



**Bruthen
Primary School**

"Learning for Life"

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RESPECT

COURAGE

HONESTY

TEAMWORK

FUN

Newsletter Term 3 Wednesday 19th August 2026

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Upcoming Events

August 2026

20th - Staff Professional Development Day – **NO STUDENTS**

24th – Book Week Parade

24th-MARC Van

25th- 2nd September Somers Camp some senior students

September 2026

3rd- Gymnastics

24th- Clontarf Super Clinic 12.30-2.15pm Whole School

4th- Father's Day Stall

7th- School Council Meeting 6pm

7th- Division Athletics some senior students may be involved

7th- MARC Van

10th- Gymnastics

11th- Division Athletics back up day if needed

17th- Gymnastics

18th – End of Term Assembly 1.15pm

PRINCIPAL REPORT

It has been another busy fortnight, with lots happening across our school and plenty to be proud of.

I had the privilege of attending our Grade 4/5/6 camp last week and was so impressed by our students' willingness to try new things, step outside their comfort zones and embrace every opportunity. We received wonderful feedback, with some camp staff even commenting that we were one of the best groups they had ever had!

Back at school, our classrooms continue to feel calm and focused, with a real emphasis on learning. It is great to see students engaged in their work and able to confidently explain what they are learning and why.

STAFFING UPDATE

We warmly welcome Chelsea Fraser to our team as an Education Support staff member. Chelsea will be supporting our F/1 students four days a week, with Chris continuing to support the class on Thursdays.

Tilly Young will also continue working with F/1 students through targeted small-group intervention.

Chelsea is passionate about supporting students to learn, grow and build confidence, and we are very pleased to have her join our team.

STUDENT FREE DAY REMINDER

A reminder that tomorrow is a student-free day. Staff will be undertaking professional learning focused on evidence-informed teaching practices, including how students learn, explicit teaching, responsiveness and effective feedback.

We look forward to putting this learning into practice to continue strengthening teaching and learning across our school.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Next Monday 24th August marks the beginning of Book Week, and we will be celebrating with a whole-school Book Week Parade!

We encourage students to come dressed as their favourite book character and join in the fun.

The parade will begin at approx. 9:10am, with parents and families warmly invited to come along and enjoy the celebrations. We can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes!

COTTAGE BY THE SEA CAMP

Last week, we were lucky enough to take 22 of our Grade 4/5/6 students to Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff for four wonderful days.

The kids were amazing! From trying new things and stepping outside their comfort zones, to building confidence and strengthening friendships, it was so lovely to watch them make the most of every opportunity. Boogie boarding was definitely a highlight for many, along with plenty of laughs and special memories made along the way.

A huge thank you to Nicki, Kirsti and Chris for taking time away from their own families to come along and help make the camp such a positive experience for our students.

So many of the kids told us it was their best camp yet, which was pretty special to hear. We were incredibly proud of the way they embraced the experience and represented our school.



UPDATED UNIFORM POLICY

Our School Uniform Policy was recently reviewed by School Council, with a few minor amendments made.

These include an update to when students are required to wear hats, along with some clarification around winter accessories. Where possible, we encourage students to wear green or black jackets, beanies, scarves and gloves to complement our school uniform, while also understanding that this may not always be possible.

The full updated policy, along with our other school policies, can be viewed on our [school website here](#).

