



Term 1 | Week 8 | March 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Our Community

With Covid restrictions easing, we are finding ways to get our community together!

Over the last couple of weeks, we have held Meet & Greet opportunities for different grades. Today we had Year 2 who, for the first three years of their schooling, parent access to our school has been restricted.

It is great to be able to invite parents back on-site and over the next couple of weeks we have some BBQs planned - I really hope you can attend!

Have a great fortnight,
Craig McNee
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Kindergarten & Year 7

WELCOME MASS

MARCH

19

2022

5:00 pm

St Brendan's Catholic Church

Lake Munmorah

This mass is to welcome all Kindergarten and Year 7 students, and their families from St Brendan's and St Brigid's into our parish and school communities.

Simon Hyland from CSBB who is an accomplished singer and musician is working with the kids this week and the students are excited to be a part of the welcome celebration

If you could RSVP [here](#) it would be greatly appreciated.

We would love to see you there!

We invite you to join us for St Brendan's

Stations of the Cross

Holy Week Liturgy



APRIL 8, AT 9:30 AM

We invite all of our St Brendan's community to our Holy Week Liturgy, Friday, April 8 at 9:30 am.

Our liturgy will be held in the Middle Playground. Parents are welcome to attend and are invited to stay after the liturgy and BYO recess to have with your children.

The spirit of St Brendan's Awards will be presented at 11 am on the Silver Seats.

Friday, 18 March – 8:30 am
St Brendan's Hall



Please join us for a coffee and share your ideas of
what the future could look like for our Church at St
Brendan's.

Bishop Anthony is eagerly awaiting our thoughts.

THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE



The importance of talking to your children early and appropriately about substance use is essential to be able to help them when they encounter alcohol and drugs. Over the weekend I was listening to a podcast that I felt had to be shared as the tips and information in it was too important not to share. This information is from notMYkid, an organisation focused on prevention education of positive life choice. It was established, and hence the name, by two parents whose son battled substance use; they never suspected that this would be what their family would have to contend with, therefore the importance of speaking to all children so it isn't your child.

[Read more...](#)

Athletics Carnival - New Date

March 21, 2022.

St Brendan's Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled for Monday, 21 March 2022 at Mingara. The children will be going by bus to and from the venue by bus.

If you are taking your child from the carnival you must see your child's teacher before you leave to get his/her name marked off. COVID-19 restrictions have eased so spectators are most welcome to attend.

Make sure you have given permission for your child to attend the carnival on Compass.

Cross Country - Friday 1 April

The St Brendan's Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 1 April 2022 at St Brigid's Catholic College, Lake Munmorah for children 5 to 12 years.

Your child may wear a coloured t-shirt to show which house colour he/she is in, or their sports uniform.

Races will begin at 9 am with the 5/6 year girls, then 5/6 year boys, up to the 12 years girls and boys.

Approximate timetable for the day:

- 5/6 years- 9.00 am to 9.20 am
- 7 years- 9.20 am to 9.40 am
- 8 years- 9.40 am to 10.00 am
- 9 years - 10.00 am to 10.20 am
- 10 years- 10.20 am to 10.40 am
- 11 years- 10.40 am to 11.00 am
- 12 years- 11.00 am

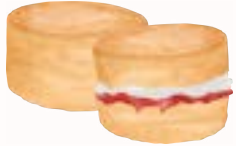
These races could be 10 minutes on either side of the intended time.

We are extremely lucky that the Yr 9 and 10 PDHPE students from St Brigid's are organising this event. The high school students (under the supervision of their PDHPE teachers) will be marshalling, judging, scoring, setting up the track and packing up. The St Brigid's College hospitality students will be organising a food and beverage service for spectators. Below is a list of food and beverages available on the day. When completing the permission form, kindly indicate what you are likely to order at the Cross Country as this will assist with catering needs.

