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Book Week at Bruthen Primary



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Bruthen Primary School Celebrates the Joy of Reading at Book Week

Bruthen Primary School was alive with imagination and colour as students celebrated this year's Book Week activities.

Everyone embraced the chance to don a costume and dress up as their favourite book character. Students proudly shared the special traits and roles of their chosen characters, sparking conversations and connections with their peers. Adding to the excitement, children from the Bruthen 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten also joined the festivities, beginning to build friendships and a sense of belonging that will carry into future years.

The celebrations continued with a variety of engaging activities. Teachers inspired students to embark on the great adventures that can be discovered

within the pages of a book, highlighting the magic of reading and the joy it brings.

Book Week at Bruthen Primary was a true celebration of stories, creativity, and a shared love of books.



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Children's Book Week in its 80th year

Children's Book Week, the key national event of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), was celebrated across the country in August, marking eighty continuous years of this much-loved occasion. The CBCA is dedicated to "inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer" and students from both Bruthen and Tambo Upper Primary Schools took to the theme of "Book an Adventure" with wonderful enthusiasm and style. See their photos on pages 1-2 and 15-16.



Bruthen's Bogan Bingo

On a crisp, clear night recently, over one hundred happy revellers packed the footy clubrooms for a rollicking fundraiser night of Bogan Bingo. Professional Bingo host Adam was fantastic, keeping everything rock and rolling along. Half game show half party format, the numbers were called, the jokes cracked, and ripper songs punctuated each call, giving everyone time to check their cards. We were all belting out the nostalgic tunes at the top of our lungs.

Highlight of the night was the best-dressed bogan categories. Amongst a few balloon-enhanced bellies gracing the catwalk was female standout winner Casey Collis, who wore a plastic bong on a string around her neck. As she reached the judges, she pretended to pull on it and the crowd erupted in laughter. Jirra Moffatt won the men's category with an even bigger cheer when he stopped and ripped his singlet completely in half like a seasoned Manpower star!

Special thanks to all the wonderful cooks who provided a feast of delicious casseroles and sweets and all the volunteers involved.



Introducing Pharmacist Rafik (Raf) Karas

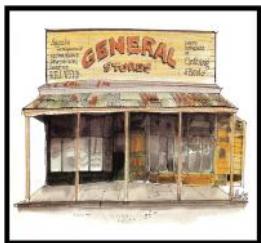


Rambler volunteers Ros K and Jenny C met with Bruthen's new pharmacist Raf Karas recently to chat about the opening of the Bruthen Pharmacy at 60 Main St, next to the Bruthen Bakery (on the site of the former Blue Bee café).

Raf shared his enthusiasm and commitment to servicing and being part of rural communities, drawing on his early life growing up in a small rural village in Egypt where the local pharmacy was a crucial link to accessible health services and information. Growing up with this firsthand

experience of the importance of a local pharmacy as a contact point for primary health information and advice had a significant influence on Raf and his siblings who were all drawn to education and careers in health professions. His brother is an Eye Surgeon, and his sister is also a pharmacist. Raf began his professional career in Egypt where pharmacy education includes traditional approaches to medicines alongside modern pharmaceutical methodology. In Australia Raf has worked in rural settings in outback QLD and regional Victoria as

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at newly opened Bruthen Pharmacy

well as in metropolitan pharmacy settings. "I love working in rural areas servicing peoples' health needs and have a lifelong commitment to remote and regional community health, developing relationships with clients and community networks" Raf told the Rambler team. Bruthen Pharmacy is registered under Rural Pharmacies Pty. Ltd and has 'sister pharmacies' in Metung and Coleraine.

Raf notes that local pharmacists are well-placed to work closely with individuals as a 'last point of contact' before clients commence their medication regime, with the pharmacist always alert for discrepancies, errors and potential risks such as drug interactions or polypharmacy. The Bruthen Pharmacy liaises closely with prescribing doctors and medical clinics, including Gippsland Lakes Complete Health which provides limited GP and nursing services in Bruthen two mornings a week. Raf encourages people to approach him at Bruthen Pharmacy to discuss their medication questions or concerns regardless of where the medications have been dispensed from. He is committed to engaging with the local community as a key contact for accessible and professional health advocacy and advice offered with professional confidentiality and privacy assured.

