Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

A big congratulations to Red House for winning the Parish Athletics Carnival last Thursday. We were very lucky with the weather and apart from a drizzle at the start of the day the sun came out and we had beautiful weather. Well done to all the children who participated on the day—it was great to see so many smiling faces and ribbons on chests. Many thanks to all the parents who helped on the day and for all the parents who came to watch.

Well done to the children who participated in the Italian Poetry Competition, Summer, Marissa, Rebecca, Keegan, Charlotte, Breanna and Lily who all represented our school extremely well. A big congratulations to Summer Carne who won a medal for the best recital of her poem from St Brendan’s.

Our school production, “There’s no Business like Show Business,” is fast approaching—it is now only 2 weeks away. The children are practicing very hard learning their songs and dance moves. Well done to all the children and teachers who are putting in so much time into perfecting their moves. Just a reminder parents, that all costumes need to come to school as soon as possible as the teachers would like to do dress rehearsals when they practice so that the children are comfortable dancing in their costumes.

The Trivia Night is coming around quickly as well—7 tables have been booked already. So come in and see the office staff to book your table. We have had lots of donations so it is gearing up to be a fun night.

Our Kitchen Cafe had another successful day yesterday selling soup. Next week is the last of the soup days, so make sure you put your order in.

Yours in partnership

W. Sullivan
**WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**Padua Science Day**
This week we are writing something a bit different. We are writing about the year 6 science excursion to Padua. On Wednesday the 14th of August the year sixes went to Padua for a science day. Some of the year 10 students helped us with some science experiments. Some of the experiments we did were... The Elephants Toothpaste, Slime making, changing the colour of the flame on a Bunsen burner, Dancing Sultana's, looking through microscopes and testing chemicals. Then we went on to looking at some native Australian animals, the teachers who had us for the day were Mrs Barnhoorn and Mrs Biggs.

By Lauren Cross and Charlotte Posthuma

**LEGO WANTED**
If there is anyone who is able to donate lego to the school it would be greatly appreciated!

**School Fees**
School fees are now due. Could all parents, please settle your final school fees as soon as possible.

**Poesia Italiana 2013**
**The Italian Poetry Competition**

The students of St Brendan’s performed superbly at the regional Italian Poetry Competition last Thursday. I congratulate all of them on their effort, courage and presentation. The standard of the competition was, as usual, very high and it was a very close finish between the finalists.

The winner of the St Brendan’s section was Summer Carne, which was a lovely surprise especially as we had many older students participating. It just goes to show, hard work pays off!

The overall winner of the competition was Michael of St Macartan’s.

All of our students displayed great talent and nerve to speak in Italian in front of 60 competitors as well as the teachers/ judges and the many parents who attended.

We can be very proud of the way our students represented the school.

**Congratulations Summer, Marissa, Rebecca, Keegan, Charlotte, Breanna and Lily.**

Many thanks all the parents who transported the students to the competition and stayed to give support!

I hope to see you again next year!

Peter Brady  Italian teacher
Dear Parents and Friends,

On Thursday 15th August the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary’s Assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus’ promise to all faithful servants: that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950. The following is a short prayer that you could share with your family.

**Feast of the Assumption**

Reader: And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

All: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

Reader: He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

All: He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

Leader: Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have revealed the beauty of your power
by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth
and making her the mother of our Saviour.
May the prayers of this woman clothed with the sun
bring Jesus to the waiting world
and fill the void of incompletion
with the presence of her child.

All: Amen

**R.C.I.A.**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or are your children Catholic and you want to know more?

RCIA meets once a month to share a meal and discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. Meetings will begin in September.

For more information, please contact Anne-Marie Robb at St. Brendan’s Primary School on 5977 7277 or Mike O’Grady on 0407 973 710
Happy Birthday to...

Mrs Sue Harris
Mitchell Barber
Kasey Lowns
Isabel Dodemaide
Locky Evans-Holt

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Get in quick! Tables for this year’s Trivia Night are selling fast. Half of the tables are already sold even the teachers table is booked, so if you want to come and give them a run for their money, get in and see the office ladies asap.

Tables of 10, tickets @ $15.00 per person.

Our Father’s Day Stall is being run on the morning of Thursday, 29th August. Each grade will have the opportunity to buy a small present for their father/guardian.  More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

“Thank you

I wanted to give a big “Thank You” to the parents who have been making the soup on Wednesday’s. What a fantastic initiative and very healthy and nutritious.

For children that love soup and the idea of having this at school, makes them feel special.

From my children to you, they say “it’s the best lunch order ever”.  Be proud of yourselves for your care and hard work. Thank you.

The Marshall Family”

Soup news

What a great day Wednesday was for soup. Freezing cold and blowing a gale. Our little Kitchen Garden Cafe, was full to the brim in the multipurpose room this week.

The hot item this week being Tomato pasta.

The kids have really enjoyed sitting around the table and sharing their time with other students that they would not generally have the opportunity to be with at lunch time.

