



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School  
Lake Munmorah

## NETMA Memo

Week 1, Term 4  
Tuesday, 15 October 2019



### Some important notes:

- ◆ **Welcome back to Term 4**; it has been lovely to have a break but it is with such enthusiasm that the staff embarks on this final term of 2019.
- ◆ **Yesterday's Staff Spirituality Day** was spent reviewing our commitment, as a community, to planning and preparing meaningful and vibrant opportunities to celebrate our faith through liturgy with students. The staff was blessed to attend the 6pm Parish Mass at Toukley on Sunday evening. This celebration was definitely uplifting (the music was amazing!) and left the staff feeling nourished and energised to spread God's Word.
- ◆ This term will pass quickly as is the norm for Term 4. **For me this is my last term here amongst this wonderful community and I ask you to pray for me during this time.** It is with very mixed emotions that I approach a term of 'last times' for doing many 'things' and I ask your prayers that I may fully appreciate each and every moment I have here as the Principal.
- ◆ **I ask also for your prayers for Mrs Sandra Grogan** who deservedly begins her retirement during this term. The community will farewell Sandra on Tuesday, 5 November with a fitting liturgy beginning at 8:20am. Please make a note of this date in your diary and join us in celebrating Sandra's dedication and service to St Brendan's.
- ◆ Tomorrow afternoon, **staff from K-2 will join with staff from the Early Learning Centre** to share ideas around best practice learning for our children from the age of 3 through until the end of Year 2. Stay tuned to hear more about the upcoming initiatives that will be planned and opportunities for you to draw upon the wisdom of these educators'.
- ◆ This week marks the beginning of the **staffing process for 2020**; as is the 'norm' in education there will be some changes to staffing. The nature of learning is such that staff benefit from different settings to learn as much from as many people as they can. Most staff will spend 5-7 years in a school before undertaking a new experience and yet staff are comfortable in 'staying put' and thriving on the energy and expertise of new staff who join the community. I will keep you updated on any changes to staffing as I am made aware of them.
- ◆ Throughout Term 3 there were several instances where clothing went missing. I urge you to ensure your **child's clothing is clearly labelled** so that if lost it can be returned. I also ask all parents and carers to check every item of clothing on a regular basis to ensure your child hasn't picked up another child's clothing. Parker B has misplaced a grey jacket size 6 (clearly labelled) so if you find this jacket please return it to school.
- ◆ I offer congratulations to Owen K and Tali K who are representing the school at the **Polding Carnival** at Homebush this Friday and to those playing cricket in the **Waratah Shield**, also on Friday.
- ◆ There is a **K-6 Assembly this Friday beginning at 8:20am**, please join us if you are able.
- ◆ The next **planning meeting for the Christmas Carols Evening** will be held next Thursday, 24 October at 8:30am in the Parent Resource Room. All are welcome to attend even if you didn't attend the previous meeting.
- ◆ **Please keep in your thoughts and prayers** a member of our school community who is having surgery today and all other community members who may be unwell or are struggling.
- ◆ **General Reminders:**
  - The school's mobile phone policy is in place for the safety of all community members. If your child brings a phone to school it is to be handed in to the front office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of each day. In a number of other communities, there have been instances of phones being 'borrowed' and misused and/or children being encouraged to use a phone to invade the privacy of another student. Please don't allow your child to become embroiled in this type of behaviour by supporting inappropriate use of a device.
  - The carpark is for the use of all parents and carers and the rules apply to all users. Please ensure that you spread goodwill and cheer in Term 4 by following these rules.
  - Any concerns about a student, including your own, please bring to the attention of the child's classroom teacher. It is always wise to share an issue with someone who is informed and can assist.

*Luanna Fletcher*  
Principal

# Spelling

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

On Wednesdays we focus on the Morphemic Strategy; how words change form.

- The morphemic strategy involves recognising and understanding the way morphemes affect the meaning and tense of words.
- Part of morphemic language is changing the tense of a words.

When you change the form of a word to make it plural (more than one) follow this rule:

- Words ending with a consonant + **y**, change y to **i** and add **es**.

For example, look at the word "puppy", it ends with consonant "p" + y. Apply the spelling rule (change **y** to **i** and add **es**) = puppies

supply | supplies

family | families

party | parties

Students will use other strategies as they ask themselves; does it sound right? (*Phonological knowledge*) and does it look right? (*Visual knowledge*).

