Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

As I am sure you are no doubt aware, the clock is ticking and the 2014 school year seems to be rapidly drawing to a close. Each year, parents and students anxiously await the announcement of class structures and teachers for the coming school year. This week, I can announce the class structures for 2015. We believe that the decisions we have made are in the best interest of the entire school. We will grow from 10 classes to 11 classes and the structure will be as follows:

- 2 x Prep
- 3 x Year 1/2
- 3 x Year 3/4
- 2 x Year 5
- 1 x Year 6

This time of year is also when we farewell staff and welcome new ones. This year, we are sad to farewell a valued member of the school community; Mrs Sue Harris who will retire at the end of the 2014 school year. Sue has led the school community in the area of Literacy and she has facilitated meetings and arranged funding, assessment and support for the children in our school who have additional learning needs. Sue has worked at St Brendan’s for fifteen years of dedicated service. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and by our students and their families. On behalf of the staff and school community, I would like to wish her every success and happiness as she takes time to enjoy her family, friends and her interests.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Emma Chapple will be leaving us at the end of the school year to await the birth of her baby. She will take maternity leave for the next twelve months. We wish Emma a happy time with her family as she awaits the birth of her baby. We would also like to acknowledge her wonderful teaching and thank her for her many contributions to our school.

We are currently seeking to employ a music/performing arts teacher to teach at St Brendan’s in 2015.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Nicole Mott (mother to Bridget Year 1/2H) to the teaching staff at St Brendan’s. Nicole is a very experienced and highly regarded teacher who comes to us from St Jude’s in Langwarrin. Welcome Nicole! We hope your time at St Brendan’s is personally and professionally rewarding.

Tuckshop Prices

I want to alert all parents to the new canteen price list that was issued a couple of weeks ago in our school newsletter. Please be aware that the price increases are small and only serve to help us meet our costs in providing this service to the school community. The prices increases are effective immediately, so please ensure that you are ordering from the latest price list. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle

The Social and Fundraising group are once again preparing for the St Brendan’s Christmas raffle. In order to support this initiative, we are having a Casual Clothes day on Friday 5th December. In order for your child/children to wear casual clothes, we ask that they bring with them on that day an item to contribute to the raffle. Your eldest child will receive a book of raffle tickets in the next week or so. Tickets will be priced at $2 per ticket (books of 5 tickets). More ticket books will be available at the front office. Please get involved and make our last fundraiser for the year a huge success. Thank you for your ongoing support.
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<td>Prep Orientation No 2. 9:00 – 10:30am Year 6 Parent Transition Meeting Padua Tyabb -7:30pm</td>
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<td>Prep Assembly – Prep D—Parents welcome Year 6 Parent Transition Meting Padua Mornington – 7:30pm</td>
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<td>Somercare Carols Year 6 Graduation Mass 5:30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6:30pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday 17th Dec</td>
<td>Final Assembly 9:00am—Parents welcome School finishes at 3:15pm</td>
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<td>Thursday 18th Dec</td>
<td>Staff handover of students Combined Parish Schools Mass and lunch</td>
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Happy Birthday to...

Marcus Scott
Anthony Pritchard
Charlie Cameron
Fin Scott
Hayley Cox
Jasper Cook
Aleesha Mounsey
Aaron De Bruyn

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Principal Awards

Abbey Rumler
Ella Parkinson
Ella Sanders
James Johnstone
Lily Currie
Olivia Hills
Ryder Scott
Ryley Noonan
Thomas Bruitzman

For showing respect and using manners when speaking to all staff.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Congratulations

On the arrival of baby Jesse Slade. A new brother for Tabitha Piercy in Prep D. He arrived safely on Thursday, 13th November. Congratulations to all.
Universal Children’s Day November 20

“We were all children once. And we all share the desire for the well-being of our children, which has always been and will continue to be the most universally cherished aspiration of humankind.”

Imagine a world where all children have a chance to fulfil their potential,
where every child has a decent place to sleep, enough food, a classroom and the health to learn, grow and thrive.

Imagine a world in which the rights of every child are realized.
The world – and the world’s children – faced many challenges in 2013

but there were milestones to recognize, too:

The number of preventable deaths among children under 5 was cut nearly in half between 1990 and 2013;

89% of the global population used an improved drinking water source and 64% used an improved sanitation facility;

123 countries now penalize all forms of sexual violence against children.

UNICEF worked to build on the progress that has been made for children – driving change for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and excluded – and to increase progress well into the future

Do you want to help your children learn about their rights, responsibilities and develop their global awareness?
- See more at: http://www.unicef.org.au

Yours in Faith, Kay Donovan

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50 Km Upstream Walk.

I would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to the staff, parents and wonderful students at St. Brendan’s for your kind words and donations for the 50 Km Upstream challenge. (Supporting the Isabella and Marcus Foundation)

We started at 7.00am at Docklands, with big smiles and happy feet! 7 hours 57 minutes later we limped into Donvale (2 hours quicker, than expected) we were still smiling but our feet, no longer happy.

It was an amazing experience, mentally and physically tough- but I enjoyed every step.

I feel so lucky to be a part of this great school community.

Bernie Turner.
3/4F’s Class Meeting

Encouragements

• For being a nice friend on the playground
• For doing neat writing
• For being nice and sharing
• For being nice in the classroom and being a nice mate
• For showing good sportsmanship when playing Tiggy
• For putting effort into their work and coming up with good ideas

Challenges

• To make a diorama
• When you’re working with your partner and they are silly so you have to do the project by yourself
• People don’t share their things when I ask to borrow nicely
• When you tag someone in Tiggy and they say you didn’t get me.
• Saying rude names

Training

To sit quietly on the floor while we are waiting for instructions

Planning for fun

To celebrate our achievement, we will have a class party!

