



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 7, Term 3
Monday, 2 September 2019

*We are tempted to look for God in the great events or words.
And indeed God may be found there.*



*But God is also found in the small,
in what we might be tempted to pass over.*

R. W. Chilson

This week let us not pass over the simple miracles that Spring brings - the flowers beginning to bloom, the greening of the grass, the birth of birds and the shining of the sun - this is where we get to wonder at the awesome majesty of our God!

This week is officially Wellbeing Week and I encourage all families to make one small change to family life for this week; perhaps spend 5 minutes in daily meditation or have a technology free hour each day. I am sure that there would be something that your family could collaboratively decide upon which would lead to a healthier week for all.

Some important notes:

- ◆ Thank you to all who planned a wonderful **Father's Day celebration** last Friday.
- ◆ The **ICAS Digital Technologies** exam will be held on Tuesday with the **ICAS Science** exam scheduled for Thursday.
- ◆ **Year 3** classes will travel to the **Powerhouse Museum** on Thursday.
- ◆ All students will begin wearing **full summer uniform at the beginning of Term 4** or during the last two weeks of this term if the weather warrants it.
- ◆ There is a **K-6 Assembly** scheduled of this Friday, beginning at 8:20am.
- ◆ A reminder that the **first day of Term 4 is Tuesday, 15 October** as Monday, 14 October is a day of professional learning for all staff.
- ◆ **Congratulations** to Sienna T who has progressed to the NSW All Schools Team for Touch Football. **Congratulations** also to all those students representing St Brendan's at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. A Year 5 Netball Team will also represent St Brendan's at the NSW Netball Carnival at Penrith on Tuesday. A sincere thank you to all staff who've prepared students for these events.
- ◆ Last Tuesday, two of our Year 6 students, Zoe C and Neve P, represented our school in the **Northern Cluster Public Speaking Finals** held at St Mary's Toukley. The girls competed against ten other finalists from the regional schools. Congratulations to both girls for their engaging prepared and impromptu speeches! Zoe was awarded the Silver medal and will represent the Northern Cluster on 19 September. We wish her the very best!



Luanna Fletcher
Principal

St Brendan's Students Are Writers!

Authors

in the Spotlight

TAKE 3 FOR THE SEA

By Jade P in 4 Green

We need to take care of our beautiful sea creatures, so if we just took three for the sea we would be saving our beaches.

When you litter, it goes right down the drain. So if YOU litter you DON'T have a big brain.

How would you like it if the sea was your home? I am certain that you would hate it if it was your own.

Plastic and rubbish all floating around, our sea creatures are getting lost in the mound.

Wouldn't you hate it if you were eating rubbish all day? The whales can't help it, it's all in the way.

Through the sea and right down below, if this keeps happening than all the sea creatures are going to go!

Turtles, Fish, Sea horses and much more, If we keep littering then OUR sea creatures are not going to live anymore.



What parents can do to encourage good attendance habits:

- **Be firm.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
- Develop good sleep and morning routines.
- Schedule appointments after school.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- Limit screen time.

*DBB Learning Every Day Counts Attendance Initiative Promotional Material 2019

Good habits begin early
Be on time each and every day.



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets your child up for success in school life.

Spelling

A phoneme is a speech sound. The Phonological Strategy focuses on teaching students how to identify and distinguish between these sounds.

Breaking words up into their individual sounds, or sounding them out, supports the spelling of familiar and unfamiliar words.

When words become longer and more difficult to sound out, students are encouraged to break the words into syllables. Syllabifying words makes the words parts more manageable.

E.g. you can try this whilst travelling in the car, using names or places of interest.

Ben	ja	min
Mac	don	alds
Queens	land	

NOTE: Each syllable should have a vowel sound.

Next week we will be discussing the **Visual 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 the Environment* when we **CARE FOR OUR BELONGINGS.**



IMPORTANT DATES



- Wed 4 Sep:** Year 2 Mass (9am)
- Thu 5 Sep:** Year 3 Excursion - The Powerhouse Museum Learning Together Playgroup (9am - 10:30am)
- Fri 6 Sep:** K-6 Assembly (8:20am)
- Wed 11 Sep:** Year 4 Mass (9am)
- Thu 12 Sep:** Storytime (8:40am - 9:20am)
Chess Competition at Wyong
- Fri 20 Sep:** Year 1 Excursion - Blackbutt Reserve
- Thu 26 Sep:** Year 2 Excursion - Gosford Regional Art Gallery & Japanese Gardens
- 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

Mr Daddy Murton
Year 6 Green Classroom Teacher

Things I like:

I'm passionate about sustainable living, enjoying the wonders of raising animals and vegetables for the table. Anything to do with cricket/sport, an avid DIY person and dabble with some sketching or painting.

Favourite food:

I can't go past a roast lamb with all the essentials!

Favourite book:

I love reading Matthew Reilly novels. The Jack West series is outstanding.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

In summer playing cricket and hanging with mates. Winter is very much a get as much done on the farm as possible before the wonders of Spring.

Hobby:

Writing - I've completed a short novel and in the long process of editing (7 years).

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:
The community and willingness to help each other is second to none. I'm not sure I've met a more encouraging and selfless staff.

Funny fact about yourself:

If I grow my hair out I would end up with an afro!!