A very warm welcome back to all our families!

I hope that you've enjoyed a wonderful break with family and friends.

During Term 3, the community is especially promoting good mental health and wellbeing for all.

All of us can, at times, suffer anxiety or uncertainty linked to circumstances which those around us may be unaware of.

This term, you are encouraged to send one another *the healing* energy of love. You can do this through prayer, or by imaginatively sending love along an invisible but unbreakable line from your heart to theirs.

The greatest commandment God gave to us is to love one another.

In this Catholic community, let us strive to always keep this commandment at the forefront of all interactions with one another.

Some important notes:

- ◆ During the break the Director of Schools, **Mr Peter Hamill**, tendered his resignation. Mr Hamill will be deeply missed but leaves a legacy of having been a strong advocate for support of our community's needs.
- ◆ Today, our community was blessed to host students from Japan travelling on a cultural tour. Check out the photos and information on our Facebook and website.
- ◆ Tomorrow, Tuesday, 23 July, from 2pm-3pm Mr Craig McNee will be available to meet with parents over a cuppa in the school hall. Craig will also be visiting St Brendan's on a number of occasions prior to the start of next year.
- ◆ A reminder that the Information Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 3:30pm in the Church.
- ◆ This Friday, St Brendan's celebrates Grandparent's Day. Please join us if you are able and click here to complete the Google Form for catering.
- ♦ **Kindergarten 2020 acceptances** have been sent out today. There are limited spaces remaining so if you intend enrolling your child for 2020, please do so immediately.
- ♦ All students are expected to **wear full school uniform** at all times. Ensure **all clothing is labelled** so if lost, it can be returned to the owner.
- ◆ Please support the upcoming school community event Trivia Night on Friday, 23 August (adults only). A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, 31 July at 8:30am. Please come along and contribute your ideas and offer to assist where you are able.
- ◆ The whole school Public Speaking Competition will be held on Friday, 16 August (Week 4). Prior to this, students will present speeches to their peers in their own classrooms. If you would like further information, please contact your class teacher.
- ◆ **Social Media** is a wonderful tool to communicate with one another, most especially about the successes to be celebrated and the sharing of information. This term, Mrs Leahy will facilitate a session on how staff and parents can better utilise technology to celebrate student learning and stay in touch with community offerings.
- ◆ Sadly, Mrs VT's grandmother passed away at the beginning of the holiday break. Please keep Cassie and her family in your prayers.
- ◆ Several new staff begin at St Brendan's this term: Mrs Kim Murray joins the Learning Support Team, Mrs Kylie Konz replaces Mrs Alchin who is currently on maternity leave and Mrs Carmen Jackson is the new Aboriginal Education Worker. These new staff will be introduced on Tuesday, 30 July during the Principal's Coffee and Chat session at 8:30am.
- ◆ The Lunchtime Group offerings continue throughout Term 3 including: dance, choir, robotics, chess, coding, reading club, drawing club and gardening club.
- ◆ Again, this term, staff will focus on ensuring all community members are well versed in the principles and structure of the **Positive Behaviour for Learning framework**. Please take note of the weekly focus and be sure to talk to your child/ren about what this expectation looks like in community.

Luanna Fletcher

Staff Spotlight

Shining the Light on the Wonderful Staff at St Brendan's



Mrs Jacqui Nenadovic

Year 3 B ue & Religious Education Coordinator

Things I like:

Family, football (soccer), music & walking.

Favourite food:

Thai with lots of chilli and coffee.

Favourite book:

Scarlett seguel to Gone with the Wind.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

Spending time with my family.

Hobby:

Walking along the coastline.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:
The relationships with everyone!

Funny fact about yourself:
I suffer middle child syndrome at 42.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Tue 23 Jul: Meet & Greet with the new Principal -

Mr Graig McNee (2:00pm - 3:00pm)

Thu 25 Jul: Under 10's Rugby Union Day

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

Fri 26 Jul: Grandparents Day

Tue 30 Jul: Principal's Coffee & Chat (8:30am)

Wed 31 Jul: Trivia Night Planning Meeting (8:20am)

Year 3 Mass (9:00am)

Confirmation Information Session at

St Brendan's (3:30pm)

Thu 1 Aug: The Resilient Child Parent Workshop (8:20am)

Community Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
Confirmation Information Session at
St Mary's (3:30pm and 7:00pm)

Mon 5 Aug: PAG Meeting (6:00pm)

Fri 2 Aug: K-6 Assembly (8:20am)

Fri 16 Aug: K-6 Public Speaking Grand Final

Fri 27 Sep: K-6 Assembly &

Spirit of St Brendan Awards (8:20am)

LAST DAY OF TERM 3



WEEKLY PBL FOCUS



At St Brendan's we are
ALIVE IN CHRIST
when we
MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

We show that we
Respect Self
when we are in the
Right Place at the Right Time.



In support of the

NSW Government's Bus Flashing Lights - Public Awareness Campaign

and our commitment to keeping your children safe, all parents and carers are reminded to slow down to 40 km/h when bus lights flash.

Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children.

Drivers should look out for children who are crossing the road or waiting to cross.

By law, a driver must not overtake or pass a bus with flashing lights at more than 40km/h.

https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html

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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