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Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated the feast of St Brendan with a lovely Mass. We are incredibly fortunate to have our school named after such notable saint. St Brendan is recognised as Ireland's second most famous saint after St Patrick. He is the patron saint of navigators as he took a legendary sea voyage where he came across a sea monster. Our school motto of 'Launch Out into the Deep' encourages us to show the same qualities of St Brendan, to be brave, courageous and to have the determination to take on challenges. We ask the Lord to grant us these characteristics.

Our Year 3 and 5 students have approached this week's NAPLAN tests in a positive manner. Aspects of these tests can be challenging but the preparation and support given by our staff in the weeks before NAPLAN has seen our students ready for these challenges. Yesterday the students sat Language Conventions and Writing, today Reading whilst tomorrow they tackle Numeracy. The results will arrive in August where we will eagerly analyse data presented.

A huge congratulations goes to Anna Sase on her selection in the MacKillop netball side which will participate in the NSW Primary Schools championship in late July. This is a huge honour and Anna is one of only 10 players selected in this side which is made up of girls from the Catholic schools in the Wagga, Canberra-Goulburn, Wollongong, Parramatta and Sydney diocese. Well done Anna! St Brendan's are incredibly proud of your achievement.

Students have looked very smart this week in their winter uniforms. The expectation remains that students wear their full winter uniform in the correct manner. Students wearing their uniform correctly with pride sends a strong message to others about St Brendan's.

We encourage strong lines of communication between home and school. It is vital but however we ask that communication is done through the correct channels. Absentees must go to Sheena in the office via phone or the SchoolStream App. Any messages that need to be given to students during the school day must also go to Sheena. Please do not hesitate to contact me should it ever be required. Email: spainp1@ww.catholic.edu.au

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God Bless
Paul

Term 2 Week 3
16/05/18



HELP ME TO JOURNEY BEYOND
THE FAMILIAR AND INTO THE
UNKNOWN. GIVE ME THE FAITH
TO LEAVE OLD WAYS AND BREAK
FRESH GROUND WITH YOU.

- Prayer of St. Brendan -

CHRIST OF THE MYSTERIES,
I TRUST YOU TO BE STRONGER
THAN EACH STORM WITHIN ME.
I WILL TRUST IN THE DARKNESS
AND KNOW THAT MY TIMES,
EVEN NOW, ARE IN YOUR HAND.
TUNE MY SPIRIT TO THE MUSIC
OF HEAVEN, AND SOMEHOW,
MAKE MY OBEDIENCE COUNT
FOR YOU. AMEN.

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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.

"My Health Record" - talk

The Library is in partnership with The Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network and are hosting a free My Health Record information session where you can learn about what it is, its benefits and how the system is expanding this year. It will be held on Tuesday, 29th May @ 10.30am with morning tea provided.

Storytime

Our next Storytime session will be Friday 25th May @ 10.30am, theme - "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.

School Athletics Carnival Champions

Sub-Junior boy - Liam Quinn
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.

Mater Dei Musical

The students in Yr 5 & 6 will travel to Mater Dei primary school on Friday 18th May to attend the musical "We will rock you". Students will depart school at 9.15am.

Thank you to Bron Hatty & Steph Plane who will help with transport

Deanery Athletics

St Brendan's school will be hosting the Deanery athletics carnival in Wagga on Tuesday 29th May. This will entail organising & running the canteen on the day as well as help with the recording and events. Forms were sent home last week and need to be returned by 18th May. If you need further information please contact Lycinda Harris or Cayley Tonacia. If you are able to help with the recording please contact the office.

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

Maths Information for Week 3!

Twelve Steps To Increase Your Child's Math Achievement And Make Math Fun

Step 2. Never share stories of math failure or even dislike.

Research has shown that as soon as parents say to their children:

"I wasn't good at math at school," their child's achievement went down.

Even if you have to put on your best acting skills, always seem happy - even thrilled when you see math.

When my children get home, I eagerly ask them if they have any math homework. This sometimes requires some acting on my part.

But whatever the math homework looks like, be excited about it. Don't worry if you cannot do your children's tasks. **Ask them to explain it to you.** This can be one of the most encouraging experiences a parent can give their children. I often tell my own children that I don't know how to do the work they are doing, even if I do, **as when they are explaining it to me, they are learning it at a much deeper level.** It makes them very happy - Jo Boaler, Stanford University.



Awards Week 2

K/1/2

Bella Smith

For the attention to detail she applies to all tasks

Neve Harris

Applying appropriate strategies to enhance her fluency in reading

Principal Award

Charlie Smith

Making great attempts at all he does.

3/4/5/6

Nik Patterson

Always encouraging other both within the classroom & on the playground

Lucas Hatty

For his focus & persistence when completing set tasks



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

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



Congratulations Anna
MacKillop netball side – well done.



2018 Important dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	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