



Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the last week of term, I am delighted with the news that Mr Craig McNee has accepted the position of Principal at St Brendan's from 2020. For those of you who remember Craig from his time here as Assistant Principal, I am sure you will agree that he is approachable and dedicated and an extremely good role model for all members of the community. I wish this community much joy and success under Craig's leadership.

- Recently, Finn in Year 3 wrote to me requesting some minor modifications to uniform. In his letter he outlined the difficulty of wearing leather shoes to play sport during break times. Finn requested that students be able to wear school shorts under their track pants so that, should they become too warm during play times, the track pants could be removed. I have agreed to both requests and am currently researching the availability of 'all black' joggers as an addition to the uniform. This would mean that students could wear the white or black sports shoes with their sports uniform and an all black jogger with normal uniform.
- Several parents have raised the issue of Homework. At St Brendan's, we undertook a community review (in collaborative with the PAG) in 2016-2017. It was agreed that a set of Homework Guidelines be developed. These are available on the website and I urge you to review these if you have any queries about this matter. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss.
- Semester One reports were issued on Thursday. Please contact the school office if you are having any difficulties downloading your child's report or if you require a printed copy. I encourage you to book an interview with your child's teacher to discuss this document.
- At St Brendan's a number of lunchtime groups are available to the students. These include: Art Club, Choir, Ukulele, Guitar, Robotics, Coding, Wellbeing Room, Chess and Reading Spot.
- The Years 5 and 6 Soccer Gala Day was postponed to this Friday, 5 July.
- There is a K-6 Assembly, featuring Spirit of St Brendan Awards, this Friday at 8:20am. If the soccer goes ahead (rain is forecast again this week), the Years 5 and 6 recipients will be announced on Thursday at the morning assembly.
- Please note a change to the organisation of Grandparents Day. To cater to all families (some may have other schools to visit), open classrooms will be offered before and after Mass (8:00am - 8:20am) and from 9:45am – 10:20am.

Happy holidays!

Luanna Fletcher
Principal

COMING UP: GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY, 26 JULY 2019



We will need volunteers for this day to be the success it has been in the past. Please click on the following link if you can volunteer to cook or help on the day.

Open classrooms from 8:10am

[Click to Complete Form](#) Details were emailed out today.

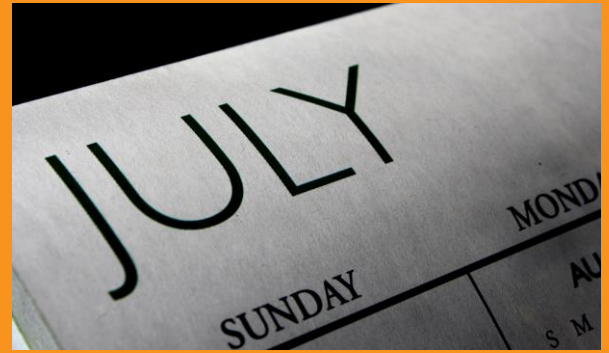
CLOTHING POOL/COMMUNITY PANTRY: We are in need of donations for our clothing pool and community pantry. We currently don't have any jumpers or winter tunics in the clothing pool and with winter well and truly here all donations are appreciated.

Please be reminded that clothing pool is to assist families in purchasing school uniforms. It is asked that if you do use the clothing pool it is not to be used to "stock up" uniform items.

There is a donation jar in the clothing pool with an honesty system in place. All uniforms are \$2. Your honesty is appreciated.

Some families in our community are currently experiencing difficulties and our Community Pantry assists those in times of need. Donations of non-perishable goods and hygiene items are always welcome and can be sent to the office for Mrs Leahy.

Parent/Carer coffee, cake and catch up: To celebrate the end of Term 2 there will be a **Coffee, Cake and Catch up session for parents and carers in the Hall after the assembly on Friday morning. All Welcome!**



JULY 2019

Thursday 4 Parent Pilgrimage Walk

Friday 5 Soccer Gala Day
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Monday 22 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Friday 26 Grandparents Day
Tuesday 30 Cares Excursion Year 5
Wednesday 31 Cares Excursion Year 5

Athletic Carnival trophies and medallions will be given out at the morning assembly this Thursday at 8:20am because the Soccer Gala Day is on Friday when the whole school assembly is scheduled. **Spirit of St Brendan's Awards for Year 5 and 6** will also be given out at the same assembly on Thursday morning to ensure all recipients receive their awards. The Kinder to Year 4 Spirit of St Brendan's awards will still be given out at Friday's whole school assembly.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

7:50am: Teacher supervision begins
8:20am: Morning Bell
2:30pm: End of Day Bell (*No supervision after 3:00pm*)

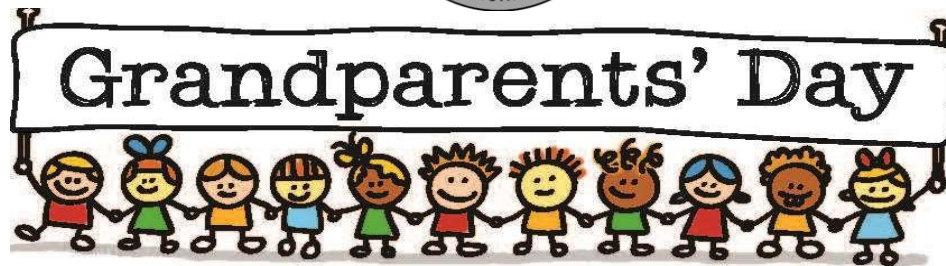
School Office is open from 7:45 am until 3:30 pm

Telephone: 4358 1501

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Website: www.sblmdbb.catholic.edu.au





Dear Parents and Carers

St Brendan's Grandparents Day Celebrations will be held on Friday 26th of July (Week One Term 3).

