Bruthen Primary School
"Learning for Life"

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**RESPECT COURAGE HONESTY TEAMWORK FUN**

# Newsletter Term 3 Wednesday 16th September 2026

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday 17th- Gymnastics
**Friday 18th – End of Term Assembly 1.15pm**
**Friday 18th – End of Term – 1.30pm dismissal**

**October 2026**
**Monday 5th – First day of Term 4**

**A friendly reminder to pay outstanding invoices, that were mailed out a few weeks ago, as these are now due. If any issues please do not hesitate to contact the office.**

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Thank you for another wonderful term of learning and fun!

It has been fantastic to see our students continue to grow in confidence, take on new challenges and become increasingly willing to jump in and have a go. We have shared so many memorable experiences this term, including gymnastics, our footy clinic, Book Week, camps and plenty more.

One of my highlights over the past fortnight has simply been watching the students play together at recess and lunch. So often there are games involving children from a wide range of year levels, and the imagination they bring to their play is wonderful to see. I also love the way they make use of the whole yard - one day the bikes are the place to be, the next it might be the sandpit, basketball court or the back hill!

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break. Stay safe, enjoy some quality family time and come back refreshed and ready for a wonderful Term 4!

## THANK YOU




A huge thank you to our amazing 'A' Team - Amy, Alyssa, Aly and Alena for helping to run our Father's Day Stall!

An extra special thanks also goes to Amy for all her organisation behind the scenes, including ordering the gifts and

setting everything up so beautifully. The stall looked like a little shop, which made it a special experience for our students as they chose their gifts.

We hope all the dads, grandads and special people enjoyed their gifts and had a great day!

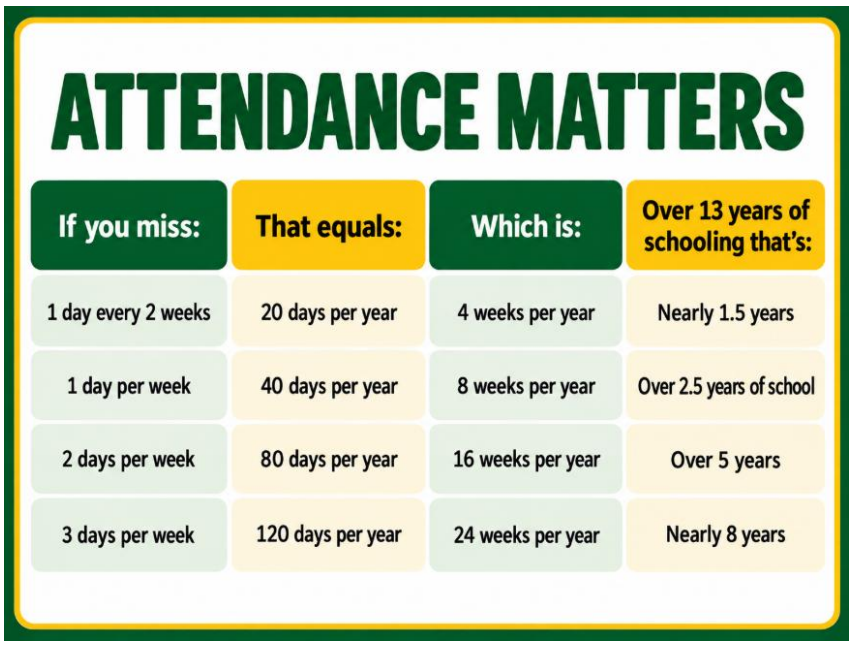
## UPDATES TO PHOTOGRAPHING, FILMING AND RECORDING STUDENTS' POLICY

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy was recently reviewed and updated by School Council.

The main changes relate to parent consent and provide clearer information about how student images may be used and where they may appear. These updates reflect the changing way we share school information — for example, our newsletter is now also published on our school website.

Updated parent consent forms will be sent home next term to reflect these changes.

## ATTENDANCE



Regular attendance is important for learning, friendships and staying connected to school. Wherever possible, students should be at school each day unless they are unwell or there is another valid reason for their absence.

A reminder that the Department of Education requires a reason to be provided for all student absences, so please make sure these are explained as soon as possible through the app or by contacting the school.

Thank you to families who have been keeping us updated. Our new SMS reminder system also seems to be working well, and our attendance records are now much more accurate.

## FINAL REMINDER – PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A final reminder that our Parent/Carer Opinion Survey closes this Friday, 18th of September.

Thank you to the 22 families who have already responded - this represents 48% of our families, which is fantastic! However, there is still time to have your say if you haven't already completed the survey.

Please refer to our recent uEducateUs post for the survey link and login details. We really appreciate your feedback and support!

## TUCKER TUESDAY

That's a wrap for another term! It's been wonderful to see our F/1s in the kitchen this term with the assistance of the older students.

A big thank you also to Kellie who does a marvellous job of supporting the students and integrating incidental learning opportunities into the cooking experience.  Our kids are so lucky to have access to this program.








## LAST DAY OF TERM 3 REMINDERS

A reminder that this Friday, 18th of September, is the last day of Term 3.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

We will also hold a Whole School Celebration Assembly at 1:15pm, families are more than welcome to join us as we celebrate the end of another term.

