

World Teachers Day

Monday, 28 October 2019

Thank you to all the dedicated staff at St Brendan's especially our wonderful teachers who always go above and beyond for students and families in our community.

Celebrate the important role teachers play every day in helping students learn and grow by showing your appreciation on World Teachers Day (a nice word, a handmade gift or a simple thank you).

Some important notes:

- ◆ Sadly, I inform you of the passing of Ray Kaifa (snr), father of George (Year 4), Lata (Year 12), Ben and Ray (jnr) and husband to Vicki. Ray passed away suddenly on Saturday morning. I ask the community to keep the Kaifa family in your prayers during this tragic time.
- ◆ I also ask for your prayers for Charlie C (Year 1) as she continues to recover from last week's surgery. Charlie is now sitting up, smiling and slowly improving.
- Jill Fisher's father underwent heart surgery on Friday and is recovering well.
- At this morning's **Coffee and Chat**, the following items were addressed; playground grant which is progressing well, feasibility of Commonwealth School Banking in 2020 and the Christmas Carols Evening.
- Next Monday's Parent Advisory Group Meeting has been moved to Monday, 11 November 2019.
- ◆ The first of the Kindergarten 2020 transitions will be held this Wednesday when Mr McNee will be formally introduced to these newest members of our community.
- ◆ Year 3 will celebrate Mass at 9am on Wednesday; all parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.
- ◆ Representatives from Year 6 will travel to the Diocesan Cathedral on Thursday to celebrate the **Mission Mass**. This group will be accompanied by Mrs Nenandovic.
- ◆ The next planning meeting for the Christmas Carols Evening will be held this 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.
- ◆ There is a Years 3-6 Assembly this Friday beginning at 8:20am.
- ◆ Mr Ward will return to teaching Kinder Red on Monday, 28 October and I know the class will be very excited to see him. I am very grateful to Mrs Hannaford for the wonderful job she has done in filling in for Mr Ward during his absence.
- ◆ Please ensure you update your calendars as the K-5 Swimming Carnival is now being held at Wyong Pool on Tuesday, 17 December (not the 16 December at Swansea Pool as previously advised). An updated Calendar has been sent out today.
- A gentle reminder with the warmer weather upon us to ensure you check your child's hair if they are experiencing symptoms of headlice. Please keep home from school until you can wash hair with a headlice shampoo/treatment, then students can return to school once treated.

St Brendan's Students Are Writers! Authors

INFORMATIVE WRITING

By Keira B in 3R THE MOON

Can you imagine the world without a moon?

Well, close your eyes and imagine it. It will be so bright and it will hurt your eyes because there will be no moon there.

How Old is the Moon?

The moon is about 4.5 billion years old. It is the natural satellite in our solar system. The moon formed about 30 - 50 million years after the Earth formed.

The moon came about when a large object hit the Earth and blasted out rock that all came together and orbited round the Earth.

The First Spacecraft

The first spacecraft to reach the moon was Luna in 1959 which was a Soviet craft launched by U.S.S.R.

Questions to ask your child with any book:

e in the Spotlight

- □ Tell me about the book cover. What clues does it give you about the story?
- □ What is happening on this page?
- □ How do you think that character is feeling? And why?
- ☐ When have you felt like that?
- □ What do you think will happen next?

MOST OF ALL Make it a conversation & have FUN!





Wed 23 Oct: 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)

2020 Principal, Mr McNee Visiting

Year 3 Mass (9am)

Thu 24 Oct: Christmas Carols Evening Planning Meeting

- Parent Resource Room (8:30am)

Diocesan Mission Mass

Fri 25 Oct: 3-6 Assembly (820am)

CCC Cricket Final (Waratah Shield)

Wed 30 Oct: 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am - 10am)

Fri 1 Nov: Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt Reserve

> All Saints Day Mass - Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (9am) Debating Final at St Patrick's, East Gosford

Fri 8 Nov: Kinder Excursion to Grace Springs Farm

Parent Spirituality Day at Kincumber

Mon 11 Nov: PAG Meeting (6pm)

14 & 15 Nov: Year 5 Camp at Camp Toukley

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)

Tue 17 Dec: K-5 Swimming Carnival at Wyong Pool

Wed 18 Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM 4



Staff Spotlight

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

Mrs Chloe Harrison Year 4 Blue Classroom Teacher

Things I like: My family, friends and my 2 dogs, Harley & Nala.

> **Favourite food:** Caramel slice.

Favourite book: Anything with comedy in it.

What you enjoy doing on weekends: Sport and having BBQ's with my friends and family.

> **Hobby:** Photography.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's: The beautiful smiling faces!

Funny fact about yourself: I have 2 different coloured eyes.

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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COMMUNITY STORYTIME

for children aged 3 years and older



Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun morning of sharing stories, art & craft activities and a chance to meet other families from your community with similar aged children.

Younger siblings are welcome to attend under parent supervision.

Term 4, 2019

Thursdays:

24 Oct<mark>ober,</mark> 31 October, 7 November, 14 November, 21 November, 28 November

Time:

8.40am till 9.20am

Venue:

The Flexible Learning Space—near Year 1
St Brendan's Catholic School
Carters Road, Lake Munmorah

For further information, please contact St Brendan's on 4358 1501