



**Bruthen
Primary School**

"Learning for Life"

31 Great Alpine Road, Bruthen Vic 3885
PO Box 101

Phone: (03) 5157 5445

Email: bruthen.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Acting Principal: Emily Forbes

RESPECT

COURAGE

HONESTY

TEAMWORK

FUN

Newsletter Term 2 Wednesday 27th 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

Wednesday 27th - Reconciliation Week "All In"

Thursday 28th - Bowls Practise

Friday 29th – School Assembly 3.15pm

June

Monday 1st – MARC Van

Tuesday 2nd – Division Bowls

Tuesday 2nd – Tucker Tuesday

Wednesday 3rd – Special Whole School Reconciliation Assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 4th – Region Cross Country

Monday 8th – King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th – No Tucker Tuesday

Friday 12th – Division Winter Sports Bairnsdale

Monday 15th – School Council Meeting 6pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I continue to be incredibly impressed by the way our students conduct themselves and care for one another each day. It is lovely to regularly see older students looking out for younger students in the yard - whether that be helping someone who has hurt themselves, including someone in a game, or helping a younger student find a friend to play with. These small acts of kindness say a lot about the caring culture of our school.

This week has also seen the return of a playground favourite - Four Square! It has been fantastic watching students reconnect with the game while demonstrating teamwork, problem solving and resilience in the yard.

In classrooms, I have enjoyed seeing students confidently applying a range of Mathematics strategies and clearly explaining their thinking and learning processes. It has been wonderful to see students building confidence in sharing how they solve problems and justify their answers.

A highlight for me this fortnight was attending Winter Sports with a group of senior students. Although I was a late call up for the day, I quickly learnt plenty about T-Ball while having the pleasure of coaching one of the teams! Once again, what stood out most was the way our students represented Bruthen PS - showing great sportsmanship, excellent manners and positive behaviour throughout the day. They were an absolute pleasure to take out, and I think it's safe to say the bus trip was a highlight as well!

Education Support Day

This fortnight, we celebrated Education Support Day and recognised the amazing Education Support staff we are fortunate to have at Bruthen Primary School. From supporting students in classrooms and around the school, to keeping our office running smoothly and welcoming families each day, our ES staff play an incredibly important role in our school community. Their care, dedication, flexibility and commitment help make Bruthen PS a positive and supportive place for everyone. We are very grateful for all that they do and thank them for the valuable contribution they make each and every day.



Reconciliation Week

This week marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week, with students across the school participating in learning and discussions connected to this year's theme, "All In." Throughout the week, classrooms will be exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures through a range of activities including stories, artwork, discussions and collaborative learning experiences that promote understanding, respect and connection.

We are also looking forward to our whole school Reconciliation Assembly on Wednesday 3rd June at 2:30pm. Families and community members are warmly invited to attend as classes share presentations, our choir performing, and students participating in a whole school activity connected to this year's theme. We look forward to coming together as a school community to learn, reflect and celebrate together

Student Reports

Teachers are currently very busy finalising Semester One reports, including assessing student learning, moderating work samples and preparing teacher judgements to provide families with a clear snapshot of each student's progress, growth and achievements.

Reports will be released through uEducateUs on Wednesday 24th June. Due to industrial action undertaken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union, some reports may not include written teacher comments. Families are always welcome to contact the classroom teacher or school if they would like to discuss their child's learning progress further.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of your child's report, please email the school office at bruthen.ps@education.vic.gov.au to let us know.

Foodbank Support

We are very fortunate to have access to Foodbank and have been making regular orders of fresh fruit and healthy snacks for students to enjoy throughout the school day. This helps complement what students bring from home and provides additional opportunities for everyone to enjoy and experience a variety of healthy options together.

We can also organise food hampers for families to take home. If this is something that would assist your family, please feel welcome to reach out to me. We are always happy to help wherever we can.

Before and After School Supervision Reminder

A friendly reminder to families that Bruthen Primary School grounds are supervised by staff from 8:45am until 3:45pm each school day.

We understand that families often have busy schedules and commitments to balance, and we appreciate your support in helping us ensure students are safe and supervised. Where possible, we ask that students arrive close to the supervised start time and are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

School Fees

Family statements were sent home this week. We appreciate families attending to any outstanding fees as promptly as possible and thank those who can contribute towards the voluntary Curriculum Contributions payment — every contribution, big or small, helps support the programs and resources we provide for our students.

