ST. BRENDAN'S SCHOOL

St Brendan's School Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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From the Principal

Today we celebrated the Feast of Mary Mackillop. Mary was a woman of great humanity and justice, she lived a life of goodness, responded to the needs of those around her. Her life was motivated by compassion for those most in need. Mary responded to the Gospel call.

Like Mary, we are called to work in harmony to promote and protect human dignity, seeking to identify and assist the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the forgotten in our community.

We are reminded of Mary's catch phrase, *'Never see a need without doing something about it.'*

FIRST EUCHARIST

Next weekend, we have 11 students celebrating their First Eucharist at the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

Over this week, in preparation, our young candidates have celebrated the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* and today were involved in a *Reflection Day*.

Please keep Alfred, Alicia, Angwit, Bol, Finnian, James, Josephine, Joshua, Micah, Ruby and Vincent in your prayers as they enter the final stages of preparation.

RECONCILIATION – Presentation Mass

Our Reconciliation candidates commence their official enrolment in the program on the weekend of Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August. Our young candidates will attend Mass where they will be introduced to the community and lodge their Reconciliation Enrolment Form

Please keep Mijok, Eliza, Deng, Madeline, Danny, Natasha, Peter, Adam and Maxwell in your prayers as they commence this new phase in their faith journey.

BRING ALONG A PLATE TO SHARE

The hospitality team at St. Brendan's have suggested that in recognition of Migrant & Refugee Week we come together and celebrate our diverse community by sharing a **"multi-cultural morning tea"** at our **Welcome Sunday on 18 August**.

The idea is that parishioners bring a small plate of food representing their heritage. This can be

sweet or savoury. For example, mini spring rolls, mini pies & sausage rolls, lamingtons, mini pizza, sticky rice balls, cakes.
After mass we will stay and enjoy the delicious food on offer, share a cuppa and our stories.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

Next Thursday 15 August, Catholics across the world celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This feast is a celebration of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her being assumed body and soul into heaven after her death.
In 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed this day as a Holy Day of Obligation. Historically, there were 36 Holy Days of Obligation days plus all Sundays of the year. This has been greatly reduced over time. Today, we have two Holy Days of Obligation, Christmas Day and the Feast of the Assumption plus all Sundays of the year, when we are obliged to attend Mass.
The Assumption is a feast of great hope for us as we strive to be faithful and live like Mary.
We will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption at our Parish Mass at 9:15 am on Thursday. I invite and encourage all to join us for this special feast.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FIRST AID

Our staff will undertake first aid training to upgrade their qualifications of Monday 9 September. The course will include will training in injury management, CPR, anaphylaxis and asthma.
This is a student free day.
Families are reminded that YLV will be running a full day program for those who require child care for the day.

REMINDER: HATS ON DAY
Monday 2 September

HATS ON DAY this year is 2nd September.
All students and staff are expected to wear their hats so it's now time to chase them up from the bottom drawers.

Peter Hayes
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Next Prayer Assembly will be held in Term 3 on Monday 26 August and led by Year 1/2s.

'LIVE IN FAITH' AWARDS

Our recipients from last week's St Brendan's *'Live in Faith'* Award are:

Joey 1/2G	Zaria Prep	Christabella 5/6LS
Awel Prep	Arabella Prep	Brayden 5/6LS
Harry Prep	Jamie 5/6LS	Alfred 5/6LS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For full calendar download the St Brendan's SKOOLBAG App			
2019			
TERM 3			
Week 4	Thursday	8 August	First Eucharist Reflection Day
	Saturday	10 August	First Eucharist 6:00 pm
Week 5	Sunday	11 August	First Eucharist 10:30 am
	Wed	14 August	Year 3/4 Excursion – Terracotta Warriors
	Saturday	17 August	Reconciliation Presentation Mass 6:00 pm
Week 5	Sunday	18 August	Reconciliation Presentation Mass 10:30 am

SCHOOL DATES 2019 – dates are correct at time of publication

Term 3	**15 July (Mon) – 20 September (Fri)**
Term 4	7 October (Mon) – 19 December (Thurs)

SCHOOL DATES 2020 – dates are correct at time of publication

Term1	**30 January (Thurs) – 27 March (Fri)** **Prep 31 January (Fri)**
Term 2	14 April (Tues) – 26 June (Fri)
Term 3	**13 July (Mon) – 18 September (Fri)**
Term 4	5 October (Mon) – 17 December (Thurs)

