



St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School  
Lake Munmorah

## NETMA Memo

Week 8, Term 4

Monday, 2 December 2019

*"You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."*



*Matthew 24:44*

### Some important notes:

- ◆ This morning the Year 5 students voted for the **2020 Captains and Vice Captains**. I am very pleased to announce Bryce Lewis and Hailey DeBono as Captains and Fletcher Wilton and Hannah Martin as Vice Captains.
- ◆ Thank you to those families who came along to the **Golden Jubilee Mass** at St Mary's on Saturday. Your support and dedication to the Parish is deeply appreciated.
- ◆ Congratulations to Sienna T who will receive an award for Outstanding Sportsperson of the Year evening. This award is an acknowledgment of Sienna's significant success in several sports this year.
- ◆ Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our first **Advent Liturgy** being held tomorrow at 8:20am.
- ◆ Years 2 to 6 will participate in the **Questacon Science Show tomorrow**. The show is widely acclaimed and I am confident all classes will enjoy this learning experience.
- ◆ I look forward to seeing lots of families at our Christmas Carols Evening on Thursday. Markets and food trucks will be operating from 1:30pm with performances starting at 5:45pm. I have attached the most recent correspondence regarding the event for your reference.
- ◆ Please join us for the K-2 Assembly this Friday at 8:20am.
- ◆ On Friday, our current Kindergarten students will enjoy a Teddy Bears' Picnic with our 2020 Kinder students.
- ◆ Next week all Year 2 students will be participating in the Learn to Swim/Water Safety Awareness Program at Swansea Pool.
- ◆ All students will be given an opportunity to meet their 2020 classroom teacher and spend time with their 2020 class during Step Up n Week 9. Please note; Step Up has been staggered across a number of days this year due to teacher availability.
- ◆ Thank you to those families who have submitted their 2020 Family Registration Forms. If you haven't yet returned the form, please return to the school office by Wednesday this week to ensure fees are billed correctly for your family.
- ◆ If your child is in **Year 6 this year or your child will no longer be attending St Brendan's next year**, please be aware that you will need to download/print off semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31 December 2019 if you wish to keep a record of these. Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student's details in Compass ceases. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.
- ◆ Any students wishing to order a Commonwealth School Banking Program reward will need to submit the order this week to ensure delivery by the end of term.
- ◆ As we approach Christmas, students are welcome to share cards with each other, **please no candy canes**.

*Luanna Fletcher*  
Principal

# Spelling

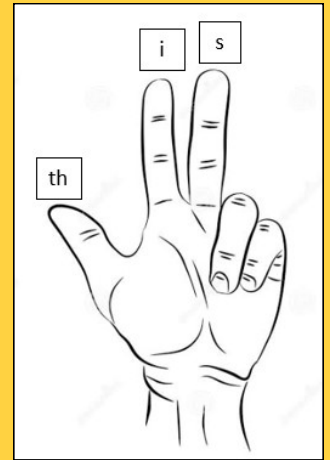
## Sound Strategy

Applying the sound strategy to our writing engages our phonological knowledge. When we use this strategy, we are considering what sounds we can hear in a word, when these sounds occur and what spelling choices can represent these sounds. Some prompts that you can use to engage your child's phonological knowledge include;

- Can you use your phoneme fingers?  
(many students are familiar with this tool and can apply it when attempting to sound a word out - it involves representing each phoneme (sound) with a finger, e.g.)
- Say the word slowly; listen carefully; write the sounds in order
- Clap the syllables, listen and write the word syllable by syllable
- Say the word in parts; write down each part
- Do you know any other words that sound the same? How are these words written?

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

*Happy Spelling!*



### Important dates for your calendar:

- Tue 3 Dec:** K-6 Advent Liturgy (8:20am on Silver Seats)  
Yrs 2-6 Science Qwestacon 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

### 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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Congratulations to students who participated in the **Toukley & Districts Art Society, Central Coast Kids Art Competition.**

**Sincere thanks to Ms McDonnell for encouraging and supporting this initiative.**



### There is still time to donate to the St Brendan's Christmas Giving Tree.

The tree is located in the office. "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 and personal items (soap deodorant and toiletries). These items will be used to make up Christmas food and gift hampers for those in need and can be left in the purple basket at the office. All food and gifts will be collected on Friday, 14 December to be distributed throughout our school community and to those affected by drought and the recent fires.

Please consider donating a food item or taking a tag off our Giving Tree. Many families are currently facing hardship and in being with the spirit of Christmas it would be wonderful to provide as many gifts and hampers as we can to those in need this Christmas.