



**Bruthen
Primary School**

"Learning for Life"

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RESPECT

COURAGE

HONESTY

TEAMWORK

FUN

Newsletter Term 3 Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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Upcoming Events

September 2026

Thursday 3rd- Gymnastics

Friday 4th- Father's Day Stall at 9.10am

Friday 4th- Clontarf Super Clinic 12.30-2.15pm Whole School

Monday 7th- School Council Meeting 6pm

Monday 7th- Division Athletics some senior students may be involved

Monday 7th- MARC Van

Thursday 10th- Gymnastics

Friday 11th- Division Athletics back up day if needed

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

PRINCIPAL NEWS

There has been plenty happening across the school over the past few weeks!

It was wonderful to see everyone get into the spirit of Book Week. It was also lovely to welcome our local kinder children and their families to join in the celebrations.

I was also fortunate to spend Monday afternoon with the whole school while our Parent, Teacher, Student Conversations were taking place. We spent the afternoon reflecting on kindness and how our words and actions can impact others. After sharing a picture storybook together and discussing its message, students worked in mixed-age groups to create colourful chalk art around the school, sharing positive words, pictures and messages of kindness. It was a lovely afternoon and another great opportunity for students of all ages to learn and connect together.



A continued highlight for me is the way our students conduct themselves and embrace opportunities to lead. Our senior students are always eager to volunteer to run assemblies and special events, and they continue to do an amazing job. It is wonderful to see them stepping up with such confidence and enthusiasm, while also supporting and encouraging our younger students.

On a different note, we currently have quite a bit of illness within the school, including several confirmed cases of influenza. Please continue to monitor your child and keep them home if they are unwell or not well enough to manage a full day of learning. This helps support their recovery while also reducing the spread of illness across the school.



CELEBRATING SPECIAL MILESTONES

Last week, we had the opportunity to celebrate two very special milestones amongst our staff, recognising Chris for 35 years of service in education and Rocky for an incredible 40 years.

Both Chris and Rocky have made a significant contribution to education over many years, supporting countless students, families and colleagues along the way. Their experience, commitment and willingness to help others are greatly valued within our school community.

It was lovely to take the time to acknowledge not only the number of years they have each dedicated to education, but also the positive impact they have had on the people around them.

Congratulations Chris and Rocky on these wonderful milestones - a fantastic achievement and certainly something worth celebrating!



REFLECTING ON OUR RECENT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

Our recent student free day gave staff a valuable opportunity to learn together and reflect on how we can continue to strengthen teaching and learning across the school.

In the morning, staff attended professional learning with Dr Nathaniel Swain, focusing on how students learn best and the teaching practices that support this. This included clear routines, explicit teaching, checking for understanding, feedback and supporting students to build confidence and independence.

In the afternoon, we reflected on what this means for our own classrooms - celebrating the many strengths already in place and identifying areas we can continue to refine together.

It was a really positive day, with a strong shared focus on making learning as effective and engaging as possible for every student.

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to all families who attended our Parent, Teacher, Student Conversations on Monday and today. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to celebrate student progress, discuss learning and continue strengthening the partnership between home and school.

If you were unable to attend, or didn't get a chance to make an appointment, please reach out to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

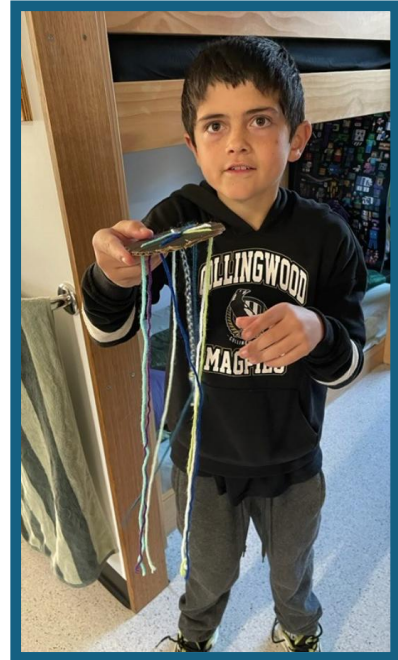
SOMERS CAMP

Over the past nine days, 10 of our senior students, along with Mrs Grinter, have been away enjoying the wonderful experience of Somers Camp.

