

St Brendan's

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 6 – 8th March 2024



Catholic Education
Week 2024 10-17 March



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Catholic Education Week 2024
In the light of Christ

In 2024, Catholic Education Week will run from Sunday 10 March to Sunday 17 March.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 is 'In the light of Christ'. Drawn from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) strategic plan, *MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World*.

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To celebrate the conclusion of Catholic Education **Week 7 we will be holding a casual clothes day on Friday 15th March**. We ask for [a gold coin donation](#) on this day which will go towards supporting Caritas' Project Compassion.



GROWING THROUGH SERVICE

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 22nd February 2024, MACS launched their VISION FOR INSTRUCTION which will extend to 2030. Executive director Ed Simons stated that:

'Our Vision for Instruction has twin fundamental goals: excellence and equity. As a key part of our MACS 2030 strategy, this approach will help us achieve our vision that every student is inspired and enabled to flourish and enrich the world, regardless of their background or circumstances.'

At St Brendan's, we will continue to challenge ourselves to ensure that current practices, programs and pedagogy aligns with the system vision. This will ensure that our children receive the best education possible to meet their individual learning needs.

Our first Open Day was this Thursday and we were very pleased with the interest that was shown. After receiving leadership training, some of our Year 5/6 children did an incredible job as the tour guides for the Open Day. The prospective parents were all very impressed with how polite, confident and informative the children were. Our next open day is on Wednesday 13th March at 9.15am.

Thanks to everyone who has taken part in our letterboxing for Open Days. It's wonderful to see families getting involved in helping to drive enrolments at our school. You might notice that we are also advertising on a billboard on the corner of Mt Alexander Rd and Maribyrnong Rd. Look out for us as you drive by!



Mass and Sacraments

We have arranged to attend 9.15am mass on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding Public holidays, Closure days and holidays). This week's mass was beautiful, with the children reading and new student leaders receiving a special blessing. The children were very reverent and sang with passion.



For parents of children who are making their Sacraments this year Reconciliation will be celebrated on 8th May at 5pm. We will be meeting with Fr Thang on Tuesday to confirm the 2024 dates for First Eucharist and Confirmation. More details will be provided after this meeting next week.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be held for Years 3 & 5 children across Australia from 13-25 March 2024. Children at St Brendan's will complete NAPLAN on the dates below. Please see your child's teacher for further details.

NAPLAN

WEDNESDAY 13/4/24	THURSDAY 14/3/24	FRIDAY 15/3/24
	9:00 am Year 5 Reading 45 minutes	9:15 am Year 3 & 5 Maths 45 minutes
	10:00 am Year 5 Language Conventions 45 minutes	
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11:45 am Year 3 & 5 Writing 40 minutes	11:45 am Year 3 Reading 45 minutes	
	12:45 Year 3 Language Conventions 45 minutes	

School Advisory Board meeting and Parents and Friends Committee

Last Tuesday the School Advisory Board met for the first time this year. It is always wonderful to meet with the parent community and to receive feedback and ideas around a range of topics. Thank you to the permanent members who attended.

We have recently established a Parents and Friends Committee which is primarily responsible for organising fundraising activities. We are still looking for permanent members, however, if you don't feel you can give this level of time, please consider assisting with individual events as they arise. Giving even a small amount of time to help with a fundraising event makes a huge difference to the workload of everyone.

Onsite after hour's activities

We are thrilled to announce that a number of sporting clubs will be using our incredible facilities after hours. These includes:

North Melbourne Cheer Squad using Gym to make AFL banners

- o Thursday 6-9pm (home games only)
- o Anyone interested in Assisting should contact the Cheer Squad President Annette on 0409946216

Kensington Colts Basketball Team will be commencing training in our gym several times a week after school.

- o Thursday 14th March at 3.15pm - For Girls
- o Friday 15th March at 3.15 - For Boys
- o See flier for details

Grasshopper Soccer on Tennis courts

- o Wed 4.30-5.30pm from Term 2
- o More info about participation to come

Parent Helpers

It's wonderful to see that we have had so much interest from parents wanting to help in our classrooms. We will begin this in Term 2, starting with a Parent Helper course to be held on Wednesday 17th April at 9am in the library.

Please note that all parents must have a current 'Working with Children Check'. You can complete this online at

www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check

You can register for the course on a Google form that will be coming soon.

Counselling services

If you have been approached by staff or if you feel your child would benefit from accessing counselling services please talk to your GP about obtaining a Mental Health Plan and sending it to Onpsych. We cannot be provided this counselling service until we have at least 6 families who have completed this step.



Phone: 1300 659 350
Fax: 1300 651 580
Email: contact@onpsych.com.au
Website: www.onpsych.com.au
<https://www.facebook.com/onpsychaustralia>
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Childhood and adolescence can be a difficult and challenging time. St Brendan's will be offering counselling services to children at school through onPsych.

onPsych offers services to students, their families and the school community a no out of pocket expenses (bulk billing) service. This is done under a range of programs, including the GP Mental Health Care Plan (MHCP) and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The MHCP will entitle the child, adolescent or family member up to 20 therapeutic (counselling sessions) per year with the psychologist. NDIS services differ based on individual plans.

For more information please log on to:
<https://onpsych.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/onPsych-School-Collaboration-Starter-Pack.pdf>

Warm regards,

Kellie Noonan



The annual St Brendan's Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday March 20th at Aberfeldie Athletics Track. Students are encouraged to dress in their House colours on the day, and/ or their sports uniform.

If parents/ carers would like to come to support their children, they are welcome at the venue from 10am onwards.

Junior students (Prep- Grade 3) will return to school by 1:30pm and senior students will return by 2:30pm.

If any parents/ carers have a valid WWCC and would like to assist at the event, please see the office staff by Wednesday March 14th. We would love some help from our wonderful community on the day.

