Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. It is the week where we focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills in all our students. I thought I would include one of my favourite quotes about reading from well known author Roald Dahl, ‘I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn’t be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage’.

I would like to encourage everyone in the school community to try to find ten minutes this week to share or discuss a book with your children. It is also great for your children to see you reading a book, a magazine or a newspaper. Happy reading everyone!

Senior Parish Sports

Last Friday in glorious sunshine, the students from St Brendan’s represented our school in the Parish Sports. There were many outstanding individual performances and two wonderful relays that were both won by St Brendan’s. The spirit of participation, fun and friendship was on display for all to see. Thank you to Mr Michael Smythe, our Physical Education teacher for his excellent coordination of the day. Thank you also to our wonderful classroom teachers and teacher aides who worked very hard to support our students in all the activities. Finally, my thanks go to the extraordinary band of parents who volunteered their time and support to the day. It is so satisfying to see the spirit of cooperation and partnership alive and well at St Brendan’s.

Thank you

My sincere thanks must go to two Prep mums; Lisa Griffin (Noah Prep K) and Maxine Pritchard (Anthony Prep K) for the most magnificent birthday that was delivered to me at school yesterday. As the staff will tell you, it is not often that I am speechless but yesterday I was! Thank you for this superb artwork. You made my day!

School Raffle

You will find a book of raffle tickets in the bag of your oldest child tonight. Please read about the exciting prizes on offer and do your best to sell a book. More books are available at the school office should you require them. My sincere thanks go to Dahna Fly, Liz Gazzola and Heather Caruana for their hard work in coordinating this school fundraiser.

Car Park Safety

Once again I must draw your attention to the need to exercise extreme caution when driving into or within the school grounds. Please observe the speed limits and watch out for pedestrians and children. I respectfully ask that parents do not walk their children through the roundabout to get to their cars. Apart from walking on the new plants that recently been planted by our students, it is a dangerous practice that we wish to discourage. Thank you for your support in this matter.
As you are aware, Thursday 28th August and Friday 29th August are school closure days in which the staff will undertake professional development in a range of areas including:

- Updating CRP qualifications
- Developing staff protocols
- Preparation for Annual Review Meetings
- Circle Time Training
- Inquiring into student engagement and personalising learning

We appreciate that your support of the St Brendan’s staff in their professional development.

Principal’s Award

Please note that there will be no assembly this week due to the school closure. The Principal’s Award is for ‘Working Hard to Develop Maths Strategies’. This is what the children are working towards for this week and next week.

Have a great week

Sue Carr - Principal
Dear Parents,

Last Friday, I spent the day down at the Parish Sports, where the 3 parish schools get together to have a sports day. The schools are put into house colours and compete against each other to collect points for their team. It was wonderful to see all the children participate in a friendly and cooperative manner. They showed great sportsmanship and respect for each other. Well done St Brendan’s children on a wonderful day and congratulations to RED team, who won the day!! Many thanks to the parents who helped out on the shot put event with me and all the parents who came to support their children.

Our topic for Term 3 is Healthy Mind, Healthy Body and the children have been learning how to keep themselves healthy. They have been looking at the type of foods they need to stay healthy, the importance of keeping active and how to keep your mind strong and alert.

Hope you have a great week.

Wendy Sullivan
Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Many of our children are experiencing the excitement and challenge of participating in school sports, team competitions and footy finals surround many of us at this time. What is the interface between faith and sport? Can we find God at the MCG? in our involvement in any sport?

What traces of God is it possible to detect on the hallowed turf, among the tiered seats, between the big sticks and in the stories of blood, sweat, cheers, tears and laughter that may be encountered in a visit to the G?

Some have suggested the following possibilities:

- Human play and sports reveal something essential about human beings and our origins in God.
- Sports play a unique role in building communities of love and respect; such communities reflect God’s will for human society.
- If sports are played and supported ethically their rules rest on laws which originate in God’s law.
- Stories of great sportsmen and women reflect something of the story of Jesus Christ.

What do you think?

Prayer to Play Fair in the Game of Life

Dear Lord, in the struggle that goes on through life
We ask for a field that is fair,
A chance that is equal with all the strife,
The courage to strive and to dare;
And if we should win, let it be by the code,
With our faith and our honour held high;
And if we should lose, let us stand by the road
And cheer as the winners go by.”