CO-CURRICULA and EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

CURRENT EVENTS		
Terracotta Warriors - NGV	Years 3/4	Wednesday 14 August
ONGOING EVENTS		
Breakfast Club	Whole School	Monday & Wednesday 8:00 – 8:30
Early Years Program (*gold coin donation*)	0 – 5 Years	Each Tuesday 9:00 – 10:30 The Curragh (Library)
Run the Block	Years 3-6	Tuesday & Friday 8:30 – 8:45
Run the Tennis Courts	Years Prep - 2	Tuesday & Friday 8:30 – 8:45
Tennis (*cost*)	Years 4 - 6	Friday afternoon

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2019 – dates are correct at time of publication

Term 3	Personal Faith Development (TBA)
	Mon 9 September - First Aid
Term 4	**Mon 4 and Tues 5 November – Melbourne Cup Long Weekend**
	Fri 6 December - Strategic Planning

Mass Times at St Brendan's			
WEEKDAYS	Wednesday and Friday	**9:15 am**	
WEEK-ENDS	Saturday	**9:15 am**	**6:00 pm**
	Sunday	**10:30 am** - English and Italian	
		1:00 pm - Coptic Mass	

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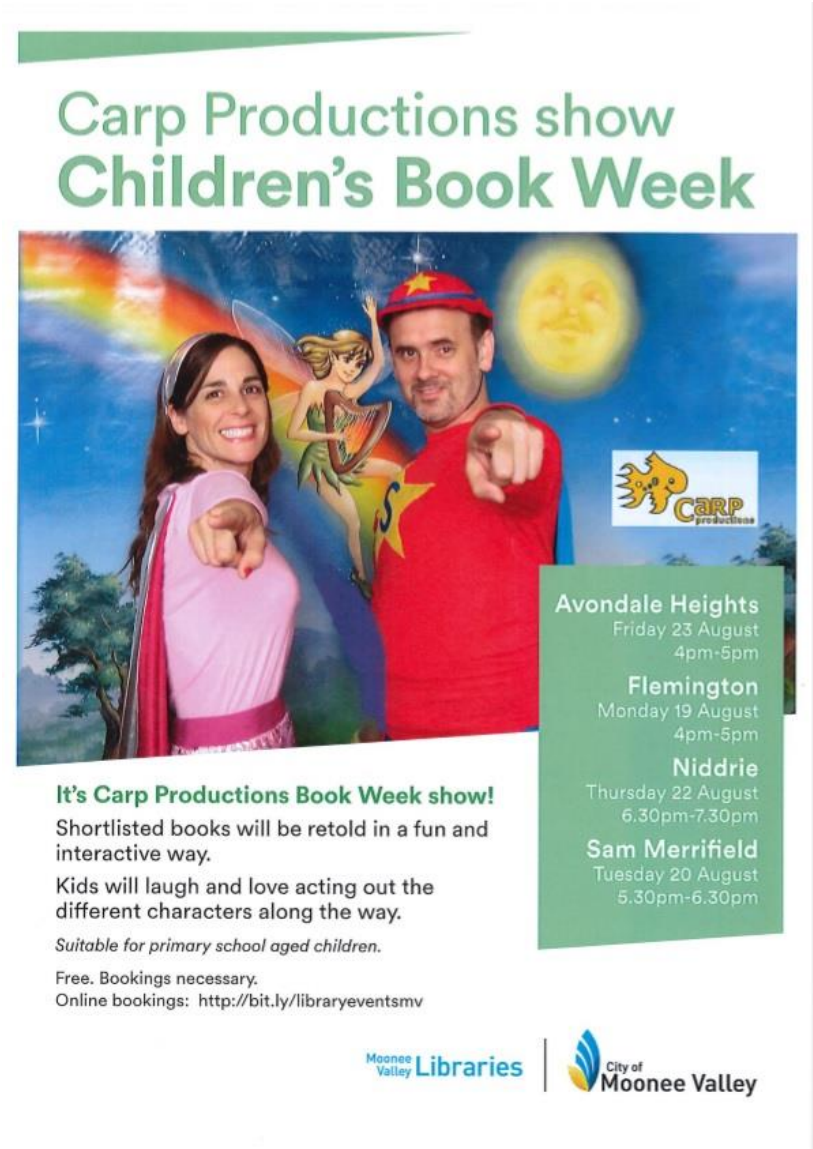
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