



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 3, Term 1
Monday 12 February 2018



This week marks the beginning of the Lenten Season; Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting, acting as a reminder to begin a short period of time really focussed on 'turning back to God'. All humankind is prone to errors of judgement and engagement in 'unkind' behaviours but it is the Season of Lent which acts as the time to really make an effort to become a better and less self-focussed person.

Perhaps choose one area of your life you'd like to improve and set a goal which will help you to grow in your efforts to be the best Christian you can be.

Some ideas: A social media free day during Lent; daily meditation; support for a worthy cause; showing tolerance and kindness towards someone you find it difficult to like, etc. The list is endless and must be 'right' for you but I urge you make the most of this Lenten opportunity.

Please talk to your child/ren about ways they can show they are willing to 'turn back to God' this Lent.

*On this special day, Ash Wednesday,
may my small sacrifices in fasting be a way to clear away
the clutter in my life to see you more clearly.*

Some points to note:

- ◆ St Brendan's works towards creating a **healthy culture around food**; please don't send lollies or soft drink to school.
- ◆ As part of the Diocesan WHS policy, **no animals are allowed on site** without specific permission; this includes walking dogs into and out of the school grounds before and after school.
- ◆ St Brendan's '**Homework Guidelines**' statement is currently under review and will be provided to parents as soon as finalised.
- ◆ Please remind your child/ren that there is **zero tolerance** for bad language and anti-social behaviour.
- ◆ Please note information on page 2, regarding **Parent Enrolment and Information Sessions for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation**.

Have a fantastic week!!

Luanna Fletcher
Principal



CANTEEN

As it is Ash Wednesday on the 14th of February, the Canteen will only be operating with a limited (meat free) menu.

The following items will be available for lunch:

- All meat free sandwiches and wraps
- Garden Salad
- Mac & Cheese
- Cheese Pizza
- Nachos



RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish, Toukley/Lake Munmorah on Tuesday, 20 March, Wednesday, 21 March and Thursday, 22 March 2018.

Parents whose children are in Year 3 or above, and wish to prepare them to receive this Sacrament are advised that Parent Enrolment and Information Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 3:30pm
St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah

Thursday 15 February 2018 at 7:00pm
St Mary's, Toukley

It is important to remember the Sacramental Program starts at the time of the parent enrolment and information sessions. In order that your children are adequately prepared to receive this Sacrament, parents and children are required to attend all four preparation sessions, as well as attending either the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday at St Brendan's or 9:00am Sunday Mass at St Mary's during the preparation program.

Please do not hesitate to speak to either Fr Tiziano or myself, if you have any concerns or require further information.

We look forward to working with you and your families at this important time in your child's faith development.

Deacon Paul



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Wed 14 Feb:** Ash Wednesday Liturgies
Yrs 4-6 Parish Mass (9:00am)
- Fri 16 Feb:** Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- 19 - 23 Feb:** Parent Sharing Week
- Tue 20 Feb:** Parent/Teacher/Student Interview
(evening)
- Wed 21 Feb:** Year 6 Mass (9:00am)
- Thu 22 Feb:** Yrs 5 & 6 Overnight 'Camp'
on the Oval
- Fri 23 Feb:** K-2 Assembly
- Mon 26 Feb:** Principal's Coffee & Chat (8:20am)
- Tue 27 Mar:** St Brendan's Open Day for Kinder 2019
(9am - 10:15am and 6pm - 7pm)

"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10