



Bruthen Primary School

"Learning for Life"

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Newsletter Term 3, Thursday 3rd September 2025

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Weekly Events

Tuesday Grade 3/4 Art Science, PE & Wellbeing

Tucker Tuesday

Wednesday Grade Foundation Art Science & PE

Thursday Grade 1/2 Art Science, PE & Wellbeing
Foundation Wellbeing

Little Legends 0–5-year-old health program

Friday Grade 5/6 Art, Science & PE

MARC Van dates Wednesday, 10th September & 8th October
(Term4)

Upcoming Events

September

Thursday 4th Gymnastics

Friday 5th Gr 3 & 4 Cultural Visit to Lake Tyres Trust

Monday 8th Division Athletics Howitt Park Bairnsdale

Wednesday 10th-Friday 12th Sept Gr3/4 Karoonda Camp

Monday 15th School Council @ 6:00pm

Whole School Closure Day for Parent, Student & Teacher Chats

Friday 19th Last day Term 3-Early Dismissal 1:30pm

*Have a safe and happy holiday everyone, we look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces on **Monday 6th October for the beginning of Term 4.***



2026 Prep Enrolments Now Open

Book a School Tour Now

Enrolment forms are available from the office

Dear Parents,

Sadly, Mr. Underwood is unable to teach for the remainder of Term 3 as he is currently in the Bairnsdale hospital after experiencing a stroke last Thursday. He is making steady progress with his recovery through tests, physiotherapy, and speech therapy. We wish him a smooth and speedy recovery and will keep families updated.

Michelle Young will be teaching Grade 5 and 6 for the remainder of Term 3, and plans are currently being made for Term 4. We will share Term 4 arrangements with families as soon as they are confirmed.

With Michelle taking on the extra responsibilities of teaching full time in the classroom and Rocky on leave (with Julie in the office only on Mondays and Wednesdays), everyone is pitching in to help keep school operations running smoothly.

To assist us, we kindly ask parents to make end-of-day arrangements with their children before they come to school. Please note that there will be no one in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to take calls for last-minute changes or messages.

If you wish to catch up with Michelle or other teachers, please send a message through the uEducateUs app so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged. We will get in contact with you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Please note, this will be the last letter for this term.

Last Gymnastics Clinic Tomorrow

Students are looking forward to getting on the Ninja course at tomorrow's final Gymnastics session.

Check out last week's happy snaps.









Handstands are coming along with a group of girls testing to see who can stay up the longest.

Father's Day Stall

Date: Friday 5th, September

Time: 1:00–3:30pm

Venue: Foundation Classroom 

Looking for the perfect gift for Dad? Our Father's Day Stall has you covered! Students can choose from a range of gifts priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Please remember to send cash in a purse, wallet, or well-sealed envelope.

This fun activity is also a great way for students to practise money skills, including budgeting, addition, and subtraction, all while finding something special for Dad!

A huge thank you to Amy Tonissen for organising this fundraising event. Amy is still looking for a few helpers on the day—if you can lend a hand, catch her at the front gate at the end of the day or send an uEducateUs message to let her know.

Don't miss out on this exciting school tradition!

Your voice matters—help shape the next four years at our school!

Thank You!

A big thank you to our families who have already completed the Online Survey or Paper Questionnaire.

We'd love to hear from as many voices as possible! If you haven't yet, please take 5 minutes to share your thoughts about our school. Just a few dot points is all it takes – your feedback helps us grow and continue being the very best we can be for your children.

Details for completing the Department of Education Online Survey

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

This survey will be open from Monday 18 August and Friday 19 September.

Bruthen Primary School's generic

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.
Link: <https://research.ortim.com/parent>
2. Select the School and Campus name
School Name: **Bruthen Primary School**
School Campus: **Bruthen Primary School**
3. Enter the School PIN.
PIN is: **589210**
4. When complete, please click on the 'Submit' button at the end of the survey to submit your answers.
5. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

Division Athletics Carnival

We're excited to announce that the following students have now qualified to compete at the Division Athletics Carnival on Monday 8th September at Howitt Park, Bairnsdale.

12/13 girls Long Jump & High Jump Lily Nation
12/13 girls Discus Taya Jones
9/10 boys Discus & Shot Put Ronin Gow
9/10 girls 200m & Relay Maddi Schueler

We wish them all the best as they take on the next level of competition!


Parent, Student & Teacher Conversations

We believe that when students, families, and teachers work together, we create the strongest foundation for learning and growth. Each child's journey is unique, and by sharing responsibility we can ensure every student is supported to be the very best they can be.

To celebrate our students' achievements, reflect on their progress, and identify the next steps in their learning, we will be holding **Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations**. These important conversations provide the opportunity to share in your child's successes, while also working in partnership to set meaningful goals for the future.

