



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 2, Term 2
Monday, 6th May 2019

More smiling, Less worrying,
More compassion, less judgement
More blessed, less stressed,
More love, less hate
Zoliday



Some important notes:

- ◆ Research is very clear in supporting a clear and calm mind and environment, both of which are conducive to **optimum learning conditions**. Over this first fortnight of Term 2, staff are working hard to ensure they are creating these conditions for students; walking quietly and orderly from lines to classrooms and emphasising the importance of periods of mindfulness throughout the day.
- ◆ I extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Prendergast for overseeing the **refurbishment of the library**. The four new learning spaces are looking fabulous and the Year 1 and Hive classes are very much looking forward to being in their new spaces.
- ◆ The **Circle of Security** parenting program begins this Thursday. Please speak with Mrs Leahy or refer to the link below if you would like more information.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1atXlCqJW3crqr_IX1YexEq3Zte-6m51VN5Oq2d-hoKA/edit
- ◆ Again, our **Debating** Team has demonstrated their talents in public speaking, defeating St Mary's Toukley in their most recent debate which was held last Thursday.
- ◆ **'Storytime'** will be held this Thursday 9th May beginning at 8:40am.
- ◆ All parents and carers are warmly welcomed to join us for our **Mother's Day celebrations** on Friday, beginning at 7:30am.
- ◆ I continue to read with interest of the impact of **social media** on our children. I implore you to encourage responsible use of devices and to supervise children at all times.
- ◆ Due to circumstances beyond our control, the **Parent Advisory Group (PAG)**, meeting has been changed from **13/05 to the 20/05**. Please send agenda items to sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au care of Elisha Mattison.
- ◆ Stay up to date by reading the weekly NETMA Memos and checking the Google Calendar on our website <https://www.sblmddb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/google-calendar/>.
- ◆ On Thursday 16th of May we will be celebrating the Feast of St Brendan. As part of the celebrations there will be a morning tea after mass and a sausage sizzle at lunchtime for the children. If you are available to volunteer on this day please click on the link <https://forms.gle/WijAcyNXuvAbZe4WA>.
- ◆ As you would have read last week, I have decided to complete my tenure at St Brendan's at the end of 2019. I assure you this has been a very difficult decision as I am deeply invested in this community and enjoy every moment of my time with the staff, students and parents. Despite finishing at the end of the year, I intend to remain fully committed to this community until this time. The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) will run a thorough process around the selection of a new Principal.

Have a wonderful week!

Luanna

Spelling

At St. Brendan's we focus on one of the four spelling strategies each day across K-6.

These strategies are:

- Phonological (how words sound)
- Visual (how words look)
- Morphemic (how words change form)
- Etymological (where words come from)

The aim of this approach to spelling is to provide our students with the necessary skills they need to spell familiar and unfamiliar words.

Each week in the NETMA, we will share information about the different strategies. Next week we will discuss the **phonological strategy**.



St Brendan's Mother's Day Celebrations

Friday 10th May 2019

From 7.30am

Volunteers on the day are very welcome. You can volunteer on the order form below.

Please click on the link below for family breakfast orders.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY

<https://forms.gle/L99tJhcZ4r5gFBNH9>

NUDE FOOD DAY

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.

Artwork created by Neve

A colorful hand-drawn illustration for 'NUDE FOOD DAY'. It features various food items like a banana, an apple, a watermelon, and a bowl of fruit. There are also environmental messages such as 'Use Reusable Containers!!!', 'NOO HOOD!!!', 'We're there! No plastic containers!', and 'What's in your lunch box?'. The drawing is done in a sketchy, artistic style with bright colors.

IMPORTANT DATES

An illustration of a calendar with a large red checkmark overlaid on it, indicating important dates.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Mon 6 May: Year 6 Farewell Parent Meeting (5pm)

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

Fri 10 May: Mother's Day Liturgy & Festivities followed by Stall (7:30 start)

Thu 16 May: Storytime (8:40 - 9:20am)
St Brendan's Feast Day Mass (9am)

Fri 17 May: Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)

Fri 20th May PAG Meeting (5pm)

Thur 23 May Storytime (8:40—9:20)

Fri 24 May K-2 Assembly (8:20)

Yr 3-6 Mass (9am)

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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