Time to Shine will showcase the artistic talents of up to 400 secondary students from Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Students will feature as dancers, musicians and singers in this high-calibre artistic production. Tickets for this two-hour entertainment line-up, jam-packed with 26 acts, which will both delight and enthral audiences, are available from Ticket master.

Yours in Faith,

Kay Donovan
Italian Day is approaching!
Tuesday September 16
is
Italian Day

Italian Day is our day of fun filled activities designed to take in many aspects of the Italian culture.
The aim of the day is to continue to develop an awareness and appreciation of the customs and influences introduced to our community by Italians and to continue to immerse the children in Italian language.

To make the day more colorful and exciting, the children are expected to dress in appropriate costume for the day so here are some ideas if you need them:

Carnevale clowns or characters: Arlecchino, Pulcinella, Pantalone or Colombina
Artists: Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Donatello, Raffaello (They're not just Ninja Turtles you know!)
Saints: San Francesco of Assisi, Santa Caterina of Siena, San Valentino (St Valentine)
Racer: Valentino Rossi, Enzo Ferrari...

Ferrari, calcio (soccer), ciclismo (cycling).
The children will be involved in various activities throughout the day, including calcio, bocce e tombola.
Watch out for order forms so you can order your pizza for lunch.
Don’t forget to dress up!

Ci vediamo!
Signor Peter Brady

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Senior Parish Sports

We were very fortunate to have had a perfect day to conduct the Senior Parish Sports last Friday. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the day and the attending staff. Without your efforts this event would not be able to run.

The Westernport Athletics Field was a sea of red, gold, blue and green t-shirts. Congratulations to our boys and girls relay teams who both came first. Red House was the overall winner by only six points from Blue House, with Green House third and Gold House coming fourth.

Basketball

Congratulations to our senior girls and boys basketball teams who competed against ten other teams at the Basketball Lightning Premiership on Monday. The girls came equal second and the boys came fifth. Thank you to Mrs Norris for coaching the teams and to the parents who helped out with the scoring.
Could all uniforms please be washed and returned next week?

Michael Smythe Sports Coordinator

Are your children Catholic?
Do you want to know more about being Catholic?
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
The R.C.I.A. is a program that explains the traditions and celebrations of the Catholic Church. In small group discussions, adults are able to learn and make decisions about their own faith.
The program will begin in mid September if you are interested or want more information please contact Anne-Marie at St. Brendan’s on 03 59777277.
## AWARDS

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<td>Blake Simmonds</td>
<td>For working at making better learning choices in class.</td>
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<td>For writing a fantastic story using all of her spelling words and using paragraphs correctly.</td>
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<td>For taking control of her own learning during numeracy.</td>
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<td>Logan Spencer</td>
<td>For persisting with working out multiplication facts and arrays in Numeracy. Great job!</td>
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<td>Marcus Scott</td>
<td>For working hard in Reading Recovery.</td>
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<td>Marissa Marsh</td>
<td>For an outstanding start to her science report on magnets. Well done!</td>
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<td>Noah Osborne</td>
<td>For working well to finish his tasks on time.</td>
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<td>Serenity Rogers</td>
<td>For always trying her hardest in our literacy work.</td>
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<td>Tabitha Piercy</td>
<td>For always doing her best in class activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>Tiana Marshall</td>
<td>For guiding hand and willingness to share her expertise using imovies. Thank you.</td>
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### Fundraising Committee News

This year, the Fundraising Committee will be running a school raffle with some fantastic prizes up for grabs. In past years we have done the scout raffle, but decided that it would be great if we ran a raffle and the prizes actually were won by a family or friend of a student in the school. Today your child/children would have brought home a raffle book with 10 tickets to a book. Tickets are $2 each/$20 per book. 

- **First prize will be a $500 VISA EFTPOS voucher**
- **Second prize will be a $300 VISA EFTPOS voucher**
- **Third prize will be a $150 VISA EFTPOS voucher**

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 3 – Friday 19th September. We ask that you support this initiative and sell as many tickets as possible, the funds raised will go towards purchasing equipment for our children to enjoy. Tickets will need to be returned with the correct money by Friday 12th September. Any unsold tickets will also need to be returned by this date.

More books are available at the front office if you need them.

**Happy Selling!!**

Dahna Fly, Liz Gazzola and Heather Caruana
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