



Term 4 | Week 6 | November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Some Great News!!!! Over the next few weeks and into the Christmas break, our school will be undergoing a number of repair and maintenance projects to the cost of approximately \$580 000! This will include painting, some work on fences, gutters and various other jobs. Over the next eight months, in excess of \$18 000 000 is being spent on our Diocesan schools.

Your child's teacher is beginning to compile Semester Reports, and these will be shared with parents and carers in Week 10. Given the impact of Covid and HBL, and as per guidelines from NES and CSBB, teachers will only be reporting on Religion, Mathematics and English. We will be using the grading descriptors of *Working Above*, *Working At* and *Working Towards*. Staff will also identify a goal that has been achieved and *where to next* for the children. There will be a chance after the Reports are sent home for parents to meet with teachers if required.

Have a great fortnight,
Craig McNee
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mass will be celebrated in our churches as per the usual schedule:

St Mary's

Weekdays & Saturday: 9am

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9am, 6pm

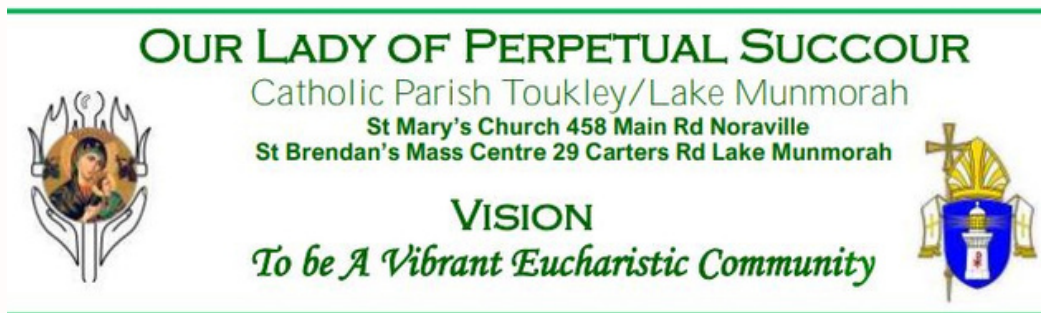
St Brendan's

Wednesday & Thursday: 9am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am

The Bulletin (and previous Bulletins) can be found on our website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley/news-events/parish-bulletins>



Thank You!!! - Crazy Sock Day



Thank you for your generous contributions to our Catholic Mission Crazy Sock Fundraiser. As a school, we raised \$382.50 to support vulnerable mothers in Thailand.



Vinnies is here to help. If any family needs help with food, bills and/or housing during this difficult time, please contact our Helpline on 13 18 12 or call your local Vinnies Support Centre.



Christmas Hamper Appeal

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 puts the "Christ" back in **Christmas!**

Each class is asked to bring in an item as listed below. Our Mini Vinnies team will create personal hampers and these will then be sent to St Vincent de Paul where they will be distributed to those in need in our local area!

Please send in your donations from Week 6 to Week 9 (between 8 November and 26 November).

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!

Class	Items for Donation
Hive and Hub	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

THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE

The Butterfly Foundation are putting on a free webinar for parents about body confidence for children/teens. The focus of this event is to help understand the warning signs and how to intervene early to ensure your child or young person have a positive body image. With so many influences on them, including social media, you may benefit from getting some ideas of how to talk about this issue and where to go for help, if required. If you are interested please [register](#)



With face-to-face learning returning, COVID restrictions being lifted each week, the "new normal" being restored, The Community Cottage thought it would be a good time to check in with how children are going with their friendships.

Supporting positive relationships with others is essential for child development and learning social-emotional skills. Friendships are good for a child's self-esteem; good friends help them to belong and make them feel good about themselves. Teaching and supporting them to learn social skills is important, it helps them join in conversations, develop lasting friendships, self-advocate, collaborate with others, problem-solve, help to achieve their goals, and sort out conflicts.

Think about the skills we need to be able to gain and maintain friendship. Skills like sharing (not only things but time in a conversation), listening, following directions, cooperating, respecting personal space (including if someone does not want to be touched or do an activity), making eye contact (without starrng), using manners and how to enter and leave a conversation.

