



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 11, Term 1
Monday 9 April 2018

When I stand before God
at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would
not have a single bit of talent left,
and could say,
'I used everything you gave me.'

Erma Bombeck



Some points to note:

- ◆ All students **return to school on Monday, 30 April** for Term 2.
- ◆ St Brendan's will be participating in the **Anzac Day March** at Doyalson Wye RSL Club and all students are most welcome to represent our school. The event will begin with the march on Wednesday, 25 April and a service will follow at the cenotaph at the entrance to the club. If your child is going to participate, we ask that you meet Mrs Moore at the Raw Challenge Course at 8am. Students are asked to wear full summer uniform.
- ◆ Thank you to all staff and Mrs Dalton for ensuring our **Year 6 students** had a fun adventure whilst in Canberra. I received feedback that students represented our school well and behaviour was stunning!
- ◆ There will be brief **K-6 Assembly this Friday morning** (13 April).
- ◆ Please pray for students who will begin their preparation to receive the **First Eucharist**.
- ◆ I ask all parents/carers to talk to their children about what it means to be a **representative of St Brendan's** and how we have an expectation for exemplary behaviour whenever a student is wearing the school uniform.
- ◆ **Mrs Anderson** will be on Long Service Leave for all of Term 2 and will be replaced by Ms Jacobs who will ensure students in 1 Blue have a great term.
- ◆ Please find attached a flyer from Cowan and Lewis regarding **uniform shop school holiday trading hours**.

And so, yet another term comes to a close. Thank you for your support and partnership in your child's growth and education. Term 1 has been a great start to the year. I wish you a very enjoyable holiday break!

Luanna Fletcher
Principal

Year Six Canberra Excursion

Our Year Six students experienced an educational tour of Canberra last week, from Wednesday, 4 April to Friday, 6 April inclusive. The students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

Highlights of the trip included visits to both the old and current Parliament House buildings where the students were able to participate in role playing situations that enabled them to further develop their understandings of our parliamentary systems and procedures. A visit to the National Canberra Exhibition provided great information on the history of Canberra and how the city came to be. We were extremely proud of the respect and reverence our students displayed when visiting the National War Memorial and in particular, during the wreath laying ceremony. Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian National Museum had lots of interactive and hands-on activities allowing students to develop scientific, sporting and historical knowledge.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This amount has already been deducted from the total cost of the trip. We are very grateful for this support.



First Eucharist

Parent Information & Enrolment Sessions

Parents of children in Year 4 or above who have made their First Reconciliation and now wish to prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist, are reminded the Parent Information and Enrolment Sessions for First Eucharist commence in Week 1 of Term 2.

Parents are required to attend one of the three Parent Information and Enrolment Sessions:

**Wednesday, 2 May 2018 at 3:30pm
St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah**

**Thursday, 3 May 2018 at 3:30pm or 7:00pm
St Mary's, Toukley**

At the Parent Information and Enrolment Sessions, your child is enrolled and you will receive the resource material, to assist you in preparing your child to worthily receive this Sacrament.

Parents whose children have not made their First Reconciliation in this Parish, must provide a copy of their First Reconciliation Certificate upon enrolment.

We look forward to working with you and your children at this most important time in their faith development.

Deacon Paul Simmons
on behalf of the
Parish Sacramental Team



IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Fri 13 Apr:** Brief K-6 Assembly (8:20am)
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- Mon 30 Apr:** FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
(all students return)
- Wed 2 May:** First Eucharist Parent Information & Enrolment Session
(3:30pm at St Brendan's, Lake Munmorah)
- Thu 3 May:** First Eucharist Parent Information & Enrolment Session
(3:30pm or 7pm at St Mary's, Toukley)
- Fri 4 May:** Polding Winter Trials (Tamworth)
- Thu 10 May:** Mother's Day Stall
- 15 - 17 May:** NAPLAN
- Mon 4 Jun:** Winter Uniform
- Thu 28 Jun:** CCC Soccer Gala Day