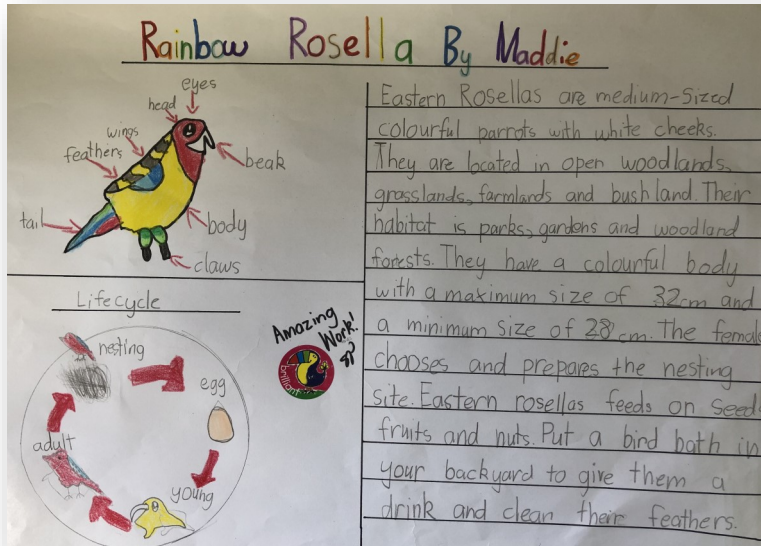




St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School  
Lake Munmorah

## NETMA Memo

Week 10, Term 3  
Monday, 23 September 2019



What should we strive to promote for students in Catholic schools:

- 1) Heightened self-awareness- an understanding of our strengths and weaknesses, values and Catholic worldview which promotes equality, justice and concern for the poor
- 2) Ingenuity - using our understanding of discipleship to confidently innovate and adapt to embrace a changing world which can bring to life the gospel values
- 3) Love - knowing the unconditional love Jesus has shown us that we strive always to engage with others with a positive and loving attitude.

### Some important notes:

- ◆ **Welcome to ROSELLA Week!** Our ROSE Rules have now officially changed to ROSELLA Rules. Our new acronym will be revealed to students over the coming days.
- ◆ All students are invited to wear **'bright colours'** to highlight **ROSELLA Week on Friday** and are asked to make a gold coin donation for this privilege.
- ◆ On Saturday I had the privilege of attending **Confirmation** and take this opportunity to thank all involved in the preparation for this event, it was awesome. I also offer congratulations to the families who are supporting their child to receive this Sacrament.
- ◆ Tomorrow, Tuesday 24 September, is the new date for the postponed **Bike and Scooter PBL celebration**.
- ◆ On Tuesday evening the first year of Year 12 will celebrate with a **Graduation Mass**. Please keep all these families in your prayers at this important stage of their life journey.
- ◆ **Mrs Marley celebrates her birthday** on Wednesday. I note this because I believe this community is truly blessed to have a small yet amazing group of support helpers (which includes Mrs Marley, administrative staff, Learning Support Assistants, AEW, FLO and cleaner) and oftentimes it is easy to underestimate the dedication they demonstrate towards our community. Perhaps this week you could encourage your child to thank one of these very special people for their wonderful commitment to our community.
- ◆ The **Surf Life Saving Association** will deliver a session to Stage 3 students on Thursday.
- ◆ The **Year 2 students will participate in an excursion** to Gosford Regional Art Gallery and the Japanese Gardens at East Gosford on Thursday.
- ◆ I am excitedly anticipating the **Disco on Thursday evening**. Kindergarten to Year Three will dance the time away between 5-6pm followed by Years Four to Six between 6:15-7:30pm. Please note that there are no set food orders but children will be offered a bag of chips and a drink.
- ◆ The **K-6 Spirit of St Brendan award recipients** will be announced during Friday's assembly which begins at 8:20am.
- ◆ The **Christmas Carols, Market and Fair** scheduled for Thursday, 5 December is being organised by an enthusiastic group of parents. If you are able to contribute, or would really just enjoy the social outlet, please contact Mrs Leahy and she will share details with you.
- ◆ A big **thank you** to all the families who have donated milk and/or cereal. Bradley from the Wyong Regional Office of St Vincent de Paul sends his sincere thanks for helping them out! They have now made two collections from our school and have been overwhelmed by your quick response to their request for help.
- ◆ **Staffing for St Brendan's for 2020** will be finalised over the next month. I ask that you pray for the gift of wisdom for the Leadership Team as they discern such important decisions.