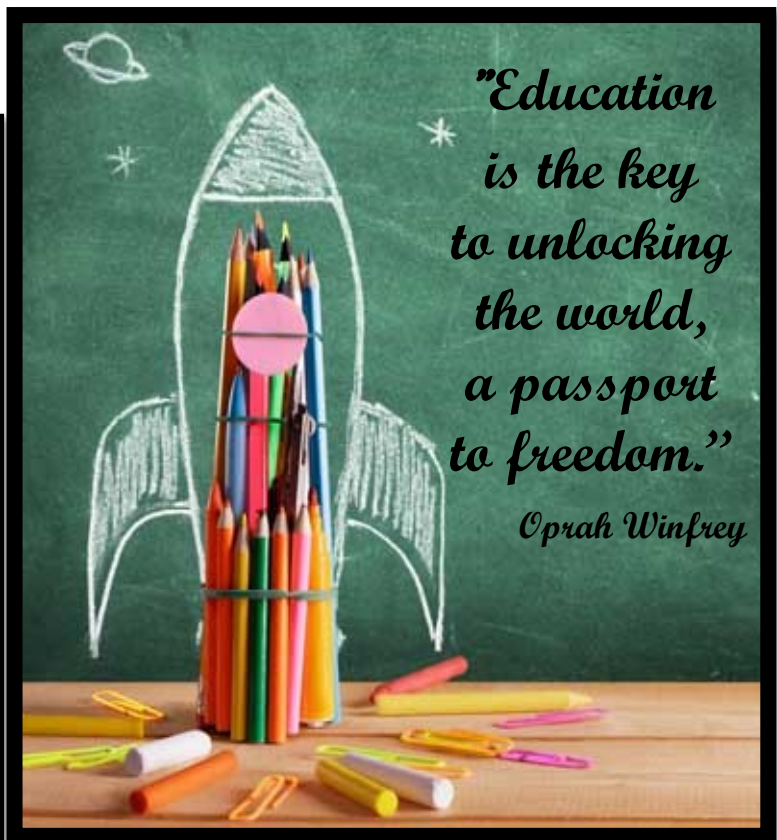
Next we will be focusing on the **Etymological Strategy**.

*Happy Spelling!*



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Fri 18 Oct:** K-6 Assembly (8:20am)  
Polding Carnival, Homebush  
Cricket, Waratah Shield
- Wed 23 Oct:** 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)
- Thu 24 Oct:** Christmas Carols, Market and Fair Planning Meeting - Parent Resource Room (8:30am)  
Diocesan Mission Mass
- Mon 28 Oct:** PAG Meeting (6pm)
- Wed 30 Oct:** Yr 6 Meal Deal Fundraiser  
2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)
- Fri 1 Nov:** Debating Final at St Patrick's, East Gosford
- Fri 8 Nov:** Kinder Excursion to Grace Springs Farm  
Parent Spirituality Day at Kincumber
- Sat 30 Nov:** Golden Jubilee Blessing & Dedication at St Mary's, Toukley (11am)
- Mon 9 Dec:** Yr 6 Farewell Mass & Celebrations (5:15pm)
- Wed 11 Dec:** K-6 End of Year Mass & Celebrations (9am)
- Wed 18 Dec:** LAST DAY OF TERM 4



## Staff Spotlight

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

**Mrs Sandra Grogan**  
Senior Administration Officer



**Things I like:**

Going to see a good movie.

**Favourite food:**

Garlic prawns.

**Favourite book:**

Recently read 9 Perfect Strangers.

**What you enjoy doing on weekends:**

Sleeping in!

**Hobby:**

Reading

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

The wonderful friends  
I have made over the years.

**Funny fact about yourself:**

My fist fits in my mouth.

## 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 till 3:30 pm.**

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**YOU'RE INVITED...**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE  
**PARENT SPIRITUALITY DAY**

**WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE  
LEADERS**

**BE INSPIRED, EXCITED AND ENCOURAGED**

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

9AM - 2.30PM

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre  
Kincumber

8 Humphreys Road Kincumber South 2251

Cost: \$10 per person  
Please book via Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEQTB>



"If we can develop a truly humble  
attitude, we can change the world"  
-Pope Francis

**Key Note Speaker  
Philomena Billington**

Philomena has over 40 years' experience at all levels of Catholic Education; it is her passion – particularly in the area of parent engagement and inspiring Lay Leadership.

Phil is insightful, entertaining and an inspirational speaker.



9.00  
Key Note –  
Philomena Billington

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10.30  
Morning tea  
11.00  
Parent led workshops  
Master Class with Phil

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12.30  
Lunch  
1.30  
Walk the Labyrinth  
Stations of the Cross  
Guided meditation on the Grounds  
2.30  
close



DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour  
Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah



**Golden Jubilee  
Blessing and Dedication  
St Marys Church Toukley**

Save the Date

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Mass 11:00am

Followed by a Luncheon  
in the

Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall