Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

Remembrance Day
Today we celebrated Remembrance Day with a beautiful ceremony organised by our Year 5/6 students and their teachers. At this ceremony, we reflected on the day known as Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day). This is the day that members of the Commonwealth stop to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended “at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month”.

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem In Flanders Field. These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I. Their brilliant red colour became a symbol for the blood spilled in the war.

At our ceremony, we gave thanks for those whose amazing sacrifices helped keep Australia safe. Thank you to our Year 5/6 students and their teachers for leading such a beautiful and respectful ceremony. Lest We Forget.

School Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting
On Monday 8th December at 7:00pm, we will hold the A.G.M of the School Advisory Committee. All currently held positions will be declared vacant at this meeting. We are seeking interested members of the school community to nominate themselves for the following positions:

Chairperson – the Chairperson liaises with the Principal and meets monthly to set and distribute the agenda to the members of the committee. The Chairperson chairs the meeting and adheres to the S.A.C guidelines. The Chairperson meets with the Secretary and together they write a monthly newsletter article that informs the school community of the workings of the S.A.C and the topics discussed at the previous meeting.

Secretary – the Secretary types the minutes of the meeting and distributes them to the members of the S.A.C. The Secretary assists the Chairperson with writing of the monthly newsletter article

Treasurer – the accounts for all monies raised by the Social and Fundraising group. The Treasurer presents a monthly financial report to the S.A.C. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the School Bursar, organises for the annual audit of the school Social and Fundraising accounts prior to the A.G.M

Social and Fundraising President – the Social and Fundraising President meets with the Class Representatives and any other interested parents who wish to be involved the social and fundraising activities of the school. These meetings are held on a monthly basis to plan for and organise the school’s social and fundraising events for the coming year. The Social and Fundraising President attends the monthly S.A.C meeting to report on the social and fundraising activities of the school.

I wish to thank the current committee for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the community of St Brendan’s.

Chairperson – Wendy Ziino
Secretary – Hugh Sweeney-Smith
Treasurer – Bernie Carne
Social and Fundraising President – Dahna Fly
Your friendship and efforts towards the growth and development of our school are truly valued and appreciated by me and by all in our school.

I strongly urge all parents to consider their current availability and capacity to become part of this important committee. We welcome all interested parents and I would be willing to meet with anyone who is considering taking on a role to discuss it further with them should they desire.

If you are not able to take on one of these roles, I respectfully ask you to consider becoming a Class Representative for your child’s class. We would love to have at least one representative per class. If the role could be shared between two parents, it would be even better.

Library Books
Please note that all library books are to be returned to the library by Friday of this week. Please assist us with the prompt return of the books as we need to conduct a library audit to help us with our plans for the 2015 school year. Thank for your support in this matter.

Foundation (Prep) Information Night
A reminder that our Foundation Information Night will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at St Brendan’s tomorrow evening at 7:30pm. Please come along to meet the Prep teachers and to find out all about how to best support your child in their first year of school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a great week.

Sue Carr
Principal

Dear St. Brendan’s students, families and teachers.
I would like to thankyou for voting for me in the recent Autism CRC Art Competition. Due to everyone’s support, I have been awarded the first prize.
I am very happy to have won the competition.
Thank you
Connor
Happy Birthday to...

Jacob Colvin
Daniel Limanis
Peter Varga

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Also a belated birthday wish to

Hendrix Charles

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5/6M’s Class Meeting

**Encouragements**
- Everybody for lining up on time
- For everyone who gets their books out ready in the morning
- People for playing together nicely
- Michael to continue cleaning the room at the end of the day and for others to help him
- For Miss Maxwell for making the classroom as organised as 5/6M can be
- For 5/6M for improving with our challenges

**Challenges**
- Getting our books out ready
- Completing more Lexile Quizzes
- To be more respectful to others in the classroom
- Not getting sidetracked by anyone else during learning time
- Not going into other people’s business
- For everyone to push in their chair
- To be more organised in the classroom.

**Training**
- To be more organised in the classroom.
  - We can show this by- getting our books out ready, pushing in our chairs so no one gets hurt and be ready to begin learning tasks straight away.