*Luanna Fletcher*  
Principal

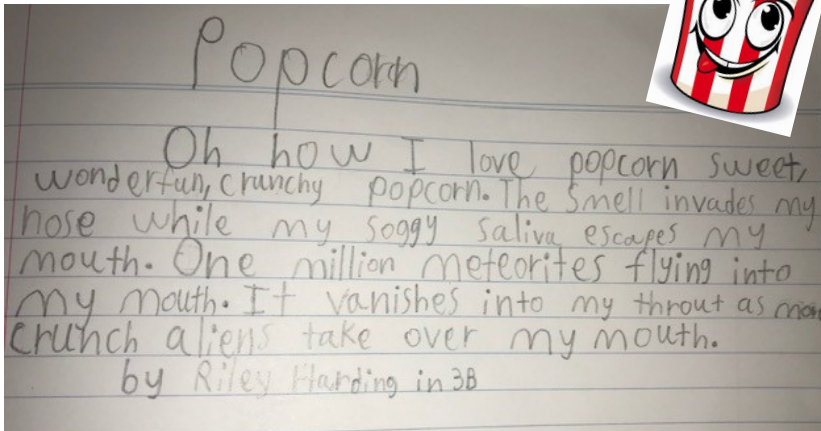


# Authors

*in the Spotlight*

## DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

By Riley H in 3 Blue



### Literacy Tip of the Week

Reading ability is like a muscle, if you don't exercise it often, you will not maintain the same level of reading ability as you get older. So - "use it or lose it!"

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- Tue 24 Sep:** Bike and Scooter Day including for PBL Acknowledgment
- Thu 26 Sep:** Year 2 Excursion - Gosford Regional Art Gallery & Japanese Gardens  
School Disco (Kinder - Year 3 from 5pm-6pm & Years 4-6 from 6:15pm - 7:30pm)
- Fri 27 Sep:** K-6 Assembly & Spirit of St Brendan Awards (8:20am)  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 3**
- Mon 14 Oct:** Staff Development Day (K-6 Pupil Free Day)
- Tue 15 Oct:** **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**
- Fri 18 Oct:** Cricket, Waratah Shield
- Wed 23 Oct:** 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)
- Mon 28 Oct:** PAG Meeting (6pm)
- Fri 8 Nov:** Kinder Excursion to Grace Springs Farm

## St Brendan's Indigenous Culture Group

This term we have been working really hard together and the Indigenous Culture Group has signed up to the website, Seesaw to connect our wonderful families at our school.

Your more than welcome to join our group so we can make our group stronger and help us strive to achieve connectedness to our families, communities, land and place.

Seesaw Link:

<https://app.seesaw.me/s/551-125-628>



Please contact Ms Jackson if you have any questions.

Thank you!

## Staff Spotlight

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

**Mr Greg Banks**  
Sports Coordinator



**Things I like:**

All sports especially rugby league.  
I like people that are happy and smile a lot.

**Favourite food:**

I like steak and seafood.

**Favourite book:**

Boy by Roald Dahl.

**What you enjoy doing on weekends:**

I like watching the Rabbitohs play, going to the beach for a walk and a swim. I especially like spending time with my family and grandchildren.

**Hobby:**

I love playing golf with my friends.

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

I like teaching at St Brendan's because all the students and staff are very friendly and they care about each other.

**Funny fact about yourself:**

People think I'm rich because my last name is Banks.