The range of products and services offered at Bruthen Pharmacy include:

- An instant prescription service.
- Webster Pak packing and dispensing service.

- Free Blood Pressure and diabetes checks.
- Agent for Diabetes Australia.
- Professional personalised advice on medications.
- Home Medications Review scheme, checking medications and advising on side-effects, drug interactions and other medication concerns people may want to discuss.
- Vaccination program: Flu Vax, Travel vaccinations, Shingles, Covid 19.
- Safe Disposal of Medications via Yellow Rumbin program.
- Home delivery of medications for people who find it difficult to get to the Pharmacy.
- Over the counter pharmacy products.
- Giftware and fragrances.

Raf is the lead Pharmacist at Bruthen Pharmacy and the Metung Pharmacy. In September a second Pharmacist will share the role at Bruthen along with part-time ancillary staff. Teoni, a trained Pharmacy Technician, will work Monday, Friday and alternate Saturdays, while Trudi will provide customer service support Tuesday - Thursday and alternate Saturdays.

Please call in to meet the staff at Bruthen Pharmacy and find out more about this welcome new community service.

Trading Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-12pm. Sunday and Public Holidays to be announced.





Any motorbike enthusiasts out there? The group pictured above are a friendly mob of locals with a range of bikes who get together for a morning tea in Bruthen on the first Tuesday of the month, then head off for a ride. If you're interested in joining them for a ride, you're most welcome to rock up to the gardens about 10 a.m. and introduce yourself.



Preserved Lemons (Makes about 1 Litre)

You will need:

- 4-6 lemons (Myer or Eureka work well)
- 4-5 additional lemons for juice
- 60g coarse sea salt (do not use table salt or iodised salt which is too bitter)

Method:

- Scrub the lemons for preserving and dry them off.
- Cut the lemons into quarters, place them in a shallow bowl and cover the cut surfaces with salt, about 1Tbsp for each quartered lemon.
- Cover with a weighted plate to help release the juices, leave for about 30 minutes.
- Pack the salted lemons into a sterilised jar, squeezing them in as tightly as possible.
- Add optional extras according to preference. For example 2-3 bay leaves, some peppercorns, a cinnamon stick, coriander seeds.
- With the quartered salted lemons squeezed tightly into the jar, pour on the juice of the extra lemons to cover the lemons completely.
- Seal the jar and leave overnight in a cool place but not in refrigerator.
- Check the next day, pressing the lemon quarters down to ensure they are submerged. If needed, add lemon juice to cover.
- After 4 weeks they will be ready to use.
- Store in refrigerator where they will keep for about 6 months.

Using Preserved Lemons:

To use, remove lemon quarters from the liquid and rinse to remove excess salt. Scrape out the pulp and slice the lemon peel into thin strips or dice finely. Mix with sauteed vegetables, soups, and tagine dishes to add a distinctive salty flavour. Diced preserved lemons can also be mashed with butter and fresh herbs to serve with grilled fish.



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Bruthen Primary Students Shine at District Athletics Carnival

On Monday, 11th August, Howitt Park in Bairnsdale played host to the annual District Athletics Carnival, where Bruthen Primary School students showcased their sporting talents and school spirit.

Students from Bruthen Primary competed with a focus on achieving personal bests, demonstrating persistence, determination, and a true love of sport. Throughout the day, they exemplified excellent sporting qualities - remaining modest in victory, gracious in defeat, and consistently encouraging their peers.

The Bruthen team celebrated the achievements of all competitors, showing that the spirit of the carnival is about more than winning. Their supportive and enthusiastic approach highlighted the values of teamwork and respect, making the school proud.

It was a day of personal triumphs and shared celebration, with students leaving Howitt Park inspired to continue striving for their best both on and off the track



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Get your iconic Gippsland photo entries in

Local MP Darren Chester is encouraging Gippslanders to get snapping and submit their best 'Iconic Gippsland' photo entries for his 2026 #lovegippsland calendar competition.