We understand that circumstances differ for every family, and flexible payment plans can also be arranged if this is more manageable. Please feel welcome to contact the office confidentially if you would like to discuss payment options or support.

Smoking Reminder

A friendly reminder to families and visitors that smoking and vaping are not permitted on school grounds, including around entrances, pedestrian access areas and pathways into the school, in line with Victorian legislation.

We kindly ask that smoking is avoided in the front car park and surrounding areas during drop off and pick up times to help maintain a safe, healthy and welcoming environment for our students, families and younger children. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Lost Property

Our lost property collection is currently overflowing with jumpers, drink bottles, lunch containers and other items. Unfortunately, many of these items are not named, making it very difficult for us to return them to their owners.

We kindly ask families to please label all clothing and belongings clearly with your child's name. A quick label makes a huge difference and helps lost items find their way back home much more easily!

Tucker Tuesday

Another fantastic Tucker Tuesday was enjoyed this fortnight, with students cooking and sharing a delicious tuna rice bake alongside honey oat muffins. Kellie and the students were pleasantly surprised by just how popular the tuna bake was, with some students even lining up for third and fourth serves! Tucker Tuesday continues to provide wonderful opportunities for students to try new foods, build confidence in the kitchen and enjoy cooking and eating together in a positive and supportive environment.



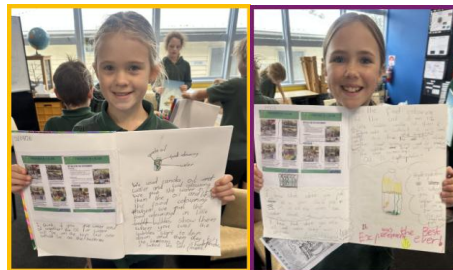
F/1 NEWS

Our Grade F/1 students have been busy engaging in a range of hands-on learning activities across the classroom. During handwriting sessions, students have been working hard to develop correct letter formation, pencil grip and neat presentation. Walter, Asher, Lacey and Savannah proudly demonstrated great focus and persistence as they practised their handwriting skills. In Mathematics, students have been exploring different strategies to solve addition problems. Asher and Nate have been learning to use the "jump strategy," where students make jumps along a number line to help solve equations mentally. It has been wonderful to see students building confidence and explaining their mathematical thinking. Friday co-operative play continues to provide valuable opportunities for creativity, teamwork and problem solving. A group of students worked together to design and build an impressive 3D tower using straws, demonstrating excellent communication, persistence and collaboration skills while having plenty of fun along the way!



2/3 SCIENCE NEWS

Students in the Grade 2/3 classroom recently enjoyed a hands-on Science experiment called "Fireworks in a Bottle." Students loved watching the colourful reactions take place and were highly engaged throughout the investigation. Following the experiment, students completed detailed reflections where they described what they observed, explained their thinking and recorded what they learnt from the activity. It was wonderful to see students combining curiosity, scientific thinking and strong reflection skills throughout the lesson.



FUN IN THE PLAYGROUND



Emily Forbes
Acting Principal



School Council meeting on **Monday** 15th June.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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@gipps.vic.gov.au 031 5153 9500

Scan the QR Code

NEW! East Gippsland Shire Council
KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION SERVICE

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. **Enroll** - Families complete the child's enrolment directly with the kindergarten.

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

Scan the QR Code

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
FREE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Little Legend's

Please bring a peice 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
 ~ kinder gum 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

Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR SMS 0497 544 490

LITTLE LEGEND'S TWEEN-AGES CLUB

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

GIPPSLAND Community Foundation

Little Legend's 0-13 is a BGDNH initiative supported by the Gippsland Community Foundation, Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House (BNDNH) 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.



GREAT ALPINE GALLERY

COLOURS OF WINTER EXHIBITION

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
Closed Tuesdays Wednesdays
6881 Great Alpine Road, Swifts Creek 3896
greatalpinegallery@gmail.com M 0408 523 498

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 years entries.

2D and 3D entries are invited.

Entry fee \$10 per item.
Prizes to be announced closer to the exhibition.

Proudly produced by Bruthen Arts and Events Council Inc

