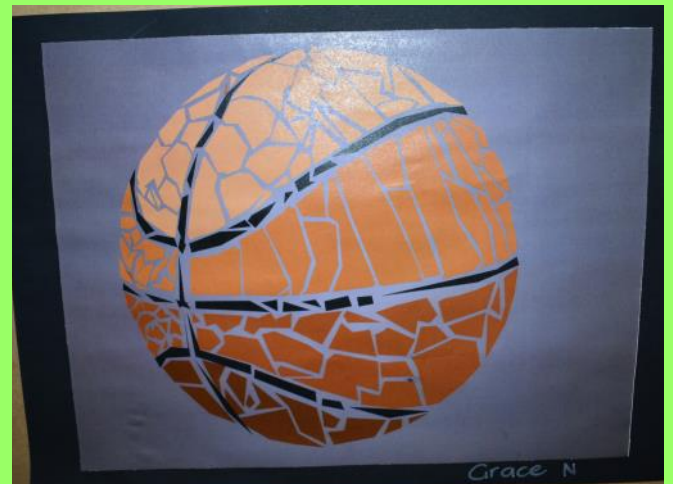
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Family Christmas BBQ





Annual Parent/Teacher Vs Year 6 Student Soccer Match.

Sorry, no photos. Rumour has it that the students have won for the first time in years. Mr Hamer will need to start training next year's Year 6 parents ASAP.



2024 Santa Visit

"Never see a need without doing something about it"





ST.BRENDAN'S LAKES ENTRANCE & ST. COLMAN'S ORBOST

Advent and Christmas Services Timetable.

Christmas Carols:-	Friday 13th Dec	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	7.00 pm
Advent Reconciliation:-	Tues 17th Dec	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	6.00pm
Healing Mass:-	Friday 20th Dec	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	3.00pm

Christmas Mass Times:-

Christmas Eve:-	Tues 24th Dec	St. Peter's	Mallacoota	12 Noon
		St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	7.00 pm
Christmas Day:-	Wed 25th Dec	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
		St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
		St. Joseph's	Swan Reach	3.00pm

Vietnamese Mass.



2025 SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCEMENT

Teachers begin on the **Tuesday, 28th January 2025.**

School will commence on Friday, 31st January, 2025 for Foundation to Year 6 students at 9.00am.

STARTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Foundation children will commence on **Friday, 31st January, 2025.**

There will be **no school** for Foundation students on the following **Wednesdays** during February – 5th February, 12th February and 19th February.

Foundation students are required to attend a beginning of year assessment interview on one of the following days:

Wednesday 29th January or Thursday, 30th January

Foundation children attend school on a full-time basis from **Monday, 24th of February.**

Term 1	Tuesday, 28th January Tuesday, 28th January Friday, 31st January	Friday, 4th April Staff commence Foundation to Year 6 students commence
Term 2	Tuesday, 22nd April	Friday, 4th July
Term 3	Monday, 21st July	Friday, 19th September
Term 4	Monday, 6th October	Tuesday 16th December

2025 TERM DATES

8.58 am	Line up music
9.00 am	Classes commence
10.35 am	Morning recess
11.15 am	Classes resume
12.50 pm	Lunch recess
1.35 pm	Classes resume
3.15 pm	Dismissal

2025 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	1 CHILD	2 CHILD	3 CHILD	4CHILD
	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY	FAMILY
SCHOOL FEES	\$ 990.00	\$ 1085.00	\$ 1175.00	\$ 1265.00
TUITION LEVY	\$ 204.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 816.00
INC.STATIONERY				
EXCURSIONS	\$ 58.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 232.00
CAPITAL LEVY	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$1282.00	\$1639.00	\$1991.00	\$2343.00

Payments for fees may be made either by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct debit. Please enquire at the office if you wish to set up a direct debit. If you are experiencing difficulty paying fees feel free to contact the Principal to discuss alternative arrangements. We have EFTPOS available.

Should you wish to deposit any payment through Internet Banking our Account Number is as follows:

Name - St Brendan's School.

BSB - 083879

Account number - 695096861

Please make sure you give your child's name as a reference for the payment.

Fee Concessions – Health Concession Card holders are eligible to apply for fee concessions. Please notify the office if you are a current card holder. A letter will then be sent home notifying eligible families of the procedure.

Last payment date for Tuition Levy, including Stationery is Wednesday, 5th February, 2025.

Last payment date for Excursion & Capital Levy is Friday, 28th February, 2025.

Fee Statements will be sent to families at end of March, June, August and October.

Last payment for School Fees: Friday, 28th November, 2025.

School Fees - are charged to allow the school to function. They are determined by the amount of shortfall in Government funding to Catholic schools. Heating, electricity, water, telephone, cleaning, maintenance, insurances and council rates are very costly and so the collection of fees to meet these costs is extremely important.



