



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 1, Term 1
Monday 29 January 2018

Welcome Back!!



Some points to note:

- ◆ I warmly **welcome all new families** that have joined the St Brendan's community this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see our lovely office staff, your child's classroom teacher or a member of the Leadership Team.
- ◆ Research from Ontario, Canada has proven that a martial arts program that incorporates mindfulness meditation, yoga, and behavioural therapy can help **children with ADHD** improve their attention skills.
- ◆ Please find attached, the draft **Term 1 Calendar** for your information.
- ◆ I have great pleasure in announcing that **Mrs and Mr Townsend** are expecting their first child in July.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to Mr York on the birth of his first grandchild, Emerson Grace and to Miss Buddle on her recent engagement.

The beginning of a new school year is filled with lots of excitement and gives every student a chance to make a fresh start, set new goals, make new friends, and of course, learn new things (academically, about the world and most importantly about themselves and who they want to be). Be the 'flourishing adult' in your child's life to help guide them, laugh with them, cry with them, have fun with them, inspire them and help them believe that they can make a positive difference in their community and the wider world.

Have an amazing and 'flourishing' year!!

Luanna Fletcher
Principal



A recent newspaper article noted '5 Things Teachers Wished You Knew':

1. **Kids Need Plenty of Downtime**
Free time to be kids (not to be confused with screen time!).
2. **Kids Don't Need to be Perfect**
It's okay to get some problems wrong and learn the skills to go over the problem again so that a teacher can see what they don't know.
3. **Engage, Engage, Engage!**
Ask, "What questions did you ask to help with your learning today? Who did you help today?"
4. **Don't Cover Up their Mistakes**
This is only modelling for them that there is always an excuse for something.
5. **Give New Teachers a Chance**
They are keen, they work hard and they want to help your child to progress their learning.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 29 & 30 Jan:** Yrs 1 to 6 - MAI Assessments
Kindergarten - Best Start / MAI
- Wed 31 Jan:** Yrs 1 to 6 - First Day of Term 1
Kindergarten - Best Start / MAI
- Thu 1 Feb:** Kindergarten - First Day of School
- Fri 2 Feb:** NO ASSEMBLY
- Thu 8 Feb:** Swimming Carnival at Wyong Pool
- Fri 9 Feb:** Opening School Mass (9:00am)
- Wed 14 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Liturgies
- Fri 16 Feb:** Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- 19 - 23 Feb:** Parent Sharing Week
- Tue 20 Feb:** Parent/Teacher/Student Interview
(evening)
- Wed 31 Feb:** Year 6 Mass (9:00am)
- Thu 22 Feb:** Yrs 5 & 6 Overnight 'Camp'
on the Oval
- Fri 23 Feb:** K-2 Assembly

**School Banking Day
is Tuesday!!!**

**Please note, any bank books received
after 9:30am on Tuesday,
will not be processed till the following week.**

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Super Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Twister Power Handball

Secret Scratch Pad



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

**Thank you for supporting the
School Banking program!**