



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 3, Term 4
Monday, 28 October 2019

HAPPY TEACHERS DAY

Celebrate your child's teacher today by saying a family prayer giving thanks for the commitment, care and concern they share for the class.



Some important notes:

- ♦ We **welcome back Mr Ward today** after his parental leave and thank Mrs Hannaford for her wonderful commitment to Kinder Red.
- ♦ **This week, I am accessing three days leave;** Mrs Prendergast and Mrs Nenadovic will be available should you need to speak to a Leadership Team member.
- ♦ On Tuesday afternoon, all **staff will participate in training around CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis.** This training is conducted by the SAN.
- ♦ On **Wednesday, 30 October the second Kindergarten Transition** session will run from 8:45am
- ♦ On **Friday, 1 November Year One** will head off on an excursion to visit **Blackbutt Reserve.** There is NO Assembly scheduled for this Friday.
- ♦ **Mass to celebrate the Feast of All Saints' will be held at 9am for Years 4-6 on Friday.**
- ♦ Several staff are participating in **professional development focussed on Religious Education** across two days this week. I look forward to Mrs Nenandovic, Mr Lobb, Mr Granger and Ms Purdue sharing some exciting new ideas for classroom practice with staff upon their return.
- ♦ **Ms Bridget White** has decided to conclude her teaching career at the end of 2019 as she is keen to pursue another avenue which has opened for her. Ms White's last day will be Monday, 25 November when she will begin long service leave through until the end of the year. Ms White has been a highly valued member of St Brendan's staff and will be fittingly farewelled in the same liturgy as Mrs Grogan on Tuesday, 5 November at 8:20am. (Ms Elly Dwyer, who taught during Ms White's recent period of long service leave, has enthusiastically accepted the opportunity to teach the class through until the end of the year.)
- ♦ All **updates on staffing for 2020** will be communicated in the NETMA Memos as they are approved by CSO.
- ♦ **Please continue to keep the Kaifa family in your prayers,** most especially George who has lost his father at such a young age. The funeral for George's father, Raymond will be held this Saturday, 2 November at 10:30am at St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Warnervale.
- ♦ I also ask that you **pray for Mrs Fisher** and her family and for the speedy recovery of her father.
- ♦ As a community, I urge you to give thanks for the **ongoing recovery of Charlie C** (Year One).

Luanna Fletcher
Principal

Spelling

On Thursday's Years 3-6 focus on the Etymological Strategy; where words come from.

- The strategy involves looking at the origin and meaning of words.
- Part of etymological language is looking at a root word and finding as many words as possible that come from that root word.

For Example;

Root word - **geo** | Origin - **Greek** | Meaning - **the earth**

geology
geometry
geography
geographic
geophysics
geothermal
geoscience

Students are encouraged to use dictionaries to find more words and discover their meanings.

On Thursdays, Years K-2 focus on revising spelling strategies from throughout the week; Phonological, Visual and Morphemic. Etymological is touched on as needed.

Next week we will be discussing the **Visual Strategy**.

Happy Spelling!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Wed 30 Oct:** 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)
- Thu 31 Oct:** Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
- Fri 1 Nov:** Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt Reserve
All Saints Day Mass - Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (9am)
Debating Final at St Patrick's, East Gosford
- Tue 5 Nov:** Mrs Grogan & Ms White's Farewell Liturgy (8:20am)
- Thu 7 Nov:** Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
- Fri 8 Nov:** Kinder Excursion to Grace Springs Farm
Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
Yrs 3 & 4 attending performance at St Brigid's
Parent Spirituality Day at Kincumber
- Mon 11 Nov:** K-6 Remembrance Day Liturgy (11am)
PAG Meeting (6pm)
- 14 & 15 Nov:** Year 5 Camp at Camp Toukley
- Sat 30 Nov:** Golden Jubilee Blessing & Dedication at St Mary's, Toukley (11am)
- Thu 5 Dec:** Christmas Carols Evening (performances start at 5:15pm)
- Mon 9 Dec:** Yr 6 Farewell Mass & Celebrations (5:15pm)
- Wed 11 Dec:** K-6 End of Year Mass & Celebrations (9am)
- Mon 16 Dec:** Mrs Fletcher's Farewell Mass & Morning Tea (9am)
- Tue 17 Dec:** K-5 Swimming Carnival at Wyong Pool
- Wed 18 Dec:** LAST DAY OF TERM 4

50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary

Saturday, 30 November at 11:00am

On Saturday, 30 November
our parish celebrates its
50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary.

We warmly welcome you to join us
for a beautiful Mass commencing
at 11.00am at St Mary's, Toukley.

After Mass, you are all invited to a luncheon
in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall at St Mary's.

We are hoping that our new bishop, Anthony Randazzo, will be the main celebrant for our Mass.

With our school choir singing and children involved in a variety of ways,
it is sure to be a special and meaningful Mass.

Our parish has asked for help with catering by supplying a plate of sandwiches for the luncheon.
[If you are able to help, please indicate by clicking here and completing the Google Form.](#)

This Mass celebration will be our only
Family Mass for Term 4
and we would love to celebrate with you
and our wider parish and community.

Community Spotlight

*Shining the Light on our
Wonderful Volunteers at St Brendan's*

Mr Kevin Smith

Learning Assistant Program (LAP)

Things I like:

My wife Diane, watching sport
and participating in LAP.

Favourite food:

Chinese and my wife's roast dinner.

Favourite book:

Poldark series.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

Going to the footy and
watching my Grandson play soccer.

Hobby:

Collecting stamps and coins.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:

It is a great school and it is a privilege
to belong to the school community.
Staff are always welcoming and friendly.

Funny fact about yourself:

Quick witted (even at 80 years old!).

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

7:50am: Teacher supervision begins

8:20am: Morning Bell

2:30pm: End of Day Bell (No supervision after 3:00pm)

School Office is open from 7:45 am till 3:30 pm.

Telephone: 4358 1501

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STORYTIME

COMMUNITY STORYTIME
for children aged 3 years and older



Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun morning of sharing stories, art & craft activities and a chance to meet other families from your community with similar aged children.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend under parent supervision.

Term 4, 2019

Thursdays:

24 October, 31 October,
7 November, 14 November, 21 November, 28 November

Time:

8.40am till 9.20am

Venue:

The Flexible Learning Space—near Year 1
St Brendan's Catholic School
Carters Road, Lake Munmorah

For further information,
please contact St Brendan's on 4358 1501