We hope to see you there.

-Ms Justine

TERM 1 Dates

Sunday 10th – Friday 17th March

- Catholic Education Week

Monday 11th March

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Public Holiday

Students do not attend school today

Wednesday 13th March

- NAPLAN
- School Open Morning 9.15am

Thursday 14th March

- NAPLAN

Friday 15th March

- NAPLAN
- Casual Clothes Day – gold coin donation
- Assembly 2.40pm in Library Lead by Prep/1

Saturday 16th March

- Lego Club 10.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 20th March

- Whole school Athletics Carnival

Thursday 21st March

- Sushi Day
- Camp parent information night 3:00–3:30pm

Friday 22nd March

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Students do not attend school today

Thursday 28th March

- Assembly 12.15pm in Library Lead by Gr 5/6
- Last Day of Term –School finishes at 1.00pm

TERM 2 Dates

Wednesday, 17th April

- Parent helper program (library)

Thursday, 25th April

ANZAC Day - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Wednesday, 1st – 3rd May

- School Camp G4-6

REMINDERS



Lego Club commenced last Saturday and the response to it has once again been incredible. Just a friendly reminder that Lego Club is run by Fleur who volunteers her time to facilitate the club, but that **parents are expected to stay and supervise their own children.**



Do you know of any families that are seeking a school to enrol their child in now or for the 2025 school year? St Brendan's offers a uniquely personalised learning environment. It has an extraordinary staff to student ratio that ensures that every child is provided with high levels of attention, care and a learning program tailored to their needs.

For all enquiries, please contact the school office on 9376 0249. We have include an open day flyer for you to give to anyone you may know who is interested in attending a school tour.



Parent & Friends Committee
Expression of Interest

PLASTIC BOTTLES with CAPS
WANTED for PREPS



Please donate plastic bottles (no milk bottles) with caps on for our Prep craft activities. The sooner the better please!!

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 4

Prep/1:

St. Brendan's Award: Nebiyu D - For settling into the class routine and is always ready to learn.

St Brendan's Award: Ayak D - For being aware of others and always showing respect and using her manners.

Gr 2/3:

St. Brendan's Award: Violet N - For your exceptional start to Year 3, demonstrating determination and motivation in all your learning tasks.

St Brendan's Award: Kiaan R - For being a dedicated learner by always completing your homework and changing your reader each day.

Gr 4/5 :

St Brendan's Award: Heaven A. For having a positive attitude to your learning and always using initiative to help others.

St Brendan's Award: Kevin A. For consistently brightening our classroom with your warm greetings and genuine displays of care and interest towards others.

Gr 5/6 :

St Brendan's Award: Dylan for always doing what is asked and being a legend. Great work!

St Brendan's Award: Arsema for always being patient in class and in the school yard. Great work!

Specialist Awards

Physical Education:

St Brendan's Award: Josephine C - For representing St Brendan's with pride at the Division Swimming Carnival

St Brendan's Award: Georgia R - For representing St Brendan's with pride at the Division Swimming Carnival

Week 5

Prep/1:

St. Brendan's Award: Amen W - Constantly displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning.

St Brendan's Award: Hermela A - Constantly displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning.

Gr 2/3:

St. Brendan's Award: Olivia P - for being a caring and compassionate class member. You always strive to support and help others.

St Brendan's Award: Robel A - for your determination to listen carefully and focus on your work.

Gr 4/5 :

St Brendan's Award: Skylar R. for helping her classmates without being asked and showing respect for our classroom by keeping it tidy.

St Brendan's Award: Elizabeth H. for being respectful and responsible, consistently striving to do your best and being kind and caring towards others,

Gr 5/6 :

St Brendan's Award: Harry for participating in class discussion. Awesome work!

St Brendan's Award: Georgia for having a go and trying your absolute best.

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Principal's Award:

St. Brendan's Award: Harryo K for being friendly and welcoming to everyone in our school.

St. Brendan's Award: Maria D for her maturity and helpfulness in every situation.



Details

Date: Starts Saturday 9th March at 9am

Price: \$50 for 5 weeks (\$10 per week)

Location: Ron Barrassi Sr Park, Docklands

Auskick Link

- <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/110f6d>
- <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/dbc71c>

IT'S GO TIME!

**KANO PRE-SEASON TRAINING
STARTS 5TH MARCH 2024**



KENSINGTON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB GIRLS & BOYS UNDER 5 TO UNDER 18

This Community Club runs the highly successful soccer **Miniroos program** with our coaching partner **Kano football**, teaching games skills for the long term enjoyment of soccer. Boys U7 - U12 games played on Saturdays, Boys U13 & above on Sundays and Girls games on Sundays.

TRAINING AT JJ HOLLAND PARK, KENSINGTON.

Children U7 - U12. Boys train Tuesday & Wednesday. **Girls** train Thursday.

Please check website for further details. **All Welcome!**

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FRIDAY 8 MARCH

For more information visit our website

www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer

or email Andrew Hollow presidentkfjsc@gmail.com



St Brendan's Primary School
Thursday 21st March

Sushi Day!

Order fresh, healthy and delicious sushi handrolls and help raise funds for our school!

ALL HANDROLLS \$4.00 each
(Includes soy sauce)

- SUSHI HANDROLLS -

Teriyaki Chicken GF DF EF

Crispy Chicken DF EF

Tuna & Cucumber GF DF

Avocado V VG GF DF EF

Tuna & Avocado GF DF

Order online: www.sushi.net.au

Orders must be placed by **10am Wednesday 20th March**.
Sorry no late orders accepted.

PayPal transaction fees/charges apply. NB: You do **not** require a PayPal account, most credit/debit cards accepted.
Detailed instructions for ordering, and detailed ingredients list available from your school.



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