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Newsletter Term 4, Thursday 16th October

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Foundation Art Science & PE

Tucker Tuesday

Wednesday Grade 5/6 Art, Science & PE

Regional Athletics – Taya and Ronin

Thursday Grade 1/2 Art Science, PE

Little Legends 0–5-year-old health program

Friday Grade 3/4 Art Science, PE

**MARC Van dates Wednesday 22nd Oct,
19th Nov**

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Wed 22nd – Kinder Transition 9am – 2:30pm
MARC VAN

Wed 29th – Kinder Transition – 9am -2:30pm

Fri 31st – Whole School Assembly

WORLDS TEACHERS DAY

NOVEMBER

3rd - **Report Writing Day-No students**

4th - **Melbourne Cup Day Holiday**

5th - **NO MARC VAN**

10th - 14th Grade 5/6 Camp

Thur 20th - Swimming Lessons
Grade 2 Sleep Over

Fri 21st - Grade 2 Big Day Out

Tues 25th - Swimming Lessons

Thur 27th - Swimming Lessons

Foundation/Grade 1 Sleep over

Fri 28th - Prep,1/2 Big Day Out.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break and is ready for another exciting and productive term ahead. This final term of the year is always a special one, filled with learning opportunities, celebrations, and preparations for the year's end. Our students have already returned with great enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievements as we head toward a strong finish to the school year.

Last Wednesday, we welcomed our 2026 Foundation students for their very first day of transition, and what a wonderful start it was! The children spent time becoming familiar with the school's facilities and beginning to learn some of the daily routines—lining up, moving calmly into the classroom, and transitioning from the floor to their tables. They enjoyed getting to know their new classmates and teachers, building the first connections that will grow throughout the year. The students were introduced to the letter 'M' and the sound it makes. Children met **Milo the Monkey**, who will help them on their literacy journey. They also worked together beautifully during a fun **cooperation task with the parachute**, learning the value of teamwork and communication. To finish off their first session, they discovered the joy of listening to stories—a lovely way to begin their learning adventure at school.

Welcome to our School Community



Makenzie and Mum, Maddi and Mum

EVERY WEDNESDAY

October

15th 9:00am-11:00am

22nd 9:00am-2:30pm

29th 9:00am-2:30pm

November

5th 9:00am-3:30pm

Please pass on these details to friends or family with children starting school in 2026.

Kinder to School Transition Program

Starting school is an exciting time for children and parents. We know that children who have a positive transition between kinder and school begin their first year of school with confidence. Over the course of our 5-week program your child will build strong connections with their teachers, peers and school community, learn school routines and experience some of our learning programs.



**Maggie and Mum
Asher and Dad**



**Hamish with mum and dad
Walter with Mum and little brother**



**Jason and Mum,
Billie and Dad**



Walter and Maggie



Jason and Billie



Maddi and Makenzie



Enrol Now

2026 Prep Tours

School Tour Bookings

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GRADE 1 / 2 LEARNING

At the end of Term 3, The Rowe family kindly brought in two of their baby goats: Spinach and Squeak. The children from Prep, 1,2, 3 & 4 enjoyed playing with them and learning about baby goats.

Toby: I loved bringing my baby goats to show everyone

Harper B: "They were cute"

Harper G: "That they chewed on D'mari's clothes"

Thomas: "They were very playful"



Kirsti and Mrs Young really enjoyed the goat cuddles.



The Golding family returned from a 2 week holiday in Bali, Ari enjoyed telling Grade 1 / 2 about her trip.

Ari's favourite thing about Bali was riding an elephant and holding a python.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



When: 31st of October

Venue: Grade 5&6 classroom



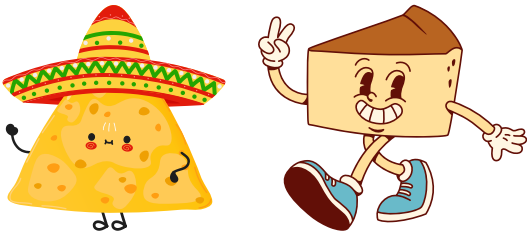
Time: 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

TUCKER TUESDAY

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

MAIN: Build your own Nachos.

