



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

St Brendan's NETMA

Week 3, Term 2
Monday, 13th May 2019

Some points to note:

- ♦ What a beautiful day God blessed us with for **Mother's Day**; let us be grateful for the sunshine and love of our families. Last Friday's liturgy was a fitting way to celebrate the gift of motherhood. Each Mother's Day, I am reminded of the importance of the role a mother plays in her child's life: it is a role for which a woman is often under prepared, as there is nothing like first-hand experience to provide the wisdom to 'get it right next time'. My greatest challenges whilst raising my children were: having enough *quality time* with them; recognising and supporting the development of *their strengths*; allowing *them the freedom* to develop their autonomy; and, above all teaching them about *hope*. Teaching your child to be hope-filled builds their resilience to overcome 'failure' and use their learning to develop new pathways to achieve their goals. Sitting with your child to talk about what they'd like to be better at and taking the time to support them in planning and achieving their goal is the most precious gift you can give. Teaching them that when they get stuck or hit a bump in the road, not to give up hope. Allowing them to struggle to achieve their goal, without controlling their every move, gives them a chance to experience success in overcoming life's obstacles and developing a healthy determination towards constantly becoming the best they can be.
- ♦ If there is a parent or someone you know who **currently operates as a handyman** and is interested in undertaking small jobs as required, please contact myself or Mrs Prendergast.
- ♦ Given the **rescheduling of the PAG meeting to 6pm on the 20th May**, the next 'Coffee and Chat' will now take place at **8:30am on Monday 20th May**.
- ♦ I respectfully remind you to **avoid ringing the school's office during the hours of 8:20-9am** (unless it is a matter of urgency) as this is a particularly busy time for office staff. Also, I remind you that if **you need to relay a message to your child please do this by 12:30pm**. Any messages taken after this time, especially after 2:15pm, are often difficult to relay to classes. St Brendan's staff has requested an interruption free time in which to teach, this request is deeply respected in our school. Hence, we always strive to minimise phone calls to classrooms as these can be disruptive to student learning.
- ♦ This week's PBL focus is on '**Caring for Our Appearance**'. Please support this community by encouraging your child to **wear the correct school uniform every day**.
- ♦ **Our Year One students have relocated to their beautiful new learning spaces**. I thank Mrs Prendergast, Ms Johnson, Ms Bath, Ms Tierney and Mrs Scott for the energy, enthusiasm and commitment they've made to creating these learning spaces.
- ♦ Our **Year 6 classes are preparing for their Canberra trip**; please keep them in your thoughts at what is always a time of anticipation and excitement.
- ♦ This week **marks the beginning of NAPLAN testing**; NAPLAN is a tool to provide input into how an individual student is travelling. At St Brendan's students are encouraged to undertake this testing as they would a normal day's lesson.
- ♦ All parents are reminded that you **cannot approach another person's child for the purposes of reprimanding them**; refer any concerns or incidents to a member of the Leadership Team. Likewise, even though it may be well intentioned, **please don't phone or approach another parent about their child's or another child's behaviour**. It can be embarrassing when you only know some of the facts or when you indeed are relaying a fictitious story.
- ♦ It has come to my attention that a **car was damaged in the school carpark last Friday** during the Mother's Day celebrations. I ask that the person responsible contact me as soon as possible and I will put you in touch with the owner of the damaged vehicle.
- ♦ **Thursday** marks our celebrations of the **Feast of St Brendan**, our **30 years as a school community** and our **farewell to Fr T**. Please join us from **9am** if you are able.

Have a wonderful week!