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.

Thanks for buying books from

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

they help build our classroom resources

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.

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.
- For families who have already connected with SSBI, their free internet will automatically be rolled over until 31 December 2025.

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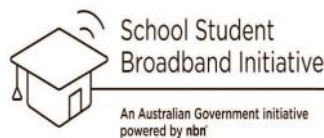
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Uniform - Together with The Athlete's Foot, Bairnsdale, we have a new School Rewards Program that is a great fundraising opportunity for St Brendan's. \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased is being donated back to your school. This applies to the 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.

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2025 SHOE GUIDE



Bairnsdale
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APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES

 <p>ADELA Junior \$119⁹⁹</p>	 <p>EVE Junior Senior \$119⁹⁹ \$149⁹⁹</p>
 <p>INDIANA Junior Senior \$129⁹⁹ \$129⁹⁹</p>	 <p>RILEY Junior Senior \$114⁹⁹ \$149⁹⁹</p>
 <p>APEX YOUTH Junior Senior \$129⁹⁹ \$149⁹⁹</p>	 <p>JEEPERS Junior \$119⁹⁹</p>

RUNNING SHOES

 <p>860 Junior \$129⁹⁹</p>	 <p>GEL-KAYANO Junior \$179⁹⁹</p>
 <p>CLIFTON Junior \$199⁹⁹</p>	 <p>1080 Junior \$159⁹⁹</p>
 <p>CONTEND Junior \$89⁹⁹</p>	 <p>GT-1000 12 GS Junior \$119⁹⁹</p>



We range a variety of shoes in different widths to suit narrow and broad feet.

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Clark's Roc & Harrison 20% OFF discount pricing valid from 31/12/2024 - 20/02/2025. School styles only. Price displayed is RRP.

January 2025



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Contact Us

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✉ gumnutsshccoord@gmail.com

🌐 www.gumnuts.com.au

🕒 8:00am - 6:00pm

Important Information

What to bring

- 🍷 Drink bottle for water
- 🍱 Lunch box with enough food for the day, unless stated in the program.
- 👕 Suitable clothing - closed shoes, clothing that covers the shoulders **NO** singlets/spaghetti straps
- 👕 Spare Clothes
- 👒 Hat for those sunny days
- ☀️ Sunscreen, if using own

Fees

\$115 per day

The above price is without CCS.

Families may be eligible for Child Care Subsidy. This subsidy will determine your actual fees. Please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 to find out more about your entitlements.

After Child Care Subsidy is applied, the daily cost can be as low as \$5.

Additional payment is required for excursions and incursions. **Please note:** These costs will be added to your child/ren's fee. No cash on any premises.

Gumnuts Provide

- 💧 Water to refill bottles
- ☀️ Sunscreen



Unexpected Changes

The program can present with a range of different weather. We recommend that you always check the weather prior to your child and support them in wearing and packing appropriate clothing.

Personal Belongings

We understand children require quiet relaxation time and for some children that can be technology time. Children may bring a technology device to use during their time at the service when permitted by staff during certain times in the program. (devices that do not have Internet available)

Please be aware if your child does bring technology, it is the sole responsibility of the child to look after it. Gumnuts take **NO** responsibility if it is lost, stolen or broken in any way.

Booking

To book a place for your child/ren in our Vacation Care Program, please visit <https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/semi on/login> For further information please contact our office on 5144 6952. Alternatively, contact us via email gumnutsshccoord@gmail.com

If your child does not attend on a day they have been booked in, you will be charged for the day unless 48 hours notice is given for a cancellation.



Wednesday 15th January

Welcome Back Party



Join us back at OSHC for a celebration. We will be having a disco, singing Karaoke and just enjoying being together again. You can dress up in your party best or even wear a costume if you like, just remember to put on your dancing shoes and bring your best moves! We will be providing a party lunch for the day, if you could please let us know at your earliest convenience of any dietary requirements.

Thursday 16th January

Art Day - Upcycle, Recycle and reurpose



Prepare to get messy! We will be indulging in art today, please bring something from home that you can turn into your own work of art, we will be using these items to reimagine in a new way, trying new perspectives on art and the way we see it. Please bring a item from home that doesn't matter if we cut and/or glue thing to as it will not be returning the way it left. Provide a packed lunch today.

Friday 17th January

Fishing at Nowa Nowa



Let's catch a big one! We will be attempting fishing at Nowa Nowa this time, we will have a boller area to move around and boats take and a playground to explore. We will be having a picnic lunch at the playground, please provide lunch, enough snacks for a few hours and a bottle of water.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am.

