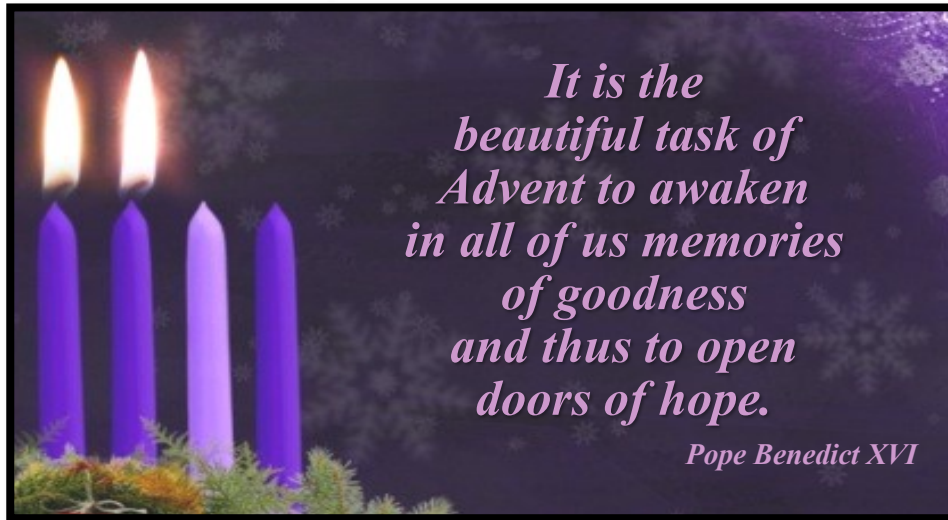




St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School  
Lake Munmorah

## NETMA Memo

Week 9, Term 4  
Monday, 9 December 2019



### Some important notes:

- ◆ My **congratulations to Isla R** who was awarded First Place in the *Pat Conroy Christmas Card Competition*. All other place winners and participants are commended on their wonderful effort in entering the competition. I extend sincere gratitude to Ms McDonnell for supporting these students in producing their artwork.
- ◆ Today was 'Part One' of **Step Up for 2020**. Years 1, 3 and 5 were informed of their teacher and class for 2020. The remaining classes will experience Step Up this Thursday. A full list of Staff 2020 will be published this Thursday.
- ◆ **Year 2** begin their **Learn to Swim/Water Safety Awareness Program** today.
- ◆ This evening the **2019 Year 6 classes** (and several families) will be farewelled from St Brendan's. I thank the leaving families for their loyalty and contribution to the school over a number of years. I thank the Year 6 cohort for all they've given to the school community and trust this evening's Mass and disco will be a fitting opportunity to congratulate them on their successes at St Brendan's. Year 6 will attend a fun day at Point Wolstoncroft on Tuesday, 17 December.
- ◆ On Tuesday, **Year 4 will participate in a Mini Retreat at St Brigid's**; they will experience a 'taster' of what high school can offer them.
- ◆ Due to a medical procedure, **Ms Purdue will finish the 2019 school year on Tuesday** and, on your behalf, I thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Mrs Molly Fletcher will teach Ms Purdue's class until the end of the year.
- ◆ On Wednesday the whole school celebrates another awesome year by giving thanks to God our beloved Father who has guided and showered this community with many blessings throughout the year. I deeply urge you to join the community in the **Eucharistic liturgy at 9am this Wednesday**. This will be followed by morning tea to say thank you to everyone for making a contribution to our community this year. Every single person is very warmly invited to attend.
- ◆ Many of **St Brendan's ex-students attending St Brigid's** will be presented with an award on Thursday evening. I congratulate all these students and their families.
- ◆ **Friday's Assembly will see the Spirit of St Brendan Award** recipients acknowledged and this will immediately be followed by the **Christmas Carols**. All students are invited to **wear Christmas themed Mufti Day** (closed in shoes).
- ◆ A reminder that the **Swimming Carnival for 2020 will be held next Tuesday, 17 December** for all students in Kinder to Year 5. The carnival will be held at Wyong Pool and all parents and carers are very warmly invited to attend.
- ◆ The **last day of classes for 2019 is Wednesday 18 December**. Students in Years 1 to 6 return on Thursday, 30 January and 2020 Kindergarten students attend for their first full day on Monday, 3 February. Regular updates will be posted on Facebook throughout January to ensure that you are kept abreast of all important information.

*Rejoice in this Season of peace and love as we work together  
to joyfully prepare the way for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*Luanna Fletcher*  
Principal

## St Brendan's Students Are Writers!

### Authors

### BUSHFIRE POEMS

By Year 5

By Tayla

The grey clouds roll over  
The never ending blue.  
The trees are disappearing  
Like dirt under a bulldozer.

People don't plan  
Now there's a fire ban.  
People with lighters  
A million firefighters.  
Clean your gutters!  
Cut your grass!  
Trees are melting  
Like warm butter.  
The fire dances  
The fire prances.  
Around the burning plains  
Let's hope, let's hope it rains.

People are dying.  
People aren't buying.  
Soon there's no bush  
There's only black nothing.

By Ayden

In the land of fire  
We are trying to stay alive.  
The firefighters fight it  
The legends are a sacrifice.

The trees that make us breathe  
The trees that are animals homes.  
If they all burn down  
Animals will be alone.



### IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates for your calendar:

- 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)  
Year 4 Mini Retreat at St Brigid's
- Wed 11 Dec:** K-6 End of Year Mass & Celebrations (9am)
- Fri 13 Dec:** K-6 Assembly, Spirit of St Brendan Awards & Christmas Carols (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:

- Tue 28 Jan:** MAI Assessments - Years 1 to 6
- Wed 29 Jan:** MAI Assessments - Years 1 to 6  
Best Start - Kindergarten
- Thu 30 Jan:** **Years 1 to 6 - First Day of Term 1**  
Best Start - Kindergarten
- Fri 31 Jan:** Best Start - Kindergarten
- 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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**WELL DONE!**

Congratulations to those students who participated in the ICAS Assessments this year.

Particular congratulations go to those who place at either High Distinction, Distinction, Credit or Merit level:

- Yr 4: Ivy R, Ronin M, Bronte S and Tristan F**
- Yr 5: Ashton B, Bronte M, Angelo C, Bella S & Tristan G**
- Year 6: Nathaniel A and Lucas O**
- Year 3: Ethan T**
- Yr 2: Emily O, Madeline A, Ella S and Cooper P**



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Sienna T** who was awarded the **Most Outstanding Sportsperson Award** last Thursday night.



**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.

