St Brendan’s
School Newsletter

Newsletter Term 2, Week 9 – 24th June 2014

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“Today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
and every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.” Sanskrit Proverb

As the half way mark of the school year approaches, another productive Term draws to an end. There has been so much to celebrate: evidence of excellent student learning; impressive sporting achievements; Kindergarten enrolment screeners; 25 years of Catholic education; a home-grown Athletics Carnival; poetry enrichment day; debating; First Holy Communion; Year 6 transitioning to secondary schooling and of course, this week’s PBL acknowledgement activities, celebrations for NAIDOC week and Friday’s assembly.

By now you would have received your child’s report and had an opportunity to celebrate their success and formulate goals for next semester’s report. If you do wish to see your child’s teacher please don’t hesitate to either complete the slip inside the report or phone the office.

Last Thursday morning the Kindergarten staff facilitated an English morning for interested parents, demonstrating a writing lesson. Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback received, there will be a repeat of this session for both Kindergarten and Year 1 parents early in Term 2. Keep your eye out for the information in your child’s school bag or via your email address.

To assist the school to be able to continue to financially oversee the day to day running and purchase of much needed resources, I ask that all families experiencing difficulty with the payment of school fees contact me immediately. It is unfortunate, but failure to do so will result in the unpaid account being referred to the Catholic Schools Office. I understand that many families are experiencing difficulty at this time and I sincerely appreciate all those who have spoken with me. I urge those who haven’t made contact to please do so!

I remind all families that no parent is to approach somebody else’s child to reprimand them. If there is an action or you overhear anything that concerns you, please refer immediately to Mr York, Mr McNee or myself.

I am very excited about the upcoming Spirit of St Brendan’s awards which will be given on Friday. These awards are an acknowledgment to students who work very hard to try to keep the ROSE rules.

I remind you that prior to this Friday’s assembly there will be time for a ‘Principal’s chat’. This will begin at 12:15pm and you are free to bring along your lunch or purchase it from the canteen. Just send in an order the day before or the morning of and Sharleen and her wonderful helpers will ensure that it is ready and waiting for you. The subject of the chat is the recent Wellbeing Student and Parent Survey.

On the note of canteen, I congratulate both Sharleen and Michelle for the amazing job they do in the canteen. Recently, I had the pleasure of discussing the canteen menu for St Brendan’s with several neighbouring schools. Our school offers the best range of healthy options with no ‘red’ foods on the menu and compares reasonably for price. I also take this opportunity to thank all the fantastic canteen helpers - without you, the canteen would not be as successful. A new fridge has been purchased for the canteen and will be ready for action in Term 3.

All students should be wearing full winter uniform which includes a tie. Our supplier is Lowes at Lake Haven and you can purchase in-store or on-line. I am still keen to hear your good news stories of the service and availability at Lowes, along with any concerns you experience.
I am aware that some of our families are experiencing a rough patch (sickness etc), as are some of our beloved staff families, including the Banks, Richardson and Keywood families. Please say a prayer of gratitude each day for all the joys you have in life and a prayer for all those who are not quite as fortunate at this time.

In conclusion, I note that there are several new families along with all our new Kindergarten families who have joined our community this year and I particularly thank them for enriching our community and pray that they are very satisfied with St Brendan’s as their school of choice.

Looking forward to catching up on Friday,

Luanna

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**Religious Education News**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** - The Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated in our Parish in August. Children in Year 2 are eligible to receive the Sacrament, along with any older children who have not received the Sacrament. Some very important information follows:

- **Monday 21 July**
- **Thursday 24 July**
- **Enrolment forms are sent home**
- **Parent information and enrolment night**

If your child will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, there are some important things that need to be planned:

- A copy of the child’s Baptism Certificate is compulsory
- A sponsor needs to be nominated (God parent if possible, but not essential)
- A Confirmation name needs to be chosen - a Saint’s name – preferably a Saint the child is familiar with.

Further dates will be published in the newsletter as they draw nearer.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** - Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion last week (15th June). It was a beautiful ceremony and the children’s participation and reverence were excellent.

**FEAST OF THE BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST** – Last Sunday was the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ. On this Feast Day we remember the special Gift Jesus gave us in the Eucharist. It is comforting for us to know that we can receive Jesus in this special way each time we celebrate Mass. This is especially significant for the children who have just received this gift for the first time.

**MR BANKS** - It was with sadness we heard of the death of Mr Banks’ father over the weekend. I ask you to keep Mr Banks and his family in your prayers.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Wednesday 25 June**
- **Friday 27 June**
- **Monday 21 July**
- **Thursday 24 July**

- **Years 3 and 4 Class Mass – 9.00am**
- **Feast of The Sacred Heart**
- **Confirmation Enrolment Forms sent home**
- **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting**

Kell York

Religious Education Coordinator
Message from the Assistant Principal

As we come to the end of another successful Term, it is a great time to sit back and reflect on all the successes your children had this Semester. I continually say to other teachers in the Diocese and to the Catholic School’s Office, how happy the children are at St Brendan’s. I feel that this a result of the teachers and parents working in partnership to help the children in their care reach success!

A recent in-service stressed how important it is to work on the strengths of children to help them improve. This does not mean that we do not address issues that are not as they should be, but that we set Learning Intentions for students that allow them to build on the knowledge and character strengths they have.

