

# St Brendan's Primary School 1581

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## Newsletter No 4

February 28, 2025



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.



**Please note :  
Change of date**

**Monday, 3rd March at 2.30pm**

**Assembly in the School Hall ( Mary MacKillop Hall)**

School Captains and Year 6 leader badge presentations

**All welcome!**

## Collaborative Conferences:

### Booking through PAM (Parent Teacher Interviews)

Collaborative Conference interviews will take place on

**Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th March, 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.**



Please join us for our

*Ash  
Wednesday  
Mass*

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 9:10AM  
SAINT BRENDAN'S PARISH CHURCH

*In Loving Memory*



*With all our hearts,  
we offer our sympathy to  
John and Maree's  
extended family.*



*The staff at St Brendan's  
are feeling the loss of a  
member of our team.  
Please keep these people  
in your prayers.*

*Maree Armistead*

# Up Coming Events

Term 1	MARCH 2025	
Week 6	Monday 3rd	2.30pm Assembly - School Captains and Year 6 leader badge presentations
	Tuesday 4th	9.30am Smoking Ceremony 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Wednesday 5th	9.10am Ash Wednesday Mass—Lent begins 3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Thursday 6th	3.30pm Collaborative Conferences
	Friday 7th	Maree's Funeral—please refer to letter home to parents
Week 7	Monday 10th	Labour Day
	Tuesday 11th	Class Prayer: Year 2
	Wednesday 12th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
	Thursday 13th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
	Friday 14th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 2.30pm Assembly: Year 6R

## Medical Information Update



Parents and carers are **required to update your child's medical information via PAM** every year their child attends our school. The information you include on these forms will allow us to maintain our records and put in place any plans to assist in managing their medical conditions.

Information about students medical conditions are recorded to ensure we are able offer the relevant care while they are at school. It is important to inform the school of any changes to your child's medical information and or needs as soon as possible so we can maintain accurate and up-to-date records.



Parents or cares of students diagnosed with Asthma, Allergy, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy must also provide a personalised condition specific action plan completed and signed by their doctor.



### PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

<b>Tues 4th March:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
<b>Wed 5th March:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.10 am
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Whole School Mass. All Welcome.		
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	8am-8pm
	24 hours with the Lord. Adoration. (1st—12 hour)		
	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00am
	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	6.00 pm
<b>Thurs 6th March:</b>	Opal Lakeview	Lakes Entrance	11.00 am
<b>Fri 7th March:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
	World Day of Prayer. All Welcome.		
	Calvery Nursing Home	Kalimna	11.00 am
<b>Sat 8th March:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.30 am
<b>Sun 9th March:</b>	St. Brendan's	Lakes Entrance	9.00 am
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	St. Colman's	Orbost	11.00 am
	St. Peter's	Mallacoota	3.00pm

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:** (After Friday 9.30am)

**ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, LAKES ENTRANCE** will be open for:

**PRIVATE PRAYER** from 9am - 4pm Daily

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:** **St. Brendan's:** After 9.30 am Mass on Fridays

**RECONCILIATION:** Before Mass at **Lakes Entrance, Swan Reach & Orbost** or by arrangement.

**ST. BRENDAN'S - ROSARY:** 1st Saturday of the month 8.45am before Mass. Next Rosary Morning **1st March 2025**

**VISITATIONS:** Please contact the Parish Office to request a home visit or to raise any other concerns in confidence. ph: 5155 5232 / 0468 840 349 or email [stbrendan@bigpond.com](mailto:stbrendan@bigpond.com)

**MORNING TEA** Morning tea **Sunday 9th March** after Mass in Hobby Room.

### WEEKLY MASSES & LITURGY TIMES

Welcome Baby!



Baby congratulations to the Clifford family, Eliza (Year 2) on the arrival of their daughter and sister, "Milla".



WELCOME BABY

Baby congratulations to the Meloury-Jones family, Summer (Year 4) & Zara (Year 1) on the arrival of their son and brother, "Xander".



# District Swimming

On the 20th of February, students who competed in the 50 metre swimming events at the St Brendan's carnival, went to the Orbost 50 metre swimming pool to compete against other schools in the district finals.

The events were 50-metre freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, freestyle relay, and medley relay.

