St Brendan's CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8 - 22nd March 2024







With Good Friday approaching contemplate the link between the crucified Christ and Catholic social justice. This link is deeply ingrained in the theology and teachings of the Catholic Church. At the heart of Catholic social doctrine lies the concept of solidarity, echoing Christ's message of love, compassion, and self-sacrifice as exemplified through his crucifixion. The crucifixion narrative emphasises themes of justice, mercy, and redemption, inspiring Catholics to advocate for the marginalised, oppressed, and vulnerable in society. Drawing upon the image of Christ on the cross, Catholic social justice teachings call believers to emulate Christ's selflessness by actively engaging in works of charity, promoting human dignity, and striving for a more just and equitable world.



GROWING THROUGH SERVICE

Dear Parents,

As our term speeds to its conclusion, I want to express my deep gratitude to you all for the welcome, support and encouragement you have shown me since my appointment at St Brendan's. It has been wonderful getting to know the children and families this term and to really spend time getting to understand what makes this community tick.

To our incredible staff, thank you for the profound contributions you make every day to the lives of the children in your care. From teachers to LSOs to Administration Staff, I have been so impressed with the dedication, care and commitment each of you demonstrate in every interaction you have. This school is very fortunate to have such giving professionals working for its betterment each day.

I would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents and volunteers who have given their time in various ways to assist us at school. Schools are such busy places, so having this assistance ensures that we can give our children the best opportunities available.

Thank you to the wonderful children of St Brendan's School who are incredibly friendly, warm and accepting. Seeing your smiling faces each morning at the gate is a highlight of my day, so thank you for making my transition to this new school community so happy and easy for me.

Have a safe, blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing you in Term Two.

Warm regards,

Kellie Noonan

Reminders - Last week of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2

School concludes for Term 1 on Thursday 28th at 1pm. Assembly will be held at 12.30pm.

School resumes for Term 1 on Monday 15th April at 8.30am

EASTER PRAYER SESSIONS:

Monday at 2.45 - Prep/1 Palm Sunday

Tuesday at 2.30pm - Year 4 - Washing of the feet

Wednesday at 2.30pm - Year 2/3 - The Last Supper

Thursday at 11.45am- Year 5/6 - Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane/Good Friday

OPEN DAYS

Next Monday the 25th March at 9.15am we will conduct our third Open Day for 2024. The interest in St Brendan's is increasing with each week, with places for Open Day tours filling up. Let's keep the momentum going by remembering to talk positively to anyone who is looking for a great school. If you love the place, please tell anyone who will listen.

Thanks again to everyone who has taken part in our letterboxing for Open Days, especially to those who have returned to the school office to collect more fliers to deliver. The more people see our name around Flemington, the more likely they will be to want to find out for themselves what we are about.



Mass and Sacraments

The following are the dates and times for Sacraments in 2024. After a discussion with Fr Thang, the School Advisory Board and relevant staff, we have decided that, at least for the next two years, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be **celebrated bi-annually** for both Years 5 and 6 children at St Brendan's.

Sacramental Dates and Preparation

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 8th May at 5pm
Date TBC - Yr 3 Reconciliation visit - Fr Thang
Thursday 18th April at 9:15am
Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Sacrament of Eucharist:

Wednesday 22nd June at 5:30pm

Eucharist Commitment Mass:

Tuesday 4th June - (at St Brendan's whole school mass) with Holy Rosary candidates joining us for whole school mass followed by talk with Fr Thang and activities

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Monday 29th July Confirmation Reflection Day - excursion with Holy Rosary candidates Thursday 1st August at 9:15am -Confirmation Commitment Mass

Parent Helpers

A friendly reminder that we will begin Term 2 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-childrencheck

If you have not registered for this course please see Ms Lisa or Ms Sonya before the end of term

Warm regards, Kellie Noonan

REMINDERS



ICY POLE FRIDAYS ARE OVER but, starting on Fridays in Term 2 we will be selling chips and chocolates out the front of the school EVERY FRIDAY at 3.15pm

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Tuesday 30th April at Debney's Park!



All you need to do is create an online profile at funrun.com.au

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be part of! If you would like to come down and watch your children run, we would love to see you there!



The **Easter Raffle** will be drawn at Assembly on Thursday 28th March at 12.30pm.

TERM 1 Dates

Friday 22nd March

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY Students do not attend school today

Thursday 28th March

- Assembly 12.30pm in Library Lead by Gr 5/6
- Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.00pm

TERM 2 Dates

Monday 15th April

- School returns
 - 8.15am Gates open
 - 8.30am Classrooms open
 - 8.40am Students in their classroom
 - 8.45am Learning Commences



Week 6

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!

Week 7

Prep/1:

St. Brendan's Award: Yoftahe B - For constantly displaying an excellent responsible attitude to all her learning.

St Brendan's Award: Noah A - For using determination to complete his writing task.

Gr 2/3:

St. Brendan's Award: Heston W - For the thoughtful prayers he shares for those less fortunate than himself.

St Brendan's Award: Sunny B - For your exceptional listening skills and consistently following instructions.

Gr 4/5:

St Brendan's Award: Aryam A. - For having a positive attitude towards your learning and always striving to do your best. Great work Aryam!

St Brendan's Award: Alexander B. - For being an open minded learner and contributing to class discussions and group activities. Well done Alex!

AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM

TERM 2, 2024 SOCCER FUN **FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!**

STARTING FROM 24TH APRIL

FIRST 30 NEW ENROLMENTS RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!

FOR A FREE TRIAL P: 0422 738 494

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games

35 MINUTE CLASSES \$155 FOR 8 WEEKS



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO) SYY

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasthopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

INTRO - 60 MINS \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS MICRO - 60 MINS \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS

PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES \$160 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill developme in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

60 MINUTE CLASSES \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS

M: 0422 738 494 | E:melbournecentral@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

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ADD: Grasshopper Soccer Shirt, Shorts & Hat - Enrolment Special \$65 (Size - Please Circle)

Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby authorize Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any juilbulling for injury incumed by my child at Grasshopper Soccer from any juilbulling for injury incumed by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs. Photos/Videos of children attending these programs may be used for reasonable promotional purposes by Grasshopper Soccer.

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THE FLEMINGTON 'PEOPLE'S PANTRY'



The Flemington People's Pantry is a food rescue and redistribution project run by and for members of the Flemington/ Kensington and Ascot Vale public housing estate communities.

If any Family is experiencing cost of living pressures and would like assistance with food please consider contacting The Flemington People's Pantry.

The Pantry is located at 12 Brighton St Flemington and offers home delivery on a Tuesday and a walk in/pick up service on Wednesday.

For assistance contact Leonie on 0466 976 804

