



Some important notes:

• Welcome back to another year of exciting times at St Brendan's!

I am thrilled to re-join the community after four and a half years away! I'm looking forward to working with the wonderful staff and parent body we have at St Brendan's but most importantly spending time with the students.

Yesterday I spoke to the Staff regarding my vision to build on the great work that has been done over the years - I want to continue to ensure that every child succeeds!

I like to say to parents that "...we are in this together..." and encourage all to be engaged with whatever happens in the community to whatever degree you are able.

- ♦ I am excited to announce that **Mrs Kellie Prendergast** is expecting her first child in July. Please keep Kellie and her husband, Ryan in your prayers during this exciting time of preparation.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mrs Lauren Betts who welcomed her second daughter, Poppy, into the world during the holidays.
- ◆ The father—in-law of our wonderful Canteen Manager, Mrs Tracey Marley, sadly passed away in the holidays. Please pray for Tracey and her family during this difficult time and also be aware that the school canteen will be closed tomorrow and Friday.
- ◆ There are a number of students at St Brendan's with food allergies. To help ensure their safety, please do not send raw eggs, tree nuts or peanuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter and hazelnut spreads such as Nutella.
- ◆ Please find attached the 2020 Staff List and the 2020 General Information and Fees, for your information.
- Please look out for the **Parent Calendar** which will be posted on Compass in the coming week.
- Notes regarding updating Medical Information will be posted later this week.
- Please continue to keep those affected by the **recent bushfires** in your prayers and thoughts!

Looking forward to a great time together!

Kind regards

Craig McNee

Principal



Important dates for your calendar:

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

Tea and Tissues - Kindy & Yr 1 (8:45am)

Wed 19 Feb: Reconciliation Information Session -

St Brendan's (3:30pm)

Thu 20 Feb: Reconciliation Information Session -

St Mary's (3:30pm & 7pm)

Mon 24 Feb: CCC Swimming Carnival

(student representatives only)

Tue 25 Feb: Shrove Tuesday

123 Magic Parent Program (8:20am)

Wed 4 Mar: Grooving on the Green - Family Fun

Afternoon

Mon 6 Apr: Athletics Carnival at Mingara (K-6)

Thu 9 Apr: Last Day of Term 1



Staff Spotlight

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

Mr Craig McNee

Principal

Things I like: Life!

Favourite food:
Any food!!!

Favourite book:

This changes all the time! I love to read or listen to books. My Favourite Book at the moment is Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe which looks at pre-colonial agriculture, engineering and building construction by Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander peoples.

What you enjoy doing on weekends:

Spending time with family and friends, gardening – enjoying the great outdoors Australia has to offer.

Hobby:

Bonsai - very much a beginner.

What you love most about working at St Brendan's: I am really looking forward to working with everyone.

Funny fact about yourself:
I have great dad jokes – or I think I have!



The first of the sacraments this year is **First Reconciliation** where we receive God's great love and forgiveness. Parents and children who seek to receive this sacrament must already be baptised and have made their Confirmation.

The Enrolment and Parent Information Sessions dates are as follows:

- Wednesday19th February 2020 at 3:30pm at St Brendan's Mass Centre, Lake Munmorah
- ◆ Thursday, 20th February 2020 at 3:30pm and 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Toukley

Printed copies of this brochure will be distributed to all students in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

If you have any questions regarding this sacrament, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fletcher at school on 4358 1501 or the Parish Office on 8379 1730.





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 8:00am till 3:30pm.

Telephone: 4358 1501 Email: sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

BUILDING UPDATE

The construction of our new building has officially started!!





Demountables Removed



Fences in Place



Grounds Prepared

Our New Building Plan



Location Plan



Ground Floor



First Floor