



It was great to attend my first Mass at St Brendan's as Principal today. It was a lovely celebration and we had the opportunity to recognise the various Student Leaders in our community. I am looking forward to working with our Leaders as we continue to make our community strong!

After Mass I was able to meet with parents for a chat. Thank you to those who were able to attend and I invite all to attend our PAG Meeting, next Tuesday.

Kind regards

Craig McNee Principal

Some important notes:

- ◆ The 2020 Term 1 Curriculum Overviews have been emailed to all parents and carers today via COMPASS. Please ensure you read for important information regarding your child's learning during Term 1.
- It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our parents, Mr Jason Randall. Jason is the father of Lachlan in Year 1 and Brooklyn at St Brigid's. Please keep Lyndall, Lachlan and Brooklyn in your prayers and thoughts, with wishes of peace and comfort during this difficult time.
 - We pray for Jason, that God the Father will lead him home and share with him the joys of the Kingdom light, happiness and peace.
- ◆ Thank you to all Parents who have booked their **Student-Parent-Teacher Goal Setting meetings**. Please contact the school if you still need to make a booking.
- ◆ Please join us on Wednesday 12th February for the K-6 Seesaw Parent Information and Support Session commencing 8:30am.
- ♦ All parents and carers are welcome to attend the K-2 Assembly on Friday 14th February.
- Our first **Parent Advisory Group Meeting** for 2020 will be held on **Tuesday 18th of February at 6pm**. This a great opportunity to participate and hear what is happening in our school community. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ Please join us in the Parent Resource Room on Wednesday's from 8:20am to 10:20am for a cuppa and chat with our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Rebecca Leahy and meet other parents.



Important dates for your calendar:

10 to 14 Feb: Parent Sharing Interviews

Mon 10 Feb: 2020 Opening School Mass (9am)

Principal's Coffee & Chat

Wed 12 Feb: Seesaw Information Session (8:30am)

Tue 18 Feb: Parent Advisory Group Meeting (6pm)

Wed 19 Feb: Reconciliation Information Session -

St Brendan's (3:30pm)

Thu 20 Feb: Strategies to Support your Child in the

New School Year (8:30am - 10am)
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



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 the Sacramental Program will be distributed to all students in Years 2, 3 and 4.

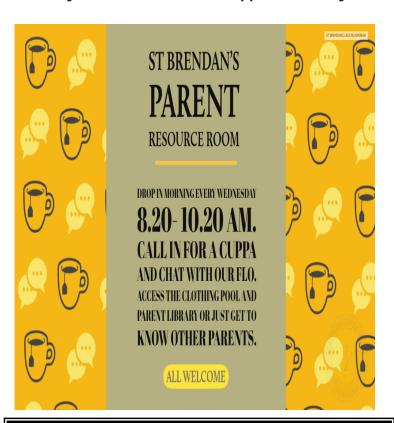
If you have any questions regarding this sacrament, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fletcher at school on 4358 1501 or the Parish Office on 8379 1730.



Reading Tips for Parents

- **1. Model reading behaviour** don't save it for when your children go to bed. Let them see you read.
- 2. Read to your children new research shows that children benefit from being read to well into their teens!
- **3. Make books prominent in the home** have books of all sorts readily available for the family to read.
- **4. Discuss books** talk about books with your children by asking what they enjoyed about them, what their favourite parts were, how the characters were feeling and how they may have changed the ending
- 5. Help your children find books they're interested in – visit the local library for ideas

Your children will appreciate your involvement and support each day!



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 7:45am till 3:30pm.

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