



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends of St Brendan's,

I would like to congratulate our school leaders for 2011: Our school captains were acknowledged late last year. They are:

School Captains	Jackie Cameron & Lochlann Street
Vice Captains	Kobe Lane & Michael Steinberg
Sports Captains:	Gold - Caitlin Myszka & Kyall Goding
	Red - Chloe Thompson & Joshua Bruitzman
	Blue - Tyler Watkins & Ryan Vincent
	Green - Tamika Dyble & Travis Lowns

School Representative Council:

PS	Audrey Thompson	PW	Luke Taranto
1T	Bethany Gilmore	1/2K	Tiana Marshall
1/2S	Mitchell Johnson-Archer	3/4H	John Barnard
3/4R	Peter Varga	5/6D	Nick Dodemaide/Marcus Allen
5/6P	Tom Chalmers		

Class Captains:

1T	Summer Carne & Keenan Tilley
1/2K	Kasey Lowns & Tom Bruitzman
1/2S	Aaliyah Clifford & Jarrod Smyth
3/4H	Kelsea Foulds & Zac Colvin
3/4R	Tiarna Donnelly & Mark Barber
5/6D	Katie Jansz & Nick Foster
5/6P	James Limanis & Caitlin Ryan

We feel it is still a bit early for our new Preps to take on this role.

The children will be presented with their badges at our next assembly on **Monday, February 28**. We hope to see many parents there to witness this proud moment. We will also give choir badges to our members for 2011. Names are listed in this newsletter.

It was wonderful to see some new faces at our first School Advisory Committee Meeting. I thank Linda Rigby for taking on the chairperson role and Annie Sweeney Smith for volunteering to be our secretary. Deb Allen is continuing her services as treasurer. Louise Street will be the fundraising coordinator, but she will have a capable team of volunteers assisting her with the different events! The proposed construction of the 14 units across the road took up quite a bit of our time at the meeting and I thank Linda Rigby and Annie Sweeney-Smith for assisting with submitting an objection to the proposal from the School Advisory Council. There will be a petition tonight at the Twilight Sports from the parents and we hope you will give your support to that by adding your signature.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday: 24.2

- Twilight Sports

Friday: 25.2

- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday: 7.3

- Assembly at 2.30pm

Tuesday: 8.3

- Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday: 9.3

- Ash Wednesday

Monday: 14.3

- LABOUR DAY

Tuesday: 15.3

- Book Fair begins

Wednesday: 16.3

- Open Day Tours—
9.30am, 11.30am and
6pm

Thursday: 17.3

- Mass at St. Patrick's
Cathedral for school
leaders

Monday: 21.3

- Class meetings
- No Assembly

Friday: 25.3

- Confirmation at 7pm

I would like to congratulate Sarah Marshall, Jaymie Lilley and Charlotte Posthuma on competing in the district swimming trials. Sarah will represent the Bayside District at the Zone Swimming Carnival in backstroke and breaststroke later in the year.

Please keep the people of Christchurch in your prayers and thoughts at this distressing time.

I look forward to seeing you at our Twilight Sports tonight!



Corrie Hearn
Principal

WELLBEING NEWS

Wellbeing News - PBS Update (Positive Behaviour Support)

As you may be aware St Brendan's is a Positive Behaviour Support school. Last year the framework for PBS was initiated. This included revising our four school expectations or rules and the consequences system that is in place both on the playground and in the classroom. Data is collected from the classrooms and the playground each week that gives evidence of when and where negative behaviour is most likely. It also directs staff to assist certain children with further intervention to help them make good choices. These interventions may be small social groups or more individual therapy such as Play Therapy.

Since PBS has been in place we have seen improvements in many aspects of behaviour at our school. Such as, teachers are more consistent in their approach to behaviour management and children striving to make good choices.

