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RESPECT COURAGE HONESTY TEAMWORK FUN

Newsletter Term 1, Wednesday 4th of February

School Council Members – President: Sarah Kennedy **Vice President:** Alyson Nichol **Secretary:** Kathleen Callow
Treasurer: Kelsey Schueler **Executive Officer:** Lahnne Tong, Sarah Patterson, Stephanie Cooke and Tina Tallberg

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4th - **Foundation Rest Day**
Friday 6th - F/1 Parent Information Session - 9am
Monday 9th -12th 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp Friday 6th
Tuesday 10th - Tucker Tuesday
Wednesday 11th Foundation Rest Day
Monday 16th School Council Meeting @6:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday 17th - Tucker Tuesday
Wednesday 18th - Foundation Rest Day
Tuesday 24th - Tucker Tuesday
Wednesday 25th Foundation Rest Day

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd - Tucker Tuesday
Monday 9th Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 10th - Tucker Tuesday
Wednesday 11th-Friday 21st NAPLAN Gr 3 & 5 students
Wednesday 26th Division Lawn Bowls

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely break over the holidays. I'd like to say thank you to teachers who have been busy during the school holidays, planning lessons and setting up classrooms for students to begin the school year. This has ensured a seamless start to Term 1. It has been a delight to walk around each classroom and see all students engaged in their learning.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Foundation students and their families. They have fitted into Bruthen Primary School so well, it's like they've always been here! I'm sure everyone will make our new families feel very welcome. Don't be shy, please go introduce yourself!

FOUNDATION REST DAY

To help with a smooth start to school, Foundation students will have a rest day each Wednesday for the month of February (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th NO FOUNDATION) and will commence full time in March.



MONDAY 16TH
FEBRUARY

Staff Room
6:00pm - 7:00pm



WELCOME FOUNDATION



Walter



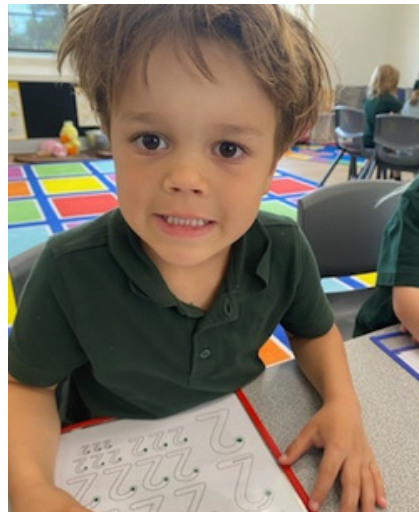
Jaggar



Savannah



Madi



Jason



Hamish



Billie



Makenzie



Hazel



Asher



2026 STAFFING AND CLASS STRUCTURES

There have been some changes to class structures this year. Mrs Young has taken on a new job working for the region in the far east. This decision was made very late last year and we couldn't organise a proper send off and goodbye. We do plan to invite Mrs Young back to say our farewells and express our gratitude for her many years working at Bruthen Primary School.

I have been appointed as the Acting Principal for Term 1. I'm excited to have this opportunity to lead the school. My role will also include team teaching in the F/1 class.

F/1- 21 Students

Natalie Rainsbury, Chris Blackwood, Tilly Young

2/3- ...18 Students

Alison Ayling, Kirsti Penglase, Tilly Young

4/5/6 27 Students

Nicole Hood, Katrina Hersey

Art, Science, PE and Mathematics- Susie Grinter

Well-Being and Inclusion- Penny Young

Business Manager Rocky Furnell

MARC Van (Monday Fortnightly) Jade Brunswick

ICT Technician Suman

SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Susie will continue to run our specialist program this year. Each class will have almost a full day which includes, art, science and PE.

Tuesday – 4/5/6

Wednesday – 2/3

Thursday – F/1

Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear on their specialist day so they can properly participate in PE. A water bottle is essential.

Art can sometimes be quite messy, despite using art smocks, so probably best to wear your older uniform.