This year's theme, Iconic Gippsland, seeks images that capture the heart and soul of the region — from rugged coastlines and tranquil rivers, to historic landmarks and breathtaking vistas.

"This competition is a celebration of Gippsland and the talented photographers who live here," Mr Chester said.

"Every year, I'm impressed by the creativity and skill of our local photographers, and I have no doubt that my 2026 #lovegippsland calendar will be the best one yet.

"If you've been meaning to send in your photo, don't worry, there is still time with entries open for another seven weeks.

"By submitting a photo entry, you will have the chance to have your image featured in next year's calendar, which is enjoyed by thousands of Gippslanders.

"Thirteen photographs will be chosen to appear in the calendar, including the front cover, with a hamper prize up for grabs for the three best entries."

Entries close at 5pm on Friday, October 3, 2025,



Pictured: Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester is encouraging locals to enter their best 'Iconic Gippsland' photos in his 2026 #lovegippsland calendar competition.

with a maximum of two entries per person. To be considered for the 2026 #lovegippsland calendar, photographs must be landscape-oriented and a minimum size of 4MB. Entrants must also include their name, hometown, contact details, and a caption for their image. To enter and for full competition guidelines, visit: www.darrenchester.com.au

Bruthen Seniors



The Bruthen Seniors recently enjoyed a delicious lunch at Maison Sens Vietnamese Restaurant, in Bairnsdale. The next outing away is to the Central Hotel, Lakes Entrance on September 17th.

Phone 0407 507 849 or 0497 544 490 for more info.



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Bruthen & District Neighbourhood House UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2025

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THURSDAY'S 9:30-11AM DURING SCHOOL TERMS	LITTLE LEGENDS 0-5 KINDER GYM HELD @ BRUTHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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11 SEPTEMBER @1PM	BRUTHEN BOOKIES 36 MAIN STREET BRUTHEN
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11 R U OK? DAY 	

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20–26 October 2025

AUSSIE BIRD COUNT



Every October, in Bird Week, tens of thousands of Aussies spend 20 minutes counting the birds they see — in backyards, local parks, schoolyards and shared community spaces. It's easy, fun and a great way to connect with nature in your neighbourhood. Download the free Aussie Bird Count app and get involved.

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday Friday

Saturday Sunday

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Think About:

- What colours did you see?
- Where was it?
- What did you love about it?

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Bruthen Arts and Events Council News

Art Collective

Mixed Bag 25

Humans have been creating art since the Stone Age. Tools were very simple with a stone, sticks, charcoal and ochres. Today there is an endless range of materials available for artists with the end result being a feast for the eyes.

Mixed Bag 25 promises to have something for everyone to enjoy and be inspired by.

Friday, Sept 19 – Grand Opening night 7pm.

Saturday, Sept 20 – Doors open 10am to view art works and demonstrations of craft and art.

Sunday, Sept 21 – 10am doors open plus demonstrations of ancient craft skills.

Sunday Art Supplies INXS market 11am to 4pm.

Art Supplies INXS

All Arty Crafty people have an excess of materials gathered over many years, unused and hidden away in a dark corner. Mixed Bag 25 is your chance to unload some of those bits and pieces. A pre-loved art & craft supplies market will be held on Sunday 21st September 11am to 4pm to coincide with the

art exhibition at Bruthen Mechanics Hall.

Bruthen Art Collective

We are excited to be able to say that this program is about to get up and going thanks to support from Bruthen Neighbourhood House. The first official session will be on Friday, October 3, at the rear of the Community Health Centre in Main street.

Equipment For Hire

Bruthen Arts and Events Council have collected a lot of equipment over the last 20 odd years and we have decided to make some available for other not-for-profit organisations to hire. A security deposit will apply to some items. We have a portable stage, portable PA, wool blacks to fit the hall walls, gazebos, sculpture plinths, plastic ducks and security fencing available.