DESSERT: Berry Cheesecake



GRADE 3 / 4 LAKES TYERS ABORIGINAL TRUST VISIT.

Grade 3 / 4 were invited out to the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust, where they were greeted by TEO Brandon Hood. Brandon took the students on a tour and gave a presentation on the history of the Trust. All students were engaged in the activities and were respectful of place. A great day was had by all. They were lucky enough to receive a t-shirt as a small memento of their visit.



GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP – KAROONDA PARK

Grade 3 / 4 ventured to Karoonda Park for a 3-day camp at the end of Term 3. Activities included the flying fox, rock climbing wall, night walk, horse riding, low ropes course, tree ID and initiative course. Students enjoyed all activities and made lots of new friends from other schools. Miss Hood, Willow, Lylah, Macy, Maddi and Archie were almost attacked by a koala (Not really), but it was hanging outside their cabin and made scary noises at night.



FOUNDATION LEARNING

In Foundation the term has started back with a big focus on being a learner and using student agency to take responsibility for our learning. This includes, listening and knowing what you are learning and why and being able to keep persisting even when things are hard.

In literacy students have been continuing to learn more digraphs (2 letters making 1 sound). This week they have been learning the /ou/ sound and practising to read and write words with this sound. They have also been using these words to write sentences and short stories.

The focus in numeracy has been looking at number patterns and skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. They have continued learning about subtraction and using number lines to solve subtraction problems.



Food for breakfast club has been ordered but is not due for delivery until next Monday. Breakfast Club will commence on Tuesday 21st October.

Students can access breakfast in the staff room from 8:30am until 8:50am.



Breakfast Club is back.

Toast, cereal, porridge, spaghetti/baked beans and fresh fruit will be available on the breakfast menu.

Students can fuel their brains at Breakfast Club

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:30am – 8:50am

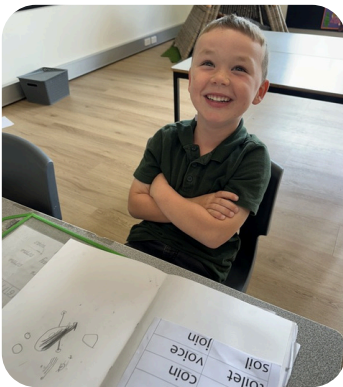
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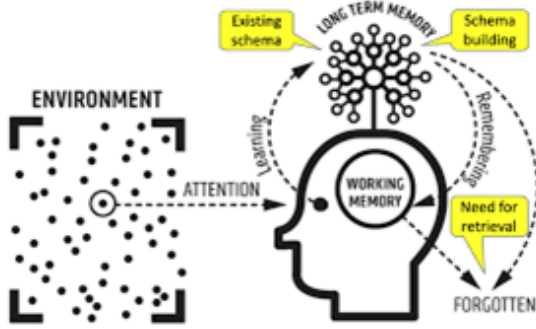
This program will be run by a volunteer student leadership team.

GRADE 5 & 6 NEWS

How Our Brains Learn – Grade 5 & 6 Inquiry into Learning

This term, our Grade 5 and 6 students have been exploring the fascinating topic of **how the brain learns**. They've discovered that learning isn't just about listening and remembering — it's about how our brains pay **attention**, use **working memory**, and store information in **long-term memory**.

