Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

Sad News in Our Community
It is with great sadness that I have to let you know that last Tuesday Roger Dunn, dearly loved husband of Amanda and father of Jasmine (Year 7 Padua) and Mikayla (Year 2 St Brendan’s) passed away. At this very sad time for the family, I call on all members of our wonderful school community to keep Amanda and the girls in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome Barbecue and Twilight Sports
It was wonderful to gather as a community on Friday evening to share conversation, a barbecue and watch our children enjoy the activities prepared for them. We hope all new members of our community enjoyed their evening. We are so proud of our Year 6 leaders who organised and led the Twilight Sports so beautifully. Thank you to all our children who participated so well. Thank you also to our Year 5/6 teachers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event such a success. The final group I would like to thank is the Social and Fundraising Committee and all those who assisted them in preparing and cooking the barbecue. We look forward to hosting a similar event next year.

Working Bee
I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the families who attended our working bee on Sunday. Forty four adults and forty five children arrived at St Brendan’s to work through a list of tasks including weeding, sweeping, trimming, mulching, clearing a stone path, laying a new path, planting and irrigating. We shared a sausage sizzle together and the children all enjoyed an icy pole. I was delighted to see so many new families come along and get involved. It was so exciting to have all these tasks so willingly completed. We hope to hold another working bee in late Term Three or early Term Four and we would love to see more families join us next time.

Parent Conversations
A final reminder to all parents that our annual Parent Conversations will be held this Wednesday 9th March from 2:00pm. Please register online if you haven’t already done so. Please be aware that these sessions are for Years 1-6 only. You may collect your children from school early if you wish, otherwise they will be supervised in the multi-purpose room until 3:15pm. We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday.

Eravue
In the school bags this week, you will find a flyer from a company called Eravue. They video students in each year of their schooling and make their films available to parents. I spoke about their work at all Parent Information nights except Year 5/6. There is no obligation on your part to take up this offer and the school receives no financial benefit from the company. If you have further questions or are interested in having the company film your child, please complete the online form or contact Sue Carr at school. Thank you.

Have a great week.

Sue Carr—Principal
Supporting children’s learning at home:

Parental engagement recognises the important role that both parents and teachers play in developing positive attitudes towards learning and education for children, building their motivation and confidence as learners, and fostering their enjoyment of learning.

A school community that encourages belonging and engagement:

Parents and families often lead complex lives today. This makes it all the more important to provide a variety of ways, times and places for parents and families to participate in the school community. It also makes it important to acknowledge and value parent and community participation in student learning and in the school community. This engagement sends a clear message to children about the value of education. When it comes to building a school community that encourages belonging and engagement, Mapp (2003) highlights a ‘joining process’ that involves welcoming parents and families into the school, honouring their participation and engagement, and connecting with them through a focus on the children and their learning.

How is this done at my school?

Each of our schools has a variety of strategies, events and resources that encourage relationships and to name some:

- School newsletters
- School websites
- Information and permission notes informing you of incursions and excursions.
- Parent Teacher conferences
- Welcome social events such as pasta nights, twilight sports, welcome barbeques, bush dances and liturgies.
- Access to speaking with your child's teacher face to face, by telephone or email.
- Voluntary opportunities in the classroom.
- Becoming a Class Representative and joining the Parent Group.
- Attending scheduled working bees to help with maintenance or specific projects at our schools.
- Speaking to your child’s teacher before and after school.
- Assemblies
- Concerts
- Student Reports

As a cluster this is what our community of learners being our teachers and staff, students and parents continue to work together for and we can make a difference to the lives of our children.

Anne-Marie Houlihan
Family School Leader
Happy Birthday to...

Alexander Scott       Ethan Hill
Rye Hunter           Simone Hobley
Millie Luczak        Holly Simmonds

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

R.E. NEWS

We celebrated the fifth Sunday of Lent with the story of The Prodigal Son as the Gospel. At school, children have been learning how this story is important to teach us about forgiving and being forgiven. Our Gospel choir worked at rehearsing songs for Mass on Saturday night throughout the week. Bella Walsh led a small group of young parishioners to accompany Bill on the guitar and Mary on vocals. The three young singers showed tenacity, courage and lit up the liturgical space with their confidence. Many thanks to Bella.

