Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

Welcome back to Term Two of the 2014 school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a happy and restful holiday and Easter break with your families and friends. Today at St. Brendan’s, we are celebrating ‘Alleluia Day’. We do this in order to bring into focus for the children the events of Easter Sunday, where we as Catholic Christians, celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the greatest feast in our Catholic tradition where we recognize and celebrate the enormous gift of love and sacrifice made for us all. The resurrection provides us with the ultimate example of hope, optimism and new life. As we begin our new school term, I hope that we as a learning community will bring the same attributes to our work and our school community. I hope that we all will all become Resurrection People.

**Resurrection People**

*During this season of the Easter miracle, let us take the time to reflect on our readiness to be Resurrection people.***

*Jesus of the Easter miracle, you faced your fears with courage and with trust ... help us to work with courage and with trust in you as we meet your people in all we do.*

*Jesus of the Easter miracle, you surrendered to the will of your Father ... help us to trust in our Creator who knows us, plans for us and who holds us in the palm of his hand.*

*Jesus of the Easter miracle, you triumphed over death and transcended all that is ugly violent and reckless ... help us to rise above the challenges that hold us back from giving fully to others and achieving our full potential.*

*Jesus of the Easter miracle, in your glorious Resurrection you allowed us to glimpse the beauty of truth, of victory over evil, of triumph against all odds ... help us to bear witness to this ultimate miracle by the way we live, the witness we bear and the love we show to all we meet.*

*Help us Lord to shine the light of the Resurrection wherever we go, whatever we do ... help us to be Resurrection people in our world. We ask this in the name of the newly risen Christ.*

**Amen**

We are looking forward to a productive term of learning at St Brendan’s. During this term, our Year 3 and 5 students will undergo NAPLAN testing in Literacy and Mathematics. All students from Foundation (Prep) to Year 6 will commence inquiry learning in the area of Science. Please watch out for year level newsletters detailing the scientific areas your children will be investigating. Term 2 is also the term where the school undergoes its 4
yearly review. Anne Killeen is a school reviewer who will attend St Brendan’s on June 23 and June 26 to facilitate this process. From this review, we will develop a new School Improvement Plan to guide our direction for the next four years.

**ANZAC DAY**

As I am sure you are all aware, this Friday is ANZAC Day and a public holiday for all Australians. School will resume on Monday 28th April. As a mark of respect, our School Captains, Emily and Zac will acknowledge our ANZACs at assembly on Thursday, 24th April and our Vice Captains, Grace and Michael will be selling ANZAC badges before and after assembly. On ANZAC Day, any students and parents who wish to join us at the Hastings RSL for the march and wreath laying are most welcome. This will take place at 10.30am.

**OPEN DAY TOURS – WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY**

St Brendan’s will be open to prospective parents who wish to enroll their children into Foundation (Prep) for the 2015 school year. If you know anyone who is considering St. Brendan’s as the school for their children, please spread the word about our Open Day. Parents from our own community who have children ready for Prep in 2015 are also welcome to attend a session if they wish. The tours will commence from the school office and be held from:

9:30-10:00am, 11:30-12:00pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

**MOTHER’S DAY MASS AND MORNING TEA – SAVE THE DATE**

All mothers, grandmothers and special carers of children at St Brendan’s are warmly invited to a special Mass and morning tea to honour them and the very special work they do in caring for and supporting children. We recognize that some mums will be unable to attend due to work commitments however, we hope to see as many of you as possible at this special celebration. **It will be held in the Multi Purpose Room on Thursday 8th May at 11:30am.**

A special reminder to all dads that our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 9th May at school.

**Principals Award—‘For strong and enthusiastic teamwork in the classroom’**

Charli Wylie  Elizabeth Morris  Emily Wilson  Georgia Evans-Holt
Jacob Colvin  Makayla Dunn  Nicholas Fraumano  Olivia Bagnall
Keenan Tilley  Boyd Marsh

We look forward to working in partnership with our wonderful school community throughout Term 2.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Sue Carr  Principal
An Easter Prayer

We remember you, O risen Lord,
First-born of the dead.
Your resurrection destroys the power of death
and changes tears of agony into cries of joy.

All:  
Blessed are you!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Springtime in our life.
Your resurrection covers the fields with flowers
and brings the new creation into our hearts.

All:  
Blessed are you!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Exodus from the land of oppression.
Your resurrection brings a new beginning
— a new life of grace.

All:  
Blessed are you!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Moses on the mountain.
Your resurrection opens the gates
of the new heavens and the new earth.

All:  
Blessed are you!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
Prophet of the messianic time.
Your resurrection initiates the new law
of love, with a renewed heart.

All:  
Blessed are you!

We remember you, O risen Lord,
new Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table
for the bread of Life and the cup of salvation.

All:  
Blessed are you!

In Lucien Bown
Happy Birthday to...

Darcey Wylie
Noah Griffin
Emily Ainscow
Karila Ballerini

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!
The Uniform Exchange

We will be opening our doors again for exchanging or purchasing of second hand uniforms in the second week of Term 2. We will operate out of the uniform shop on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (28th - 30th April) afternoon from 3.00 till 3.30pm.

Thank you, Liz and Cristy

Lost

Bethany Clarke in grade 3/4R has lost her reading glasses. They are a metal pink frame which is named. Please check your child's bag and if found, please return to 3/4R.

Easter Egg Raffle Prizes

Wow, what a great response to our Easter Raffle! We have a prize at the office with no name on the ticket. If you have ticket number E68, please come and see us at the office.

Hot Cross Buns

There are still some unnamed Hot Cross Buns orders at the school. If you did not receive your order, please contact the office.
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