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A prayer for our Mothers Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love, That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible. Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them, For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be. Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy. Give them the ability to forgive again and again. Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. In Your precious and all powerful name.

Mary, Mother of God and our mother, pray for us.

*Term 2  
Week 2  
10/05/18*

Dear Parents,

I hope all mothers have a very special day on Sunday. Rightly so, mothers are held in the highest of esteem. They demonstrate love, selflessness, patience, kindness, caring and countless other qualities that are essential to our well-being and development. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was the embodiment of these qualities. Like mothers all over, she lived her life in the sacrifice for her son and others. To the mothers in the St Brendan's community, have a wonderful day, it is richly deserved.

Next Wednesday, May 16th, we will celebrate Mass for the feast of St Brendan at 10:30am. The patron saint of our school, St Brendan is a heroic figure. In our school prayer we ask God to grant us the same qualities of St Brendan, bravery, courage and a sense of adventure. You are all welcome to come and celebrate this important feast day with us at Mass.

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will undertake the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There has been much debate and discussion in the media regarding the effectiveness and purpose of these tests. At St Brendan's students are encouraged and prepared to sit these tests in a positive manner. NAPLAN assists parents to understand how your child is doing in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. Rest assured that this data is not all that our school uses to assess students in these areas. Whilst NAPLAN is important, it is not the 'be all and end all'. There is no need to stress prior to and after the tests. We want students to arrive at school next week relaxed, having had a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

The past week has been a busy time for sport at St Brendan's. Last Friday's athletics carnival was highly successful. It was heartening to see all our students participating so well in all events. A huge thank you to the parents who marked the field on Thursday and assisted on Friday at the carnival. Without your support we would not have had such a great day. Congratulations to our students who competed at the Diocese Cross Country in Holbrook on Monday. The opportunity to challenge themselves against the best in the Diocese can be a confronting experience, but the efforts our students gave were excellent. All students from Years 4 to 6 thoroughly enjoyed the Paul Kelly Cup yesterday. The opportunity to form teams with other schools presents many benefits both in the sporting and social fields. Both our teams were excellent ambassadors for the school and our girls in particular had a great time in their first experience of playing Australian Rules.

We welcome Mr Luke Wighton to the staff of St Brendan's. Luke is an Indigenous Support Officer based across a few schools in our diocese and will be with us for half a day on a Monday. He will be working in both classes assisting teachers where necessary and incorporating important knowledge of Aboriginal cultures into the curriculum where appropriate.

God Bless,  
Paul

## Coolamon Library

### Lego

Lego club has commenced, 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 session will be this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am, theme - "Mummies are Amazing" just in time for Mother Day 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 Premier's 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.

## WINTER UNIFORM

Students are to be in full winter uniforms next week. List of correct uniform is attached. **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

## Deanery Athletics Carnival

St Brendan's school will be hosting the Deanery athletics carnival in Wagga on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This will entail organising & running the canteen on the day as well as help with the recording and events. Attached is a form to fill in and return to school by the 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you need further information please contact Lycinda Harris or Cayley Brill. If you are able to help with the recording please contact the office.

Congratulations to the follows students who will represent the school at the Wagga country Deanery carnival on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

### BOYS:

Lucas Hatty, Charlie Smith, Noah Hatty, Aidan Petrie, Zac McPherson, Jed Corbett, Sam Taylor, Nick Dennis, Tex Symons, Nik Patterson, Josh Guthrie, Oscar Hatty,

### GIRLS

Summer Griffiths, Anna Sase, Lacey Harris, Dallas Harris, Khaleya Tala-Charles, Grace Corbett, Lana McPherson, Bella Smith, Ella Wiltshire, Emelia Quinn.

**Permission notes and lunch orders are attached and must be returned BY Monday 21st MAY. All lunch order must be paid for with the order.**

Hi All,

Over the term I will be adding into the newsletter some information that can be beneficial for mathematics at home. The information comes from

Twelve Steps To Increase Your Child's Math Achievement And Make Math Fun (Jo Boaler)

Parents and guardians have incredible opportunities to shape their children's mathematical futures.

The first idea is..

1. Never praise children by telling them they are "smart." This may seem encouraging but it is a fixed ability message that is damaging. When children are told they are "smart," they often feel good, but later when they fail in some situation, as everyone does, they think "Hmm, I am not so smart." Always praise what children have done, instead of the person e.g. "It is wonderful that you have learned how to add numbers", not "Wow, you can add numbers, you are so smart."

Please feel free to contact me for clarification if you would like more information on these steps as the term progresses. Tamara Price



# School Athletics Carnival Champions

Sub-Junior boy - Tex Symons  
Sub-Junior Girl - Neve Harris  
Junior Boy - Charlie Smith &  
Nik Patterson (tied)  
Junior Girl - Summer Griffiths  
Senior Boy - Noah Hatty  
Senior Girl - Anna Sase  
Champion Team - Blue  
Congratulations to all.



## Paul Kelly cup



Children will meet at the Ganmain park  
at 8.30am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Teachers  
will be there to walk to school with the  
students.



**WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

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## 2018 Important dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7 Diocesan cross country	8	9 Paul Kelly cup	10	11	
14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN Reconciliation	16 NAPLAN St Brendan's Feast day Mass 10.30am NOTE CHANGE OF TIME	17 NAPLAN	18 Mater Dei musical Yr 5 & 6	
21	22	23	24	25 Netball clinic @ school	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday JUNE	
28	29 Deanery Athletics Carnival St Brendan's to host. Canteen P & F	30	31 MDPS Year of Youth concert Yrs 5 & 6	1	2 First Communion
4	5	6	7	8 School Mass @ 10.00	
11 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	6 End of Term 2 Mass @ 10am	