Monday 20th January

Sea shell Museum



We will be checking out the sea shell museum, somewhere I haven't been since I was little. There you can see some pretty amazing sea life in the museum and buy a cool shell on your way out. We will be allowing the children to buy a small shell of their choice as we are leaving the museum, please give their money for the shell to Jenelle or Lauren on the day so we can keep it safe.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am. Fee: \$10pp

Tuesday 21st January

Red Bluff Beach exploration



After our museum visit, we are travelling to the bluff to see what shells we can find for our selves, exploring the beach and getting our feet wet, we will be having a sandcastle competition and prizes for the winners. When in the service we do ask the children to apply their own sunscreen, please let us know if your child needs assistance doing this.

Time: Leaving Centre strictly at 10:30am.

Wednesday 22nd January

Water Play Day



Third time lucky! Let's hope the weather is finally good enough to have a water play day, we will be having a race on the slip n slide and throwing water balloons at each other, we will be holding this on the side oval to the left of Oshc. Please bring a towel and a spare change of clothes, once you get changed you will need to stay away from the water unless you bring multiple changes of clothing. Sausage sizzle for lunch today.

Thursday 23rd January

Technology Day



We will be exploring technology today, you can bring in your own devices from home, if it's allowed, please be mindful we encourage sharing and team games, leave it at home if it's special or fragile. We will also be pulling apart some different items donated by Loukes electronics to see how they tick. While we are doing everything electronic, we will be watching movies in our PJs too if wanted.

Friday 24th January

All wheels day



We've done this one before and it's been a big hit. Bring your Skateboard, Scooter, bike or roller skates (and safety equipment) to All wheels day, we will spend the majority of the day in the school grounds, riding around and laughing at our educator's falling over. We will be having hot chips on the basketball court, for lunch.

Monday 27th January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 28th January

Ninja and gymnastics classes



We are going to try our hands at Ninja class! We will be splitting into two groups, one will do ninja class and the other gymnastics, then we will swap. Everyone will get a chance to participate in both activities and different age groups. Please provide a packed lunch for this day and lots of snacks as they are going to be tired at the end.)

Time: Leaving centre at 10:30. Arrive to centre at 10:00am. Fee: \$35PPP

This program is subject to change depending on the following circumstances - Covid-19 restrictions, severe/code red weather, numbers of children and availability of extra curricular activities. Prices for excursions may also change. Staff with notify of any changes.

Water safety tips from Life Saving Victoria

With many family activities happening close to waterways these school holidays now is a great time to refresh and remember what to look out for to keep the kids safe in and around water.

Play it Safe by the Water: has a great range of bite-sized snippets to remind you of what to look for and what to think about before you go to the various environments.

The Beach: There are numerous things to consider when visiting the beach. Where are the patrolled beaches, what is the weather doing, what does a rip current look like and what do you do if you find yourself caught in one?

Inland waterways: Rivers, creeks, lakes and dams are great fun but they also have hidden dangers such as currents and submerged objects. Do you know what to look for?

Rural properties: Dams, wells and tanks may not be so familiar. Have you thought about what to consider?

Home: Pools and spas at home are great fun over the summer but they are not risk free. Remain ever vigilant and always watching.

[More information](#)



Supervision around water

All children require active supervision around water regardless of their swimming ability.

Beaches, pools, ponds, lakes, rivers and bathtubs all present a drowning risk. Twenty seconds is all it takes for a child to drown in as little as a few centimetres of water.

The best way to keep children safe is to keep under-fives within arm's reach, and under 10s within eyesight around water at all times. It's a good idea to make and stick to a supervision plan so there is always an adult actively supervising children around waterways during gatherings or parties, even during the winter months!

Supervise: Actively supervise children around water

Restrict: Restrict children's access to water

Teach: Teach children water safety skills

Respond: Learn how to respond in the case of an emergency

[More information](#)



Water Safety @ Home

Home-based activities to experience with your child these school holidays.

Life Saving Victoria's Water Safety @ Home is a suite of online and printable water safety resources for you to explore in the comfort of your very own home!

Activities include:

- [Water Safety Watch and Learn videos and activity booklets](#)
- [Swimming @ Home videos](#)
- [First Aid for Kids @ Home videos](#) and more!



LSV's CPR for Kids @ Home [video](#) and resources are perfect for practising the lifesaving competency of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC), whereby students need to demonstrate DRABC and the recovery position.

To access CPR for Kids @ Home, and all Water Safety @ Home resources, visit:
www.lsv.com.au/education/watersafetyathome



Swim City

Join Finn, Pod and Splash and their new friend Rocky on an adventure to learn about water safety with Swim City, a fun online game.

Aimed towards children in Years Prep-6, Swim City is a free 30-minute online game that supports students to work towards achieving the knowledge component of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC), all while having loads of fun! Students will explore four different aquatic environments and solve challenges along the way like identifying dangers and making areas safe.

To play Swim City, dive into www.lsv.com.au/swimcity



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.



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