The day will consist of:

- **8:10am - 9:00am: Open Classrooms for grandparents.**
- **9:00am - 9:45am: Whole School Mass** for honouring our grandparents (parents are invited).
- **9:45am - 10:20am: Open Classrooms** - Students return to class with their grandparents for shared learning time.
- **10:20am - 10:50am: Grandparents spend time with grandchildren** in playground environment.
- **10.:0am - 11:20am: Rugs and hugs:** Spend time reading a book with your grandparent.
- **11:20am: A beautiful "High Tea" for grandparents only** will be served in the hall with entertainment provided by our very talented students.

For Grandparent's Day to be the success it has been in the past years we are asking for some wonderful parent volunteers. If you can volunteer your time to help set up, cook or volunteer on the day or provide a trestle table, please fill out the google doc below by Friday, 12 July 2019.

Final numbers from families for catering are also needed by this date. Please indicate how many Grandparents will be attending by clicking on the link below.

We hope that our Grandparents are looking forward to the day as much as we are.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Leahy and Matthew Ward

Parent Engagement Team

Please fill out the below google doc by Friday, 12 July 2019

<https://forms.gle/y4xsG4drBWMZBcrw8>

We ♥ Our
Grandparents



Central Coast NAiDOC Community Day

- Community stalls
- Free lunch
- Petting zoo
- Face painting
- Jumping castles
- Entertainment
- and much more...

Tuesday 9th July, 2019

10am to 3pm

**The Entertainment Grounds,
Gosford Racecourse**

Come together with family, friends and
community for a fun filled day.

- Complete all stations
in Health precinct
(you'll receive a
free hoodie on
completion - age
16yrs and over only.)



Any enquires contact Nunyara on 4320 2698



Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

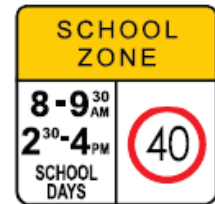




Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- ☑ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- ☑ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing ‘wigwag’ lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the ‘wigwag’ lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- ☑ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



**THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP
HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP**

BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- ☑ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



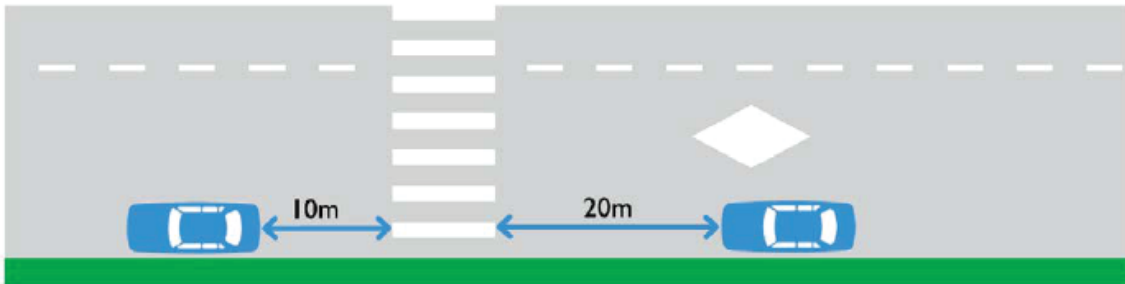
- ☑ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



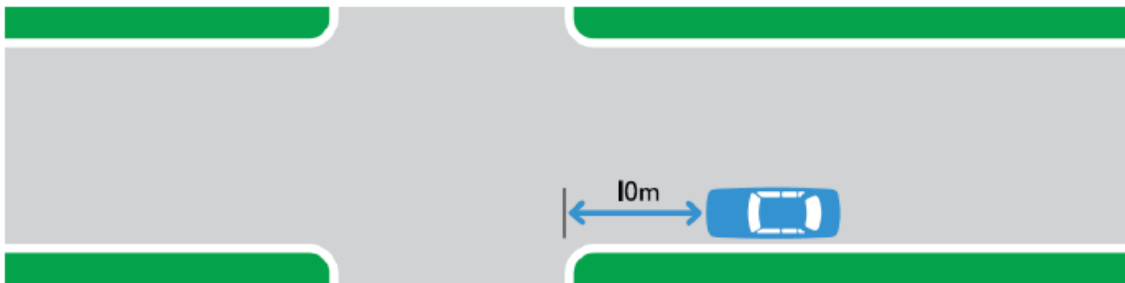
Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

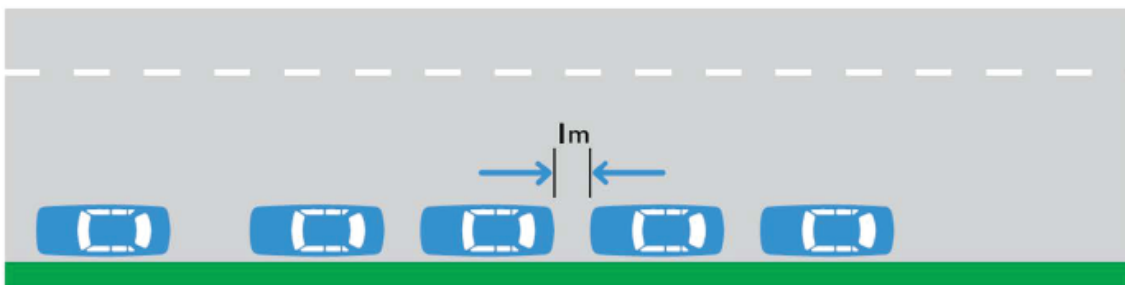
- ❌ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❌ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❌ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❌ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❌ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❌ Within an intersection
- ❌ Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- ❌ In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- ❌ At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- ❌ Within three metres of any double centre lines
- ❌ Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.