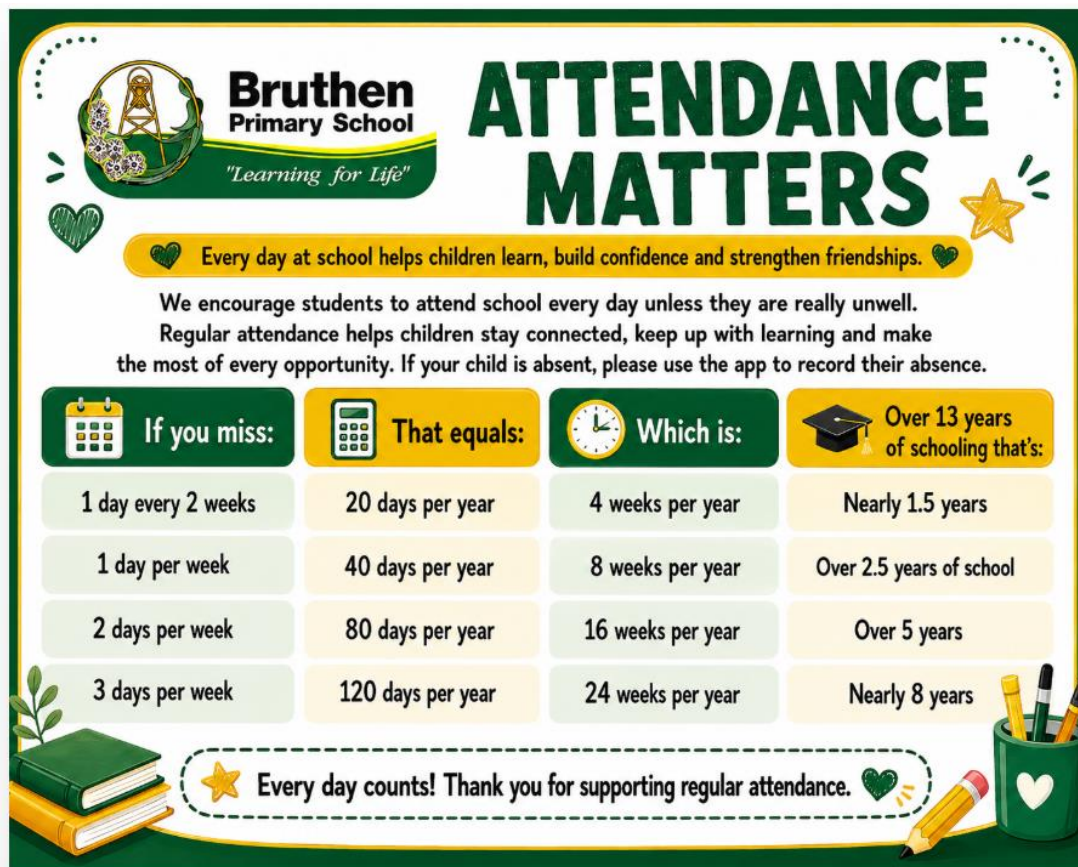
DRUMBEAT

DRUMBEAT (Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes and Thoughts) is a social and emotional learning program that uses drumming to help students build confidence, resilience, teamwork and positive relationships.

We are fortunate to have Warren, a trained DRUMBEAT facilitator, visit our school each Monday to deliver the program with a group of our Grade 4/5/6 students. Through drumming, discussion and group activities, students explore emotions, communication, identity and working together in a fun and engaging way.



ATTENDANCE



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day at school helps children learn, build confidence and strengthen friendships.

We encourage students to attend school every day unless they are really unwell.
Regular attendance helps children stay connected, keep up with learning and make the most of every opportunity. If your child is absent, please use the app to record their absence.

 If you miss:	 That equals:	 Which is:	 Over 13 years of schooling that's:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Every day counts! Thank you for supporting regular attendance.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is now open, and we strongly encourage all families to take a few minutes to complete it.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. The more families who participate, the clearer the picture we have of our school community's views.

The survey link and password were shared in a previous uEducateUs announcement. If you need these details again, please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide them.

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT CONVERSATIONS

A quick reminder that our Parent, Teacher, Student Conversations will be held on Monday 31st August and Wednesday 2nd September.

These 10-minute conversations are a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss learning and identify next steps together. Bookings can be made via the uEducateUs app.

Families who have SSG meetings do not need to book a separate conversation time.

100 DAYS OF PREP

Our Foundation students recently celebrated a very exciting milestone - 100 days of Prep!

They enjoyed a fun-filled day making 100 day necklaces, sharing some party food, singing, dancing and taking part in lots of other special activities.

It was a wonderful chance to celebrate just how much they have learnt and grown in their first 100 days of school. Well done, Preps!



WHOLE SCHOOL FOOTY CLINIC

We have an exciting opportunity coming up for our whole school to take part in a footy clinic at the Swan Reach Recreation Reserve on Friday 4th September from 12:30–2:00pm.

The clinic will be run by students and staff from The Clontarf Academy at Bairnsdale Secondary College, and students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the day by wearing their footy colours.

A BBQ lunch will be provided.

More information will be shared via the app shortly, including details around consent and payment for bus travel.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held on the morning of Friday 4th September.

Gifts will range in price from \$1–\$10, and students are encouraged to bring along small change or coins to make their purchases.

We are also looking for a few parent volunteers to help run the stall from approximately 9:00–10:30am. If you are available to lend a hand, please let the school know.

We look forward to helping the kids choose something special for Dad or another important person in their lives!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Well done to Jacob, Noah, Kole, Macy, Timmy, Chad, Maddi and Ronin who represented our school at the District Athletics on Monday. They all gave their best efforts and represented our school beautifully.

A special thank you to Susie and Katrina for going along to support and encourage our students throughout the day.

Congratulations also to Macy, Timmy and Maddi, who have qualified to compete at the Division Athletics on Monday 7th September at Howitt Park. We wish them all the very best!