Yours in Faith

Anne-Marie Robb

Bella Walsh leading parishioners Bill (on guitar) Mary, Emma from St. Joseph’s and Emily from Moorooduc Primary school (on vocals) at mass on Saturday night.
Robogals

On Tuesday, 23rd February, 10 year 5/6 girls were selected to participate in a program called Robogals. Robogals is a program to encourage girls to get into engineering and technology. We got to travel by bus to the University of Melbourne to participate in this awesome program. We were given a robot to program with the computer and also to help us complete challenges from a selected storyline.

Our first challenge was to go forward for 2 seconds, then turn a 90 degree angle, then go backwards for 1 second.

Our second challenge was to program our robot to turn a perfect square using three movements, then if finished, to try a triangle.

Our third challenge was to work our way through an obstacle course using our programming skills. It was quite difficult, but everyone did a pretty good job.

Our fourth and final challenge was to ‘beat the boss’ we had to program our robots to hit the robot in its weak spot to win. Unfortunately when we went out for lunch we came back to see that some of our computers had turned off and deleted all our progress.

Overall, we all had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves.

By Georgina Wiebrecht and Bella Wallace 5/6N
Twilight Sports

On Friday the 4th of March we had twilight sports. It was a fun night that everyone enjoyed. The year 6’s did a great job at running all of the activities and making them fun for everyone. Well done to all of the house captains for leading their teams well.

These were the final scores of the night:

- Red - 2,094
- Blue - 2,106
- Green - 2,291
- Gold - 2,364
PRINCIPALS AWARDS

For being kind and inclusive to everyone.
Alexandria Tropeano-Smartt
Annie Boyd
Bella Walsh
Bethany Gilmore
Brydie Burns
Charlie Forsythe
Gabrielle Conlin
Holly Hembrow
Isabella Ellesley
Matheus Pinzan
Mollie Conlin
Summer Carne

For completing outstanding work during learning time.
Aaliyah Clifford
Adam Houben
Anni O'Brien
Brodie Sperway
Charlie Young
Darcey Wylie
Emily Ainscow
Emily Wiebrecht
Marlee Black
Scarlett Marsh

For speaking respectfully to teachers and students.
Cody Piercy
Georgina Wiebrecht
Jada Taylor
Jed Godfrey
Kyhani Norris
Lily Currie
Lola Haitana
Lucas Ray
Ruby Boyd
Serenity Rogers
Tyler Zwiersen

For wearing uniform correctly and with pride.
Amelia Mc Neill
Ciel Murcott
Ella Sanders
Grace Cummins
Gracie Forsythe
Isobel Peart
Noah Griffin
Rye Hunter

For a positive and focused start to the school year.
Abigail Brent
Bella Walsh
Charlotte Ziino
Edward Brent
Erika Bilic
Helena Bilic
Isla Hart
Joseph Arena
Josephine Brent
Joshua De Bruyn
Levi Harrison
Mia Atkins
Molly Trotter
Oscar Mellor
Red Sevilla
Rohan Hart
Stephanie Hall
Tex Allen
William Congreve

Reminder
Hot Cross Bun orders must be handed into the office no later than Thursday, 10th March.
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<td>For being a focused student in all activities and presenting work of an excellent standard.</td>
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<td>For being selfless and a great helper to her peers and teacher.</td>
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<td>Ty Godfrey</td>
<td>For starting his work straight away and giving his best effort.</td>
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<td>For working at making better connections with friends.</td>
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<td>For helping his peers.</td>
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<td>For trying really hard at learning her sounds.</td>
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<td>For a positive attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>Chase Mantel</td>
<td>For a more focused approach to work lately.</td>
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<td>Deagan Oakley</td>
<td>For completing place value problems using thousands.</td>
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<td>Denver Pidgeon</td>
<td>For making excellent progress during Literacy tasks.</td>
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<td>Jack Tropeano-Smartt</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude towards learning and school life.</td>
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<td>Kade Burns</td>
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<td>Luka Varga</td>
<td>For working really hard at the Twilight Sports event.</td>
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<td>Ryder Scott</td>
<td>For being a valued contributor to class discussions.</td>
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<td>William Roberts</td>
<td>For having a fun activity called 'Splat the Rat' for our Twilight Sports.</td>
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<td>Alexander Smith</td>
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<td>Amelia Judd</td>
<td>For being a caring student who always shows kindness to others.</td>
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<td>Ava Boyd</td>
<td>For her dedication in all her work and being an enthusiastic helper in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Claudia Sikach</td>
<td>For an amazing start at St. Brendan's. You have fitted in so well.</td>
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hayley Cross
For her amazing efforts while on camp. I am so proud of you Hayley!

