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Prayer to Mary Help of Christians (Feast: 24th May)

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.*

*Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ
shine over our land.*

*May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to
our leaders and integrity to our citizens.*

*Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and
their families.*

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

*Term 2
Week 4
23/05/18*

Dear Parents,

This week has been as quiet a week at St Brendan's as there has been this term with students not leaving school for any outside events. This has allowed teachers to continue to consolidate on learning across all subjects and we are pleased with the academic progress of our students.

Remember in your prayers our students who are making their Holy Communion on Saturday June 2nd. The students have been preparing at school with Mrs Sase and Mrs Guthrie and Fr Darlow joins us on a Thursday for lessons. It is pleasing to hear that the sessions on a Saturday before Mass have been well attended.

At St Brendan's our students are provided with a well-rounded curriculum. Some of the events that have occurred last week and will occur later this week certainly highlight this fact.

Our Stage 3 students thoroughly enjoyed Mater Dei Catholic College production of We Will Rock You that they attended last Friday. The opportunity to see a large scale school musical such as this was well received and in years to come our students may get to participate in such an event. Attending performances such as these links closely to what occurs in music lessons at St Brendan's.

This coming Friday all students will be involved in netball clinics at school. Whilst many of our students are familiar with the game, this is a great opportunity for all students to develop fitness and ball skills and have fun,

Good luck to our students participating at the Country Deanery Athletics carnival next Tuesday. Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to assist with the canteen on the day as St Brendan's are the host school.

It is wonderful to see many students arriving at school fresh and ready to jump right into the adventures that the new day brings. One of the reasons that students start a day in this manner is due to the amount of sleep that they had the previous night. It is obvious when a student arrives at school sleep deprived. They are often listless and lethargic, slumped on desks, unable to complete set tasks in the given time frame and not engaging with peers in the classroom and playground.

Please ensure that your child has between 10 and 12 hours of sleep each night. Establish routines concerning bedtime and try to keep them maintained. A lot of students use technology such computers and iPads at home. If this is the case, do not have them use these devices directly before bed. John Joseph, a specialist in learning related to the brain, has stressed the importance of having children unwind before they sleep. Stimulation due to technology creates the reverse situation which leads to the brain not going into relaxation mode until well after the desired sleep time. This use of technology is not limited at all to school-related tasks. Playing video games and ipods can be even more detrimental to sleep patterns so they need to be avoided in the evenings.

God Bless
Paul

Storytime

Our next Storytime session will be held this Friday 25th May @ 10.30am, theme - "Clothes". Come and join us - new families are most welcomed to attend.

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.

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.

Respectful & Responsible



Learners

Thursday 28 June 2018

TRY SFC FOR A DAY


Current Year 6 and prospective Years 7-11 students are invited to come along and

TRY SFC FOR A DAY on Thursday 28 June

Parents may bring their child/children to the College Library (building nearest the Oval) at 9.30am and return at 2.30pm to collect them from the College Library at the conclusion of the day.

Students will experience what it's like to be a St Francis Student for a day.

Students are to wear their current School's Sports Uniform and to bring a water bottle and their recess. A Free Sausage Sizzle for lunch will be provided.



Day will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 2.30pm

Meet the Principal, Assistant Principal, 2019 Year Leader, College Captains, Students & Teachers

Students will learn about Science, Music, Food Tech, Art, PD/Health/PE, Industrial Technologies, Media, Languages, Drama, Maths and much more!

If you wish your child to attend SFC for a Day please RSVP by 18 June 2018 by phoning 02 6953 3622 or email

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Transport for the Deanery Carnival to be held on Tuesday 29th May is as follows.

If you are going with another parent you are asked to contact them to arrange a time for departure.

Deanery Athletics

Symons	Tex	Taylor	Sam, Ella, Aidan
Sase	Anna, Jed	Guthrie	Joshua
Dennis	Nick	Patterson	Nik
McPherson	Lana, Zac	Smith	Charlie, Bella, Lacey,
Hatty	Noah, Lucas, Oscar	Griffiths	Summer
Corbett	Grace,	Harris	Dallas

Maths Information for Week 4!

Twelve Steps To Increase Your Child's Math Achievement And Make Math Fun (Excerpt below)

3. Always praise mistakes and say that you are really pleased that your child is making them.

Recent research has shown that our brains grow the most when we make mistakes. Scientists have found that when people make a mistake in math, synapses spark, and there is activity in the brain that is absent when people get work correct. What this means is that we want people to make mistakes!

In fact, making mistakes in math is the most useful thing we can do. But many children (and adults too!) hate to make mistakes. They think it means they are not a "math person." It is important both to celebrate mistakes and tell children their brain is growing when they make them.



Awards Week 3

K/1/2

Emelia Quinn

Demonstrating initiative and increased confidence in solving mathematical problems

Oscar Hatty

Contributing thoughtful & interesting opinions to class discussions

Principal Award

Lana McPherson

A great attitude towards learning.

3/4/5/6

Zac McPherson

His endeavour to challenge himself and build capacity within his learning.

Aidan Petrie

For showing empathy & compassion to those in our community in need.



St Brendans Feast Day Activities



2018 Important dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 Week 4	22	23	24	25 Netball clinic @ school
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday JUNE
28 Week 5 School council meeting @ 6.30pm	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
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Week 6	5	6	7	8
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Week 7 Public holiday Long weekend	12	13	14	15
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Week 8	19	20	21	22
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 Week 9	26	27	28	29
Monday JULY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Week 10	3	4	5	6 End of Term 2 Mass @ 10am