To allow teachers to dedicate their full attention to these conversations, the school will be closed on:

 **Monday 15th September**

 **9:00am – 6:00pm**

The booking schedule has released via the **uEducateUs app**. Please complete your booking promptly to secure an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

We understand that the set day may not suit every family. If you are unable to attend on the 15th, please contact your classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternative time to connect.

Together, we can celebrate each child's growth and continue building a strong learning partnership.

Exploring Force and Motion with Paul Nicole

Last week, our Grade 5 & 6 students had the exciting opportunity to learn about force and motion in a very hands-on way. We welcomed **Paul Nicole**, who works in the outdoor education industry, to share how these important concepts are used in real-world situations.

Paul demonstrated how pulleys and multiple tow lines can make towing a raft filled with people much easier. By spreading the load and redirecting force, pulleys reduce the effort needed, while multiple lines provide balance and control. Students were fascinated to see how what they've learned in class applies directly to outdoor activities like rafting and wilderness expeditions.

Another key takeaway was the strength of a simple knotting technique. Paul showed how wrapping a rope around a tree **twice** greatly increases its grip, making it far less likely to slip under tension. This small adjustment can make

a big difference in keeping ropes secure and people safe.

We'd like to sincerely thank **Paul Nicole** for bringing science to life and showing our students how knowledge of force and motion connects with teamwork, safety, and adventure in the outdoors.





Grade 3 & 4 Cultural Day Visit to Lake Tyers Trust

On Friday, 5th September Grade 3 and 4 students have the opportunity to spend a day on Country at **Lake Tyers Trust**. This excursion will give students a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture and the significance of place.

The day will be filled with engaging activities that bring learning to life. Students will listen to stories shared through **art, music, and dance**, and gain an appreciation of the powerful role storytelling plays in keeping culture strong and alive.

They will explore the connection between people and land, learning why caring for Country is central to cultural identity and wellbeing. The children will enjoy hands-on experiences that help them reflect on the importance of respect, tradition, and community.

It will truly be a special day that broadens perspectives and strengthens our students' appreciation for the richness of Aboriginal culture. We thank the Lake Tyers community for welcoming us and sharing their stories so generously.



Monday 15th September
6:00 pm in the Staff Room



Please ensure all students' jumpers are clearly named. Our lost property box is currently overflowing, and named items are much easier to return to their owners. Thank you for your help!

Tucker Tuesday

This week's kitchen stars were Josh and Lacy, our very own master chefs! Under the wise guidance of Pippa and Taya, they learned the tricks of the trade – from holding a knife safely, to dicing veggies like pros, and measuring ingredients with precision. What a recipe for success – well done, team!



Nothing like some fresh produce from the garden to put in our Cottage Pie.





Next Week's Menu

Main: Ham and Cheese Muffins

Dessert: Carrot Cake

Grade 3 & 4 Karoonda Camp

Adventure Ahead!

Our **Grade 3 & 4 students** are starting to get excited for their upcoming school camp at **Karoonda Park**, running from **Wednesday 10th September to Friday 12th September**.

This outdoor education experience will give students the chance to challenge themselves, build independence, and strengthen teamwork through a variety of fun and engaging activities.

A hard copy of the clothing and equipment list will come home with our Grade 3 & 4 students today.



2026 Sovereign Hill Camp – Start Saving Now

In **Week 2, 2026**, our Grade 5 and 6 students will head to **Sovereign Hill Camp**.

Estimated cost: **\$600-\$650 per student** (final price to come).

To help make things easier on the family budget, **you can start part payments now or set up a payment plan with Rocky**. Small payments over time can make a big difference!



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.