Hayley Stroker
For a positive attitude to all school work.

Joel Vincent
For outstanding attitude and leadership qualities while on camp.

Kiera Donald
For being an awesome member of camp and participating in all activities. Well done!

Makayla Dunn
For answering really tricky pattern problems in Maths.

Mia Walsh
For being an outstanding helper in FK

Oliver Prestney
For describing number patterns and predicting the next number in the sequence.

Airlee Sheehan
For being a positive member of Year 5/6T

Alexander Scott
For being responsible and using manners to all.

Bailey Sweeney-Smith
For being so considerate and helpful to his teachers.

Griffinn Argus
For completing some great creative work last week.

Hollie Bertram
For being a super helper and for making our new student feel welcome.

Jackson Astuto
For being a good friend to our new student.

Kayne O'Shea
For his focus and dedication to his inquiry and maths work.

Milla Hall
For reading with wonderful expression to her teacher.

Ruby Foster-Chellingsworth
For working cooperatively with others when making a counting number line.

Samuel Wallace
For his wonderful counting in Maths.

Tilly Black
For being an outstanding helper in the classroom.

Gabrielle Conlin
For sharing an intense love of learning and enthusiasm with her class.

Nick Fraumano
For always being a very focused learner.

Jack Sidwell
For working enthusiastically during maths times.

Hendrix Charles
For displaying fantastic leadership in 1/2F.
St Brendan's Fundraising Update

Thank you for supporting the TWILIGHT SPORTS BBQ
Thank you to all who came to the Twilight Sports and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the BBQ. We raised over $1,000.

A special thanks to David Hobley for setting up the barbeque, to Felix Arena for use of his cool room & helping with the barbeque set up and Jeff Sanders for supplying the meat.

OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TERM 1:

MARCH - HOT CROSS BUNS, order forms were placed in reading wallets and in your newsletter last week, if you missed out please see the office.

FRIDAY 18th MARCH - SCHOOL DISCO, tickets can be purchased at the office

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PARENTS SOCIAL NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE!!
Come and enjoy an adult evening out at our parent social night coming up in term 2. The event is on FRIDAY 20TH MAY at the Tyabb Hall, in Tyabb and is open to all parents, family and friends. It's a great night, further details coming soon, so stay tuned and save the date!!

The next fundraising meeting will be Tuesday 15th at 1.00pm in the Italian room, we hope to see you then.
Free Dress Day

Friday 18th March, 2016 will be Casual Clothes Day for our Easter Raffle.

For the privilege of wearing casual clothes, the children are asked to donate an Easter Egg to put towards our Easter Raffle.

The raffle tickets have been sent home, and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 – Thursday 24th March 2016.

This is a very popular and worthwhile fundraiser, so please support it.

Happy Easter

St Brendan’s School Disco

When: Friday 18th March, 2016
Where: Multipurpose Room
St Brendan’s Primary School

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm – Prep to Year 2
6.00pm – 7.30pm – Year 3 to Year 6

Cost: $10.00 per person

Order your children’s tickets and send them along for a fun night socialising with their friends, and dancing along to music supplied by the DJ. There will also be face painting/tattoo and prizes given away on the night.

The disco will be held in the multipurpose room, and children will be signed in on arrival, and then signed out when their parent has arrived to pick them up.

Tickets can be ordered via the flyer sent home in your child’s reading wallet, or through the school office. We look forward to seeing as many of our school children dressed up and ready to have fun on the night.