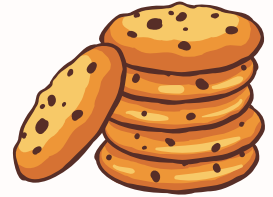
St Brigid's Cross Country Morning Tea



Giant cookies \$3
Scones with jam and cream \$3
Spinach/ fetta scrolls \$3
Cinnamon scrolls \$3
Coffees \$2.50
Tea \$2.50
Hot Chocolate \$2.50
Chai Latte \$2.50
Milk (lite, full and soy)
Soft Drinks \$2.50



Deal: \$5.00 for the choice of drink and food



Eftpos available.

Ninja Games

During the Christmas break one of our Year 6 students, Ethan, competed at the Australian Ninja Games in Canberra, representing NSW.

Ethan has trained with OCRS (Obstacle Course Racing School) at Tuggerah weekly for 4 years and now trains as a Senior. In addition, Ethan trains with the Elite and Adult group and competes in tournaments regularly. This commitment to his training and competition has helped him improve his skills and beat many obstacles including the warped wall!

The Nationals were a tough event with obstacles that athletes had never attempted before. Ethan was the only NSW boy in his age group to make the final, which had many obstacles over a pool. After a splash in the pool, Ethan came 7th Nationally.

Congratulations Ethan! St Brendan's is very proud of you.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS



St Brendan's Catholic Primary School Lake Munmorah



Enrolment Information Day 2022

Inspiring your child to love learning and be the best they can be

Students are the heart of our school! We pride ourselves in building positive relationships, knowing 'every' student and building lifelong learners.

**Tuesday 22 March
Thursday 24 March**

**Join us
School tours from 9am & 5pm**

- Meet with our Principal
- Take a first hand look at our learning environment
- Discover how each and every child has a unique learning experience

For More Information

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
29 Carters Rd, Lake Munmorah 2259
02 4358 1501 | www.sblmddb.catholic.edu.au

Please register for this event

<https://compasstix.com/e/dmhhz4qvrn>

Staff Spotlight



Name: Amanda Pilley

Role at St Brendan's: Family Support Advocate

Birthday: June 27

Siblings: I have two younger sisters

Favourite Food: Salt and Vinegar Chips

Favourite Colour: Orange

Do you have any pets? If so what type of pet? 2 puppies Aoife and Rex, they each weigh 40kgs!

What is your favourite thing to do on the weekend? Go running with friends

Anything you'd like us to know about you? My favourite thing in the world to do is crew (support) long distance runners. I love encouraging them along and not giving up on them, so they make it to the finish line. I bring this energy into my work role here at school too.

Name: Lynette Beer

My Class: Office Administrator

Birthday: June 21

Favourite Food: Seafood

Favourite Colour: Salmon

How long have you worked at St Brendan's? 6 years

Do you have any pets? If so what type of pet? I have a dog and her name is Ruby. She is a cross between an English Staffy and French Bulldog.

What is your favourite thing to do on the weekend? Love spending time with my grandchildren at the beach or a park

What is your favourite hobby? Going on adventures in my Caravan



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022

On Friday, March 25, our school will participate in the National Ride2School Day Celebration. It is the perfect opportunity for our students and school community to embrace a healthier start and to try riding and walking to school. We will be meeting in the car park over the freeway bridge (where our walkers meet their parents in the afternoon) at 7:50 am and all riding or walking to school together at 8:00 am.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ride ready checklist



Helmet fit

Does your child's helmet move around when you wiggle it on their head? Can they salute two fingers between their eyebrow and helmet? Adjust to a snug fit.



Firm tyres

Fully inflated tyres make riding easier and are more resistant to punctures. Check for the correct tyre pressure on the side of the tyre.



Check the brakes

It is important that your child is able to stop quickly. Check that the bike brakes are working before you set off.



Check for loose bits and bolts

Have a quick scan for any loose bolts or bits on your child's bike before you set off. This includes bells, racks, bolts or any other attachments. Also make sure their clothes don't dangle in the vicinity of the spokes.