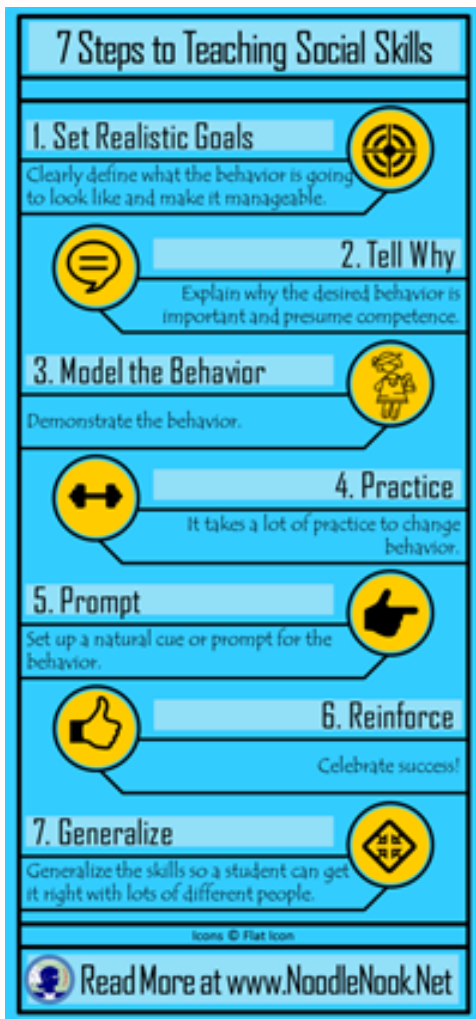
It is important for children to learn how to think about others, show empathy, and learn how to respect others. These need to come from within, as you cannot force someone to be nice and respect others.

The list shows some skills that are beneficial in social situations and developing and maintaining friendships. These are learnt, we are not born with these skills. They take practise and lots of it!

Following directions
Using manners
Having a positive attitude
Working with others
Good hygiene
Using polite words
Taking turns
Greetings
Having patience
Being a good sport
Listening
Personal Space

TIPS FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- Teach your child the values rather than letting them follow someone else
- Talk to your child(ren) about emotions and get them to describe their emotions to you. If your child shows difficulties, ask them to describe what they are feeling and work it out together
- Teach them to be kind, to themselves and others
- Teach your child how to compromise and negotiate. Unfortunately, we can't have it our way all the time. These are two great skills to help us speak up and listen to others



- Prompt for behaviours, if they are struggling or don't react well, give them encouragement and guidance in relation to what they could do
- Celebrate success! When your child does a skill well, reinforce it
- Praise them when you see them being fair, trusting and supporting
- Get to know your child's friends – showing an interest in who they are friends with helps them to talk to you about them and any situations that occur
- Good parent-child relationships help them develop friendship skills. Spend time with your child, stay connected to them, actively listen to them
- If your child is having friendship troubles – talk to them about what is happening. If you are unsure, visit your local library and see if they have any children's books on friendships and conflicts to help with the conversation
- Think about your child's strengths and interests. You may consider looking into extra curriculum activities which could create new friendships
- Role-play how to handle awkward social situations, for example, a group of children playing and you want to join in. Discuss how to go about this.

It is common for children (and everyone) to struggle with meeting new people or making friends at times. Keep encouraging them. If your child is not having any troubles making friends this is a good opportunity to remind them about how hard it can be for others and encourage them to think about what it might be like and to reach out to someone who might not have as many friends. Always remember our children learn from what they see, we need to model positive relationship skills for them to be able to practise and learn from.

If you are facing challenges, feeling stressed, struggling with returning to school or just need to talk to someone please reach out to [The Community Cottage](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Book Fair - Week 7 Book Parade - Tuesday 16 November

The Book Fair will be operating next week during Week 7 (Monday 15 November - Friday 19 November)

Due to COVID restrictions, parents will be unable to come onto the school grounds so we will photograph the books, their shelf locations and prices. The children will be able to create wish lists and payments can be made online or with cash. More information will follow.