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A	C	C

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Bruthen's Got Talent at the Bruthen Inn

It was warm and cozy in the lounge of the Bruthen Inn for winter's final open mic on Sunday, August 31. Unfortunately I missed some of the earlier acts so the first one I caught was Mark McCord playing his unique twin-neck guitar and putting his quirky melodic twists and mellow vocals on Frank Zappa's My Guitar Wants to Kill Your Mama, Ozarks Going Down the Road and the Temptations Can't Get Next To You. Then Mama Dee joined Mark to belt out Macy Gray's Why Didn't You Call Me. What a treat! Bill Parry from Eagle Point was up next and played two John Martin songs brilliantly - May You Never and Over the Hill. He finished with an original, Sounds Like Changes, which hinted at early America.

Sarah from Briagalong, accompanied by George pleased the crowd with Fleetwood Mac's Dreams, Stand by Me (Ben E King) and the Pretenders Brass in Pocket. Luckily she liked the impromptu back-up singers up the back - Kye Jones, Mama Dee and myself.

Kye opened with a haunting original Spring Peace, her low, resonant voice adding gravitas to her lyrics. This of Thee by Ani di Franco and Linda Perry's Wake Me Up rounded out a beautiful set. Aza sang soulful, heartfelt ballads starting with Something in the Orange by Zach Bryan and Save Me by Jelly Roll. Sarah and the ever-reliable drummer Glen Lamperd (on cajon) joined him for JJ's Pricetag, a great sing-along song.

Mark Svetlik, accompanied by Kye on vocals and Glen on beats again played Words by Neil Young, All Along the Watchtower (Dylan), Wish You Were



Kye Jones at the open mic

Here (Pink Floyd) and The Weight (Take A Load Off Fanny) by The Band. Such great crowd-pleasers! John expertly finished with Looking Out My Back Door (CCR), Pink de Ville's Cadillac Walk and old favourite Let It Be.

What a lovely fun-filled way to spend a chilly afternoon!

Pamela B

Bruthen local (and Rambler volunteer) Ros Kempton and includes some lovely artwork by another Bruthen local Donna Davies.



Library Display

If you're in Bairnsdale, you might want to check out a fascinating display in the foyer of the Shire Library. This was put together by members of Birdlife East Gippsland including

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Bairnsdale, Corner Main & Bailey St	08:30 am	10:20 am
Bairnsdale Train Station	08:35 am	10:30 am
Bairnsdale to Bruthen Afternoon	Mon to Thurs PM	Friday PM
Bairnsdale Train Station	1:25 pm	3:40 pm
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HELLO READERS!

Do you have any stories or photos to share with us? On any aspect of the many strands of community life or our local environment? We always welcome new input and can be contacted at tamborambler@gmail.com. Our team has a regular planning meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the room at the rear of GLCH at 10.30. (Next meeting is September 16.) Feel free to drop in for a chat ... no strings attached.

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Bird of the Month: Powerful Owl

The Powerful Owl is native to South-eastern and Eastern Australia along the coastal fringes and hinterland. Habitat is typically wet eucalypt forests and some dry forests and urbanised areas where there is adequate prey. For example, a powerful owl was present for years at the La Trobe St. Metro Station in Melbourne, feeding on the brushtail possum population in the surrounding small park.

It is the largest of Australia's owls with a relatively small head and a long-rounded tail. The eyes are yellow-orange set in a dark grey/brown facial disc which is less distinct than some owl species, sometimes described as 'hawk-like'. The sexes look alike though the female is smaller and has a narrower head. Juvenile birds are downy white on the head and underparts, with a much shorter tail than the adults. The legs are feathered with massive yellow-orange feet with very sharp talons. The owls roost by day in large shady trees. Sometimes a roosting owl will have the previous night's prey held in its strong talons. Prey includes mid-sized mammals like possums, flying foxes and gliders, and large birds like magpies and cockatoos.

The Powerful Owl territorial call is a loud, slow, penetrating double hoot (*Whoo-hoo*) with a ringing, musical quality, most notable in Autumn and Winter during breeding season. The male owl has a deeper voice than the female while the begging calls of juvenile owls are a thin, shrill trilling.