Congratulations to the following students who participated at District Swimming: *Maddison Silver, Aaliyah Dollman, Harrison Rebeiro, Blaise Smith, Ollie Connally, Jesse Downing, Elise Mahony, Billie Piper, Ivy O'Donnell, Evie McMeekan, Indie Whelan, Jake Richardson, Charlie Smythe, Olivia Cheng, Sunny Eiseman, Leon Alwyn, Georgia McGuinness, Jesse Gilbert, Charlie Smythe and Hudson Williams*

St Brendan's were very successful throughout the day. We are very excited to have a great number of students to progress to Division swimming on Thursday 27th February in Bairnsdale.

We would like to thank Mrs Neal, Miss Witherow & Meaghan for taking us to Orbost and supporting us throughout the day. We appreciate all your hard work.

**Written by,  
Hudson W, Camilla S, Hazel J, Sunny E & Leon A (Year 6)**





"I competed in the 50-metre freestyle relay race, with Hazel, Olivia, and Ivy, and we came second. The water was really cold, and it felt as if I was frozen inside an ice cube, even though the lifeguard said that the pool was 24 degrees".- **Camilla**



"I'm feeling quite excited, a bit nervous but overall proud of myself for having a go and being able to proceed to the next level. I quite enjoyed how everyone cheered for each other and gave it their best. "  
-**Georgia**



"I am excited to race against other students at Division swimming on Thursday. I am also excited to meet new people. I am feeling happy, calm, excited and ready." - **Jake Richardson**



"I think that it was a really fun day. I enjoyed swimming and cheering on my classmates as well as watching everyone give it their best and have a great time." - **Hazel J**



# Sport News:

## Hockey Road Show



On Wednesday during sport lessons students from Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 got to participate in a Hockey Road Show.

Students had the opportunity to:

- *Learn new hockey skills from experienced coaches*
- *Play exciting games and activities*
- *Meet local hockey players*

*If your child is interested in playing hockey  
please scan the barcode for more information*





## Sport News



# BUN-RAISE

with us this **EASTER**

At Bakers Delight, we're all about our local community, so this Easter we'd like to offer your school, club or organisation the opportunity to bring some additional delight to your network with our Easter Fundraising Drive!

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

<p>THE RRP OF OUR HOT CROSS BUN 6 PACKS ARE</p> <p><b>\$10.00</b></p> 	<p>WE WILL PRICE OUR HOT CROSS BUN 6 PACKS TO YOUR ORGANISATION AT</p> <p><b>\$7.00</b></p> 	<p>AND SUGGEST SELLING THE HOT CROSS BUN 6 PACKS FOR</p> <p><b>\$10.00</b></p> 	<p>RAISING \$3.00 FROM EVERY HOT CROSS BUN 6 PACKS SOLD!</p> 
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We'll provide you with forms to gather all your orders.

### Need more convincing?

We pride ourselves on maintaining the highest possible quality products by using only the finest ingredients. We will happily provide free samples of our baked fresh daily Hot Cross Buns.

### Interested in fundraising with us?

If you wish to organise a Bakers Delight fundraising drive, simply contact us or visit us in-bakery to start the conversation.

Matthew Stephenson  
 Bakers Delight Lakes Entrance  
 Shop 4, Lakes Entrance Shopping Centre, 371 Esplanade,  
 Lakes Entrance  
 T: +61 3 5155 5941

**ORDER FORMS HAVE  
 BEEN SENT OUT TODAY.  
 PLEASE RETURN BY:  
 MONDAY 24TH MARCH**

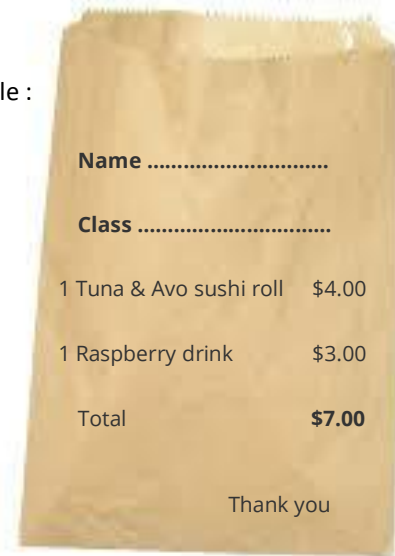


Lunch orders are available on a Friday and are supplied by Mamma Vu's Kitchen.