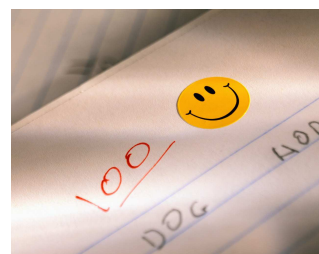
One of the aspects of PBS is the way children are rewarded for positive behaviour. Last year wristbands were introduced and given to children for positive behaviour. The wristbands could be traded in once per week at the PBS shop for small toys or vouchers such as, a lunch order. However, as with many new initiatives the wristband system had a couple of areas that needed improvement.

We discovered that some parents would buy wristbands for their child that undermined their purpose, children would take them home and lose them, and they would break or fall off at school and again be lost. So this year we have decided to change the wristbands for tokens. The tokens have been handmade by parent volunteers and have our school logo on them.

The children achieve them by collecting smiley faces on an individual chart in their classroom. For example, 5 smiley faces = 1 token. The tokens are kept at school by the teacher in plastic pockets for each child. Each Wednesday the PBS shop will open for trading and the children can use their tokens to "buy" from the shop.

This week was the first week the shop was opened. It was great to see so many children who have already accumulated tokens to trade with. Please encourage your child to talk about the positive behaviour that they have been rewarded for, it is much nicer hearing this news than only negative aspects of their day! Perhaps at home you can also try to give your child 4 or 5 positive verbal praises to 1 negative correction!

Have a great week
Michelle Bruitzman



Happy Birthday to...

William Roberts

Matthew Smythe

Nicholas Foster

Joelle O'Brien

Mrs Kathryn Cunningham



Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

BOOK FAIR—MARCH 15, 16 & 17

Our annual bookfair will be held in the multi purpose rooms from 8.30am—9.00am and 3.00pm—3.30pm on the above dates.

Money raised will help buy more Lexile/Literacy books. So come along and support your children There will be a competition (to be announced next week) with book prizes kindly donated by Scholastic Book Fair.

We really need several helpers before and after school to support this book fair.

If you are interested and can help, please contact Jeanette (Ty & Aleesha's Mum) on 0408 378 968 or the office.



HEAD LICE

For the many families and teachers of school aged children, head lice continues to create concerns. While it is known that head lice do not carry any infectious disease, the principal, teaching staff and S.A.C. at St. Brendan's have developed a parent-managed head lice program to help parents manage head lice. A group of volunteer parents have co-ordinated the program and it is fully supported by the school. All volunteer parents sign a confidentiality form and require a Working With Children Check.

If you would be willing to become a volunteer to help with this program please fill in the slip below and return to the office.

Yes, I would be willing to volunteer to help the parent managed head lice program.

Name: _____

Contact phone no: _____



Congratulations to Sarah, Charlotte and Jaymie on a fabulous swim on Wednesday morning. You all did a wonderful job representing St. Brendan's school. Sarah won both backstroke and breaststroke and she will go on to swim for the Bayside District at the Zone Swimming Carnival later.

Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Scott family Jemma (3/4H), Carly (1/2S) and Marcus at home and Michael & Jenny on the passing of their grandfather and father. Please keep the Scott family in your prayers.

Conveyance Allowance

Any new families to the school who live over 4.8 kilometres from St Brendan's School (and St Brendan's is the closest Catholic school to your home) **may** be eligible for Travel Allowance. If you believe that you are entitled to this benefit, please contact the school office for the relevant form a.s.a.p.

EMA PAYMENTS

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concession Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February, 2011) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

Please see the school office with your card to make arrangements.

Music News

Warmest congratulations go to the following students who are the choir members for 2011.

John Barnard
 Matthew Clark
 Meg Foley
 Katie Jansz
Zac Lilley
 Charlotte Posthuma
Armani Ballerini

Eliza Bloom
 Rebecca Clark
 Kelsea Foulds
Breanna Kilkenny
 Sarah Marshall
 Gemma Scott

Hayley Cox
Keona Donald
Grace Hussey
 Jaymie Lilley
Libby Morris
Emily Wilson



I especially welcome the new members for 2011 (bold type) and look forward to hearing the students sing at a variety of school events throughout the year.

