



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 6, Term 4
Monday, 18 November 2019

*Father we pray, in your mercy,
restrain the forces of nature from creating
catastrophic damage across NSW and QLD.*

*In your mercy, protect all human and animal life in jeopardy.
Guard those who selflessly step into the breach
to fight these terrifying fires.*

*Give them courage, skill and protection as they fight nature's fury.
Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.*

*Have mercy upon this land of Australia;
which you have blessed with so much natural beauty and majesty.*

*Hear us, as we cry to you for help,
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Host of The Pastor's Heart, Dominic Steele - <https://www.thepastorsheart.net/>

Some important notes:

- ◆ The **current bushfire situation** has added to the burden of many struggling families so I ask that you engage with opportunities to support those who've been affected. I also ask that you remember in your prayers all of the brave fire fighting personnel who have been called upon to work in very dangerous circumstances. **Let us give gratitude daily for their selflessness and courage.**
- ◆ **Year 5 teachers and students enjoyed a fabulous camp** last Thursday and Friday and I congratulate all involved for their dedication and commitment to organising and supervising at this event. I have also heard positive reports about student behaviour and congratulate the students on the cooperative and collaborative nature in which they approached this experience. I note that the Year 5 students nominated 12 candidates for the Student Leadership Team positions of Captain and Vice Captain.
- ◆ The **Year 5 classes will attend a 'taster' day at St Brigid's tomorrow.**
- ◆ The fourth of St Brendan's **Kindergarten Transition** sessions will be held this Wednesday beginning at 8:45am. Next year's cohort are proving to be a delightful group of children and I am sure you will join me in welcoming new families to our school.
- ◆ This Wednesday evening two of our very deserving students will receive the **Rotary Citizenship Awards**. All staff contribute to determining the most worthy recipients of these awards and this year I am proud to announce that **Riley M and Sklya W** are the worthy recipients.
- ◆ Unfortunately, the **Kindergarten excursion** which was to take place this Thursday has been postponed due to concerns re weather conditions.
- ◆ There is a **Years 3-6 Assembly** this Friday; please come along if you are able.
- ◆ Next Monday, 25 November, is **Ms White's last day** at St Brendan's. On behalf of the community, I thank her for all her efforts and wish her well for the next stage of her journey.
- ◆ Students from Years 2 to 6 will be viewing a **Science Show from Questacon** on Tuesday 3rd December at the following times:
 - Years 3 & 4: 9.15am to 10.15am
 - Year 2: 11.00am to 12.00pm
 - Years 5 & 6: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- ◆ Please find attached information regarding the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal and 2020 School Fees.

Luanna Fletcher

Principal

Spelling

Strategies to Support Spelling

As mentioned in previous weeks, the four types of knowledge we engage when spelling are *phonological, visual, morphemic and etymological*. To engage this knowledge and support our students spelling of new words we focus on a number of specific strategies. These include:

Sound - focusing on sounds within words - *links to phonological knowledge*

Visual - focusing on the way words look - *links to visual knowledge*

Meaning - thinking about word meaning - *links to morphemic and etymological knowledge*

Connecting - making connections with other words - *links to morphemic and etymological knowledge*

Checking - using live, print or electronic resources - *links to visual knowledge*

These strategies are not taught in isolation as no single strategy works for all words and all students. That's why it is important that we expose students to all strategies by modelling them in use and prompting them to use the strategies appropriate to spell the word they're attempting to write.

*Adapted from *Guided Thinking for Effective Spelling* by Christine Topfer and Deirdre Arend

Happy Spelling!



IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates for your calendar:

- Wed 20 Nov:** 2020 Kinder Transition (8:45am-10:15am)
2020 Kinder & Year 4 Liturgy (9am)
Rotary Club Dinner for Yr 6 Recipients (6:30pm)
- Fri 22 Nov:** Yrs 3-6 Assembly (8:20am)
Year 1 Excursion to Blackbutt Reserve
- Wed 27 Nov:** Kinder & Year 1 Liturgy/Mass (9am)
- Wed 28 Nov:** PBL Acknowledgment Celebration Day
- Fri 29 Nov:** Stage 3 Showcase Assembly (8:20am)
2020 Kindy Club (8:50am -10am)
- Sat 30 Nov:** Golden Jubilee Blessing & Dedication at St Mary's, Toukley (11am)
- Tue 3 Dec:** K-6 Advent Liturgy (8:20am on Silver Seats)
Yrs 2-6 Science Questacon Show
- Thu 5 Dec:** Christmas Carols Evening (performances start at 5:45pm)
- Fri 6 Dec:** K-2 Assembly (8:20am)
Teddy Bears' Picnic - Kindergarten (9:30am)
- 9 to 12 Dec:** Year 2 Swim Program at Swansea Pool
- Mon 9 Dec:** Yr 6 Farewell Mass & Celebrations (5:15pm)
- Tue 10 Dec:** K-6 Advent Liturgy (8:20am on Silver Seats)
- Wed 11 Dec:** K-6 End of Year Mass & Celebrations (9am)
- Fri 13 Dec:** K-6 Assembly & Spirit of St Brendan Awards (8:20am)
- 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

Staff Spotlight

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

Mrs Kylie Konz
Classroom Support Teacher

Things I like:
Food and sleep.

Favourite food:
Spaghetti bolognaise.

Favourite book:
Anything by Ann Rule.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:
Taking my kids to their sports.

Hobby:
Reading.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:
I love being part of such a caring and supportive school and community.

Funny fact about yourself:
I am an identical twin.

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 Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

15 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

St Brendan's is continuing to participate in the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our donations directly support those in our local community who have fallen on hard times. It really put the "**Christ**" back in Christmas!

Each class is asked to bring in an item that will go to St Vincent de Paul where they will create needs specific hampers to distribute to those in need in our local area! Baskets will be in every room for collection.

We thank you in advance for your wonderful giving spirit. Let's work together to share the light of Christ with those in need this Christmas!

Kind regards

Mrs Jacqueline Nenadovic
Religious Education Coordinator



Class	Items for Donation
Hive	Bon Bons and Christmas decorations
Kindy Green	Tinned fruit / long life fruit
Kindy Blue	Lollies
Kindy Red	Potato Chips
1 Blue	Box of tea
1 Red	Jelly crystals
1 Green	Long life mince tarts / fruit cake / pudding
2 Red	Tinned Milo
2 Blue	Family sized shampoo
2 Green	Family sized conditioner
3 Red	Bottle of soft drink or fruit juice
3 Green	Freeze-able ice-blocks
3 Blue	Cereal
4 Blue	Tinned Ham
4 Red	Christmas serviettes
4 Green	Pasta
5 Blue	Pasta sauce
5 Red	Toothpaste
5 Green	Family pack of toothbrushes
6 Blue	Coffee
6 Red	Biscuits
6 Green	Long life milk
Staff	Sunscreen



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Dear Parents and Carers

2020 School Fees

I wish to advise that in 2020, including both tuition and school resource fees will rise by 1.5%. There will be no increase in the Diocesan Building Levy.

This increase has been endorsed by the Diocesan Schools Finance Committee and the Bishop's Office and is at the low end of the possible range of increase that was communicated to parents in 2018.

In 2020 the fee structure for the first child in our school will be:

Kindergarten to Year 6:

Tuition Fee:	\$ 1,631.00
School Resource Fee *	\$ 549.00
Building Levy	\$ 970.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,150.00

**May exclude camps, electives or other student specific fees that your school may charge*

I can confirm that sibling discounts on tuition fees will continue to apply as in previous years. These discounts provide a 20% reduction for the second child, 50% for the third child and 100% for fourth and subsequent children.

Families are reminded that those struggling to pay school fees or with any financial concerns should make contact with the Fee Liaison Unit at the Catholic Schools Office schoolfees@dbb.org.au or a member of the Leadership Team. No family desiring a Catholic Education will be excluded due to hardship.

I thank all our families for their ongoing commitment to our school and acknowledge and appreciate the sacrifices they make in order to ensure their children receive a Catholic Education.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Luanna Fletcher and Kellie Prendergast
Principal and Acting Principal