



No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.  
- Aesop

## SOME POINTS TO NOTE:

A suggestion for you and your family: This week the St Brendan's community will focus on '**Speaking and Acting with Kindness**'. This is equally as important an attribute at home as at school. As a family, commit to just one promise you will make to one another in an effort to ensure that you are showing kindness to all who enter your household. Write the promise down and encourage you child/ren to decorate it with images of how this can be achieved, place it in a visible spot in the house and refer to it during the week, reflecting positively on how you are going with keeping the promise.

Often times, we talk about making our children more resilient **but how can we support them to be this way?** Recent research indicates that self-control is the most important characteristic for a child to develop in order to build their resilience. Self-control is about being able to 'roll with the punches' and bounce back when things don't always go your way or when you can't get what you want immediately. Self-control comes from exercising the brain; retraining it so when I think, "I can't do that" adding the word -yet! And then, focusing on the steps I need to take to ensure that I will be able to achieve that task in the near future. As parents and educators, we support our children to achieve the "yet".

- As you are aware, COMPASS is being implemented at St Brendan's. To this end, the school will move towards all correspondence being sent out electronically. Therefore, it is **critical that you ensure that the school has received your correct email address.**
- This week all classes will revisit the **STAR/BEST** strategy; please ask your child to share this with you so that you are familiar with the strategy.
- **Storytime**, open to any child aged 3-5 in our community, will be held on Thursday from 8:40am.
- There is a **K-2 Assembly this Friday 14 June** followed by a parent session to support the **social and emotional development** of your child. Given what we know about the importance of good mental health on our overall being, I highly recommend this opportunity to you.
- Many of the staff are participating in this weekend's **Bay to Bay** raising money and awareness for Autism awareness. I commend them on their commitment to this worthy cause.
- **Our new priests, Fr Thomy and Fr Baby** are currently settling in to the Parish and a welcome morning tea will be organised very soon.
- **School Photo Day is next Tuesday 18 June; all children must wear full winter uniform (not sports uniform and no tights please!).**
- There is a Mufti Day to be held on **Friday 21 June; this day focuses on raising blankets and warm clothes for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Drive.** Ms McDonnell shared information last week and reminders will be sent during this week.

Have a lovely week

*Luanna*

WELL  
DONE

## STUDENT AWARDS

	CLASS AWARD	CLASS AWARD	ROSE AWARD
K BLUE	Sophie M	Ruby W-M	Kailani S
K GREEN	Viktoria M	Sia R	James F
K RED	Parker B	Emilia A	Strummer G
1 BLUE	Kai W	Cohen F	Zara O
1 GREEN	Kenzie M	Blake C	Charlotte Mc
1 RED	Louis F	Cruze Mc	Anabella F
2 BLUE	Eden S	Kaiden B	Austin A
2 GREEN	Noah W	Jamieson C	Ethan S
2 RED	Benji M	Millie S	Andreas T
HIVE K-2	William B	Riley S	Sia R
3 BLUE	Zach M	Ari R	Amelia D
3 GREEN	Kiara W	Luca F	Isla R
3 RED	Chase H	Elyssa E	Jackson K
4 BLUE	Kaylah S	Riley B	Thomas C
4 GREEN	Aaron D	Darwin B	Alexah K
4 RED	Bronte S	Ronin M	Bonnie D-S
5 BLUE	Fletcher W	Riley D-B	Evie C-R
5 GREEN	Angelo C	Chelsea T	Alexandra T
5 RED	William C	Izac S	Chloe C
6 BLUE	Ella B	Flynn R	Joslyn S
6 GREEN	Jayden L-J	Cody B	Sophia T
6 RED	Bailey D	Hermione P	Lucinda M

## YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our Year six students experienced an educational tour of Canberra las week, from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 understanding 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 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



### JUNE 2019

Tuesday 11

Winter School Uniform  
Changeover

Wednesday 12

Year 4 Mass (9am)

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

Eucharist

at St Mary's (3:30pm)

Friday 21

Years 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)

Thursday 27

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

Semester 1 Reports

Friday 28

No Assembly

Years 3-6 Feast of Sacred

Heart Mass (9am)

CCC soccer

### JULY 2019

Tuesday 2

Report interviews available  
(2:30pm - 5:30pm)

Wednesday 3

Year 6 Mass (9am)

Thursday 4

NAIDOC week Liturgy  
(8:20 am )

Friday 5

K-6 Assembly (8:20am)

CCC Back up date

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Book Club orders are due Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## 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 until 3:30 pm

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