TUCKER TUESDAY

Another couple of weeks of delicious food and tasty treats have come out of our Tucker Tuesday kitchen!

A big thank you to our wonderful student chefs from the past fortnight for all their hard work preparing, cooking and serving up some fantastic meals. It's always great to see the kids working together, learning new skills and, of course, enjoying the end result!





NAPLAN NUMERACY RESULTS

This week we are sharing a snapshot of our NAPLAN Numeracy results, and once again there is plenty to celebrate!

In Grade 3, 67% of students achieved the Strong or Exceeding proficiency level. This was on par with similar schools and the state, and above our network result of 59%.

Our Grade 5 students achieved outstanding results, with 93% performing in the Strong or Exceeding levels, compared with 71% for similar schools and the state, and 66% across our network.

While NAPLAN is only one snapshot of student learning, these are fantastic results and a great reflection of the hard work of our students and staff. Well done, everyone!

GRADE 3 2026 NUMERACY



GRADE 5 2026 NUMERACY



Have another wonderful fortnight, everyone!

As always, please reach out if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We are always happy to have a chat, work through any concerns together and help where we can.

Emily Forbes
Acting Principal

Next Student Led
Whole School Assembly:

Friday 28th
August at 3.15 p.m



Monday 7th September 6pm

OVERDUE FAMILY STATEMENTS

Statements have been sent out via eldest in the family. We would appreciate all outstanding payments finalised by 18 September 2026. If you need any financial assistance please ring to discuss a plan.

GRADE 2/3 NEWS

During our **Writers' Workshop** 2/3 has been using the library to research ideas for their information reports. Students are learning how to organise their writing with a clear topic sentence, supporting sentences containing facts and details, and a concluding sentence that summarises all the information.

In **Maths**, we are learning to solve division problems using a number line. We have also been participating in Number Talks, where students share and explain the different strategies, they use to solve mathematical problems. This helps us recognise that there can be more than one way to find an answer.

In **our Readers' Workshop**, students are learning to make text-to-self, text-to-text and text-to-world connections to deepen their understanding of what they read. They use sticky notes to track and record their ideas, questions and connections during reading. This encourages students to take an active role in their learning by monitoring their progress, using a checklist to self-assess, asking questions and applying familiar reading strategies.



Grade 2/3 Art



Division Athletics



Results

Maddi	1 st Long Jump 2 nd Relay 3 rd 1500m
Tim	1 st 1500m 3 rd Relay
Jacob	3 rd Relay
Chad	2 nd 200m 3 rd Long Jump 3 rd Relay
Noah	3 rd Relay
Macy	1 st High Jump 3 rd Relay
Ronin	2 nd Shot Put

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

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**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**

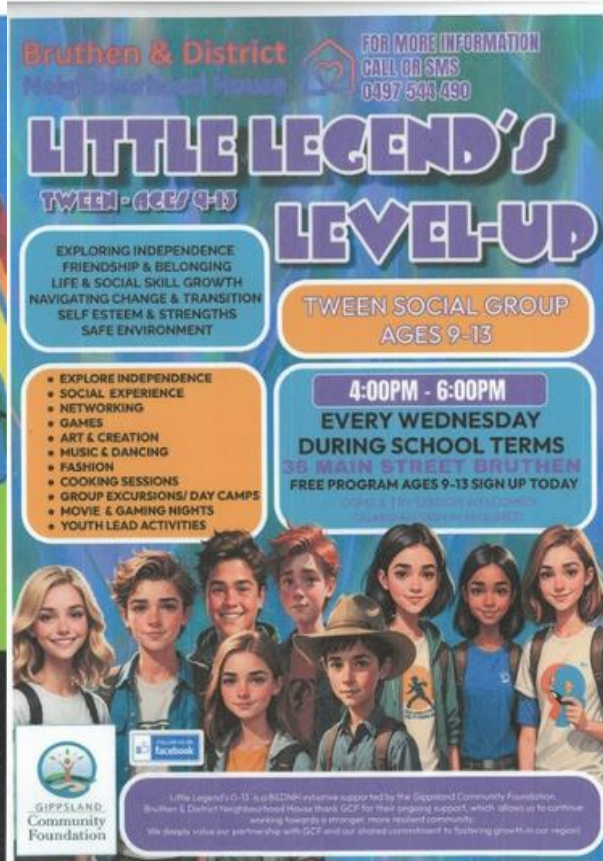
Outdoor play, games, kids crafts, music, dress-up days, story telling
~ kinda fun and much more!

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 86DNH 0497 544 440



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**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**

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

Little Legend's 0-13 is a BILDNet initiative supported by the Gippsland Community Foundation.
Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House thanks 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.

