DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday: 3/6
• Bright Sparks Yr 6—11.30am

Wednesday: 4/6
• Excursion to Science Works - Grades 3/4

Thursday: 5/6
• Assembly at 8.45am

Friday: 6/6
• 5/6 Interschool Sports St. Brendan’s vs Frankston East at home

Monday: 9/6
QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Thursday: 12/6
• No Assembly
• Mass at 11.30pm

Friday: 13/6
• Reports go home with the eldest child

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

SCHOOL REVIEW

This week as our preparations for the four yearly review of practices and procedures at St Brendan’s near completion, we welcome our reviewer; Ms. Anne Killeen on Wednesday 4th June. Anne will make her initial visit to our school to collect our review document, view our school and meet the children and the staff. We look forward to Anne’s feedback on the areas of Faith Education, Learning and Teaching, Leadership and Management and Community relationships within our school. This feedback will assist us in working with Catholic Education Office staff to set our priorities and direction for the next four years. Anne will also advise me on which groups of people she would like to meet with when she returns in our Review Week which is scheduled for Week 10 June 23 – June 27 of this term.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The St Brendan’s staff are working extremely hard to prepare a mid year report for each child in our school. These reports will provide you with a picture of your child’s academic progress to date. The reports will go home a week earlier than usual so that we can hold our Parent/Teacher interviews in Week 9 (June 16th – June 20th) in order to leave Week 10 free for our school review. The interviews will be held on Tuesday 17th June from 2:00pm – 8:pm. If you haven’t already done so, please register online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au The school event code is V2NNL. Bookings close on Friday 13th, 2014 at 3:30pm. No formal classes will take place after 1:30pm on Tuesday 17th June. You are most welcome to take your child home at 1:30pm. If you are unable to do so, there will be supervision for the children at school. Make a note about child minding on this day. We look forward to discussing your child’s progress with you on this day. If for some reason you cannot attend, please make a mutually suitable arrangement with your child’s classroom teacher.

PENINSULA PRINCIPALS’ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I will be absent from school from Friday 6th June until Monday 16th June as I will attend the conference in Darwin. Along with approximately twenty other principals from the Peninsula Zone, I will be engaged in professional learning that best supports our staff and students. Our school will be left in the capable hands of Mrs. Wendy Sullivan and our Leadership Team. Please do not hesitate to contact Wendy should the need arise.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – THURSDAY 12TH JUNE AT 11:30AM

Father Michael will be at school on Thursday 12th June to celebrate Mass which will be prepared by our Year 1/2 classes. Please join us for the celebration if you are free.

ASSEMBLY – THURSDAY 5TH JUNE AT 8:45AM

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our assembly this week where our Year 5/6M class will present their work. At this assembly, we will also present Ian Mounsey with a cheque to support his ‘Ride to Conquer Cancer’. These funds were raised as an SRC initiative on our Simultaneous Read and Pyjama Day held on Wednesday 21st May. The SRC students should feel very proud of their efforts to support this great cause. At this assembly, we will also present certificates to all our students who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Have a great week.

Sue Carr
Dear Parents,

As we are heading into winter, I thought it might be interesting to read how to best care for you and your children when the dreaded cold or flu comes knocking on the door.

**Winter Colds and Flu: How Best to Care for Your Child**

An ounce of prevention is certainly the best medicine against fighting inevitable winter colds, flu and other infections. Frequent hand washing with soap and warm water, and practicing “sleeve coughing” (coughing into your sleeve instead of your hand) can go a long way in preventing and spreading infections.

But chances are that if your child is in school, or attending daycare, and is interacting with other children who are sick, they will undoubtedly come down with a seasonal infection.

Here are a few tips to help you weather those sick days

**Colds**

Cold viruses grow in the soft, warm surfaces of your inner nose, throat, sinuses and airways, so this is where you usually get the symptoms. Typically, you will get a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, sore throat and a cough. You might also have a fever, aching muscles and general tiredness. These symptoms usually last for about a week.

**Flu**

The symptoms are similar to colds but the muscle aching is usually more severe and the tiredness may last for a few weeks after the illness has cleared up. You’re likely to get a fever, and you may also lose your appetite, feel or be sick or have diarrhoea.

**How can I treat colds or flu?**

There is no cure for colds or flu. Antibiotics, which treat infections due to bacteria, don’t work on cold and flu viruses. However, here are some things you can do to help yourself feel better:

- Drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration
- Take paracetamol to help relieve the fever and pain, and decongestants to help a blocked nose (ask your pharmacist for more advice)
- Get plenty of rest and don’t go back to work or school too early

**How can I prevent getting a cold or flu?**

There are a few steps you can take to help prevent catching colds and flu:

- Eat a balanced diet that is rich in fruit and vegetables to help get lots of vitamins and minerals which can boost your immune system
- Take regular (preferably daily) exercise, and have enough rest for your immune system to work properly

There are steps you can take when you have a cold or flu, to help prevent spreading illness:

- Try to stay away from other people to prevent the virus from spreading
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and wash your hands regularly
- Throw away tissues as soon as you have used them
- If you are contagious with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading it to others and keep children home from school.

Regards,

Wendy Sullivan
Deputy Principal

REMINDER

If you are interested in your child/children having music lessons after school at St Brendan’s can you return your Expression of Interest form so we work out numbers.