**Planning For Fun**
- We have decided that when we manage to achieve this goal we want to have a technology day! Come on 5/6M!

Written by Jarrod and Olivia 5/6M
REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year 11 November marks the 96th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead and called it Armistice Day. After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. Today we continue in that tradition as we not only commemorate those who died in past conflicts, but we also think of our Defence Force members presently serving on active operations in various parts of the world. The Red Poppy has special significance for Australians.

Worn on Remembrance Day (11 November) each year, the red poppies were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War. In soldiers’ folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground.

In England in 1919, the British Legion sought an emblem that would honour the dead and help the living. The Red Poppy was adopted as that emblem and since then has been accepted as the Emblem of Remembrance.

John 15:12-13 – Jesus said, “this is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

O God, our ruler and guide, In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land And for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of Australia, Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

Yours in Faith, Kay Donovan
Compost Bin

Have you seen the new compost bin yet? The Grade Five students have been working hard to build a compost bin for all of St. Brendan’s to use. There were many steps involved...

We had a few ideas where we wanted to put our compost bin. We found a spot around the back corner (near the junior car park)
Pallets were donated and delivered.
We made a phone call to Bunnings to find out what size hinges and screws we needed.
We had to dig a flat surface for our compost bin.
Then we had to gather leaves.
We had to research what we could put in the compost bin.
Then our lovely helpers helped us put it together.

A BIG thank you to Brian Powell and Paul Corry for taking the time to help us build our compost bin!

Written by Jarrod and 5/6M

Upstream Challenge- 50km walk.

This weekend Saturday 15th November, I am attempting to do the 50km walk- 'Upstream challenge'. I am walking for the Isabella and Marcus foundation. Marcus was a family friend who was diagnosed with DIPG (diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma) when he was just five years old. He lost his battle to this disease just eight weeks later. It is the worst type of brain tumour and usually occurs in children between 5-9 years of age. The survival rate is 0% and research is desperately required so that treatments can be developed.

Would you like to sponsor me for this great cause? Donations can be made three ways.

You can go onto the Upstream foundation website. Click donate, Sponsor a friend enter Bernadette Turner - Team BJ’s and follow the link. (master and Visa Card only)

OR

Place your donation in an envelope marked 50 Km challenge and place it in your child’s classroom tub. If you require a tax receipt please write this on the front of the envelope. (Donations over $2 are tax deductible)

OR

Just pop in and see me.
Any amount is greatly appreciated and will go to an amazing cause.
Thank you and think of me and my aching feet on Saturday.

Bernadette Turner, Grade 5/6 teacher.
AWARDS

Aaron De Bruyn
For contributing great ideas for our paragraph writing.

Bella Walsh
For always offering ideas in group discussions

Bryce Debattista
For being inclusive with class members during group work.

Bryce Spencer
For working hard to learn the most common words. Keep it up Bryce.

Daniel Clifford
For showing a keen interest in our class reading.

Daniel Ellesley
For writing a creative report on Natural Disasters.

Ella Sanders
For working hard on her 'time' activities.

Isabella Wallace
For writing an outstanding picture story about the forest.

Joshua Jones
For demonstrating a keen passion for learning during Inquiry.

Kayne O'Shea
For taking extra time to practice his reading.

Khian Taylor
For his perseverance in using the Internet to research his inquiry project about how motorbikes affect the Earth's surface.

Lochlain Dale
For always being a supportive friend.

Logan Goodwin
For an improved effort to assist in pack up time.

Millie Luczak
For wonderful writing about 'Mrs Wishy-Washy'.

Oliver Prestney
For being a wonderful friend in Prep D.

Tabitha Piercy
For excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum

Tyler Harkin
For a great effort when writing paragraphs. Well done Tyler

MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

TIME: 7:30pm
SHOWTIME: 8:30pm
WHERE: MORNINGTON CINEMA
MOVIE: PRIDE
COST: $25

Ticket price includes glass of champagne/wine and nibblies prior to movie
Funds raised go to Peter Mac Cancer Centre

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