We will have the **Book Parade on Tuesday 16 November**, unfortunately, we are not able to have parents on-site for the parade. Students will participate with their class, completing activities.

Mrs Devlin and Mrs Anderson

School Photos - Monday, 15 November

Orders and payments will be facilitated through the Compass app. If you would like to pay a different way, or have any questions regarding ordering, please contact MSP directly on (02) 4966 8292



Your feedback matters!

The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey is still active and we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device via the link -

[TTFM SURVEY](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Kiss and Drop Procedure

When dropping off or picking up your child/ren from Kiss and Drop please proceed to the marked spaces 1 - 4. Please stay in your car during the drop-off or pick-up process. If children are unable to safely exit or enter the vehicle on their own, parents/carers should park in the car park and walk them safely across the pedestrian crossing or collect them from the pool fence area.



Family Registration Form

Application for Discounts in 2022
To be completed by all families

Discounts will not be given unless this Form is completed and signed by both parents/carers and returned to the School office no later than **19 November 2021**

Personal details

Mother/Carer: Surname _____ Given name _____
Father/Carer: Surname _____ Given name _____

Payment Schedule and Arrangements for 2022 Fees

For 2022 all parents/carers will have the same payment terms. Payment terms will be 10 monthly instalments due on the 23rd of the month. The first instalment will be due February 23rd with the last payment due November 23rd. School fees can be paid more frequently (i.e. weekly or fortnightly) however the monthly instalment is to be paid by the 23rd day of the month.

Our preferred payment method for payment of school fees is BPAY ☒ **3**
Do you require a Split Billing Arrangement (Separated Family) for 2022 Fees? Yes No: ☐ ☐
If Yes, please provide email address to send split billing forms to: _____

Details of all family members attending any NSW school in 2022

Surname (please list eldest to youngest)	Given Name	Date of Birth	Name of School they attend in 2022	Scholastic Year they will be in 2022

Acceptance and Certification: To be signed by parent(s) responsible for payment of fees.
Please read the Eligibility, Terms & Conditions available before signing this Form.

I/we request that the billing discount be granted on Education Fees for all applicable students detailed above. I/we have read the Terms & Conditions overleaf relating to payment of school fees. I/we certify that I will take responsibility for payment of all fees billed to me/us by the school and agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions. Signatures (by parent(s)/carer(s))

1. Please print name Signature Date _____
2. Please print name Signature Date _____

Family Registration Form

Family Registration Forms for 2022 have been emailed home to ALL families. This form needs to be completed and returned to our school, no later than November 19. If you have children at St Brigid's (or any other diocesan school), you will need to complete a form for each school. We must have all children listed to register your family.

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

VACATION CARE PROGRAM
December 2021 & January 2022
St Brendan's Outside School Hours Care, Lake Munmorah
Hours: 7.30am - 6.00pm
P: 0408 789 189 or (02) 43 588 157
E: oshc.lakemunmorah@catholiccaredbb.org.au

Christmas Vacation Care

To access the booking form and itinerary for the December 2021 and January 2022 program please follow this [link](#).

Have your contact details changed?

If you have any changes to your contact details (phone, address or email) please contact the School Office on 4358 1501 or send an email to sblm@dbb.catholic.edu.au with your new details.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 4

15 Nov:	School Photos
15 – 19 Nov:	Book Fair
16 Nov:	Book Parade
29 – 30 Nov:	Year 5 Camp
25 Nov:	Christmas Carols
29 Nov:	Year 6 Farewell Mass
13 Dec:	Thanksgiving Mass
15 Dec:	Last Day Term 4

2022

TERM 1

31 Jan – 2 Feb:	Best Start – Kindergarten
31 Jan:	MAI – Years 1 – 6
1 Feb:	Years 1 – 6 Return to School
3 Feb:	Kindergarten Commence



Donations of current uniform items in clean, presentable condition are always welcomed for the clothing pool. These items can be dropped off at the office.

