**Principal's Report**

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we focus in particular on the amazing and important work of mothers and those who take on the role of mother in order to care for children. Our Year 5/6 students are working hard to prepare a beautiful liturgy and morning tea for as many St Brendan’s mums, grandmothers and special friends as are able to attend. Father Michael will celebrate Mass at 11:30 and morning tea will follow. Please return your reply slip to school by tomorrow at the latest as this will assist us with catering. If by some chance your reply slip has gone missing, please phone the office to let us know that you will be attending. A gentle reminder to dads in our community that our Mother’s Day stall will be held at school on Friday this week!

I would like to share some reflections from children at St Brendan’s about their mums:

*Mums are there to love us not just to do the washing!* Liam D (Year 5/6M)

*My mum is smart because she knows lots of stuff.* Ryley N (Year 1/2H)

*I like my mum when she smiles.* Bridget M Year 1/2H)

*My mum is the best at loving me.* (Olivia B Year 1/2H)

I wish all the mothers in the St Brendan’s community a beautiful Mother’s Day on Sunday.

**Open Day Tours**

This Wednesday 7th May, we will conduct three school tours at St Brendan’s. These tours are designed for prospective parents who wish to enroll their children at St Brendan’s into Foundation (Prep) in 2015. If you are a current member of the St Brendan’s community who is enrolling a sibling of one of our current students, you are also most welcome to attend.

The tours will take place from 9:30 – 10:00, 11:30-12:00 and 6:00-6:30. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbours.

**Gardening Club**

Our enthusiastic and intrepid members of the Gardening Club will work on Tuesday morning to dig a trench to supply water to our newly located garden beds. We are extremely grateful to Carina Spencer, Tracey Sidwell and Hayley Wallace for their vision and hard work. We also thank Hayley’s dad; for digging the trench and Hayden Marsh for connecting the water supply. This work brings us one step closer to beginning our gardening program.
Science Incursion Years 1 & 2

This Wednesday our Year 1 and 2 students will participate in some hands on science activities that will be prepared and presented by the C.S.I.R.O education unit. We look forward to sharing photos and thoughts of our little scientists at work in next week’s newsletter.

Head Lice

Over the past two weeks, we have has several cases of head lice reported to the school office. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s head and if necessary, treat accordingly and inform school so that we can monitor the number of cases occurring. Thank you for your help and support in this matter. One of our new mums has developed a great product called “Bug Off”. Have a look at her website for any information—www.bugoffheadlicetreatment.com.au

Have a great week.

Sue Carr—Principal

MOTHER’S DAY MASS AND MORNING TEA

I am / am not able to attend the Mother’s Day Mass and morning tea on Thursday, May 8th at 11.30am. The number of people attending from our family :...............adults,.......... Toddlers. Please note that this morning tea is for mothers, grandmothers and special carers of children in our school.

We look forward to welcoming you.
Dear Parents and Friends,

This year our celebration of Mother’s Day was made particularly special as we honoured the special woman in our student’s lives and gave thanks for their contribution to our family life with a wonderful morning tea. I am sure this celebration had special significance for many members of our community.

**Happy mother’s Day to all our Mums**

*A Mother’s Love*
There are times when only a Mother’s love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.  
There are times when only a Mother’s love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we’ve dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.  
There are times when only a Mother’s faith  
Can help us on life’s way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.  
For a Mother’s heart and a Mother’s faith  
And a Mother’s steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the Angels  
And sent from God above.

Yours in partnership,
Kay Donovan (REC)

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**District Field Events**

After a late start last Friday we had approximately 50 students participating in a range of field events at Ballam Park. Thank you to the participating staff and the parents who attended on the day. Congratulations to our participating students and well done to the following students who gained ribbons.

- **Shot Put**: Griffinn Argus (4th), Marissa Marsh (4th), Tiarna Marshall (3rd), Lindsey Drew Goard (3rd) and Hayley Cox (4th)
- **Discuss**: Molleigh Griffiths (3rd), Tia Kneeshaw (4th), Brodie Young (4th) and Peter Varga (1st)
- **Long Jump**: Jacob Rigby Smith (4th) and Amelia Congreve (1st)
- **High Jump**: Kennan Tilley (3rd), Georgia Evans Holt (4th) and Tom Bruitzman (1st)
- **Triple Jump**: Regan Colvin (2nd), Jessica Carona (2nd) and Darcy Cook (4th).

Due to time constraints, the 12 year old high jump was not able to be completed. This event will be rescheduled to be held within the next three weeks.

**Cross Country Trials**
The Cross Country selection trials for our 9-13 year olds will be held on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their runners to school.
News from 1/2’s

In the Grade 1/2 classes we had Lisa Powell, a local paramedic come into our classrooms and talk to us about her job and show us all her equipment. The students really enjoyed the day and 1/2 H wrote a recount of the day below:

Lisa the paramedic.

Lisa works in our community and looks after us when we’re hurt. She showed us that calling 000 is NOT scary and the equipment Lisa brings to your house is also not scary. Lisa used some of the equipment on the children. Annabel Milton had a broken leg, so did Emily Ainscow, Blaze Sharpe and Emmasen Bryant. Bryce Spencer had his heart checked and Olivia Bagnall had a neck brace. Angus Kasbach had an eye patch, Jack Tropeano- Smartt had a broken arm and lastly, Boyd Marsh had fake oxygen. The paramedics will always come after you’ve called them.

1/2 H
You're invited, for a fun and social night of poker. Your donations will go to help a great cause and might even win you a prize on the night. So bring your friends along & show your support!

What: Ride To Conquer Cancer Poker Fundraiser

When: Saturday 14th June @ 6:30pm
Free 'Learn to Play' lesson on the night

Where: Somerville Secondary College
37 Graf Rd, Somerville

How: $50 Donation to enter... with $10-$50 rebuys on the night!
So come show your support for the Peter Mac Cancer Centre by purchasing your ticket now. For more details or to book your tickets simply contact:
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Over $2,000 in Prizes!
First 3 All Win Prizes:

1st
Thailand Package

2nd
Poker Table & Chips

3rd
Android Tablet

4th
2x Gold Class Movie Tickets
Mother’s Day Stall
Friday May 9th 2014
Multi-purpose Room, 9-11.30
Colis priced between 80c and $3