



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 5, Term 4
Monday, 11 November 2019

Lest We Forget

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them.



Some important notes:

- ◆ **St Brendan's will be closed tomorrow** due to the Catastrophic Bushfire warning. This closure applies to The Early Learning Centre and Before and After School Care.
- ◆ **This evening's PAG meeting has been postponed** until 8:30am Thursday morning.
- ◆ The classes across K-6 will experience an **'Italian' experience on Wednesday**.
- ◆ The third in the series of **Kindergarten Transition** sessions will be held this Wednesday, 13 November. The first of the **Kindy Club** sessions will be held this Friday, 15 November.
- ◆ **Year 5 Camp** will be held this Thursday and Friday. Staff attending camp include Mrs Foskett, Mrs Wallis, Mrs Luyt, Mrs Nenadovic, Mr Banks and Mr Devlin (Aboriginal Education Worker).
- ◆ There is a **K-2 Assembly this Friday** beginning at 8:20am.
- ◆ The **Years 5 and 6 Touch Footy Gala Day** which was to have taken place last Friday has now been cancelled because a number of schools were unable to field teams for the day.
- ◆ Please find attached information regarding the **Annual Christmas Giving Tree and Christmas Carols Evening**.
- ◆ As the end of 2019 draws near, both staffing and classes for 2020 are being finalised. **The Step Up Day** for 2020 will be held during Week 9 of this term.
- ◆ Please continue to keep the **Kaifa family** (Ray, father of George, passed away suddenly earlier this term) and the **Fisher family** (Kayde in Year 2 and Jill who is a staff member here is currently caring for her very ill father).
- ◆ **Staffing for 2020 is as follows:**
 - Mrs Luyt is leaving St Brendan's to move into Maitland Newcastle Diocese.
 - Ms Johnson (HIVE) has been on leave from St Mary's and returns there for 2020.
 - Mr Murton has enjoyed his year at St Brendan's but like Ms White, he has decided to pursue other interests.
 - Mrs Adcock, Ms Dwyer and Mrs Fletcher joining the classroom teaching staff.
 - Mrs Alchin returns for a 7 day fortnight and will continue her work as the Higher Ability coordinator.
 - Mrs Konz has been appointed to The HIVE.
 - Mrs Stephenson has been appointed permanently to the administrative team, replacing Mrs Grogan.
 - Mrs DesBrulais and Mrs Betts will finish at the end of the year as they eagerly anticipate the birth of their babies.

Luanna Fletcher

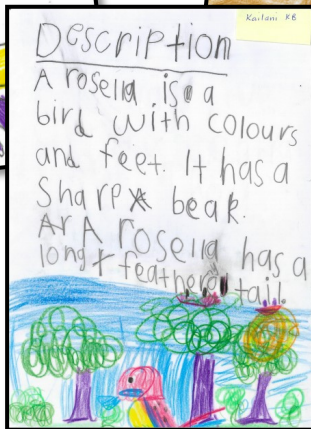
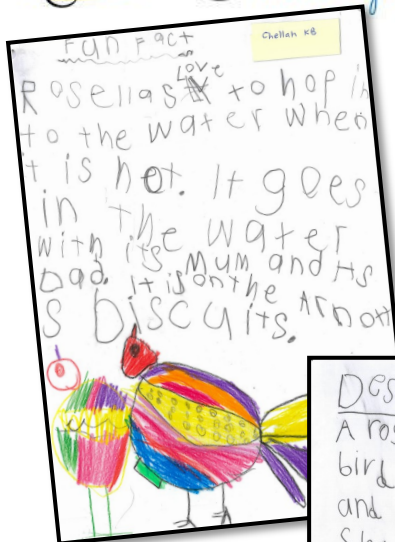
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in the Spotlight

INFORMATIVE WRITING

By Kindergarten Blue



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

Booklets were sent home today. If you would like to order as a gift, please ensure you indicate on the form.

Orders are due by:
25 November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES



- Tue 12 Nov:** SCHOOL CLOSED - BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY WARNING
- 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
- Thu 14 Nov:** PAG Meeting (8:30am)
- Fri 15 Nov:** K-2 Assembly (8:20am)
2020 Kinder Club (8:50am-10:00am)
- Wed 20 Nov:** 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am-10:15am)
- Thu 21 Nov:** Kinder Excursion to grace Springs Farm
- Fri 22 Nov:** Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)
Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt Reserve
- Fri 29 Nov:** Stage 3 Showcase Assembly (8:20am)
- Sat 30 Nov:** Golden Jubilee Blessing & Dedication at St Mary's, Toukley (11am)
- Thu 5 Dec:** Christmas Carols Evening (performances start at 5:45pm)
- 9 to 12 Dec:** Year 2 Swim Program at Swansea Pool
- 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

Congratulations to St Brendan's Debating Team

On Friday, 1 November Hannah, Bronte, Zoe and Amelia represented our school at the Central Coast Debating Grand Final.

The topic of debate was "has Technology done more harm than good". They debated against students from St John the Baptist, Woy Woy who were also extremely passionate.

We are pleased inform the school community that St Brendan's were selected as the grand final winners.

Congratulations and well done!!!



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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St Brendan's Annual Giving Tree

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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is a time of celebration, family, friends and gift giving. For many though, the reality will be very different this Christmas.

Christmas for some families in our community can be a difficult time of the year. We would like to support the families in our community who might be struggling with gifts for children and adults.

The Giving Tree will be displayed in the school foyer near the office from this week. "Giving Tags" are hung on the tree with information concerning the gift to be purchased written inside the tag.

Families can select one or more "Giving Tags" from the tree. Purchased gifts are then placed under the tree with the tags attached.

We are also accepting donations of non-perishable food items. These items will be used to make up Christmas food hampers for those in need and can be left at the office.

All food and gifts will be collected on Friday, 14 December to be distributed throughout our school community. Please consider donating a food item or taking a tag off our Giving Tree.

As Advent approaches, we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. The staff at St Brendan's look forward to sharing this journey of hope, love, joy and peace with you and your family!

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Leahy
Family Liaison Officer





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St Brendan's Christmas Carols Evening

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Dear Parents and Carers

The St Brendan's Christmas Carols Evening will be held on **Thursday, 5 December 2019**. This year there will be markets and food trucks on site as part of the celebration.

Parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy the afternoons festivities. Bring a picnic rug and chairs and your own picnic or purchase some delicious food from the food trucks. The afternoon promises to be enjoyable.

Students are asked to come **dressed in Christmas attire or accessories** for the concert.

The afternoon will run as follows:

- 1:30pm:** **Market stalls are open.** Stall Holders will set up on the oval if weather is dry. Wet weather plan is for the market set up in classrooms. **All parents and friends are welcome** to come and do a little **Christmas shopping** while the students are still in class!
- Food trucks** will be in the staff car park and grab something to eat or a coffee while you shop.
- 2:30 to 5:00pm:** **Food trucks, markets and santa photos for all to enjoy.** Sit down and relax. Enjoy some quality family time and connect with the school community or grab a photo of the family with Santa. There will be Christmas Craft Activities in the breezeway for children. **Don't forget your picnic rug and chairs!!**
- 5:15pm:** **Our little stars get ready to shine!** Students will assemble in their year groups at the silver seats to be allocated the classroom they will wait in for the concert. Families will move to the oval to be seated or hall for wet weather.
- 5:45pm, sharp:** Commencement of the concert.
- 6:45pm:** Concert will conclude.

We look forward to sharing a festive afternoon with you all.

Yours faithfully

*Rebecca Leahy, Matthew Ward, Maggie O'Brien and
The Parent Communication Team*



STORYTIME

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