Bruthen Primary School
"Learning for Life"

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**RESPECT COURAGE HONESTY TEAMWORK FUN**

# *Newsletter Term 4 Wednesday 11th November 2026*

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## Upcoming Events

**November 2026**

**Thursday 12th -4/5/6 Swimming Program**
**Friday 13th – Kinder to Foundation Transition 9-11am**
**Monday 16th – MARC Van**
**Monday 16th – Drumbeat**
**Wednesday 18th – F/1/2/3 Swimming Program**
**Thursday 19th - 4/5/6 Swimming Program**
**Friday 20th – Kinder to Foundation Transition 9-1.30pm**
**Monday 23rd – Drumbeat**
**Wednesday 25th – F/1/2/3 Swimming**
**Thursday 26th – 4/5/6 Swimming**
**Friday 27th – Kinder to Foundation Transition 9-1.30pm**
**Friday 27th – Assembly 3.15pm**

## A BIG THANKS TO:

**Phelans Bus Lines – the cost of the fuel has increased since we were given a quote. They kindly are not charging us the difference.**

**Bunnings - for a donation of Tunnelcore**

**We really want to thank these companies for supporting our school community.**

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was commemorated this morning, Wednesday the 11th of November, at eleven o'clock. Our students and staff dedicated one minute of silence in memory of those who sacrificed their lives in World War 1 and all wars in which Australia has been involved. Our student leaders will lay a wreath at the school and then this will be laid at the Bruthen Cenotaph on our behalf. Our Year 4-6 students will commemorate the occasion before they head off to swimming.





### Bairnsdale Show

Congratulations to our students who paraded their recycled fashions on the weekend at the Bairnsdale Show. Their creations were the product of their exploration in Art into recycling materials and the amazing range of outfits were well received. Maddi and Macy placed first and Riley received second place. Thank you to Mrs Grinter for supporting students to convert everyday items into fashionable outfits ready for the catwalk and to Katrina who helped organise students on show day.





### Omeo Show

Mrs Grinter will be transporting a vibrant and colourful collection of students' artwork, created throughout the school year, to display at this weekend's Omeo Show. The exhibition will showcase the wonderful creativity, imagination and artistic talents of our students, providing a snapshot of the learning and creative expression they have enjoyed across the year. We are proud to share their work with the community and celebrate the many ways our students express themselves through art.

## Term 4 Swimming

Students will be attending their second week of swimming lessons this week and they have participated enthusiastically, listening carefully and improving their swimming skills during their lessons. We received very pleasing feedback from the Aquadome staff who noted that students from Bruthen Primary School demonstrated exemplary respect, positive growth mindset and considerate support of each other through their lessons. Thank you to families for helping students to have all their swimming items organised and ready each week.

## Foundation and Year 1 Big Day Out

On Thursday 10th of December Foundation and Year 1 students will be visiting Raymond Island and then returning to school for a sleep over. Their day at school on Friday 11th of December will be a slower school day, and we are sure they will be keen to share their experiences with you at pick up on Friday afternoon.

## School Choir

Our Bruthen PS Choir have been meeting regularly to practice a range of Christmas Carols in preparation for performing at the Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House Christmas Event on Sunday 13 December and at Bruthen Kindergarten later this term. Our senior students have been demonstrating superb leadership in supporting younger students to join in and learn the songs. The choir is open to any students who would like to participate

## Zooper Dooper Fridays

Next week we will recommence our 50 cent Zooper Dooper Fridays. Students can bring their 50 cents to school to buy a refreshing Zooper Dooper to enjoy at lunchtime. Thank you to the families who have generously donated the icy tubes for us to sell and raise funds towards school resources.

## Welcome to our 2027 Foundation students this Friday!

This Friday we are going to be welcoming our 2027 Foundation students for their first transition session! This will be held over four sessions where children will spend time at school, becoming familiar with the routines and expectations of a school day. These sessions help students feel comfortable and confident as they prepare for the year ahead and enable them to develop a strong connection as the newest members of our school community. Thank you to Mrs Tallberg and Mrs Rainsbury for planning these engaging sessions.

If you know of someone wanting to enrol for school next year, please get in touch with our school office to access all the necessary enrolment information. We look forward to welcoming new little learners to our school community next year!

## Annual School Concert

Preparations for our annual School Concert will be held on the 15th of December from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Students in Yr 4-6 will be asked to arrive at the Bruthen Hall at 5.00pm for costume/ makeup preparation and Foundation-Yr 3 will be asked to be dropped off at 5.30pm for their costume/ makeup. At the end of the performance students will remain with staff for parents to sign them out before heading home for a well-earned rest.

## Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

Bruthen Primary School follows the Department of Education's Mobile Phones and Smart Watches Policy to support student safety, wellbeing and privacy. Students who bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school must hand it in at the school office upon arrival. Devices will be stored securely and returned to students at the end of the school day. Phone cameras (still or video) are not to be used on school grounds (before, during or after school). We appreciate families' support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community.

## Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk in Victoria is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick. The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.
Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- making mosquito protection part of getting ready to go outside, just like sunscreen and a hat
- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are often most active
- cleaning up and removing containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone Nurse-on-Call: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

### Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.
A free vaccine is available to eligible Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

### Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- Mosquitoes can carry diseases
- Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- Japanese encephalitis virus.

Rachel Davis
Principal

**Monday 30th November 2026 at 6pm (last one for the year)**

We are very proud of **Macy** who competed in the **10-Year-Old girls high jump at Regional Athletics** on 14th October in Newborough. Macy came home with a 3rd medallion and a personal best of 1.25cm! Congratulations Macy! All your hard work paid off!



## *Christmas Raffle donations being accepted at the office*

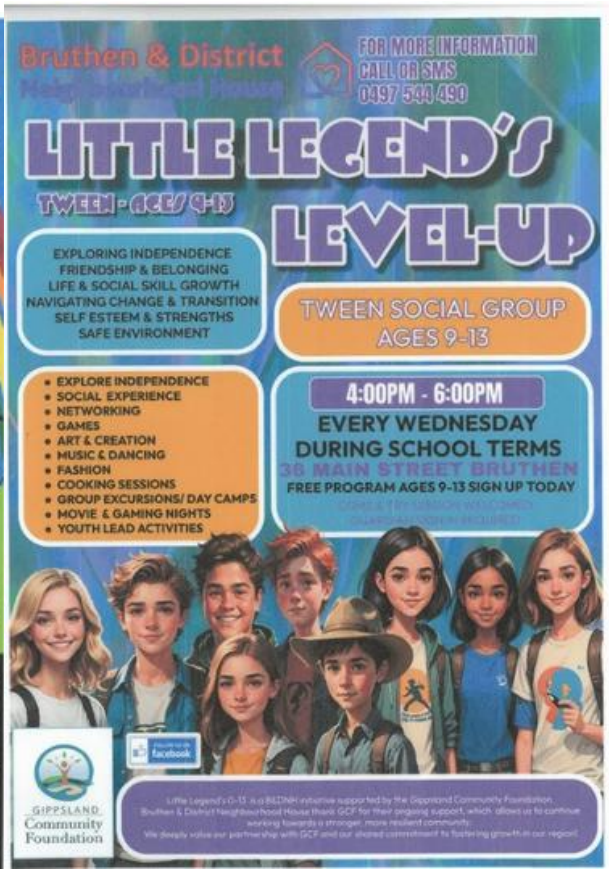


**Each year we seek donations from our community for our annual Christmas Raffle. Donations of items can be dropped off at the school office and raffle tickets will be sent home in mid-November to help fundraising efforts. The raffle will be drawn at our Annual Concert, and lucky winners will be able to choose from the wonderful prizes on offer. Thank you from the Bruthen Fundraision Committee for your support.**

## Little Legends

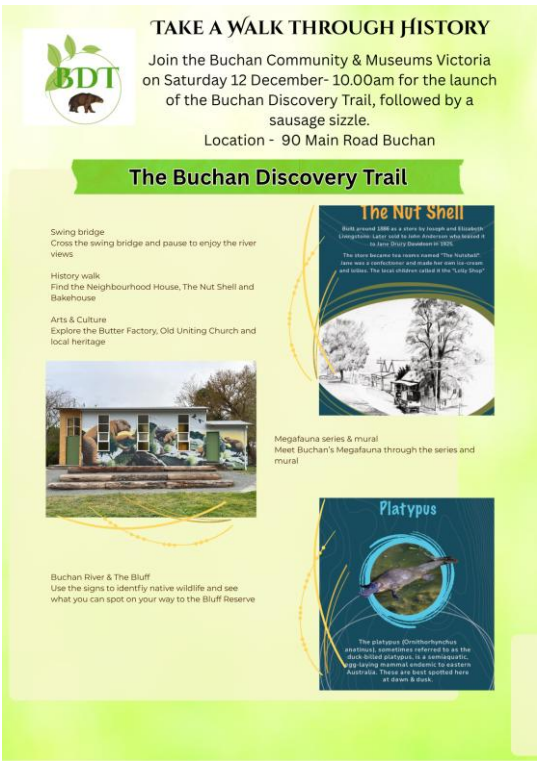
**Come and join the fun.**
**Every Thursday 9:30am-11:00am at the sports shed during the School Term.**










BRUTHEN
Community
Christmas
Event
December 13th 2026 4-8pm
BRUTHEN REC RESERVE
Artists, Performers & Vendors Wanted
Market Sites:
$20
Paid Performer Applications Open Now!
Call 0497 544 940
info@bdnh.org.au
Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House
This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate
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Community
Christmas Carols
Live music
Market
Low-cost entry
All welcome
Family fun
December 13th 2026 4-8pm
BRUTHEN REC RESERVE
MUSIC
MARKET
FOOD
COMMUNITY
Community Christmas Event
Call for Talent & Market Vendors!
Paid Performers: Rock the stage, sleigh the crowd, earn $$ per set.
Market Stalls: Secure a prime spot for just $20
contact the house
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