And a big thank you goes our the all the students that have helped the parents pack up after the lunch has been served. Thanks guys!

Next week will be our last soup day for the year, but we will look forward to cooking up a new idea for next term.

Next week menu: Chicken and Veggie or Tomato and basil...Yum!
AWARDS

Bella Walsh
For working hard to write new words.

Cooper Ades
For completing work tasks on time in English lessons.

Emily Wilson
For consistency in finishing all homework tasks early!

Gabrielle Conlin
For great reading skills.

Georgia Evans-Holt
For being a focused reader during silent reading.

Hayden Monterosso
For great diary writing.

Hayden Zintschenko
For his insightful and thoughtful contributions during Religion lesson discussions.

Jarrod Smyth
For taking pride in the neat work he has been producing. Well done Jaz!

Kalani Le-Pou
For working well to improve his narrative writing.

Karlia Ballerini
For working hard to learn her sounds.

Keona Donald
For continuing to prove herself to be a great role model in 4/5M. Keep up the great work Keona.

Kiera Donald
For great work with her Lexile Quiz.

Laura McMahon
For being a great team member in class.

Lauren Cross
For doing an amazing job at Production practise.

Lauren Green
For doing her best and not giving up at the Combined Sports.

Luke Taranto
For always helping Miss Thomas and his classmates.

Mollie Conlin
For being fabulous during Production Practice!

Regan Colvin
For being a great team member in class.

Sienna Longmuir
For being fabulous during Production Practice!

William Sidwell
For his excellent Dream Time story.

The uniform shop is looking for volunteers.
It doesn’t take up much time, usually only 30 mins on a Thursday from 3.00pm—3.30pm.
If you can help, please stop by or call Hayley on 0409 022 525.
SPORTS NEWS

PARISH SPORTS

After an anxious wet start the sun broke through and we had a successful Parish Sports day at the Westernport athletic oval. Thank you to the parents for promptly dropping off and collecting the students on the day. A special thank you to Tracey Clark, Wayne Kneeshaw, Kim Archer, Rachel Marshall and Tania Dodemaide for helping out with the shot-put activity and to the attending staff for marshalling the students for the day to result in a pleasant and successful day.

BASKETBALL

Next Tuesday twenty senior students will play against Baxter and Pearcedale Primary Schools at the Somerville Basketball Stadium as part of the annual McDonald’s Hoop Time Basketball event that is being run state wide. On Monday 26 August they will compete against seven other schools in a Lightning Premiership at the Frankston Basketball Stadium. Good luck to our teams.
Hello,

My name is Kaitlyn Corry (4/5H)

I have been selected by Just Kidding (JK) Magazine to be a Disney Infinity Ambassador. 100 children were selected across Australia. My job is to spread the word about a new electronic game called Disney Infinity. It will be released for sale on August 22nd. You can play it with an Xbox 360, PS3, 3DS, Wii or WiiU. Just remember it’s rated PG. The game has lots of your favourite characters from Disney movies eg. The Incredibles, Monster’s University and the Pirates Of The Caribbean.

It is called Infinity because there are endless possibilities for fun. You can play in their world or create your own. You can race, fly, shoot, run, fight, build and more! Collect Gadgets and Power Discs. Power Discs unlock special abilities etc. To find out more ask your parents if you can go online to www.disney.com/infinity. Feel free to come ask me a question.

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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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CHORUS, CHORUS, CHORUS, CHORUS

A reminder to any children from Years 1—6 who are performing with the choir at the Eucharist masses to return your notices as soon as possible. Spare copies are available at the office.

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Lost

Lucy Barrow has lost her school jumper. It has her name on it. It is a size 7, if found, please return to the office.

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Congratulations to

JASPER COOK who raced in the Victorian School Cycling Competition in Oakleigh. Jasper competed in the BMX section along with other students from Victorian schools. Well done Jasper!

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The Scout Raffle tickets are now overdue. Please, if you have not already handed in sold or unsold tickets, please do so now. All unaccountable tickets must have a statutory declaration—declaring they are lost.

Dear Staff & Parents,

As some of you may be aware, the Mornington Peninsula Shire is changing the way it handles the enrolment process for kindergartens. To help the community understand these changes better, and to give everyone a chance to express their thoughts on the process, a website has been created. Please head to http://kinderenrolpetition.wordpress.com if you are keen to learn more about what this new Policy is, and how it may affect you.

As part of the process an online petition has also been created. If you are interested in having a say please visit the following site and sign your name. We are hoping with enough signatures the Council will reassess the Policy and consult more with the local Kindergartens and families before finalizing anything.


Finally, a Facebook page has been created to help spread the word https://www.facebook.com/kinderenrolpetition This page will be updated as news comes to hand and we will hopefully be able to reach an even wider audience with the help of social networking. If you are on Facebook, please have a look at the page, like it, and share it amongst your friends.

Any questions, feel free to email me, kinderenrolmentpolicy@gmail.com

With thanks,
Julie Di Gregorio