Emily Forbes
Acting Principal

School Council

**Monday 19th October 2026 at 6pm**

## SOMERS CAMP REFLECTIONS

### *Maddi's Reflection*

One of my highlights at Somers Camp was making lots of new friends. I especially enjoyed boating with my friend Harry. It was a little challenging at first, but after a while, we got the hang of it and were rowing really fast.
The Challenge Swing definitely lives up to its name! You go so high and then suddenly drop, which is really scary. After a little while, though, the swing settles down and you don't feel quite as scared. The Challenge Swing was the tallest swing in the Southern Hemisphere! I was also challenged by the High Ropes Course because I'm afraid of heights.
My favourite activities were abseiling and rock climbing. I climbed every climbing wall, and the hardest one was the overhang. After completing it, my arms were very sore, but I was proud of myself for giving it a go.
The hardest part of Somers Camp was leaving all of my new friends behind, especially because I might never see some of them again.
Some of my favourite times of the day were morning assembly and dinner time. Being a table host is a bit like being a waiter, but you are mainly responsible for getting drinks and collecting dirty plates. Usually, the table hosts also get a better breakfast!
I'm so happy that I had the opportunity to attend Somers Camp. It was an amazing experience, and it is something I will remember for the rest of my life.
**Maddi – Grade 5**





### *Tim's Reflection*



I was one of 10 students from Bruthen Primary School lucky enough to attend Somers Camp. It took us roughly 3 and half hours to get there by bus. Somers Camp had a variety of activities, my favourite activities were the challenge swing and the flying fox, because the challenge swing challenged me with my fear of heights.

Other activities that I enjoyed were boating, bike riding, the orienteering course and nature journaling. Nature journaling was fun because we got to walk around and draw what you could hear.



The funniest thing was when I was called up during the campfire. The man could read my mind and he was spot on. He knew all these random things about me. It was strange as well, because he sniffed my shoe.

I was lucky enough to have my mum and sister visit me on camp.

The highlight of camp was meeting new people and making new friends.

**Tim – Grade 5**

**GRADE 2/3** Having fun solving division problems using a number line.



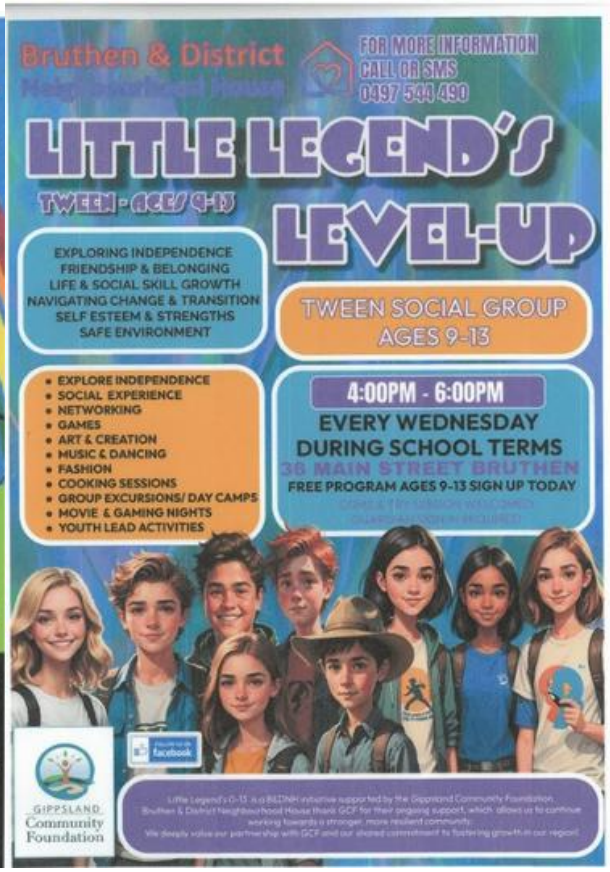


## Little Legends

**Come and join the fun.**

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







GET FIRE READY!
BE PREPARED. BE FIRE READY.
SAT 10 OCTOBER | 11AM - 2PM
IN THE MAIN STREET OF BRUTHEN
LEARN how to prepare your property for the upcoming fire season
ASK questions of firefighters
MAKE a fire plan for you and your family
MEET your local brigade
DISCOVER useful apps to stay informed and safe
FREE BBQ
BRUTHEN FIRE BRIGADE
Stronger together. Safer together.
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HOLIDAY intensive SWIM PROGRAM
FAST TRACK YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY!
Monday 28 Sept - Friday 2 Oct 2026
Cost $67.50 for ages 3 and up
On confirmation of booking a $20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.
Enrolments due Friday 18 September
DAILY 30 MINUTE LESSONS OVER 5 DAYS!
ENROL ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE
EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
(03) 5155 333
lakesaquadome.com.au
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THE BAIRNSDALE SHOW
BAIRNSDALE & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SCHOOLWORKS SUPPLIES
FREE WORKSHOP
FOR THE RECYCLED WEARABLE ART Fashion Parade 2026!
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM
SCHOOLWORKS SUPPLIES
147 MACLEOD STREET, BAIRNSDALE (NEXT TO EG WATER)
Julie Webb from the Bairnsdale Show will be here to help anyone with their costumes.
If you have any questions or need a hand with materials, design or would like to use the workshop to make your costume, we'd love to see you there!
THEME: SEA CREATURES/ FUTURE FOSSILS
Please RSVP to:
Julie Webb
Annual Events Co-Ordinator
Bairnsdale & District Agricultural Show Society Inc.
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5157 6317
OR
Charlotte
Schoolworks Supplies
5152 4086