



SOME POINTS TO NOTE

A child's developing **social and emotional intelligence** is one of the most important predictors of how they will fare in adolescence and indeed into adulthood. Whilst placing importance on a child's academic and physical development is important, in the early years' of their schooling, research proves that social and emotional intelligence is paramount. The five elements of development are self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills. And where does a child look for their cues and examples of how they can grow appropriately in these areas- the significant adults in their lives. Those adults who teach them that it's okay to express your feelings appropriately; to look on the bright side of life; and, to surround themselves with positive, happy people who bounce back from adversity.

Let's continue to strive to work together to ensure that our children see these characteristics in our interactions with one another.

This week, St Brendan's staff is emphasising the importance of 'Be in the Right Place at the Right Time'. I encourage you to speak about this at home and share examples of what this might look like in your family life.

- I remind you to **refrain from phoning the office during 8:20-9am** and to ensure all messages are phoned through (where possible) prior to 12:30pm. I very much appreciate your cooperation.
- If your **child catches a bus to and/or from school**, there are behavioural expectations which are non-negotiable; in a nutshell, be respectful of yourself and all those who are entitled to a safe and comfortable ride on the bus.
- All **labelled clothing** which is found on school grounds and handed into the office will be returned to your child. Any unlabelled clothing is sent to the Clothing Pool. The message- please ensure every item of your child's clothing is labelled and that you encourage your child to place all their items into their school bag when they are not using them.
- The **Parish Family Mass** which had been scheduled for **8th June has been postponed** until the new Parish Priest has settled into the community.
- Congratulations and best wishes to those children representing St Brendan's at the **Polding Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. Corey M, Isaac R, Nate N, Parker B, Lucas O, Bronte M, and Haley D**
- **Year 6 head to Canberra this week** on what should prove to be a wonderful experience. If you **haven't yet paid for this trip** (and haven't spoken to me) you are required to do so immediately to ensure your child is counted in the number of participants. Mrs Nenadovic and Mrs Prendergast are travelling to Canberra with Year 6; I will be at St Brendan's Monday- Friday this week.
- The formal **Opening and Blessing ceremony for St Brigid's** will be held on Tuesday; please keep Mrs Terry and the community in your prayers.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Sienna T, Sienna M and Ella K (unfortunately not attending) the **Broken Bay Touch** competition in Parkes on Friday.
- A small number of staff will begin training for the **implementation of a new administration system- COMPASS**. The classroom teaching staff involved include Mrs Harrison (Fisher) and Mrs Nenadovic and Ms Tierney.
- A **Google Doc outlining upcoming excursions/ incursions** will soon be available for your viewing. This will give families an opportunity to discuss with their child/ren the purpose of their learning and also provide an avenue for parents and carers to further engage with their child's learning.
- This Thursday, Mrs Alchin travels to OLR Shelly Beach with a number of students **to engage in higher ability mathematical** experiences. Next Monday, 3rd June a number of students will engage in a **'Robotics' day with local Catholic schools**.
- There will be a **K-5 Assembly on Friday**.

Have a wonderful week

Luanna

Physical Education News

At St Brendan's, staff acknowledges the importance of physical activity. The school's Physical Education program focuses on both acquiring knowledge about how and why we do skills, the rules of games, and health issues combined with the ability to transfer this knowledge into the actual activity.

There are times when the knowledge and skills component is taught in a more controlled environment (e.g. hall) to create the optimum environment for listening and demonstration. This is also true of the early morning when the grass is quite damp and slippery underfoot. Basic skills need to be taught, refined and practised for them to be able participate successfully in structured games – e.g netball, soccer, etc. For students to be able to strike the ball with their hands, feet, etc a smooth surface is preferred for them to learn, practise and master the skills. As a general rule, the first 4 to 5 weeks of a PE module focus on learning and acquiring the necessary skills. The following weeks 6-10 are more game oriented. Please always encourage your child to bring his/her hat to school as students require a hat to do PE outside.

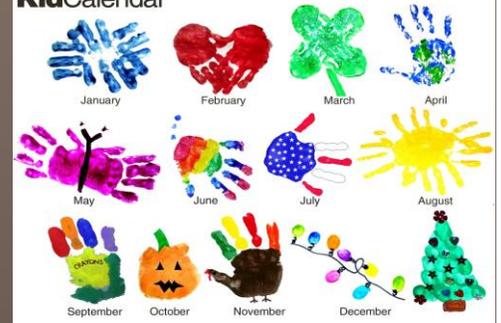
**Every Tuesday is Nude Food Day.
Make sure there is no disposable plastic in lunch boxes.
Reusable containers only.**

**There will be no bins on the playground
on Tuesdays so any disposable waste
will need to be taken home
in your child's lunch box.**

**This message is from our Environmental Leaders,
Neve P and Jenn W-K.**



KidCalendar



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2019

**29-31
Thursday 30**

Year 6 Camp to Canberra
Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)

Friday 31

BB Touch Team (Parkes)
K-5 Assembly (8:20am)
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JUNE 2019

**Wednesday 5
Thursday 6**

Year 3 Mass (9am)
Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)

Friday 7

K-6 Assembly (8:20am)

Monday 10

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 11

Winter School Uniform
Changeover

Thursday 13

Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)

Friday 14

K-2 Assembly (8:20am)

Tuesday 18

School Photo Day

Wednesday 19

Practice Session - First
Eucharist
at St Brendan's (3:30pm)

Thursday 20

Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
Practice Session - First

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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**FRIDAY 5 JULY 2019
LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

**MONDAY 22 JULY 2019
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**