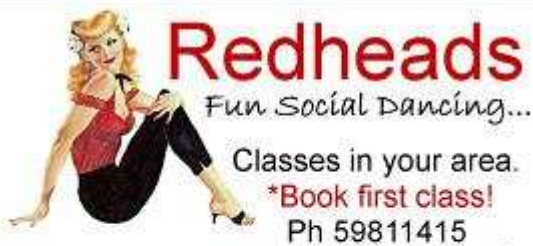
Yours in harmony
 Emma Chapple

COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don't need to be catholic to attend. The next weekends will be held on 8-10 April, 3-5 June and 19-21 August. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au



Rock n Roll
Friday's 7.30pm
4 wks from 11/3
in Hastings. \$60 p/p
*Bookings essential

**YOGA
SCULPT**
Mon 6.30pm
Sat 10am
Red Hill

More details + all timetables :
www.redheadsdance.com.au



Presentation Family Centre (Not for Profit Organization)

Part Time Office Coordinator-Balnarring Beach

A fantastic professional Not for Profit Organization is seeking a new addition to their small friendly and supportive team, located at Balnarring Beach a seaside village on the Mornington Peninsula.

The Centre offers a safe, pleasant and harmonious working environment, open and effective communication and employment that is secure and satisfying. The successful applicant will become part of a great culture, attend team meetings and play an integral part in assisting to develop the Centre.

The Centre provides respite accommodation for families and other persons in necessitous circumstances.

As the Office Coordinator, you will report to the Centre Manager assisting with managing the Centre on a day to day basis. Specific duties and responsibilities will include but are not limited to:-

- Handling enquiries from clients
- Making reservations directly into the computerized reservation system
- Supporting the team and responding for internal enquiries
- Production of our Quarterly Newsletter
- Regularly updating the website
- Preparing a suite of weekly and monthly reports.
- Processing of accounts payable payroll and relevant records
- Maintaining and preparing
- Preparing and processing customer invoices
- Maintaining a log of issues associated with the Centre

The successful applicant will have strong knowledge of Microsoft Office and a working knowledge of QuickBooks is considered a big plus. You will have good oral and written skills, be a self starter, honest and reliable.

The hours of work are flexible and negotiable but ideally five days a week from 9-30am to 1pm.

If this position sounds like you, then don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to join the Presentation Family Centre., Please send your resume to bryan.williams@presentationfamilycentre.org.au or phone Bryan Williams on 03 59831819 or 0417 800 780.

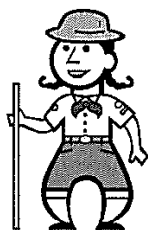
SAVE A TREE! GET YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Yes, I would like my weekly newsletter via email.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Eldest Child's Grade: _____



Want a Challenge,
Have an Adventure
Meet new Friends
Come and Join the Scouts

As a Scout you can go camping and go on other outings, there are games and other activities that will give you a challenge and earn you rewards
Scouts are open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 to 26.

1st Somerville Scout Group Invite you
to one of our Scouting nights to give us a try,
Joey Scouts ages 6 to 8 – available Term 2
Cub Scouts ages 8 to 10 – Tuesday Night 7:00 to 8:30
Scouts ages 10 to 14 – Wednesday Night 7:00 to 9:00
Venturers ages 14 to 18 – Monday Night 7:30 to 9:30
Rovers ages 18 to 26 – Do not operate from Somerville

There is also openings to parents and adults wanting to help, why not become a leader for any one of these sections, there is full support and
Nationally recognised training provided
So if you can provide few hours a week plus the odd weekend come along and
give us a try

If you're interested please contact;
Group Leader Pat Campisi
Phone: 5978 0008
Mobile: 0457 002 363

Email: gl.somerville1st@vicscouts.asn.au

Website: www.vicscouts.asn.au and find out more about Scouting