



**Bruthen
Primary School**

"Learning for Life"

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Newsletter Term 2 Wednesday 29th April 2026

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Upcoming Events

April

Wednesday 29th April – Parent/Teacher Student Conversations.

Thursday 30th April – Parent/Teacher Student Conversations.

May

Friday 1st May - Mitchell Cluster Winter Sports Practice.

Monday 4th May – MARC Van

Tuesday 5th May – Division X Country @Nagle

Friday 8th May – Mother's Day Stall

Friday 15th May – District Winter Sports

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the term ahead.

It's been a positive start to the term, with students settling back into routines with ease. I've really enjoyed walking through classrooms and seeing students engaged, on task, and teachers supporting learning so effectively.

Getting to know our students over the past couple of weeks has been a highlight. Thank you for being so welcoming, it's been lovely to be greeted with such friendly faces around the school.

I also want to say that I'm always happy to connect with families. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to have a chat, please don't hesitate to come in and see me. I really value open communication - a problem shared is a problem halved, and working together makes all the difference. I'm really looking forward to the term ahead and continuing to build strong connections across our school community.

Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Therese Corbett, who has joined our team as our new Administration Assistant. Therese will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Rocky will continue in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. I'm sure they will make a great team.

We also give a warm welcome to Hayley Hobson, who will be providing additional support for our students, initially starting in the 4/5/6 classroom on Mondays through to Wednesdays.

Please join us in welcoming Therese and Hayley to our school — we're sure they will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

We are extremely proud of our students who represented our school at the local ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Zander and Maddi (Grade 5) did a wonderful job raising the flags, and Penny (Grade 2) laid a wreath on behalf of our school with great respect.

Thank you to these students for representing our school so proudly on such an important occasion.



Teacher, Parent & Student Conversations

It's been great to see so many families already book a time via uEducateUs to come in and have a chat. These conversations are a valuable opportunity to hear how your child is progressing and to ask any questions you may have. I'll also be around during these times, so please feel free to pop in and say hello. If you haven't yet made a time with the teacher, please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Incursion Recap – A huge thank you to the Bruthen Arts Committee

Last week, our students were very fortunate to participate in a whole school incursion, generously funded by the Bruthen Arts Committee.

'Scott's BMX Bike Tricks' was an engaging live performance featuring Scott on his BMX, accompanied by two musicians. The show shared Scott's journey from receiving his first bike through to joining the circus.

Along the way, students were encouraged to think about the importance of perseverance, creativity and trying new things and how these can lead to exciting opportunities in life.

We thank the Bruthen Arts Committee for providing this wonderful experience for our students.



Mother's Day Stall – Friday 8th of May

We are looking forward to holding our Mother's Day Stall on Friday 8th May. This is a lovely opportunity for students to choose a special gift for someone important to them.

All items are priced in whole dollar amounts, with nothing over \$10. To support students on the day, we kindly ask that money is sent in small notes and coins where possible.

We'd Love Your Help!

We are seeking parent volunteers to help run the stall from 9:00am to approximately 10:30am.

If you are available and would like to be part of this special event, we would love your support. Please contact the school office to put your hand up.

Update for 2027 Enrolments

We would like to share an update with families regarding the enrolment process for students starting Foundation (Prep) in 2027.

All Victorian government primary schools now follow a statewide enrolment timeline. This provides families with clear and consistent dates for when to submit applications and when offers will be made.

Our school uses the Department of Education's secure online system, [VicStudents](#) for enrolments.

Families can complete their application online and receive updates throughout the process. Paper enrolment forms are also available from the office if preferred.

If you have a child starting school in 2027, or know a family who does, we encourage you to begin thinking about enrolment and to contact the school to arrange a tour.

Refer to the flyer at the back of this newsletter for more information.

Happy learning, everyone - I look forward to another great fortnight of learning together!

Emily Forbes
Acting Principal



School Council meeting on **Monday** 18th May.

TUCKER TUESDAY

Tucker Tuesday

What an amazing program Tucker Tuesday continues to be! A big thank you to our wonderful 'chefs' who supported Kellie in the kitchen this week. Students had a fantastic time preparing and enjoying chicken chow mein and delicious sticky date muffins.

We're already looking forward to next week, with mince beef tacos and baked lime cheesecake on the menu—yum!





**BRUTHEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PREP 2027 *School Fairs*

ENROLMENTS OPEN 20th APRIL 2026
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31st JULY 2026

We encourage families to book a tour and see what our school has to offer.

Benefits of a tour:

- See our classrooms in action
- Meet our friendly staff and students
- Learn about how we support every child to succeed
- Explore our learning programs and facilities
- Ask questions and get a feel for our school community




You can find further enrolment details on our school website:
<https://www.bruthens.vic.edu.au/>

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Emily Forbes - Acting Principal

We look forward to meeting you!

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




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



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2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

Wednesday 29th April 2026
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

Time	Item	Location
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm	McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE.	Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub
6.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.	Malgobila Building

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2.

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2.

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2.

If you do not receive one please contact the College directly.

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

Great Lakes
Community
Foundation

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
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



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Every dollar raised helps support
those impacted by cancer.

When: Thursday 21st May 2026

Where: Bruthen Mechanics Hall - 49 Main St Bruthen

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Details: Come and join us for a fun morning of trivia
and high tea for \$10, including finger sandwiches,
savoury pastries, scones with jam and cream, and
dainty sweet treats.

biggestmorningtea.com.au

Queries? Contact Lesley Czulowski on 0437 152 808




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
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 BDNH initiative supported by the Gippsland Community Foundation.
Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House thanks GCF for their ongoing support, which allows us to continue
making Bruthen a stronger, more resilient community.
We deeply value our partnership with GCF and our shared commitment to fostering growth in our region.

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