**Principal’s Report**

Dearest Parents and Friends of St Brendan’s,

On Tuesday our children in Year Two and Three celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Michael. The celebrations were very reverent and I congratulate the children - and parents - for their patience, while waiting their turn. The children were well prepared for their Sacraments, thanks go to Kay, Anne-Marie, Michelle, Catherine and Chelsea. Our next sacrament will be Confirmation for our Year Six children on Wednesday July 24.

At our next School Advisory Committee we will look at the government’s My School website to see how St Brendan’s compares with other schools. It was great to see so many parents at our last meeting and I hope we can keep it up!

The school is currently a hive of activity getting ready for our Market Day. We will have a sausage (and hamburger) sizzle on the day, so we can use up the remaining stock from our Twilight Sports. An order form will go home tomorrow and parents are welcome to put in a request as well. We also have a silent auction for some tools, never used and still in the box. We have a cordless drill, a 130 piece combination drill set and a compound mitre saw. Please see the back page of this newsletter for more details.

We are looking forward to some exciting events next week: our Easter raffle draw on Monday at assembly, our Market day on Wednesday and the Holy Week Paraliturgy on Thursday. Our first day back on Monday April 15 we will have Alleluia Day to celebrate the Easter message of the risen Christ.

Please remember that all children will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Thursday for their Easter holidays.

Yours in Partnership,

Corrie Hearn - Principal

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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| Monday: 25/3 | • Assembly by 1/2T  
• SAC Meeting at 7.00pm |
| Wednesday: 27/3 | • Market Day  
 2pm–3.30pm |
| Thursday: 28/3 | • Holy Week Paraliturgy  
• End of Term 1 at 1.30pm |
| Monday: 15/4  | • Start of Term 2  
• Alleluia Day  
• Assembly |
| Thursday: 18/4 | • Excursion to Mornington Gallery - Grades 1/2T, 2/3B & 2/3R |
| Friday: 19/4 | • Track Athletics at Ballam Park |
Happy Birthday to..

Lachlan Caron
Bella Walsh
Khian Taylor
Mrs Julie Kloppenborg
Mrs Yvonne McMullen

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

By Lauren Cross and Charlotte Posthuma.

WHATS HAPPENING IN GRADE 2/3B

This week we interviewed Mitchell Barber and Bella Wallace from 2/3B. This year in maths they are learning about money, times tables and are using study ladder. In literacy, they are doing spelling, writing and making posters for their lolly stall. For homework in 2/3B they have to work on their times tables, spelling lists and their Lexile books. In 2/3B they are doing some work on audacity, Mitchell and Bella explained to us what that is. They told us ‘audacity is recording their voice into a computer and listening to it afterwards’. The children in 2/3B have used audacity to record their stories they have written using different voices for the characters. So far this year 2/3B is having a great time and we hope the fun continues.

By Lauren Cross and Charlotte Posthuma.

DEPUTY NEWS

Congratulations
Well done to the following children who have been following our school rules outside.
Kane Hannaford-White  Jake Sanders
Zac Colvin  Michael Roberts
Daniel Ellesley  Jarrod Smyth
Hayden Kilkenney  Blake Simmonds
Connor McMahon  Lincoln Argus
Griffin Argus  Tia Kneesaw
Zac Lilley  Giulia Piovilloco
Joel Vincent  Reegan Colvin
Dallas Roberts  Billy Sidwell
Bailey Sweeney-Smith  Jasper Cook
Keenan Tilley  Riley Noonan
Jessica Caron  Abbey Wallace

R.E. NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of the term we are also preparing to celebrate the Easter season in our church. To help the children experience the story of Holy Week the classes will take part in a prayer service at 9.00am on Thursday March 28th in the multipurpose room. We hope many families and friends can join us to celebrate this important occasion.

Lord Jesus

By your Passion and Resurrection you brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

You laid down your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a cross, your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.

Stretched out on the cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, you cried out to your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given you, and you committed it into his hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to you.

You are the healer of soul and body, who has come to our aid, and saved us in your love.

And so, we pray.

When darkness overwhelms us, may your dawn beckon. When fear paralyses us, may your touch release us. When grief torments us, may your peace enfold us. When memories haunt us, may your presence heal us. When apathy stagnates us, may your challenge renew us. When courage leaves us, may your spirit inspire us. And when death threatens us, may your resurrection light lead us.

Yours in Faith,   Kay Donovan
Dear Parents,

Last Friday was National Oz Anti Bullying Day. The grade 6 children put posters around the school and learnt about what bullying is and how to stop it.

The following is information from the "Bullying No Way!" website that gives a good definition of bullying, including cyberbullying and why it may occur.

"Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Bullying can happen:
- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

Cyberbullying is a term used to describe bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies. Children who are cyberbullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face.

Examples of cyberbullying can include:
- repeated hang up calls
- sending insulting or threatening text messages
- publishing someone’s personal or embarrassing information online
- creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites.

Cyberbullying is one potential cybersafety issue for children when they use computers and mobile phones.

Why Does it Happen?

Some reasons why children might bully someone include:
- they think it’s fun, or that it makes them popular or cool
- they feel more powerful or important, or they want to get their own way all the time
- they feel insecure or lack confidence or are trying to fit in with a group
- they are fearful of other children’s differences
- they are jealous of another child
- they are unhappy
- they are copying what they have seen others do before, or what has been done to them.”

I hope you have a wonderful week,

Michelle Bruitzman
ST. PATRICKS MASS

On Thursday the 14th March the Grade 6 Leaders [Kelsea, John, Katiaana, Tiarna, Zac, Alex, Mark, Shaun, Megan, Bec, Lauren, Lochie, and Jemma] went to St. Patricks Day Mass! We arrived at Frankston Station at 8:20am and caught the 8:45am train to Malvern. As we were getting off the train Katiaana and Mrs Donovan did not get off in time and got left on the train. We eventually met Mrs Donovan and Katiaana at Parliament Station.

We had a short walk to St. Patricks Cathedral, where John and Katiaana joined the flag procession into the church and we followed behind. After Mass we had a look around in the church, and then headed off to Treasury Gardens, where we had lunch and listened to the Police Band Code 1 and other schools performed.

At 1:20pm we had a short walk back to Parliament station for our trip home to Frankston!

BY John and Kelsea 6T

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
On Market Day we are going to be raising money for people in Vietnam. We have to give the money to people so that they can fix and build some houses in Vietnam. In Vietnam lots of people don’t have toilets. Have you ever thought about having no toilets!? Lots of schools in Vietnam don’t have fun stuff like our schools in Australia. So come to our lolly shop and buy some lollies. Then we can raise money for Vietnam!!

By Liam—2/3B

Hi my name is Bella and I am in 2/3B. In Vietnam all the people don’t have proper houses. Did you know that the people in Vietnam don’t live like we do? So on market day we are having a lolly shop. So bring some money and buy some lollies. We need to raise money for Hayden and the others to get on the plane to Vietnam to build a house for a Vietnam family. So come to our lolly shop and have some fun.

By Bella

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.
Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.
For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Padua Inservice Day—Tuesday, 12th March.
SILENT AUCTION PRODUCTS

My bid for Combination Drill Set is $________________________

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