- 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

### DRINKS

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

### HOT FOOD

Fried Rice	\$7
Fried Pork Gyoza (6pc)	\$7
Spring Rolls (4pc)	\$7
Chicken Hokkein Noodle	\$10
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



- 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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

#### 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

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



## 2025 SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS (SSB)

The School Savings Bonus is a State Government initiative designed to assist families with cost-of-living pressures. Under this funding, each eligible student is entitled to a \$400 bonus for application towards activity levies and uniform purchases from approved supplier.

Within our school, all CSEF applicants are eligible to receive this funding.

All families who have a Centrelink Health Care Card and have not applied for CSEF in the past are encouraged to contact the school office and initiate an application this year.

Please refer to the below link for more information:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus#non-government-school-information>



When picking up and dropping off your child we ask all parents to observe the following procedures at St Brendan's CPS.

**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.

***Please use the appropriate car park entry and exit. Please do not drive across the footpath to enter or exit the car park. We have students and other pedestrians using the footpath.***

**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.

Regards,  
**Matthew Hamer**  
Principal

**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**

GET IT ON  
Google play

Download on the  
App Store

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.



**\$ Seesaw**

Keeps everyone in the learning loop

**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.

## \$5 DONATED

BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL?

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school. This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual.

ASK ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY STAFF IN STORE FOR MORE DETAILS

## SHOP YOUR WAY

MYFIT  
VIRTUAL

VIRTUAL  
QUEUING

ONLINE

APPOINTMENT  
BOOKING

Experience MyFit3D designed to accurately measure your foot size, width, arch and gait. Teamed with our expert analysis by our Fit Technicians, we guarantee to find your kids the perfect fitting shoe that will take the impact of their everyday activities. We are so confident that we even have a 30 day FIT guarantee\* - new or worn.

Shoes Off

MyFit 3D Scan

Expert Analysis

Perfect Fit

Now That's Fit

# ST BRENDAN'S

## 2025 SHOE GUIDE

Bairnsdale  
133 Main St, Bairnsdale, VIC 3875  
03 5153 1444

The Athlete's Foot

**APPROVED SCHOOL SHOES**

 <b>ADELA</b> <small>Junior</small> \$119 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>EVE</b> <small>Junior    Senior</small> \$119 <sup>99</sup> \$149 <sup>99</sup>
 <b>INDIANA</b> <small>Junior    Senior</small> \$129 <sup>99</sup> \$129 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>RILEY</b> <small>Junior    Senior</small> \$114 <sup>99</sup> \$149 <sup>99</sup>
 <b>APEX YOUTH</b> <small>Junior    Senior</small> \$129 <sup>99</sup> \$149 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>JEEPERS</b> <small>Junior</small> \$119 <sup>99</sup>

**RUNNING SHOES**

 <b>860</b> <small>Junior</small> \$129 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>GEL-KAYANO</b> <small>Junior</small> \$179 <sup>99</sup>
 <b>CLIFTON</b> <small>Junior</small> \$199 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>1080</b> <small>Junior</small> \$159 <sup>99</sup>
 <b>CONTEND</b> <small>Junior</small> \$89 <sup>99</sup>	 <b>GT-1000 12 GS</b> <small>Junior</small> \$119 <sup>99</sup>

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

AVAILABLE  
IN-STORE

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

# BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINICS

STUDENTS IN GRADE 2-6

**FIRST COME AND TRY DAY  
THURSDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2025**

Starts at 3:30pm @ LESC Hall



**LAKES ENTRANCE**



**SECONDARY COLLEGE PROGRAM**

Where: 11 North Street, Lakes Entrance, Vic, 3909  
Registrations for a term 2 start - From 27th Feb  
To register, follow the link:  
[playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/f6bcc0](https://playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/f6bcc0)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ME ON  
ADAM EVANS MOB: 0413 249 871  
EMAIL: ADAM.EVANS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU**