Luanna

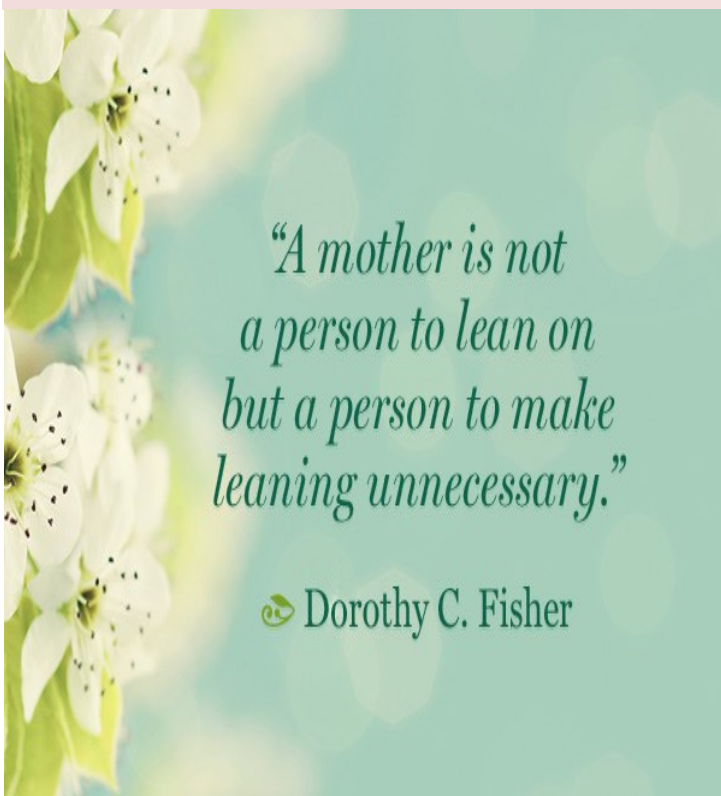
On Thursday we will be celebrating St Brendan's Feast with a morning tea after mass and a sausage sizzle lunch for students.

We are in need of **parent helpers** for both events. If you are available to help with morning tea or lunch please click on the link below.

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Circle of Security focuses on giving parents and caregivers the tools and knowledge to help strengthen the relationship they have with their children. The course started last Thursday May 9th and will run for 8 weeks from 8.30 – 10.45 am. This is the last week you can enrol in the course. The cost is a gold coin donation. If you would like to join the Circle of Security, please register your interest by filling in the google form below:

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A phoneme is a speech sound. The Phonological Strategy focuses on teaching students how to identify and distinguish between these sounds.

Breaking words up into their individual sounds, or *sounding them out*, supports the spelling of familiar and unfamiliar words.

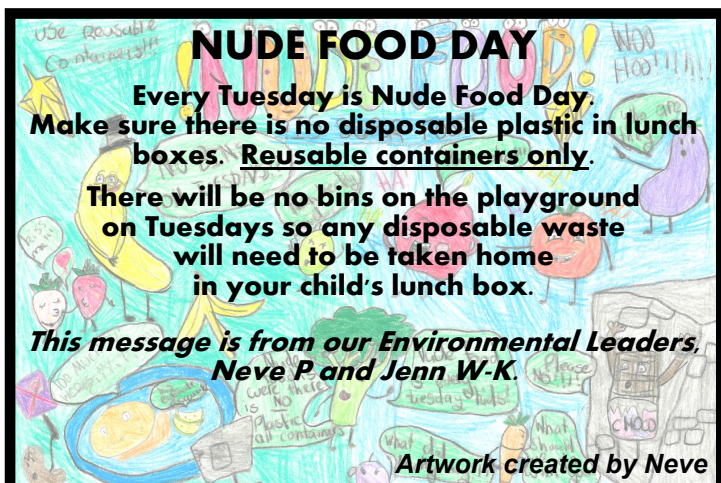
When words become longer and more difficult to *sound out*, students are encouraged to break the words into syllables.

To help support your child, ask them to syllabify words whilst travelling in the car, using names or places of interest.

Ben		ja		min
Mac		don		alds
Queens		land		

NOTE: Each syllable should have a vowel sound.

Next week we will be discussing the Visual Strategy.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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

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

Mon 20 May Coffee and Chat (8:30 am)

Mon 20th May PAG Meeting (6pm)

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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