They arrived home this afternoon and we can't wait to hear all about the adventures, activities and memories they have made along the way!

Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for a Somers Camp report!





REMINDER re: HATS

With the warmer weather on its way and UV levels increasing, it's time for school hats to make a return!

Students will be required to wear a school hat whenever they are outside for recess, lunch and other outdoor activities. Please check that your child has a clearly named hat at school ready to go.

As part of our SunSmart practices, students without a hat will be asked to remain in a shaded area during break times.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone sun safe as we head into the warmer months.

BOOK WEEK

We had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week, with so many students and staff getting into the spirit and showing lots of creativity with their costumes!

It was also lovely to welcome our local kinder students and their families into the school to join us for the parade and celebrations.

Following the parade, students worked in mixed-age groups and rotated through three activities based on some of this year's shortlisted books. It was a great opportunity for students of all ages to learn, create and enjoy stories together.

A huge thank you must also go to Bonnie and Zander, who did a wonderful job as our MCs for the Book Week parade. They spoke confidently, kept things running smoothly and helped make the parade such an enjoyable event.





PARENT OPINION SURVEY – WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

A quick reminder that our Parent Opinion Survey is currently open. At this stage, we have received responses from just 9 families, so we would really love to see a few more voices represented.

Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve. The more families who participate, the more useful the feedback is in helping guide our future directions.

To access the survey, please find the relevant announcement in uEducateUs. If you are having trouble locating it, please contact the school and we can provide you with the login details.

2027 PLANNING

As we begin planning for staffing and class structures for 2027, it is important that our anticipated student numbers are as accurate as possible.

If you have a child starting Foundation in 2027, or you know of a family who will be joining our school next year, please make sure an enrolment form has been completed. Enrolments can be submitted online at:

<https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>

Alternatively, families are very welcome to pop into the school office and collect a paper enrolment form.

Likewise, if your family is planning to move away in 2027 and your child/children will no longer be attending Bruthen Primary School, please let us know as soon as possible.

Having accurate numbers helps us plan carefully and make the best possible decisions for our students and school.

TUCKER TUESDAY

Our Foundation/Grade 1 students are currently taking their turn as our Tucker Tuesday chefs, with the support and guidance of some of our senior students.

This provides a wonderful opportunity for our older students to take on a mentoring role, helping our younger students build confidence, independence and new skills in the kitchen.

Kellie also does a fantastic job of weaving practical learning into each cooking session, with students using skills such as measuring, counting, fractions, following instructions, working together and, of course, preparing something delicious to share!





ATTENDANCE REMINDER

A quick reminder that if students arrive late to school, it is very important that they come via the office so they can be signed in correctly. This helps ensure our attendance records are accurate and that we know which students are on site at all times.

Likewise, if you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, please come via the office so they can be signed out appropriately.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a busy few weeks ahead!

Gymnastics begins tomorrow and will be happening every Thursday for the remainder of the term. Students are fortunate to be given the opportunity to develop their skills, confidence and coordination through a series of fun sessions. Please make sure you have provided consent for this event via the app.

Footy Clinic – Students are encouraged to wear their footy colours this Friday, as they take part in a footy clinic at Swan Reach Recreation Reserve! There will be plenty of opportunities to practise skills, be active and enjoy some time outdoors. There is a BBQ lunch also included. Please make sure you have completed the consent and payment via the app.

Our **Father's Day Stall** will also be held this Friday morning, giving students the chance to choose a special gift for Dad, Grandpa or another important person in their life. Please make sure to send your child with coins or small notes. Gifts range in price from \$1 - \$10.

We're looking forward to another great fortnight ahead, filled with plenty of learning and fun new experiences!

Emily Forbes
Acting Principal



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.