SPORT NEWS

T20 Blast
Last Thursday the Grade 5/6 students participated in the T20 Bash at Mt Eliza. Congratulations to our Girls 1 and Boys 1 teams who both came 4th.

Junior Parish Sports
Last Friday, the Prep-Grade 2 classes attended their Parish Sports at St Joseph’s Primary School. The oval was a very active sea of colour as the students rotated around the various activities. Thank you to the parent helpers and attending staff for your efforts on the day.

Swimming
Swimming notices for all students were handed out last Friday. The students in Grades 3-6 were handed a form that requires parents to rate their swimming ability. It is very important that the form is returned to their class teacher by the due date so we can maximise the opportunities for your child in the Beach Program.
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<td>Angus Kasbach</td>
<td>For being respectful both inside the classroom and on the playground.</td>
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<td>Aspen Hunter</td>
<td>For excellent testing in Prep K.</td>
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<td>Evie Rumler</td>
<td>For taking instruction well and improving her presentation.</td>
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<td>Georgia Dent</td>
<td>For editing her own work.</td>
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<td>Georgia Evans-Holt</td>
<td>For an outstanding improvement in her reading.</td>
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<td>Giulia Piovillico</td>
<td>For reading her great writing about Remembrance day at the ceremony.</td>
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<td>Griffinn Argus</td>
<td>For great teamwork when constructing 3D shapes out of newspaper.</td>
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<td>Hayden Zintschenko</td>
<td>For his interesting input into our class discussion about Remembrance Day.</td>
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<td>Hendrix Charles</td>
<td>For very good reading in Prep K.</td>
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<td>Isabelle Bertram</td>
<td>For writing and delivering a wonderful Remembrance Day reflection.</td>
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<td>James Johnstone</td>
<td>For being respectful and using manners towards all staff.</td>
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<td>Jessica Sidwell</td>
<td>For her excellent acrostic poem on Remembrance Day.</td>
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<td>Kasey Lowns</td>
<td>For her great use of eye contact during her oral presentation. Well done Kasey!</td>
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<td>Lachlan Evans-Holt</td>
<td>For trying hard to write an acrostic poem for Remembrance Day.</td>
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<td>Leela Monterosso</td>
<td>For being a considerate and helpful class member.</td>
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<td>Marissa Marsh</td>
<td>For a fantastic and creative spring artwork.</td>
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<td>Mason Howarth</td>
<td>For making excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum.</td>
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<td>Olivia Hills</td>
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<td>Reece Debattista</td>
<td>For working hard and improving his reading amazingly!</td>
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<td>Sebastian Luczak</td>
<td>For always helping others without being asked.</td>
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<td>Thomas Bruitzman</td>
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<td>Tiana Marshall</td>
<td>For writing a moving poem and reading it at the Remembrance Day ceremony.</td>
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<td>Venetia Teisini</td>
<td>For wonderful addition work.</td>
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**Pet School**

It’s Monday ‘again,’ and I’m about to walk into the class when I realise a notice on the front door; “ATTENTION: To all students, due to Friday’s incident, animals are now officially banned from the classroom!” I secretly giggle inside, thinking about what happened.

On Friday it was ‘Bring Your Pet To School Day’ and there were so many animals, it was like a zoo. There were 2 spiders, 2 snakes, 5 flies, 3 hamsters, 4 dogs, 3 cats, 2 mice, 1 horse, 3 cockroaches, 5 lizards, 2 scorpions, and my very own turtle.

It started off when the 2 snakes escaped from their cage, they slithered over to the mice who scurried to the spiders, which then crawled to the flies, that flew to the dogs, who barked at the cats, which pranced to the horse, who then galloped to the lizards, who slimed to the cockroaches, who raced to the hamsters, who annoyed the scorpions, who attempted to stab the fish, that then swam to my turtle.

Everyone went mad; racing around trying to capture their pets and making sure they don’t get hurt or hurt other animals.

My teacher sat on her chair at the wrong time; Greg’s pet scorpion was lurching there, ready to sting. “Oouuccchhh!” screamed Mrs Bottomly. Oh no! Not good!

Just after that, Charlie, who’s always late, walked through the door with her 2 pet frogs. She accidentally tripped on Margareta’s cat and dropped the frogs. Charlie was left with a big bruise on her right knee. As for the frogs, who knew where they were? I know who, Principal Jeff. One frog on his left shoulder and the other on his head.

So now you know why we’re not allowed animals. And, gee, I hope it never happens again!

By Tiana Marshall 5/6 T
Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays
Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games during Summer 2015.

Monday 5th, Wednesday 7th, Friday 9th January
Monday 12th, Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th January
Monday 19th, Wednesday 21st, Friday 23rd January

Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 4PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or may be purchased in our cafe

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Mornington Peninsula
Junior Football League

GIRLS FOOTY
SKILLS DAY

Come and have a kick and find out more about Girls Footy for 2015.

Friday 21st November 2014
South Mornington Junior Football Club
Helena St, Mt Martha.
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Expressions of interest forms can be downloaded from the MPFNL website or
enquiries can be directed to the email below.
Email: info@mpfl.com.au Website: mpfnl.com.au