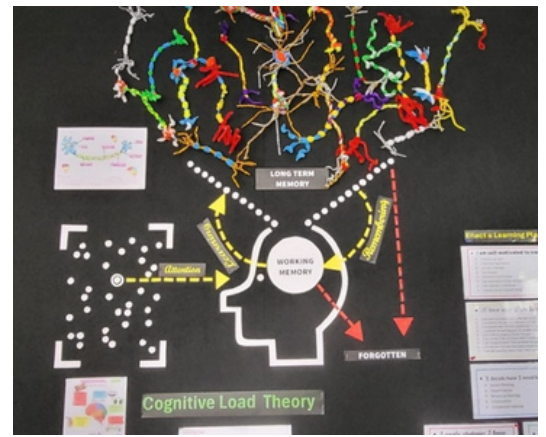




Students have been learning that when we practise retrieving information, we strengthen the **neurons** in our brains. This makes remembering and recalling information easier and faster over time — a great reminder that **practice really does make progress!**

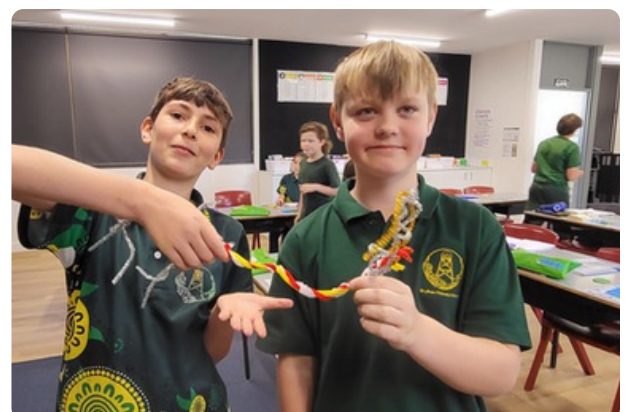
We've also explored the idea of **cognitive load** — the mental effort required to learn something new. Students discussed what can make learning harder and how they can **lighten their cognitive load** when they start to feel overwhelmed. Together, they brainstormed effective strategies to support their learning, such as:

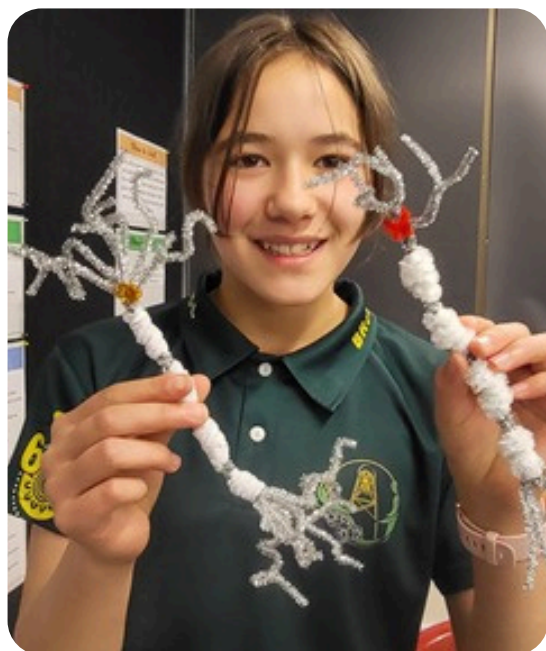
- Being organised and prepared for learning
- Knowing what they're learning and why it's important
- Connecting new ideas with what they already know
- Setting goals and monitoring their progress
- Creating learning plans and breaking big tasks into smaller steps
- Asking for help or feedback when needed
- Working collaboratively with peers
- Staying calm and taking regular **brain breaks**



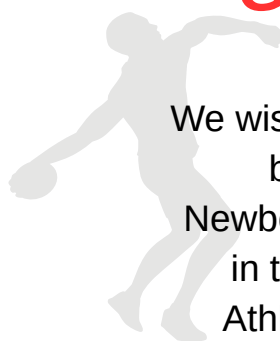
Through this inquiry, students are gaining valuable insight into themselves as learners — developing lifelong skills to become more **independent, reflective, and resilient thinkers.**

Students creating neurons that are strengthened by retrieval and practise.





GOOD LUCK



We wish **Ronin** and **Taya** all the best as they head to Newborough today to compete in the Discus at Regional Athletics Championships.



GRADE 5 & 6 BALLEY HOOLEY CAMP- MONDAY 10TH - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Fingers crossed the weather gods shine upon us this time, so our rescheduled Grade 5 & 6 camp to **Balley Hooley** can go ahead as planned!

