and the second second **NETMA Memo** MUNM Week 4. Term 4 Monday, 4 November 2019 May you be safe and protected. May you be happy and peaceful. May you be healthy and strong. May you carry your life with ease and grace. This week we farewell two much loved staff members -Ms Bridget White and Mrs Sandra Grogan. On your behalf, I thank both ladies for the enormous contribution they've made to this community and look forward to acknowledging and celebrating this contribution this Tuesday at 8:20am. All parents and carers in our community are warmly invited to attend. There will be a cuppa' and a slice of cake on offer following the liturgy.

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Some important notes:

- I ask that you continue to **keep in your prayers** the Kaifa family and all other members of our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one at this time.
- As noted above Ms White and Mrs Grogan are leaving St Brendan's this year. Ms White's last day will be Monday, 25 November and Mrs Grogan's last day will be Wednesday, 6 November. Both ladies will begin long service leave until the end of the year.
- St Brendan's continues to go from strength to strength with the **Debating Team** finishing with a Grand Final win last Friday. This team has achieved a remarkable feat, winning all debates and proving beyond doubt they are truly worthy of their 'champions' title. In addition, **Sienna T** has much reason to celebrate as her State Team took out the National Championships in Touch Football last week.
- Ms Tierney will now officially be known as Mrs Kelly as she transitions to her married name.
- Over the coming fortnight, **staffing will be finalised and then class groupings determined**. I ask for your prayers as I consider this task a very important one. If you have any queries, please contact myself or Mrs Prendergast.
- If you anticipate requiring financial support in 2020, I urge you to complete the Financial Hardship papers prior to end November and I welcome you to contact me at any time should you wish to discuss how St Brendan's can support your family.
- Bishop Anthony, the Diocese's new Bishop will be installed in a ceremony taking place this evening. I ask your prayers for Bishop Anthony as he accepts this very important role in our Church.
- This Friday will be very busy at St Brendan's: Kindergarten visits Grace Springs Farm, Years 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the Touch Football Gala Day and Years 3 and 4 will enjoy a performance at St Brigid's. Given all this activity, there won't be an Assembly this week. The Year 1 Excursion has been postponed to Friday, 22 November.
- A reminder that the **Term 4 PAG Meeting** will now be held next Monday evening (11 November), beginning at 6pm.

Have a lovely week! *Luanna Fletcher* **Principal**

St Brendan's Students Are Writers! Authors in the Spotlight INFORMATIVE WRITING By Sunni W in 1 Blue How to make a jam sand Wich Ingredients two pieces of bread Jam butter phife Plate Steps 1. put the bread on the plate. ~ 2. Use a Rnife to spred the butter on the bread. 3. Spread some jam on top of the batter with a Rnife. 4. put the bread to g getar: 5. put the jam an the butter away 31 10 bk Enjoy / IMPORTANT Mrs Grogran & Ms White Farewell Liturgy Tue 5 Nov: (8:20am)

- Thu 7 Nov: Storytime (8:40am 9:20am)
- Fri 8 Nov: Kinder Excursion to Grace Springs Farm Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Yrs 3 & 4 attending performance at St Brigid's Parent Spirituality Day at Kincumber
- Mon 11 Nov: K-6 Remembrance Day Liturgy (11am) PAG Meeting (6pm)
- Wed 13 Nov: 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am-10:15am) Year 2 Mass (9am) Yrs 2 & 3 Italian Languages Celebration (11:30am)
- 14 & 15 Nov: Year 5 Camp at Camp Toukley
- Fri 15 Nov:K-2 Assembly (8:20am)2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am-10:15am)
- **Sat 30 Nov:** Golden Jubilee Blessing & Dedication at St Mary's, Toukley *(11am)*
- Thu 5 Dec:Christmas Carols Evening
(performances start at 5:45pm)
- Mon 9 Dec: Yr 6 Farewell Mass & Celebrations (5:15pm)
- Wed 11 Dec: K-6 End of Year Mass & Celebrations (9am)
- Mon 16 Dec: Mrs Fletcher's Farewell Mass & Morning Tea (9am)
- **Tue 17 Dec:** K-5 Swimming Carnival at Wyong Pool

Wed 18 Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM 4

50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary

Saturday, 30 November at 11:00am

We warmly welcome you to join us for a beautiful Mass commencing at 11.00am at St Mary's, Toukley.

After Mass, you are all invited to a luncheon in the Fr Fitzgerald Parish Hall at St Mary's.

We are hoping that our new bishop, Anthony Randazzo, will be the main celebrate for our Mass. With our school choir singing and children involved in a variety of ways, it is sure to be a special and meaningful Mass.

Our parish has asked for help with catering by supplying a plate of sandwiches for the luncheon. If you are able to help, please indicate by clicking here and completing the Google Form.

This Mass celebration will be our only Family Mass for Term 4 and we would love to celebrate with you and our wider parish and community.

Staff Spotlight Shining the Light on our

Wonderful Staff at St Brendan's

Mrs Kim Murray

Learning Support Teacher

Things I like: Hanging out with my husband and 3 sons, playing ping pong and snooker.

> Favourite food: Honey Chicken Wra<mark>ps.</mark>

Favourite book: Wuthering Heights. I read this book when I was 13 and have read it about 20 times since.

> What you enjoy doing on weekends: Swimming with my family.

Hobby: Motorbike riding. I recently completed my motorbike training which I love.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's: The staff and students are a pleasure to work with. It has been a joy working at St Brendan's.

Funny fact about yourself:

My husband and I are very competitive with each other at ping pong. We can play for hours, sometimes playing till early in the morning.

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 8TH 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/BFQTB



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

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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

10.30 Morning tea 11.00 Parent led workshops Master Class with Phil

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



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 October, 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