



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 1, Term 2
Monday, 29 April 2019

**“With support and encouragement
we can help one another off to a good beginning
and then let's try to maintain that support by keeping
a balanced life throughout the term as life gets busy.**

**Let's keep focused on the stuff that helps to buoy
each other up like encouragement, kindness, humour,
personal chill-out time, prayer, fun time together (off devices!),
healthy food, good sleep and rest.**

**In the busy-ness of our work, commitments and
obligations these oftentimes become the victims
so let's try to keep a healthy balanced life.”**

*Kay Taylor - OLR The Entrance Chaplain
RIP 21.4.2019*

Some important notes:

- ◆ Last Wednesday I wrote to you of the passing of an OLR staff member, Ms Kay(lyn) Taylor, whose quote above is a poignant reminder of our **roles as parents and educators to guide and direct our children** in a way that encourages them to be peace-loving, hard working, compassionate and happy individuals. Together our responsibility is to raise well adjusted, resilient and spiritually rich citizens - let us engage in this responsibility wholeheartedly and in Term Two, make a concentrated effort to see the 'best' in every situation and be sure to highlight this in our interactions with one another. It is so easy to become embroiled in negativity and apathy; the challenge is to rejoice in all God has given (every sunrise and sunset, every kind word, every object of creation etc).
- ◆ Thank you to all community members, including staff, who supported the **ANZAC Day services on Thursday**. Coming together to commemorate this very important day is an opportunity to honour the values of mateship and community and endorse a united, peace filled and loving world.
- ◆ In the aftermath of the Sri Lanka bombings, please **pray for Christians all over the world** that the messages of tolerance, peace and forgiveness may be embraced by all faiths.
- ◆ The updated **Term 2 Parent Calendar** is now available to download from our school website via the following link: <https://www.sblmdbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/notes-parent-updates/>. The Calendar is a draft only as some dates may change. Stay up to date by reading the weekly NETMA Memos and checking the **Google Calendar** on our website - <https://www.sblmdbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/google-calendar/>.
- ◆ For families who have children making their **First Eucharist (First Communion)** this term, the Information Session for parents and children is on this Wednesday, 1 May 2019 at 3:30 in the Church. There are another two sessions at St Mary's, Toukley on Thursday, 2 May 2019 at 3:30 and 7:00pm. These are compulsory information sessions.
- ◆ Please mark in your diary, **Mother's Day Mass and festivities (treating mum to breakfast and family fun)** from 7:30am on Friday, 10 May, followed by a liturgy.

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More important notes:

- ◆ Fr T's work here in the parish and school will be celebrated during the 9am **Feast of St Brendan's Mass** on Thursday, 16 May. Please place this date in your diary as Fr T's contribution is worthy of acknowledgement and I know he will appreciate the opportunity to say farewell. This date also marks our 30th year anniversary as a school. In addition, members of our community, the Karg family, will be welcomed into the Church on this day. Mass will be followed by a celebratory morning tea. A separate email will be sent providing all details of the activities planned for this day.
- ◆ I note that more and **more children are bringing a mobile phone to school or wearing a smart watch**. Whilst I understand that this practice is necessary for some families, I remind you that any such device is handed into the school's office at the start of the day and retrieved before the final bell. Allowing your child to retain these devices whilst on school property can potentially place them in a compromised position where he/she is asked by peers to engage in activity that can harm another (e.g. taking photos, calling parents from the playground etc).
- ◆ On this note, I ask that all parents refer any **concerns regarding another child's behaviour** to either a member of the leadership time or a teacher. Often, as parents visiting the school it is possible to see a snapshot of an incident without viewing the whole incident or having full knowledge of prior history. Our staff are well trained to explore incidents that occur and to ensure a process of restorative justice.
- ◆ This term's **Parent Advisory Group** meeting will be held on Monday, 13 May. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas for making St Brendan's the best school it can be.
- ◆ Mrs Prendergast has been expertly overseeing the **refurbishment of the library** into three learning spaces. She will provide a detailed update during the week.
- ◆ I offer best wishes to our **Year 6 Debating Team**, who've already shown they are a force to be reckoned with, as they enter into another debate this Thursday.
- ◆ **Donations for the Clothing Pool** are desperately needed. Please hand any items to the office.
- ◆ A reminder that this week, **Mrs Kiddle's class (Buddle)** will be taught by Mrs Fletcher and **Ms White's class** by Mrs Doherty. **Mrs Townsend** will also be on leave this week as she supports her husband's recovery from shoulder surgery. **Mrs Devlin** will also be on leave as she supports both parents whom are unwell. Mrs Vicki Anderson will replace Mrs Devlin during this time. **Mrs Leahy's** FLO hours have been extended by CSO to four days per week at St Brendan's. There will be a **new Aboriginal Education Worker** appointed to St Brendan's by CSO this term to take Mrs Leahy's place in this role.
- ◆ **Mrs VT's baby girl, Aurora**, continues to make amazing progress and I anticipate both will visit the school later this term.

Luanna Fletcher
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Wed 1 May:** First Eucharist Information Session - St Brendan's (3:30pm)
- Thu 2 May:** Year 6 Debate vs Toukley (11:30am)
First Eucharist Information Session - St Mary's (3:30pm and 7pm)
- Fri 3 May:** K-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- Tue 7 May:** Year 6 Farewell Parent Meeting (5pm)
- Thu 9 May:** Storytime (8:40 - 9:20am)
- Fri 10 May:** Mother's Day Mass & Festivities followed by Stall (9am)
- Mon 13 May:** PAG Meeting (5pm)
- Thu 16 May:** Storytime (8:40 - 9:20am)
St Brendan's Feast Day Mass (9am)
- Fri 17 May:** Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- 29-31 May:** Year 6 Camp to Canberra
- Fri 5 July:** **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**



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.

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