# SOCCER IS BACK!



## EAST GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

**JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!**

REGISTRATION CLOSES: 14TH MARCH  
START DATE: SAT 26 APRIL (ROUND 1)  
FINISH DATE: SAT 16 AUGUST (FINALS)  
HOWITT PARK, BAIRNSDALE  
12 ROUNDS, PLUS SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS  
AGE GROUPS: 7S, 9S, 11S, AND 13S

CONTACT: [EASTGIPPSLANDSOCCERLEAGUE@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:EASTGIPPSLANDSOCCERLEAGUE@OUTLOOK.COM)

## LAKES ENTRANCE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### MONDAY NIGHT JUNIOR COMPETITION

TERMS 1 & 2

9&U - 4 - 5 PM      13&U - 5 - 6PM

- Commencing Monday 24th Feb with two weeks of skills & training for all age groups
- 13&U games begin Monday 17th of March to allow time for grading and teams to be made
- 9&U - 20 mins skill sessions + shortened game
- 12 weeks of netball
- Cost: \$70 + Netball VIC annual membership
- Registrations closes Monday March 24th



[lakesentrancena@gmail.com](mailto:lakesentrancena@gmail.com)



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.



**As Pilgrims of Hope  
Come experience a spiritual  
journey praying the Rosary  
with Mary in contemplation  
with her son Jesus.**

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale  
invites you to an online community  
Register for this free weekly ZOOM gathering on  
Monday nights: 7.00pm - 7.30pm  
Join us whenever you can!

Contact Michelle to receive a link to participate  
Email: [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)  
or phone 03 5152 2942



# KIDS & TEENS AFTER SCHOOL CLAY

An after school art alternative? Saltwater is safe, inspiring space for your kids & teens to learn the fundamentals of clay and the process of pottery - all while keeping social and exercising their creative flow. Over eight weeks we're covering all the basics of wheel throwing, hand building, and glazing. Monday eves over an 8-week-term for youth's aged 6-17 years.

Designed for complete beginners, or the experienced potter, this is the perfect way to begin your child's ceramic journey. Guided term sessions by one of our amazing instructors.

**KIDS CLAY (ages 6 - 12)**  
MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 1)  
◦ Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm  
◦ Session Dates: February 10th -  
March 31st  
\$260.00pp

**TEENS CLAY (ages 12 - 18)**  
MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 1)  
◦ Time: 5.30pm - 7pm  
◦ Session Dates: February 10th -  
March 31st  
\$280.00pp

visit our website for more details or contact us via the details below.



the saltwater creative co  
66 marine parade, lakes entrance, VIC  
[www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com](http://www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com) - 0448 669 063

FREE | BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED  
AGES 5 - 12

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SHIRE LIBRARIES

## LEGO Club 2025



**Junior LEGO enthusiasts are  
invited to attend our after-school  
LEGO Club sessions**

Head into your local library and flex your creative muscles making the LEGO builds of your dreams!

Donations welcome: the library will gladly accept donations of old or new LEGO brand pieces for our LEGO Club collection.

This is an unsupervised event - attendees must be accompanied by an adult.

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Tuesdays  
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Lakes Entrance  
Service Centre**  
Wednesdays  
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**Orbost  
Service Centre**  
Mondays  
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**Paynesville  
Service Centre**  
Wednesdays  
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**Omeo  
Service Centre**  
Wednesdays  
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**Mallacoota  
Service Centre**  
Wednesdays  
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm



FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

EAST GIPPSLAND  
SHIRE LIBRARIES

## We're Back!

### Rhymetime Returns



**Join us for our first Rhymetime session of 2025!**

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the magic of stories and the joy of reading. Enjoy engaging tales that inspire creativity and imagination, along with fun songs and rhymes!

Rhymetime sessions are designed for children under 2 years and their parent/carers and run for approximately 30 minutes.

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Wednesday 5 February  
10.30 am - 11.00 am

**Lakes Entrance  
Service Centre**  
Wednesday 5 February  
11.00 am - 11.30 am

**Orbost  
Service Centre**  
Thursday 6 February  
10.00 am - 10.30 am

**Paynesville  
Service Centre**  
Monday 3 February  
10.30 am - 11.00 am

**Mallacoota  
Service Centre**  
Tuesday 4 February  
10.00 am - 10.30 am