WELLBEING AND INCLUSION WITH PENNY YOUNG

Penny Young will continue her work supporting students and families. This involves working with teachers and ES staff to create and implement individualised learning plans. Linking families to services and providing resources and support as needed. She will take small focus groups and work with each class to implement 'Respectful Relationships' and 'Zones of Regulation'.



The Zones of Regulation – This program focuses on identifying our feelings, what zone and level of energy the feelings are, what physical feelings we might have when we feel different emotions and strategies, we can use to help us regulate our emotions.

Respectful Relationships - The Respectful Relationships program supports schools and early childhood settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

TUCKER TUESDAY

MAIN: CHEESY PASTA BAKE

DESERT: CHOCOLATE CAKE

WITH ICE CREAM

Tucker Tuesday is back again on Tuesday 10th February.

This term, students from Grades 2/3 will be our Master Chefs and help grow, pick and cook our fresh produce to make delicious lunches for any interested students and teachers.

Tucker Tuesday will be up and running under the watchful eye of Kellie next week.

Kellie is always after some extra hands to help, so if you are free on Tuesdays from 9:30-2:00pm or part thereof, please come along and join the team.

All lunches are \$6

Orders can be placed via the School Stream App -Tucker Tuesday or by bringing \$6 to the office before each Friday.

GRADE 5/6 CAMP

Grade 5/6 students are very excited to be off to the Sovereign Hill camp in week 3.

Miss Hood, Mrs Grinter and Chris will accompany the campers. The remaining grade 4 students will stay back with Katrina and work in Mrs Ayling's classroom.

2026 School Voluntary Curriculum Contributions

School Council has ratified school fees for 2026.

School Council wants all children to have access to the same materials and resources which is why we are still asking for a curriculum contribution and not requesting that parents purchase materials through a book list.

This means you **DO NOT** have to **buy any books, pencils, paper etc** for your child before the start of the year. This is all provided as part of the curriculum contribution fee.

Curriculum contributions \$152

Extra-Curricular Activities \$29

This includes costs for MARC Van, and insurance.

Total \$181

Please note that the school's curriculum fee IS NOT on your statement as we are not legally allowed to do this.

However, we would strongly encourage everyone to pay the curriculum contribution, so we don't have to resort to sending book lists homes for families. **As always payment can be made at the office and payment plans can be arranged with Rocky.**



SUN SMART

Term 1 means hats on heads. Please put your child's name on their hat so if lost it can be returned.

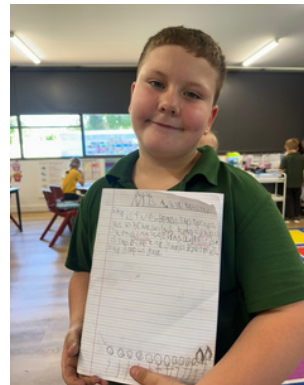


STUDENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION PACK

Last week your child brought home a yellow envelope with a collection of papers in it. These are a printout of the information we currently have about your child, their medical details, emergency contact details etc.

Please check through these and make any changes so we have the most up to date information about your child and contacts, so we can keep your child safe and contact you quickly in an emergency.

Please return this package even if you have NO adjustments and just write a quick note on the front of the envelope that says, 'all correct'. This way we will know you have looked at it and we do not need to make any follow up calls.



LEARNING M, M, M

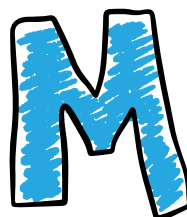


FOUNDATION/1 - Miss Rainsbury

L-R Back Row- Nate, Asher, Jason.

Middle - Josh, Walter, Makenzie, Hamish, Savannah, Billie, Jaggar.

Front- Madi



START UP PROGRAM

At the beginning of every term, each class revisits the Start Up Program. This is a crucial part of building the learning culture that we have at Bruthen Primary School. Students are explicitly taught how to learn. They are taught that learning is difficult and requires focus, attention and sustained practice.

