



**Bruthen
Primary School**

"Learning for Life"

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RESPECT

COURAGE

HONESTY

TEAMWORK

FUN

Newsletter Term 2 Wednesday 13th May 2026

School Council Members – President: Sarah Kennedy Vice President: Lucy Whillance Secretary: Kathleen Callow Treasurer: Kelsey Schueler
Executive Officer: Emily Forbes; Lahnne Tong, Emily Earles, Rachel Rogers, Sally Whillance, Jade Simpson and Nicole Hood

Upcoming Events

May

Friday 15th – District Winter Sports

Monday 18th – School Nurse Visit for Foundation Grade

Monday 18th – MARC Van

Monday 18th – School Council Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 19th – Tucker Tuesday

Wednesday 20th – World Bee Day

Friday 29th – School Assembly 3.15pm

June

Tuesday 2nd – Division Bowls

Wednesday 3rd – Special Whole School Reconciliation Assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 4th – Region Cross Country

School Photos are due back before the end of this term.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been another great fortnight of learning across the school. Classrooms have felt calm and focused, with lots of collaborative learning taking place and students engaging positively in their learning. I am really enjoying getting to know the students, staff and wider school community a little more each day.

While many parents and carers were busy attending Student/Teacher/Parent Conversations, I was fortunate enough to spend some time with the whole school together in one space. Students participated in buddy activities and shared with me the things they love most about Bruthen Primary School, along with a “wish” for our school. It was wonderful hearing their thoughts and ideas. Some of the common themes’ students spoke about were the subjects on offer and learning opportunities available (e.g. Maths, Writing, Art, Science etc.), the facilities (e.g. monkey bars, fake grass, playground etc.), the fun to be had outdoors, being able to ride their bikes and the friendships made along the way!

One of the highlights of my fortnight was celebrating Josh’s literacy development when he came to visit me to proudly showcase some of his work. I absolutely love having students pop in to share their learning, especially when they are celebrating their achievements, growth and progress. These moments are always a wonderful reminder of the great things happening in our classrooms each day

Mother's Day Stall – Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our amazing helpers who gave up their time to help run our Mother's Day Stall - Amy, Emily, Deb, Sienna, Jes, Paul, Alena and Melanie. We really appreciate your support and willingness to help make the morning such a success.

A special thank you also to Amy for all the organisation behind the scenes with ordering gifts and setting everything up beforehand. It was a huge help and very much appreciated.

The stall ran so smoothly and I'm sure there were lots of grateful mums, nans and special people feeling very loved on Sunday thanks to the thoughtful gifts chosen by our students.

Dolly's Dream Day

Last Friday, students participated in a range of classroom activities to recognise Dolly's Dream Day. Throughout the day, students reflected on what it means to be kind, how their words and actions can impact others, and embraced the important messages behind this day. It was wonderful to see students engaging in thoughtful discussions and activities focused on kindness, inclusion and supporting one another.



Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week is recognised from 27th May – 3rd June, with this year's theme being 'All In'.

Throughout the week, students will be participating in learning activities within their classrooms focused on the meaning and importance of reconciliation, connection and working together.

We will also be holding a special whole school Reconciliation Week assembly on Wednesday 3rd June from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, which will include a whole school activity. We would love to see families and our school community attend and be involved as we embrace this year's theme of 'All In'.

More details will be shared closer to the event.



Whole School Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies are held on the last Friday of each month at 3:15pm. Families and community members are always welcome to come along.

These assemblies are led by our students and are a great opportunity to celebrate the amazing things happening across the school. Students share their learning; showcase work they are proud of and celebrate achievements together. It's always wonderful to see students building confidence and taking on leadership roles in front of an audience.

Our next assembly is scheduled for Friday 29th May at 3:15pm. We look forward to continuing to celebrate learning together across the year.

2025 Annual School Report

Our 2025 Annual Report was presented at the recent School Council meeting and is now available to view on our school website.

The Annual Report provides a snapshot of our school across the year, including student learning outcomes, wellbeing and engagement data, school improvement priorities, programs and initiatives, community involvement, and financial information. It is an important way for schools to share achievements, reflect on progress and keep our community informed about the work happening across the school.

We encourage families and community members to take the time to read through the report and celebrate the many great things happening at our school.

Late Arrivals/ Early Pick Up

A friendly reminder that if your child is arriving late to school or being picked up early, please ensure you come into the office to sign them in or out before heading to classrooms. This is an important safety procedure and helps us maintain accurate records in the event of an emergency.

Coming through the office first also helps minimise interruptions to learning, as staff are often busy teaching or supporting students throughout the day.

Our office is staffed Monday–Thursday by our lovely office staff, and on Fridays by myself. Thank you for your support with this important process.

Car Parking/Road Safety

We have noticed that the main car park on the Great Alpine Road can become very congested at drop off and pick up times. To help ease traffic flow and improve safety for everyone, we encourage families to consider some of the other nearby parking options, including Hoppner Street, Seehusen Avenue (with students able to walk down the lane), and the Besley/King Street area.

We have also noticed a number of cars reversing across the highway to head back towards town. For safety reasons, a better option is to continue towards Hoppner Street and complete a U-turn when safe to do so.

The safety of our students, families and staff is always our priority, and we appreciate everyone working together to help make drop off and pick up times as safe and smooth as possible. We have also noticed regular police patrols around school pick up times supporting road safety in the area.