Clothing lists will be resent home this week.

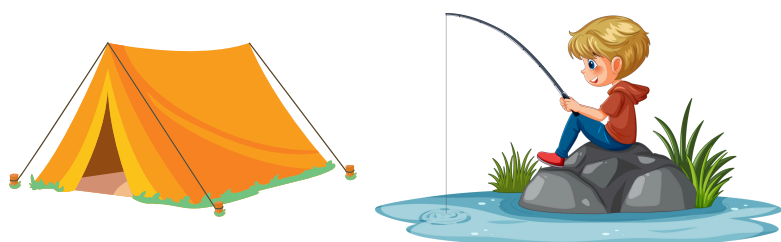
The program remains the same, with students set to enjoy an exciting range of activities over the five days — including **rafting, surfing, caving, fishing, and hiking.**

Please remember that **students need to bring a packed morning tea and lunch for the first day.**

Paul has kindly organised enough tents for everyone, but if your child would prefer to bring their own tent, that's absolutely fine. Students are also welcome to bring a swag if they wish.

For fishing, students should bring their own **fishing rod**. A **repair tackle box and bait** will be supplied for shared use.

We're looking forward to an amazing week of adventure and fun!



LITTLE LEGENDS BEGINS

Come and join the fun.

Every Thursday 9:30am-11:00am
at the sports' shed.

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL OR SMS
0497 544 490

LITTLE LEGEND'S

TWEEN-AGES 9-13

LEVEL-UP

EXPLORING INDEPENDENCE
FRIENDSHIP & BELONGING
LIFE & SOCIAL SKILL GROWTH
NAVIGATING CHANGE & TRANSITION
SELF ESTEEM & STRENGTHS
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

TWEEN SOCIAL GROUP
AGES 9-13

4:00PM - 6:00PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
DURING SCHOOL TERMS
36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN
FREE PROGRAM AGES 9-13 SIGN UP TODAY

• EXPLORE INDEPENDENCE
• SOCIAL EXPERIENCE
• NETWORKING
• GAMES
• ART & CREATION
• MUSIC & DANCING
• FASHION
• COOKING SESSIONS
• GROUP EXCURSIONS/ DAY CAMPS
• MOVIE & GAMING NIGHTS
• YOUTH LEAD ACTIVITIES

Little Legend's 0-13 is a BDNH initiative supported by the Gippsland Community Foundation. Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House thanks GCF for their ongoing support, which allows us to continue working towards a stronger, more resilient community. We deeply value our partnership with GCF and our shared commitment to fostering growth in our region.

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SWANNY KINDER FETE

Saturday 25th October
4 to 8pm
RECREATION RESERVE, SWAN REACH

FREE ENTRY

COME AND RAISE FUNDS FOR SWANNY KINDER
AND ENJOY A NIGHT OUT WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Market stalls
- Food trucks
- Cake Stall
- Wacky Wombat Entertainment
- Jumping Castle
- Showbags
- Live music
- Free zone
- Face painting
- Emergency services
- Squishable Moments
- Photography
- & much more!

Special appearances from Bluey, Peppa Pig, Fireman Sam, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Elsa, Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

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Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

Little Legend's

FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Please bring a piece of fruit & water bottle

Held @ Bruthen Primary School
Every Thursday during Term
9:30AM- 11:00AM

Outdoor play, games, kids crafts, music, dress-up days, story telling
~ kindergarten and much more!

Are you looking for a fun and enriching experience for your little one? Then look no further than Little Legends Play Group! Designed for children ages 0-5, our playgroup offers a vibrant and engaging environment where young minds can thrive.

Each week with Kellie brings a new adventure, with activities ranging from active play to creative art projects and musical exploration. We also incorporate story time and music sessions to spark imagination and foster a love of learning.

Little Legends Play Group is more than just playtime - it's a chance for you and your child to develop socially, physically, and emotionally in a supportive and stimulating setting.

FOR MORE INFO CALL BDNH 0497 544 490