Over time students begin to develop learning dispositions which include determination, persistence, resilience, and self-awareness. These learning dispositions influence students' ability to self-regulate and become active participants in their learning as they develop Voice, Agency and Leadership.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

'Our ability to motivate and influence our learning'

STUDENT VOICE

'Making decisions about our learning to improve myself, my peers and my school'

STUDENT AGENCY

'Taking responsibility for how we learn.'



GRADE 2/3- Mrs Ayling

HOLIDAY IMPROVEMENTS

Over the holidays we have made several improvements to the school. The old carpet in the main office area and old classroom has been replaced with new flooring. The building works on the exterior of the staffroom have almost been completed.



COWS FOR CAMBODIA

This year Archie and his family are running another fundraiser, 'Cows for Cambodia'. This helps families in need and is a project that holds a special place in Archie's heart. He hopes to raise \$2000. Archie has organised a 'Guess the Mini Figurine' competition. You could help Archie by donating 50 cents to guess how many Lego figurines are in the jar. The winner will receive a Lego set. Archie will come by your classroom every afternoon and you can have a guess and make your donation. Thank you!



GRADE 4/5/6- Miss Hood

Bruthen & District
Neighbourhood House

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL OR SMS
0497 544 490

LITTLE LEGEND'S LEVEL-UP

TWEEN-AGES 9-13

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

GIPPSLAND
Community
Foundation

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.

8AM PITCHES

TRADERS WANTED!

Clear out & cash in!

\$5 STALL SITES!

SELL FROM...

CAR BOOTS
Preloved treasures

- Household goods
- Crafts & hobby items
- Bric-a-brac & books

MARQUEES / UTES / TRUCKS
New or preloved

ROCK UP AT 8AM

Book a stall from just \$5 & sell at our
Community Market every 3rd Sunday of the month!

AUSTSWIM TSW

ENROL NOW!

89.9% of our graduates get jobs

TEACHER OF SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22, February 2026

8:30am - 5:00pm

Lakes Entrance Aquadome - VIC

LAKES ENTRANCE

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety

Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community

GIPPSLAND
Community
Foundation

FREE
COMMUNITY
PLAYGROUP

Little Legend's

Please bring a
peice 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
- *knicker-bum* 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

BRUTHEN ARTS AND EVENTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

CHILLI BOMB TRIVIA NIGHT

TEST YOUR BRAIN & SUPPORT THE
CANCER COUNCIL

FEB 7TH @ 8PM

\$10 ENTRY

BRUTHEN INN HOTEL

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIUYG>

LITTLE LEGENDS

Come and join the fun.

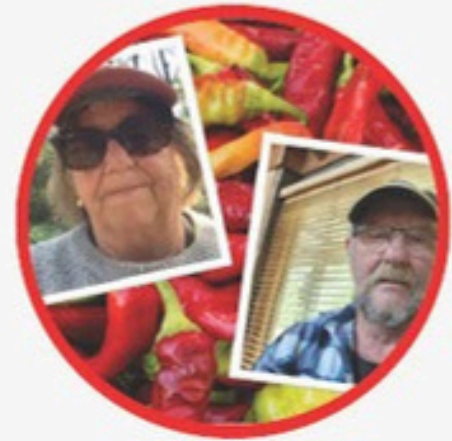
Every Thursday 9:30am-11:00am
at the sports' shed.

Help us raise **\$5,000** for Cancer Research with Box Rallies

The chilli bombs

Lesley Czulowski & Jeff Wagstaff
are fundraising for the Cancer Council

Shitbox Rally 2026 Winter is not a race, rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable... To drive cars worth just \$1,500 across Australia via some of its most formidable roads, all in the name of charity



Scan the QR code to donate



Why we are rallying

We're thrilled to announce that we're taking part in Shitbox Rally 2026 - Winter! We'll be hitting the road in our \$1,500-or-less Shitbox, driving from Mildura to Townsville on an unforgettable 7-day adventure. It's not just about the drive—it's about making a real difference in the fight against cancer.

Every participating team is required to raise a minimum of \$5,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to Cancer Council and helps fund vital cancer research, which is why we're doing everything we can to hit our goal. Your support, whether big or small, will have a real impact.