Wiggle the saddle

Your child's saddle is the right height when they can sit and place the balls of their feet on the ground. Adjust their saddle and tighten so it can't move about while they are riding.



Be heard with a bell

All bikes need bells. It is also good practice to encourage them to use their voices.



Be warm and comfortable

Wear clothes that are comfortable to ride in and will keep you warm when it's cool or cool when it's warm.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022



Join in the celebration and
ride, walk, scoot or skate to school
on National Ride2School Day.



ride2school.com.au

Easter Hat Parade

Kindergarten - Year 2

**Thursday 7 April
Middle Playground
9:00 am**

Everyone Welcome!

Children will be making their hats at home.

ANZAC Day March

We are hoping your child will join us in remembering the ANZACS at Doyalson RSL on Monday, 25 April 2022. We will be participating in the annual ANZAC Day March which commences at 8:30 am, followed by the main service at 9:00 am. Students are to wear their full summer uniform. We ask that students arrive at 8:15 am and meet with Mrs Jacqui Fletcher, Mr Craig McNee and Ms Alli Foskett in Wentworth Avenue where the march will commence.

If your child suffers from asthma, we ask that they carry their medication in their pocket. If your child suffers from anaphylaxis, please provide one of the teachers with your child's EpiPen prior to the march and ensure you collect it at the end of the main service. Students will be supervised throughout the event.



SAINT PATRICK'S

DAY TOMORROW
AT
ST BRENDAN'S



Children may wear a green item to school to celebrate
St Patrick's Day!

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

Did you know
we have an
OSHC?

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
6.30AM - 9.00AM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
2.30PM - 6.00PM

VACATION CARE
7.30AM - 6.00PM

ST BRENDAN'S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We offer a range of activities so that each child can engage in their interests including sports, active play, imaginative play, music, art and craft, games and much more.

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

P: 0408 789 189

E: oshc.lakemunmorah@catholiccaredbb.org.au

W: www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

To view St Brendan's OSHC Easter Break itinerary please [click here](#)



St Brendan's Playgroup



**EVERY
TUESDAY
8:30 – 10:00**

FREE!

St Brendan's Catholic
Primary School Hall



FUN & CREATIVE INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Playgroup is for newborn to school-age children and is a great place to get to know other parents and carers in our local community. There is no cost and everyone is welcome!

Morning tea is provided

*Playgroup will be held weekly for the rest of the term (Covid restrictions permitting)- Covid safe practices in place.

TO NOTE

Labelling Clothing

Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled clearly so it can be returned to your child if it is misplaced. Please periodically check your child's label to ensure it is still readable.

If an item of your child is misplaced and is clearly labelled it will be returned to your child if it is found.

Fee Statements

Please be reminded that fee statements come out in the first week of every month. If you have not received one, please check your junk mail folders and especially the email inbox of the Parent/Carer listed on your child's Enrolment Form.

Kiss & Drop Signs

If you are using Kiss and Drop to collect your child/children after school, it is a huge help if you could have your family name displayed on the sun visor of your vehicle - especially on wet days! If you use Kiss and Drop and would like a name sign laminated for you, please complete the form on [THIS LINK](#) and we will send one home for you.

Clothing Pool

Please direct all requests for items from the clothing pool to The Community Cottage via this [email](#). Your request will be processed and you will be contacted when your items are ready for pick-up. Please do not call the Office for clothing pool enquiries.

The Community Cottage email address is thecottage@dbb.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 1

21 Mar	<i>Athletics Carnival - Mingara</i>
22 Mar	<i>Enrolment Information Sessions - 9 am & 5 pm</i>
24 Mar	<i>Enrolment Information Sessions - 9 am & 5 pm</i>
25 Mar	<i>National Ride2School Day</i>
1 April	<i>Cross Country - from 9 am</i>
7 April	<i>Easter Hat Parade - 9 am</i>
8 April	<i>Holy Week Liturgy - 9:30 am</i>
8 April	<i>Spirit of St Brendan's Awards - 11 am</i>
8 April	<i>Last Day Term 1</i>