



Bruthen Primary School

"Learning for Life"

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Newsletter Term 3, Wednesday 27th August 2025

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Weekly Events

- Monday** Grade 1/2 Art Science, PE & Wellbeing
Foundation & Gr3/4 Wellbeing
Tuesday Grade 3/4 Art Science, PE & Wellbeing
Tucker Tuesday
Wednesday Grade Foundation Art Science & PE
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

August

Thursday 28th Gymnastics

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

Monday 6th October Term 4 begins



2026 Prep Enrolments Now Open

Book a School Tour Now

Enrolment forms are available from the office

Dear Parents,

This week, students from Foundation to Grade 6 enjoyed their first of three exciting sessions at the Bairnsdale Gymnastics Centre. The program gives all students the chance to explore new skills in a supportive and fun environment while developing key aspects of their physical, emotional, and social wellbeing.

Gymnastics provides children with more than just physical activity. By practising balance, coordination, and core strength, students build strong foundations for movement that support their overall fitness and health. Just as importantly, the skills they learn go beyond the physical—focus, persistence, and resilience are nurtured as children challenge themselves, try new activities, and celebrate their progress.

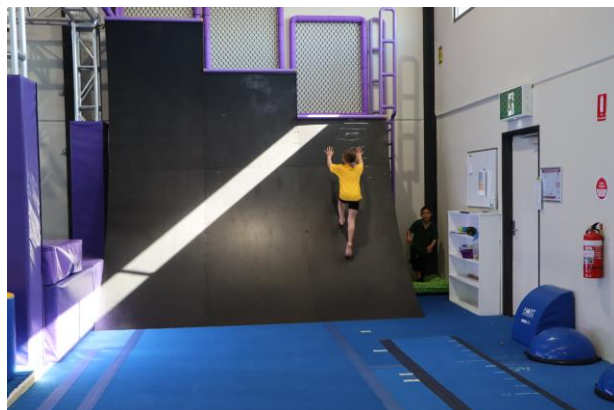
The benefits extend into the classroom too. Improved core strength helps children sit upright for longer, concentrate more effectively, and even enhance their handwriting by giving their arms and hands the stability they need. Alongside these physical gains, students also develop confidence and social skills. Working with peers fosters teamwork, respect, and encouragement, while individual challenges promote independence and personal growth.

We look forward to seeing the growth and enjoyment that the next two sessions will bring for our students.

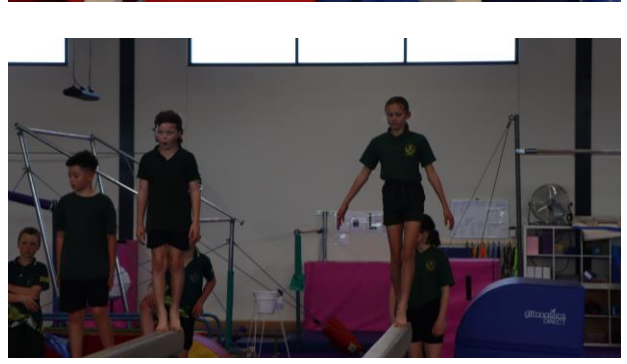
🌟 Gymnastics Clinic – Day 1 🌟

Our students kicked off their first day with energy and excitement!

- **Floor Skills** – exploring rolls, jumps, and movement patterns.
- **Handstands & Balances** – building strength, control, and confidence.
- **Cartwheels** – practicing form and flow across the mat.
- **Beam Work** – focusing on balance, poise, and safe dismounts.
- **Ninja Wall Challenge** – testing agility, determination, and climbing skills









Session 2 Gymnastics Clinic Tomorrow

Dates: Thursday 28th August, and Thursday 4th September.

Everyone has been spending extra time swinging around the bars and practising their handstands this week, in readiness for our second gymnastics session tomorrow.

Bus Shuttle Schedule

F/1/2

Depart 10:30 am

Coaching: 11:15 am

Return: 12:30 pm

Grade 3/4

Depart 11:30 am

Coaching: 12:15 pm

Return: 1:30 pm

Grade 5/6

Depart 12:30 pm

Coaching: 1:15 pm

Return: 2:30 pm

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.orima.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**.

Father's Day Stall

Date: Friday 5th, September

Time: 1:30–3:30pm

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!

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.

Permission forms were sent via the UeducateUs app on Monday.

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!

Grade 1 & 2 Explore Fractions

In Mathematics this week, our Year 1 and Year 2 students have been learning about fractions in a very hands-on way – using playdough!

The learning intention was to understand how we can share things into equal parts and describe them as halves, quarters, and (for Year 2) even thirds and eighths.

Students had lots of fun rolling, flattening, and shaping their playdough into circles, rectangles, and other creative shapes. They then carefully divided their creations into equal parts to see what "fair sharing" looks like.

Through this activity, students were able to:

- Make shapes with playdough and divide them into equal parts
- Name the parts as halves, quarters, or thirds (Year 2)
- Share playdough objects into equal groups and describe the fraction (e.g., half the group, a quarter of the group)
- Explain how they know the parts are fair and equal

This hands-on approach helped bring fractions to life, connecting the concept of equal sharing to real objects they could touch and manipulate.

Curriculum links:

- *Year 1 (VCMNA091):* Recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole
- *Year 2 (VC2M2N03):* Recognise and describe one-half as one of 2 equal parts of a whole and connect halves, quarters, and eighths through repeated halving

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to combine creativity and mathematics – and best of all, they now have a stronger understanding of fractions as equal parts of a whole.



Congratulations

We extend a huge congratulations to Shelby, Jordy and Elijah on the safe arrival of baby Scarlett, born Saturday, 16th August 2025, 3240g, 45cm long.




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 will be released tomorrow 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.



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

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.



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 a big thank you goes to our Master Chefs, Penny and Toby! They rolled up their sleeves and learned the importance of washing their hands thoroughly before getting to work in the kitchen. With plenty of measuring, chopping and dicing along the way, they created a mouth-watering cheesy chicken and rice main, followed by a warm, moist apple crumble cake that had everyone's tastebuds dancing!



Next Week's Menu

Main: Cottage Pie

Dessert: Orange Cake Cookies

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.

Camp information, including an **equipment list**, **permission forms**, and **cost details**, were sent out via the UeducateUs app last week. Please return forms by the due date to ensure your child is ready for this exciting adventure!



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 29th August**

Venue: Grade 5&6 classroom

 **Time: 3:15 PM – 3:30 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.



Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community

GIPPSLAND
Community
Foundation

Bruthen & District
Neighbourhood House

**FREE
COMMUNITY
PLAYGROUP**

**Little
Legend's**

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 86DNH 0497 544 490

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	4s GROUP
Monday and Tuesday 8.30am - 4.00pm	Monday and Tuesday 8.30am - 4.00pm & Thursday 9.00am - 2.00pm



Open Day

Monday 30 June 2025
4.00pm - 5.00pm

KINDERGARTEN

Get in touch
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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
UPON A TRY SESSION WILL COME
PLANNING IS REQUIRED

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



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Little Legend's 0-13 is a REDNH 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.