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Newsletter Term 3 Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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Upcoming Events

July 2026

27th MARC Van
28th Mitchell Cluster Athletics
31st School Assembly 3.15pm

August 2026

3rd School Council Meeting 6pm
4th Mitchell Cluster Athletics backup if needed
10th Central District Athletics
11-14th "Cottage by the Sea" 4/5/6 Camp
17th Central District Athletics backup if needed

For Sale – Timber used decking valued at \$13,000 for \$4,600. The decking was on the veranda connecting Art Room/456 Classroom to the office, a rough estimate of area is 25m x 4m. It was only in place 6 months then replaced due to the department deeming it as a bushfire risk. It has been stored in the shed till recently when it was removed to behind the shed. First reasonable offer in is accepted.

Second Hand Uniforms – please feel free to come to the office and ask about the second hand uniforms. Gold coin donation. Many sizes available.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a lovely break and enjoyed some special family time. It was wonderful to see our students settle straight back into learning last week, almost as though they had never been away!

We have begun the term with quite a lot happening. Last week, we farewelled Alison following her resignation and welcomed Nat and Jane into the 2/3 classroom. We also extend a very warm welcome to Tulsie, who has joined Grade 3, and her family. It is also lovely to welcome Wallace and his family back to Bruthen Primary School, with Wallace joining Grade 1.

This week has also seen the beginning of some classroom moves.

A highlight for me this fortnight has been reflecting on how fortunate we are to be part of a school community where people are flexible, supportive and willing to embrace new opportunities. While this was not a change we had planned for, it has created an opportunity to reset and refresh our learning spaces.

Both the new Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5/6 classrooms are looking fantastic. With the support and input of the students, they have become beautiful learning spaces that have truly been co-created with the children. I invite you to pop in and have a look for yourself!

I understand that change can sometimes be tricky, and we are here to support students, families and staff throughout this period. At the same time, it has been wonderful to see some positive outcomes emerge from an unexpected situation.

Athletics Day

Our Athletics Day will be held next Tuesday, 28 July, at Howitt Park in Bairnsdale. Students from Foundation to Grade 2 will participate in a range of modified activities, while students in Grades 3–6 will compete in the athletics events.

Schools from across the Mitchell Cluster will also be attending. Parents and families are very welcome to come along and support the students with plenty of positive encouragement and cheering!

Please ensure you have completed the permission form on uEducateUs and made payment for the excursion.

Student-Led Assemblies

A huge thank you to Lylah and Harry, who led our final whole-school assembly of Term 2. It was an incredibly proud moment to see them both shine. While they had worked hard to prepare a script, they were also confident enough to go off script when needed and keep the assembly running smoothly.

It was also wonderful to hear students and staff reflect on the many highlights and achievements from Term 2.

Our next student-led whole-school assembly will be held on Friday 31 July at 3:15pm. Families are warmly invited to attend.



Industrial Action – Thursday 23 July

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take stop-work action on Thursday 23rd July. While some staff at Bruthen Primary School will be participating, most staff will remain onsite, and the school will be open as usual. Some adjustments may be made to classes or specialist programs throughout the day. Families will be contacted directly with any further updates.

Specialist Days

There have been a few minor changes to our specialist timetable this term.

All students will continue to attend MARC Van every second Monday, occurring during the odd-numbered weeks of term.

Grade 2/3 students will now have their specialist day on Wednesdays, Foundation/Grade 1 on Thursdays, and Grade 4/5/6 on Fridays.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Susie Grinter, who provides an amazing specialist program for our students. A typical specialist day begins with two hours of Art, followed by one hour of Science and one hour of Physical Education. After lunch, students return to their classrooms to finish the day with their classroom teacher.

Book Week

Book Week will be held from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August.

We will kick-start the week with a Book Week Dressup Day and whole school parade on Monday 24th August, so it is time to start thinking about your book-inspired costumes!

There will also be a range of other fun activities planned throughout the week, so keep an eye out for more information.



School Council Meeting: Monday 3rd August at 6pm

Tucker Tuesday

This week's Tucker Tuesday chefs, Jed, Arie and Lily, prepared delicious Mexican-inspired spuds, followed by a beautiful apricot slice for dessert!

Unfortunately, there will be no Tucker Tuesday next week due to Athletics Day, but we look forward to seeing what is on the menu the following Tuesday.



Education Support Position

We currently have a position advertised on the School Jobs Victoria website for an additional Education Support staff member to join our team for up to four days per week. Please visit [this job link](#) for further information.

Celebrating Our NAPLAN Results

Our school's 2026 NAPLAN data has recently been released, with students' individual reports going home this week. I am incredibly proud of how well our students have performed, particularly when compared with similar schools and schools across our network.

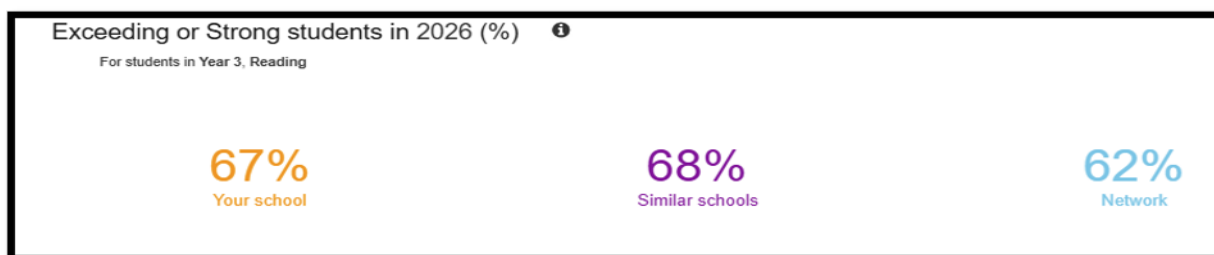
Over the next few newsletters, I will share a snapshot of how our Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts performed across different areas. While NAPLAN provides us with valuable information, it is important to remember that it captures student achievement at one point in time and is only one of the many ways we assess learning.

