



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 4, Term 3
Monday, 12 August 2019



Our community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece can seem insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow and another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate.

As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them?

Together, we at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School are dedicated to coming together to make God visible in the world.

*Adapted from Henri J.M. Nouwen's my Sister, my Brother
Picture: Rays of Love Community Project, Richmond, CA*

Some important notes:

- ◆ Last week's **Parent Advisory Group (PAG)** discussed several important issues and events, including our desire to have a broader parent voice across the community. In the coming week you will be asked to respond to a survey to assist us to plan meetings at a time most convenient for you to attend. Please respond to the survey. The Term 3 PAG Newsletter has been distributed to all families and can be viewed on the website.
- ◆ I urge you to ensure that **your child's name is on all of his/her belongings** so that these items can be easily returned if misplaced.
- ◆ This week is a busy one - the **Book Fair, Book Parade and Public Speaking Finals** will all be held during the week. Mrs Devlin has sent out correspondence about the Book Fair and all classes will visit the Fair during the week. The Book Parade will be held on Friday morning from 8:20am and the Public Speaking Finals will follow. Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will speak at 9:30am, with Year Three and Four beginning at 9:45 and Years Five and Six at 9:30am in the Hall.
- ◆ Tomorrow we are holding **Being the Parent You Want to Be Workshop - Supporting Your Children Through Separation**. There is a Morning Session at 8:20am and an Afternoon Session at 6:00pm. Please email Mrs Leahy to attend - rebecca.leahy@dbb.catholic.edu.au.
- ◆ **Years 4-6 will participate in Mass** at 9am on Thursday to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.
- ◆ The **Parish Family Mass** followed by pizza and reading will be held this Saturday evening from 5pm. This is a very special event at St Brendan's and all families are strongly encouraged to come along.
- ◆ Another, important and fun evening will be the **Trivia Night** on Friday 23 August - organise your table now! Bookings for teams of 8-10 people are available. To book, [please click here](#). If you don't have a team but would like to come along, reply via the link and you will be allocated a team. Volunteers are also needed to make the night a success including organising prizes for the Trivia Night. All businesses that donate will receive advertising on the night and in our NETMA. Please contact Mrs Leahy if you can assist or donate to our prize pool.
- ◆ Please be aware that there have been students diagnosed with Influenza A; please seek medical advice if required.

Luanna Fletcher
Principal

Public Speaking Finals

The annual Whole School Public Speaking Grand Final will be held next week on **Friday, 16 August**. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

Kindergarten Final

9:30am - Mr Ward's Classroom

Year One Final

9:30am - Year One Shared Learning Space

Year Two Final

9:50am - Mrs Kiddle's Classroom

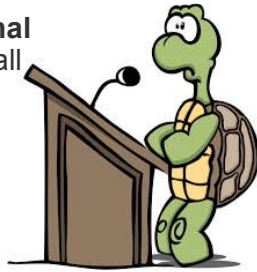
Year Three & Year Four Final

9:50am - Ms McDonnell's Classroom

Year Five & Six Final

9:30am - School Hall

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please see your child's classroom teacher.



WEEKLY PBL FOCUS

At St Brendan's we are *Alive in Christ* when we *Make Good Choices*.

We show that we *Respect Others* when we **SPEAK AND ACT WITH KINDNESS.**



IMPORTANT DATES



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Tue 13 Aug:** Being the Parent you Want to Be Workshop (Morning at 8:20am & Afternoon at 6pm)
- Thu 15 Aug:** Storytime (8:40am)
Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Assumption Mass (9am)
- Fri 16 Aug:** Book Parade (8:30am)
K-6 Public Speaking Grand Final
- Sat 17 Aug:** Family Mass & Pizza Night includes Book Fair (5pm)
- Wed 21 Aug:** Year 6 Mass (9am)
- Thu 22 Aug:** Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
- Fri 23 Aug:** K-6 Assembly - Stage 1/Yrs 1-2 Showcase (8:20am)
Trivia Night (6:30pm - 10:00pm)
- Fri 27 Sep:** K-6 Assembly & Spirit of St Brendan Awards (8:20am)
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

St Brendan's Students Are Writers!

Authors

in the Spotlight

NARRATIVE WRITING

By Andreas T in 2 Red

Right up the top of a bubbling volcano lived a rich and powerful king. The King loved to steal money and gems.

Because he lived on the top of a volcano it was very dangerous. One day it began to erupt. The King heard bumbling and rumbling coming from the volcano. It would be a disaster if it fully erupted. Luckily, after a short while it all stopped.

Suddenly all the terrible sounds started to come back. Bubbling lava is rising faster and faster. Soon it was right below the house. In no time the house was melting like ice-cream.

Before long the king almost fell into the lava. He was feeling terrified, his face was turning red.

The King was all of a sudden falling into the lava when suddenly he started surfing on a bin lid. The King was shouting "This is crazy!" The King became famous all over the Continent from that day on.

Staff Spotlight

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

Mrs Rebecca Leahy

Family Liaison Officer



Things I like:

I love my 1975 VW Kombi.
The ocean is my favourite place in the world and I love to travel.

Favourite food:

Thai is my favourite food

Favourite book:

The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari, by Robin Sharma.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

Cruising in my Kombi, finding a great place to set up camp for the weekend and spending time with my gorgeous family.

Hobby:

Gardening and Painting.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:

The diversity of being the FLO ensures that no day is like any other. I am always focused on how I can assist our school community and love working along alongside the wonderful parents we have at St Brendan's. Enabling parents to be partners in their child's learning and wellbeing is very rewarding. I love my job.

Funny fact about yourself:

I am very clumsy. Just ask Mrs Fletcher!!!

Did you know?

Missing **2 days** of school a month is equivalent to **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

Learning Every Day Counts



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

For families interested in:

- ✓ Developing positive routines for school
- ✓ Encouraging a child's 'can-do' attitude
- ✓ Establishing life-long skills and good habits

TUE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019 – ALL WELCOME

9.30 – 11am OLR Catholic School, Wyoming

6.30 – 8pm St Cecilia's Catholic School, Wyong

Brought to you by Central Coast Catholic Schools, working with families to help improve student attendance and achievement. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.



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ATTEND MORE, LEARN MORE, BE MORE...