So, sit back, enjoy the holidays, talk to your children about their goals for next Term and come back refreshed and ready for more successes!!!

Craig McNee
Assistant Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION - Next Term, St Brendan’s will be holding the annual whole school “Public Speaking Competition”. This will be for all students from Kindergarten to Year Six. Year Six students will then be entering the Central Coast, Northern Cluster Competition.

Every student at St Brendan’s will be invited to present a speech to his or her class. From this, four students will continue on to the final round of the whole school Public Speaking Competition. The Finals will be held at 8.30am on Wednesday 6th August 2014 and Parents and Friends are warmly invited to attend. The Finals will be held in the Hall where Year Two through to Year Six will present their speeches.

Year One will present their speeches in One Red, Ms Purdue’s Classroom and Parents and Friends are invited to attend these speeches at this venue. Kindergarten will present their speeches in One Green, Mrs Milton’s Classroom and Parents and Friends are invited to attend these speeches at this venue.

The following is an outline of what each grade is expected to present:

Kindergarten and Year One: 30 second – 1 minute speech
Year Two: 1 minute 30 second speech
Year Three and Year Four: 2 minute speech
Year Five and Year Six: 3 minute speech
Year Six: Also prepare for a 30 second impromptu speech.

If you have any questions regarding the Public Speaking Competition, please contact your child’s teacher.
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th August.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge - Thank you to the parents who have come and seen us about the Premier’s reading Challenge. If you have visited the site https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html you will notice that you can’t log on and add to your child’s electronic personal reading log. There is a problem with the site but this should not hinder your child’s progress with reading books on the list and recording them on paper. When we eventually get this problem sorted, it will be very easy to log the books electronically. The children in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two have been reading many of the books in class and in the library and I will be able to put those books on as a global addition. We are anticipating that the passwords will be ready early next term.
**Overdue Books** - Thank you to the parents who come and see us or send in a note regarding any overdue books. Sometimes these books are found in the classrooms or back on the shelves before they have been scanned and taken out of your child’s name. We are very grateful to the parent who replaced one of our popular books with a new one when the book could not be found at her home.

**Book Covering** - We have bags of new books that need to be covered before they can be added to our shelves. Each covering bag has approximately 20 books and the clear contact included. If you are able to take a bag of books to cover over the holidays please come and collect them from the library. Thank you in anticipation of your response, Library Team.

**Library Team** - We will have a new member of our Library Team until the end of the year. Mrs Karen Devlin will take classes on Mondays and Thursdays, Mrs Leah Hannan on Tuesdays and Mrs Alison Passafaro will replace Mrs Prendergast on Wednesdays. Please feel free to drop in any of these afternoons to see us.

**Term Three** - We are all looking forward to Term Three as we celebrate the Children’s Council Shortlisted books and related activities. It is always a busy term in the library so keep an eye out for what’s on. The theme for Book Week this year is “Connect to Reading”.

**Book Club** - The books have arrived from Scholastic and will be sent home this week.

**Happy reading over the holidays**

**The Library Team**

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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CONGRATULATIONS to Lily B who came 2nd in the recent State Catholic School Athletics Carnival. Below is Lily’s story of the day’s events:

“On Friday 13th June I went to the Catholic School State at Eastern Creek. We got there about 8:20am and I ran about 10:30am. My friend and I Arrabella warmed up together and then we ran. I was in the lead the whole way and a girl took over me about 300 meters from the end. I still came 2nd and my Broken Bay team came 1st. I am off to All Schools State and hopefully I make it to Nationals. “

By Lily B 4 Blue

UNIFORM - Please ensure your child is wearing their own jacket and hat and that all items of clothing are named with your child’s name and class.

LOST!!! New sports jacket, size 6, Christopher L - 1G (no name on it)

SCHOOL BANKING – Parents please ensure that the deposit slips are filled our correctly with your child’s student number and check that the amount deposited is the same amount shown on the deposit slip. Thank you.

SUMMERLAND POINT/GWANDALAN NETBALL CLUB - are seeking players to join our 8 year old team and our senior team. If you are interested in joining either of these amazing teams, please contact me. Lucie Vandeven- 0400334457 Registrar- Summerland Point/ Gwandalan Netball Club.

ROCK POOL RAMBLES JUNE/JULY 2014 – Free school holiday activities. Have you ever visited an octopus’s garden? Explore the wonders of our local rock pools with our expert walk leaders. Sunday 29th June Copacabana; Wednesday 9th July Toowoona Bay; Friday 11th July Terrigal Haven; Saturday 12th July Norah Head. Booking essential phone Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives on 0450 990 995.

NAIDOC EVENT – Come and celebrate Aboriginal Culture. Fun sporting games and activities, Aboriginal Art and Craft, face painting and learn about bush tucker and bush medicine. A free fun day for all families. Thursday 10th July from 10am to 2pm at Mannering Park Community Hall, Dunvegan Street, Mannering Park. For more information call Danielle Habib 4390 3670 or Louisa Gillings 4351 5008.

RECREATIONAL BURN – St. Brendan’s have been notified that a neighbouring property will be having recreational burns to remove accumulated debris to get rid of tree downfall whenever weather permits. This will happen over the next couple of weeks and there may be smoke hereabouts.

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| Aug  | Wed 6th | Public Speaking 8.30am |

| Term 4 | Nov 20th & 21st | Thur/Fri - Year 5 Camp |