We will begin with Reading. In Year 3, 67% of students achieved within the Strong or Exceeding proficiency levels. This is broadly in line with similar schools and higher than the network result.

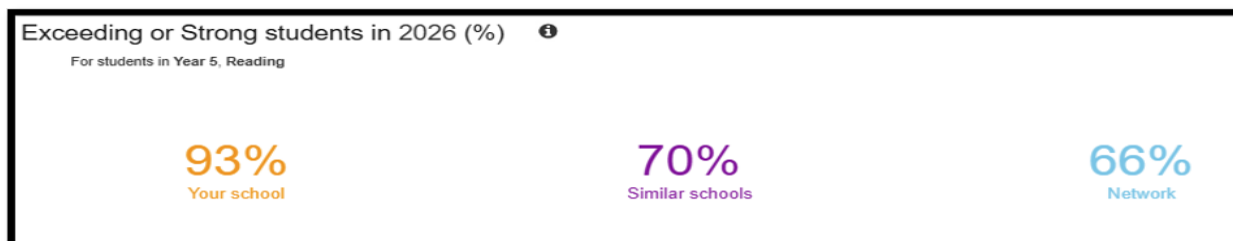
Our Year 5 students achieved an exceptional result, with 93% reaching the Strong or Exceeding proficiency levels—well above both similar schools and the network.

A fantastic achievement and certainly something worth celebrating. Way to go, kids!

GRADE 3 READING DATA



GRADE 5 READING DATA



2/3 with Miss Nat

At the end of Term 2, our Grade 2/3 students were very fortunate to have Miss Nat teaching in their classroom for three weeks.

During this time, the class focused on a range of learning, including the 'w' spelling rule, reading groups and the jump back strategy in Maths. It was wonderful to see students building their confidence, sharing their thinking and applying new strategies to their learning.

The class also enjoyed learning about NAIDOC Week and spending time outside playing games, including basketball in the yard. We look forward to Miss Nat continuing to bring her care, enthusiasm and support to our Grade 2/3 students for the remainder of the year.





2/3 Classroom News

We are learning to shape our writing using paragraphs. Kingsley and Harper worked together to create a simple paragraph together using the hamburger model!



We like to listen to each other read and we give each other feedback on our pace, expression and fluency. Sometimes we read the sentences together, sometimes we model it for each other, but we always encourage each other's effort!



Little Legends

Come and join the fun.

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



Neighbourhood Houses
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City of Bayside
Community
Foundation

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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
- *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 B&DNH 0497 544 490



MIXED BAG

An art exhibition in mixed media.
18TH TO 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Bruthen's Mixed Bag Art Exhibition is coming so it is time to get to work
on this year's entries.

2D and 3D entries are invited.

Maximum of 6 per artist.

\$10 entry per item. Children free.

Prizes: Best in Show \$750. Best 3D \$300. Best 2D \$300. People's Choice
\$200. Children - gift cards.

Applications for an Art Supplies INXS stall Saturday 19TH are invited.
Or come and demonstration your special art/craft skill.

Entry forms available at www.baec.com.au/events or email
baecarts@gmail.com.



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BRUTHEN MECHANICS HALL
Commencing Week 1, Term 3 2026

ITF Style Taekwondo
Mondays: 5pm - 6.30pm | Thursdays: 5pm - 6.30pm

Branch Instructor: Aadi
Mixed Age: 7+ to Adult

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A reminder that Bruthen's Community Pantry is here for YOU. ✨

Whether you're running low on kitchen staples or need a few extra household essentials, we're ready to help.

Everything we provide is designed to help you save your hard-earned cash for the things that matter—like enjoying our beautiful local area! 🌿

Need items? We have:

- ✓ Food Staples
- ✓ Toiletries & Sanitary Items
- ✓ Linen & Towels
- ✓ Clothing

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Zero judgment, 100% community support.

Call us to book a slot today: 0497 544 490 📞



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Do a free shop with us today! 🛒

Save money on your groceries and support local.
We have plenty of staples and essentials ready for you to pick up.

Need more than food? We've got quality linen, towels, clothing, and sanitary items available too.

No shame, no judgment—just support.

FOOD BANK

Same-day appointment slots available now.
Call 0497 544 490 to book!

Baby & Child First Aid + CPR
Bruthen

As parents and carers of children it is vital that you feel confident and competent to identify potential risks and manage childhood accidents, injuries and illnesses.
Join one of these free sessions to empower yourself with these skills.
Babies welcome to attend

Course

Duration 3 hours

CPR baby & child
Burns
Head injuries
Choking
Poisoning & ingestion
Childhood illness
Seizures

Thursday 10th September
10-1pm at
Bruthen & District
Neighbourhood House



The Latrobe Health Services Foundation

The Sisterhood PROJECT