Congratulations

To Lahlia Gould and family on the arrival of baby Elih Jai Gould. Elih arrived on Tuesday, 2nd June at 4.35am weighing a very healthy 10 pound 6 oz. He is also a very long baby at 61 cms! Can’t wait for cuddles.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Sunday, 1 Jun 2014: Ascension of the Lord - Year A

**Gospel Reflection**

The words of today’s first reading provided the theme of World Youth Day celebrated in Sydney in 2008 – ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses.’ It is a reminder to all people – young and old – that the words of Jesus to his disciples are also addressed to each and every one of us. We are called to be witnesses to our faith; witnesses to the message of compassion and justice that Jesus spoke; witnesses to the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s lives.

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as ‘The Great Commission’ as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to ‘Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.’ This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to ‘testify’ to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a ‘witness’ to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

*At this time we ask that you keep our Year 6 students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday June 25.*

Perhaps we may all consider the following questions.

Q. What is the connection between the coming of the Holy Spirit and the disciples being witnesses?

Q. How do you understand ‘being a witness to your faith’?

Q. How are you able to witness to what you believe in your everyday activities?

Q. Who is a person you know who could be described as witnessing to their faith?

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The World Conference for the Well-being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland, proclaimed June 1 to be International Children’s Day in 1925. It is usually marked with speeches on children's rights and wellbeing, and other events involving or dedicated to children.

Yours in Faith, Kay Donovan  REL
Congratulations

To the following children who were baptised into the Catholic Church last Sunday.

Wil Sheehan     Airlee Sheehan     Noah Osborne     Brianna Oakley

All children must be in the classroom by 8.45am.
If you are late—students must come to the office with a parent/guardian and sign a late pass.

Reminder

Literacy News

破例规则

阅读很有趣，而且在不寻常的时间或地点进行阅读会更有趣。阅读可以帮助通过在医生的办公室或公交车站等待的时候，思考不同的时间来改变家庭规则。

找一个晚上在被子下面读，并用手电筒阅读。

有一个“晚餐带一本书”夜，分享你读的内容。

在外面搭一个帐篷阅读。

在公园里有一个书的野餐。确保有时间吃和玩。

鼓励阅读理解

将故事与你的经历或你孩子的经历相关联。在个人层面上联系故事会使其更有趣。

问“如果……”的问题。例如，“如果故事发生在不同的地方呢？”。提出问题可以让孩子们保持参与并喜欢故事。

鼓励你的孩子在心中描绘人物的外表或故事发生的地方。这可能会很有趣，也可以画画。
Happy Birthday to...

Sebastian Luczak  Jackson Rhodes
Jorja Stylianou  Lincoln Argus
Griffinn Argus  Jesse Cremen
Grace Cummins  Kallen Redpath
Miss Loren Fuccio

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Look who came for a visit!

Maggie!

Maggie was once a ‘Seeing Eye’ puppy, who unfortunately failed the test. The Bruitzman family were lucky enough to keep her.

I SEE, I CARE

Today we went to Mornington Park Primary School to participate in the I SEE, I CARE program. We were shown how to demonstrate an oral presentation to junior school students about marine animals and habitats in the ocean. We presented the first activity, called ‘Name This Fish’, to the Preps. Two other schools did two other activities to finish off the presentation. We were able to practise for an hour before we had to present to a class of Preps.

The hardest thing was to get them to sit and move around to where they could participate well. It was a bit nerve-racking but at the same time fun and enjoyable. We all had a great time and look forward to doing more in the I SEE I CARE program.

Josh Jones, Amy Clark, Amelia Congreve and Darcy Cook
CADBURY FUNDRAISER:

It is Chockie Frog time again!! YUM!!!!

This week you will receive a note home to indicate your willingness to participate in this fundraiser and advise how many boxes you would like to have allocated to you.

(At least one per family would be fantastic.)

Boxes will be sent home during the first week of Term Three with monies due back to school two weeks after that.

Please send your form back ASAP so that we can order before the end of this term.

THANK YOU!!

Sam Johnstone 3/4 B

Tracey Clark 5/6 T

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Sustainability Corner

Dear Parents,

During the rest of this term and in Term 3, we are looking at developing a couple of very exciting projects in the area of sustainability and gardening. One project is a vertical garden. To help us develop this project we are looking at collecting empty 2 litre plastic bottles. Please wash bottles and remove labels before bringing them to school.

We need more than 100 bottles!!!

So if you could start collecting the bottles and bringing them into Grade 1/2T, we would be very grateful.

Julie Thomas
We are applying for a grant from the Leader newspaper to purchase a freezer, so we can stock meals for people who maybe in need.

A freezer full of frozen meals will not only help our school community but our parish members as well.

You can come in and collect a meal for whatever reason you want eg. Late doctor’s appointment, had to be in the city all day, sick children just to name a few.

You need to register online and with each email address you can vote 10 times.

So let your fingers do the talking and get online and vote for our school!!

Here’s how to vote:

2. Click on St Brendan’s Community Food Bank
3. Register to vote
4. VOTE! You can even use all 10 of your precious votes for us

VOTING CLOSES: FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

You have to be over 18 to vote so get your friends, parents, aunties and uncles on board.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Hayley Wallace and Tracey Sidwell.
Preps prayer service