



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
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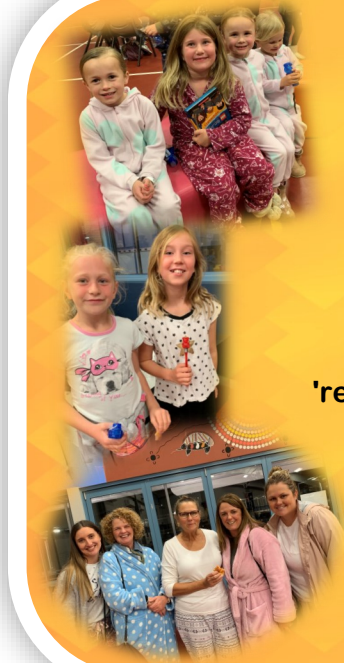
Week 5, Term 3
Monday, 19 August 2019

Saturday evening's Mass was a beautiful celebration which captured the essence of why St Brendan's is the school of choice for those families in our community.

When we think of the words of Thomas Groome, *What Makes Us Catholic*, 'How can Christians fulfill the great commandment of love and live as a Church for the reign of God in the world unless they bring their faith to bear on their communal life and participation in society'.

Being enrolled in a Catholic school is not simply about 'reading, writing and arithmetic' (albeit these are very important) but is intimately about nurturing a relationship with God and living out this relationship in our relationships with others in our community.

We are blessed to have such beautiful opportunities for sharing Eucharist and I encourage you to always embrace such opportunities by making sure it is a priority for your family to celebrate our faith.



Some important notes:

- ◆ **Ms Carly Tierney** and Michael will celebrate their wedding on the weekend. On your behalf, I wish them much joy and happiness and a perfect wedding day.
- ◆ Year 5 participates in the **CARES excursion** on Monday and Tuesday this week.
- ◆ Year 6 participates in the **Parish Mass** at 9am on Wednesday; all parents and carers are encouraged to come along to celebrate Eucharist.
- ◆ The fabulous **Debating Team** have another debate scheduled for this Thursday against St John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi.
- ◆ **Kindergarten 2020** classes are currently being finalised. If you intend (or know someone who intends) sending a child to St Brendan's next year, please complete enrolment forms immediately or contact the office.
- ◆ There is a **K-6 Assembly** on Friday beginning at 8:20am. This is a **Stage 1 Showcase** assembly within which the Years One and Two classes will be sharing their learning from this term.
- ◆ A former St Brendan's student and member of the local Lions Club is going to Dubbo on the Father's Day weekend with the Lions assisting the "**Need for Feed**" group. This group take men's products to **drought stricken farmers** to brighten their day on Father's Day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated (socks, deodorant, face washers, etc). All items can be left at the office for Mrs Leahy.
- ◆ At times some families experience hardship in our school community. We are always looking for donations for our **Community Pantry** to assist in times of need. Non-perishable grocery and toiletry items are always helpful during these times. Our Community Pantry is located in the Parent Resource Room. If you know of anyone who requires assistance please let Mrs Leahy know.
- ◆ A huge thank you to everyone who has registered for the **Trivia Night** this coming Friday, 23 August. It's not too late to get your table together and register!! Don't have a team? That's no problem, you can register as a sole player and you'll be allocated a team of friendly 90's geeks to sit with for the night. [Click here to register.](#)
- ◆ You are invited to attend a follow up **Social Media Meeting this Thursday at 1:30pm** in the Parent Room.
- ◆ The introduction of the **Compass Parent Portal** has significantly improved parent and school communication. If you have **not downloaded the app on your mobile device yet**, please take 5 minutes to download free from the App Store to ensure you are up-to-date with all communications and events. I have attached the instructions for your reference but please contact the school office if you require your username and password to be resent.

Luanna Fletcher
Principal

Literacy Tip

POINT OUT PRINT EVERYWHERE!

Talk about the written words you see in the world around you and respond with interest to your child's questions about words.

Ask your child to find a new word every time you go on an outing. Street signs, billboards, license plates.

Words are all around us!

www.UsborneNow.com

Spelling

At St. Brendan's we focus on one of the four spelling strategies each day across K-6.

These strategies are:

- Phonological (how words sound)
- Visual (how words look)
- Morphemic (how words change form)
- Etymological (where words come from)



The aim of this approach to spelling is to provide our students with the necessary skills they need to spell familiar and unfamiliar words.

Each fortnight we will share information about the different strategies. Next time we will discuss the phonological strategy.

Happy Spelling!

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 **CARE FOR OUR APPEARANCE.**



IMPORTANT DATES



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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)
- Wed 28 Aug:** K-6 Meal Deal for Year 6 Fundraising
Learning Together Playgroup (9am - 10:30am)
- Thu 29 Aug:** Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
- Fri 30 Aug:** Father's Day Breakfast
Father's Day Mass (9am)
- Thu 25Sep:** Yr 3 Excursion - Powerhouse Museum
Learning Together Playgroup (9am - 10:30am)
- Fri 6 Sep:** K-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- Fri 27 Sep:** K-6 Assembly &
Spirit of St Brendan Awards (8:20am)
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Staff Spotlight

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



Mrs Fiona Scott

Year 1 Red Classroom Teacher

Things I like:

Nature, being with friends & family and enjoying coffee on the beach.

Favourite food:

Fresh Fruits especially mango.

Favourite book:

Anything by Liane Moriarity.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

Spending time with my family, walks along the beach and watching my children play sport.

Hobby:

I love Patchwork and Quilting, Crocheting and Knitting.

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

I love the community! Being a new staff member this year I have found the staff and school community very welcoming.

Funny fact about yourself:

I grew up in Victoria and therefore I have to go for QLD in the State of Origin (sorry!).