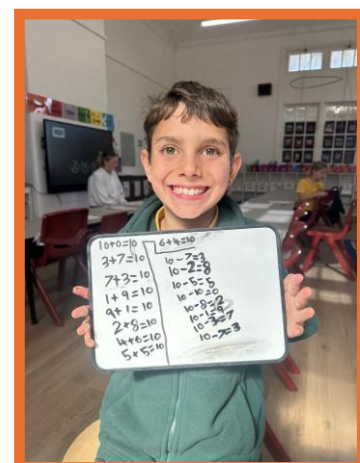
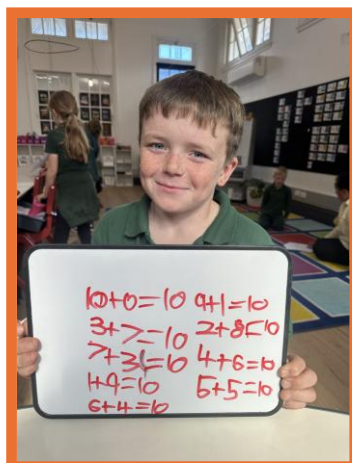
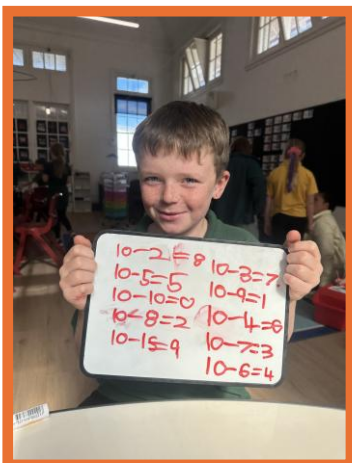
OVERFLOWING LOST PROPERTY BIN

Please come and have a look through our overflowing Lost Property Bin if your child/children have missing items of uniform.

REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS WITH Y6 STUDENTS

Please make sure all forms are back to Bairnsdale College for 2027 by Friday 4th September.

Grade 2/3



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

Bruthen & District
Neighbourhood House

**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**

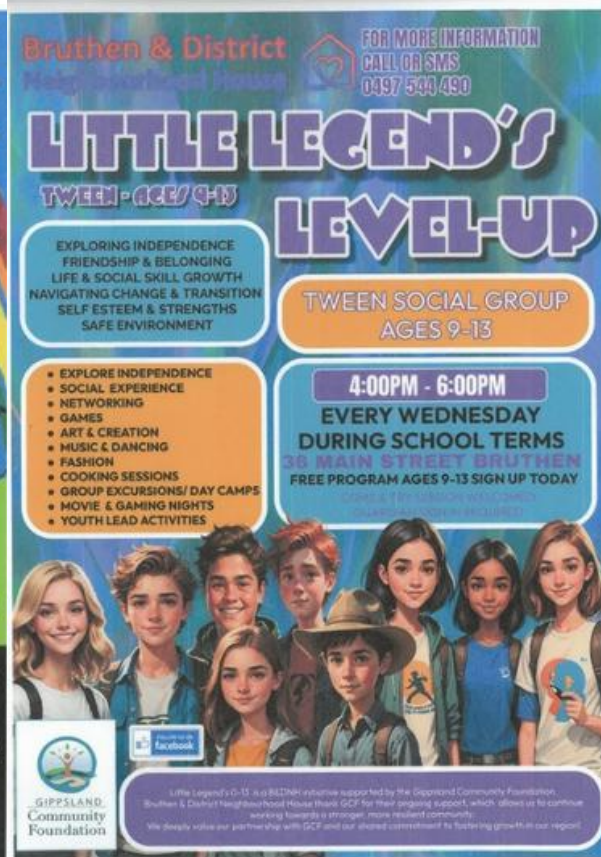
Outdoor play, games, kids crafts, music, dress-up days, story telling
~ kindergarten and much more!

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



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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
38 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 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 fostering growth in our region.

Sparkling Action

EAST GIPPSLAND FIRE READY DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

10am to 2pm | Sarsfield Recreation Reserve

All the family can learn how to prepare your home, make a bushfire plan, while having a fun free day at Sarsfield.

Enjoy practical demonstrations, expert advice, interactive activities for all ages.

NB. Check the program: key speakers in the Hall .

1015. Joint Fuel Management plan : FFMV

1030 Red Cross Ted Show

1045 Burn Table demo CFA

1100 Managing Trees on your property - Roots2Leaves

1200: Risk and Fix - It could save save your home and your life!

1230 Red Cross Ted Show

1pm First 72 hours What do you need to prepare now?



Lions Sausage Sizzle
CWA soup and savouries;
Coffee van



All day:
Practise CPR,
Bushfire d sprinklers,
CFA info truck ,
Get Fire Wise with plants
Black Snake Wildlife Zoo!
Face painting

