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We ask your blessing God, on this second term – thinking, planning, preparing. Give us energy and enthusiasm.  
We ask your blessing God, on each of us – sharing, helping, caring. Give us sensitivity and friendship.  
We ask your blessing God, on our children – listening, teaching, guiding. Give us warmth and encouragement.  
We ask your blessing God, on our community – working, growing, co-operating. Give us empathy and understanding.

*Term 2*  
*Week 1*  
*02/05/18*

Dear Parents,

It was terrific to see our students return to school yesterday refreshed and ready to learn after their holiday break. This promises to be another busy term and we spoke with the students about the importance of moving straight into a learning mode when lessons recommenced. It is most pleasing to see that this has certainly been the case in our classrooms.

We welcome Abi Higgins to our school in Year 5. Abi comes to St Brendan's from Jindabyne and our students have been wonderful in assisting her settle into our school.

Thank you to all the students and parents who attended the ANZAC march and ceremony last week. I was most impressed, and incredibly proud, that so many of our families attended, student in school uniform, during the holidays. This reaffirmed for me that both St Brendan's and the town of Ganmain, are special communities.

Preparation for First Holy Communion commences this week. The ceremony will take place on Saturday evening June 2nd. If you have not registered your child's participation in the sacrament please do so with Father Darlow this week.

This Friday our school athletics carnival will be held. The field is in a better state since the postponement in Term 1. We greatly appreciate and value the assistance of volunteers to help set up the field on Thursday after school and also with running the carnival on Friday.

Good luck to a number of our students who will be participating in the Diocese Cross Country in Holbrook on Monday. I have no doubt they will be fine ambassadors for St Brendan's.

The manner in which our students play together, irrespective of age, at lunch and recess is wonderful to see. Many students love their footy and their games are always filled with passion and energy. I have spoken with them in recent times about the understanding that this is only a game. It does not matter if you win or lose or not get a free kick you believe you deserved. As I have told the students, if losing a footy game at school is the worst thing that happens to you each day, it has been a good day. I have encouraged our older students to be positive leaders on the playground and we are continuing to focus on the development of resilience in students which will greatly assist them in solving issues themselves.

God Bless,  
Paul

### Lego

Lego club will commence this week after the school holidays. Come and join us every Wednesday afternoon at 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Also at the Library every Saturday morning from 10.30am – 11.30am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### Storytime

Our next storytime dates will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am, theme – “Mummies are Amazing” and then Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May “Clothes”. Come and join us – new families are most welcomed to attend.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The library has a variety of NSW Premiers Reading Challenge books available for students to borrow for those participating. The books have been sorted into their different levels to make it easy for students. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, phone the library for further details.

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 9.30am.

We will need officials for recording and running the events ie: High Jump, Long Jump etc on the day of the Carnival. Parents are asked to bring a packed lunch or lunch orders will be available.

### OVAL MARKING

A working bee to mark the oval for the carnival will be held at 4.30pm on Thursday afternoon. If you are able to come along and give a hand it would be appreciated.



### WINTER UNIFORM

There will be a two week changeover period for children to be in full winter uniform after the holidays.

**The uniform shop now stocks all girls and boys winter uniforms. Parents are asked to purchase uniforms from the school to avoid any incorrect uniforms being worn.**

If you have any questions please contact the school office

### DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

The following children will be attending Cross country to be held at Holbrook on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 9.30am. If you child in not attending could you please let the school know ASAP.

Tex Symons, Zac McPherson, Charlie Smith, Sam Taylor, Max Harris, Lucas Hatty, Chloe Tonacia, Bella Smith, Grace Corbett, Dallas Harris,  
Parents are asked to organize their own transport arrangements

## Awards week 11

K/1/2

Verity Patterson

An impressive effort with hearing & sounding out words.

Sophia Patterson

Demonstrating a commitment to learning and having a positive attitude.



3/4/5/6

Jed Corbett

A fantastic effort when building his vocabulary and his focus on accuracy when writing

Lana McPherson

Working with a positive attitude & consistently completing all set tasks.

Principal's Award

Chloe Tonacia

Working with a positive attitude & consistently completing all set tasks.



St Brendan's P&F invite local school and preschool students to a **DISCO PARTY!**

All students to be signed in/out by an adult guardian. Strictly no alcohol permitted on hall premises. Children under 5 must have an adult guardian remain at the event with them.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
6:30pm – 8pm  
Ganmain Hall

\$5 entry includes chips and a drink.  
\$1 glow sticks for sale at door.

Contact Cayley 0427836492 or Naomi 0429300681 with any queries.

## 2018 Important dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>TERM 2</b> <b>30 April</b> Week 1 Pupil Free day	<b>1 May</b> Term 2 begins Students return	2	3	<b>4 NOTE</b> Athletics Carnival
<b>7</b> Diocesan cross country	8	<b>9</b> Paul Kelly cup	10	11
<b>14</b> NAPLAN	<b>15</b> NAPLAN Reconciliation	<b>16</b> NAPLAN St Brendan's Feast day Mass 10am	<b>17</b> NAPLAN	<b>18</b> Mater Dei musical Yr 5 & 6
21	22	23	24	<b>25</b> Netball clinic @ school
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday JUNE
28	<b>29</b> Deanery Athletics Carnival St Brendan's to host. Canteen P & F	30	<b>31</b> MDPS Year of Youth concert Yrs 5 & 6	1 2 First Communion
4	5	6	7	<b>8</b> School Mass @ 10.00
<b>11</b> Public holiday Long weekend	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
Monday JULY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	<b>6</b> End of Term 2 Mass @ 10am