Thank you for your ongoing support and care for our school community.

Here's to another great fortnight of learning, growth and connection across our school.

Emily Forbes
Acting Principal



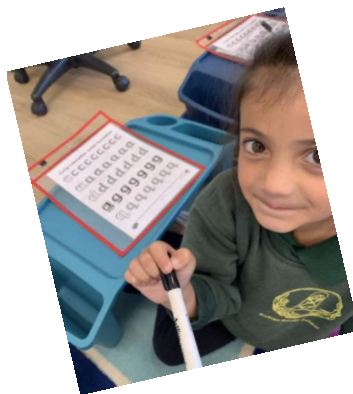
School Council meeting on **Monday** 18th May.

TUCKER TUESDAY

Tucker Tuesday continues to be such a fantastic program for our students!

Last week, students enjoyed delicious tacos followed by mini lime cheesecakes for dessert. This week's menu featured a hearty cottage pie and marshmallow truffles, which were a big hit.

A huge thank you to Kellie and all our student chefs who help prepare and serve the meals each week. We look forward to seeing what's on the menu next Tuesday!



GRADE F/1 NEWS

The Foundation/Year 1 students have had a wonderful fortnight of learning and fun in the classroom. During Literacy Rotations, students have been building their confidence with reading and spelling through games using simple consonant-vowel-consonant words (CVC words) such as cat and dog, as well as longer CVCC words like fast and milk. It has been fantastic to see students so engaged and enthusiastic during these activities.

Students also participated in activities for Dolly's Dream Day, creating colourful butterfly kites while reflecting on the importance of kindness and inclusion. The joy and excitement on students' faces throughout the activity was wonderful to see.

A special mention also to Josh, who has been proudly showing off his growing confidence and success with reading — a fantastic achievement!

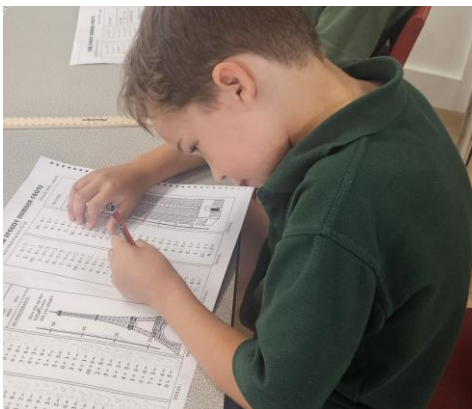


GRADE 2/3 NEWS

The students in 2/3 regularly engage in a variety of reading activities. Here they are taking turns reading from their new text. They listen to each other, ask questions about the text, discuss topics and give each other feedback. They work on accuracy, pace and fluency as they read to one another.



Jed is working on his Speedy Numbers. 2/3 practice their mental maths skills each day. They have a timer and must answer as many short mental maths questions as possible. They each mark their own work and discuss their progress and set goals around the strategies they are each working on.



The students in 2/3 studied about kindness for Dolly Day and they made special rainbows that showed practical ways that they can show kindness to others. This included friends at school, family members, parents, teachers and animals.



NEW! East Gippsland Shire Council

KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SERVICE

Is your child attending a funded 3- or 4-year-old kindergarten in 2027?

From April 2026, families can register for 3- or 4-year-old kindergarten through Council's Central Registration Service

Contact the Early Years Team:
earlyyears@egipps.vic.gov.au 031 5153 9500

Scan the QR Code




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The Central Registration Service ensures the process of registration and enrolment is simple, consistent, inclusive and equitable. It provides a single point for families to register for multiple kindergarten services.

To allocate kindergarten places in line with the Department of Education's Priority of Access criteria.

First round offers open 1 April 2026 & close 30 June 2026. You can complete a pre-registration form at any time.

Scan the QR code or visit our website to complete an online registration form.

Register for kindergarten in 4 easy steps:

- 1. Register** - Family completes an online form
- 2. Allocate** - Council carefully reviews all registrations and allocates kindergarten places
- 3. Confirm** - Families receive a kindergarten offer
- 4. Enrol** - Families complete the child's enrolment directly with the kindergarten.

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Little Legends

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

Neighbourhood Houses The Heart of Our Community

GIPPSLAND Community Foundation

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, *knit for fun* 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 860NH 0447 544 440

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR SMS 0497 544 430

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 CAMPE
- MOVIE & GAMING NIGHTS
- YOUTH LEAD ACTIVITIES



GIPPSLAND Community Foundation

Little Legend's 0-13 is a BLDNH 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 nurturing growth in our region.



**Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea**

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

When: Thursday 21st May 2026
Where: Bruthen Mechanics Hall - 49 Main St Bruthen
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm
Details: Come and join us for a fun morning of trivia and high tea for \$10, including finger sandwiches, savoury pastries, scones with jam and cream, and dainty sweet treats.

biggestmorningtea.com.au
 Queries? Contact Lesley Czulowski on 0437 152 808





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19 JUNE - 19 JULY 2026

Showcasing seasonal art that embraces both the beauty and the edge of winter, crisp air, glowing nights and the spark of life beneath the surface.

OPENING EVENT: FRIDAY 3 JULY, 5PM

Opening times 10.30am to 3.30pm
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 6881 Great Alpine Road, Swifts Creek 3896
greatalpinegallery@gmail.com M 0408 523 498

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 Resealing 11:30am

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 Apex Club of Bairnsdale*

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 BRHS Maternity ward



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