Every Wednesday
October

8th 9:00am-11:00am

15th 9:00am-11:00am

22nd 9:00am-2:30pm

29th 9:00am-2:30pm

November


5th 9:00am-3:30pm

Next Whole School Assembly

 **When: Friday 19th September**

Last Day of Term 3

Venue: Grade 5&6 classroom

 **Time: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Early Dismissal 1:30 pm

Breakfast Club



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

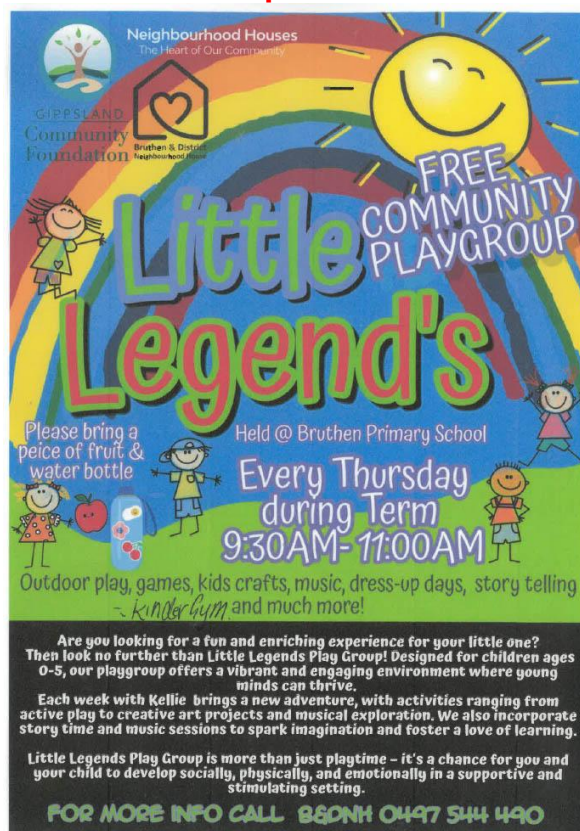
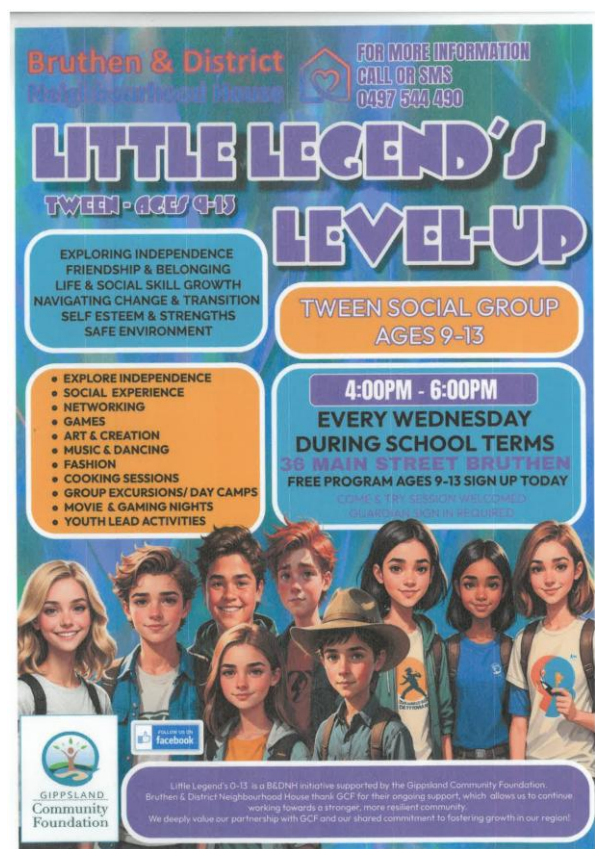
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
- 8:15am-8:45am.
- Staffroom

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

Little Legends Begins

Come and join the fun.

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

A colorful poster for 'Little Legend's PLAYGROUP'. At the top, it says 'Neighbourhood Houses The Heart of Our Community' and 'GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'. The main title 'Little Legend's' is in large, stylized letters. To the right, it says 'FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP'. Below the title, it says 'Held @ Bruthen Primary School' and 'Every Thursday during Term 9:30AM- 11:00AM'. There are illustrations of children playing. A note says 'Please bring a peice of fruit & water bottle'. At the bottom, it says 'Outdoor play, games, kids crafts, music, dress-up days, story telling ~ kindergarten and much more!'. A paragraph describes the program as a fun and enriching experience for children aged 0-5. It mentions activities like creative art projects and musical exploration. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFO CALL 86DNH 0497 544 490'.A poster for 'LITTLE LEGEND'S LEVEL-UP'. It features a group of diverse children. The text says 'Bruthen & District Neighbourhood Houses' and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR SMS 0497 544 490'. The main title is 'LITTLE LEGEND'S LEVEL-UP' with 'TWEEN-AGES 9-13' below it. It lists activities: 'EXPLORING INDEPENDENCE', 'FRIENDSHIP & BELONGING', 'LIFE & SOCIAL SKILL GROWTH', 'NAVIGATING CHANGE & TRANSITION', 'SELF ESTEEM & STRENGTHS', 'SAFE ENVIRONMENT'. It also lists: 'EXPLORE INDEPENDENCE', 'SOCIAL EXPERIENCE', 'NETWORKING', 'GAMES', 'ART & CREATION', 'MUSIC & DANCING', 'FASHION', 'COOKING SESSIONS', 'GROUP EXCURSIONS/ DAY CAMPS', 'MOVIE & GAMING NIGHTS', 'YOUTH LEAD ACTIVITIES'. The program is for 'TWEEN SOCIAL GROUP AGES 9-13' and runs from '4:00PM - 6:00PM EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS'. It says '36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN' and 'FREE PROGRAM AGES 9-13 SIGN UP TODAY'. At the bottom, it says 'Little Legend's 0-13 is a BDNH initiative supported by the Gippsland Community Foundation. Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House thank 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.'

Early
Learning

Bruthen Uniting Kindergarten

Places open for 3 and 4 year
old kinder in 2026.

Enrol now.



Proposed 2026 Program

3 and 4 year old kindergarten

3s GROUP

Monday and Tuesday

8.30am – 4.00pm

4s GROUP

Monday and Tuesday

8.30am – 4.00pm

&

Thursday

9.00am – 2.00pm



Open Day

Monday 30 June 2025

4.00pm - 5.00pm



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