



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Lake Munmorah

NETMA Memo

Week 7, Term 4
Monday, 25 November 2019

50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary

Saturday, 30 November at 11:00am

On Saturday, 30 November our parish celebrates it's 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary.

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.

With our school choir singing and children involved in a variety of ways, it is sure to be a special and meaningful Mass.

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.

Some important notes:

♦ **Congratulations go to Riley M and Skyla W** (and their families) who were the recipients of the **Rotary Club Citizenship Awards** last Wednesday evening. Both are fitting recipients of the award and are deeply acknowledged by staff for the generous and dedicated way in which they've shared their leadership skills throughout 2019.

♦ Today the community **farewelled Ms White** who leaves us to pursue a much loved pastime, writing. Ms White intends to stay in touch and will be available for casual work at St Brendan's. Ms Dwyer, who will work fulltime at St Brendan's in 2020, will teach 3 Red for the remainder of the year.

- ♦ This week I hope to **finalise staffing** and inform you of whom will be teaching which grade by Thursday or Friday. Staff are currently working on class splits with relationships and learning behaviours being the priority when classes are determined. If you have any questions around this, please contact me to discuss.
- ♦ The community is encouraged to support the **donation of non-perishable items and Christmas gifts** which will be distributed to those suffering from the impact of the drought and bushfires along with the needy in our own community. All donations will be gratefully received.
- ♦ **Kindergarten and Year One warmly welcome you to join them for Mass** this Wednesday, beginning at 9am.
- ♦ The **PBL Acknowledgement Day** for this term is the Obstacool course. All those students who've worked hard to follow the ROSELLA Rules this term will be acknowledged with this fun event.
- ♦ The **Stage 3 Assembly Showcase** will be on this Friday at 8:20am. This is a **K-6 Assembly** and all parents and carers are very warmly invited to attend.
- ♦ **Kindy Club** for the 2020 Kindergarten cohort will run this Friday from 8:50am to 10am.
- ♦ On Sunday several of our students will receive recognition for their entry into the **Toukley Art Society Competition**. This event starts at 2pm at The Federation Gallery, Wallarah Peace/Point Park, 1 Wallarah Road, Gorokan.
- ♦ **Years 2-6 are excitedly anticipating the Science Show** which is visiting the school next Tuesday; stay tuned to hear more about this initiative.
- ♦ A Year Six student, **Sienna T**, will be **acknowledged for her outstanding performance in Sport** at the Diocesan Sporting Awards next Wednesday evening. Sienna is recognised for reaching Polding level in Touch and Netball, and State PSSA in Touch. Well done Sienna!
- ♦ After recommendations made by the Catholic Schools Office, it has been decided by both the Leadership Team and Parent Advisory Group that St Brendan's will no longer be participating in the **Commonwealth School Banking program**. I encourage you to continue teaching your children the importance of good saving habits. We will continue to process student banking until the end of Term 4 and I would like to thank the wonderful parent volunteers for your generosity of time during 2019.

Luanna Fletcher
Principal



INFORMATIVE WRITING

By Poppy C in Kinder Green



Literacy Tip of the Week

It's great to tell and read favorite stories over and over again. Repetition helps your child learn. Each time your child hears a story he or she notices new things. They also become more and more familiar with the structure and sequence of stories.



Important dates for your calendar:

- Wed 27 Nov:** Kinder & Year 1 Liturgy/Mass (9am)
- Wed 28 Nov:** PBL Acknowledgment Celebration Day
- Fri 29 Nov:** Stage 3 Showcase & K-6 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
Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft Excursion
- Wed 18 Dec:** LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Save the Dates for 2020:

- Thu 30 Jan:** Years 1 to 6 - First Day of Term 1
- Mon 3 Feb:** Kindergarten - First Day of Term 1

Staff Spotlight

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

Miss Teaghan Dugsley
Music Teacher



Things I like:
Music and writing!

Favourite food:
Potato Dish.

Favourite book:
Wild by Cheryl Strayed.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:
Going camping and 4WD Driving.

Hobby:
Hiking and canyoning.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's:
I love getting to work with so many amazing students in choir and ukulele club.

Funny fact about yourself:
I have been skydiving twice!

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