Powerful Owls are long-lived, territorial and monogamous, defending their territory throughout the year. They breed in winter when the male prepares the nest, usually in a vertical hollow in a large old tree. The male provides food for the female and young during the early nesting period. The female incubates the eggs and broods the young, emerging later in the nesting period to hunt for food as well. Young birds remain with the parents for several months after fledging and may stay within their parents' territory for over a year.

The conservation status of Powerful Owls in Victoria is listed as 'vulnerable'. Threats include habitat loss and degradation from logging and land-clearing impacting access to nesting hollows and food sources. Reduced protective cover also increases the vulnerability of young birds to introduced predators like foxes and cats. They are sensitive to



Powerful Owl roosting with prey by John Hutchinson.

human disturbance, particularly during breeding season, with negative impacts on breeding success. Human intrusion may be benign but can be harmful if the owls are disrupted or distressed by activities such as photography, shining torches and noise. Secondary poisoning occurs if owls eat prey like rats and mice that have ingested poison baits. Vehicles also pose a threat with owls killed or injured while hunting around roadsides. If you are aware of Powerful Owls sharing your environment, be mindful of their habitat needs, ecosystem safety and nocturnal activity including around roadways.



Birdlife East Gippsland welcomes visitors and newcomers.

Birdlife East Gippsland meets weekly from 9am to 12pm on Mondays, including a tea break. New members and visitors are always welcome. The annual schedule of outings across the region ensures diverse locations and interesting bird observing. The records collected are submitted to the national database.

BYO refreshments & water; wear appropriate clothing, boots and sun protection. Binoculars are handy. Planned outings may be affected by regional weather and emergency warnings or environmental conditions. If unsure, please check via Birdlife East Gippsland Facebook page or email.

eastgippsland@birdlife.org.au

August 2025 Outings Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	9AM MEETING PLACE
September 1st	Nowa Nowa	Boat Ramp Car Park, Launching Rd. Nowa Nowa
September 8th	Forge Creek Reserve	Romawi Rd. 100m SE of Forge Ck. Rd.
September 15th	Goldsmiths in the Forest	191 Harrison Trk, via Scriveners Rd. Lakes Entrance.
September 22nd	Coonawarra Camp, Cobbanah	Coonawarra Camp. 3545 Bdale-Dargo Rd.
September 29th	Gillin Property	3 Stones Rd. Swan Reach (off West Boundary Rd).

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Tambo Rambler Advertising Costs

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We also distribute to Government representatives, Bairnsdale Library, Victorian State Library, and local Historical Societies

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Bruthen Football Netball Club Report

Bruthen's Senior Footballers were unable to secure a win in what became their final game of the season, going down to a determined Omeo-Benambra side by 46 points on Saturday, August 6 in Omeo. Despite fighting hard all day, the boys struggled to connect with their forwards and were wasteful in front of goal, finishing with 4 goals 10 behinds.

The Seniors were next scheduled to face ladder-leaders Swan Reach at home — a side they had beaten by two points in their previous meeting. However, due to threats of violence off the field, the Round 15 clash was cancelled following a joint decision by the league, clubs, and Victoria Police. Bruthen was awarded two premiership points, but it wasn't enough to hold fourth spot, with Buchan overtaking them in the finals race. While disappointing, the side will look back on a few narrow losses that, if converted, could have secured a finals berth.

In Junior Football, Bruthen travelled to Omeo to face Omeo-Benambra for an elimination final. The home side dominated from the outset, running out 109-point winners. Bruthen showed fight in the last quarter, kicking seven goals, each celebrated with passion by players and supporters alike. With a young and talented core, the future of Bruthen football looks promising.

On the netball courts, A Grade scored a spirited elimination final win in Omeo against Buchan, 33–29. Two weeks later, they fell short in the Preliminary Final at Swan Reach, with the home side taking control early and holding on to win 47–35.

B Grade's premiership defence also came to an end, as they were edged out of the top four by Buchan.

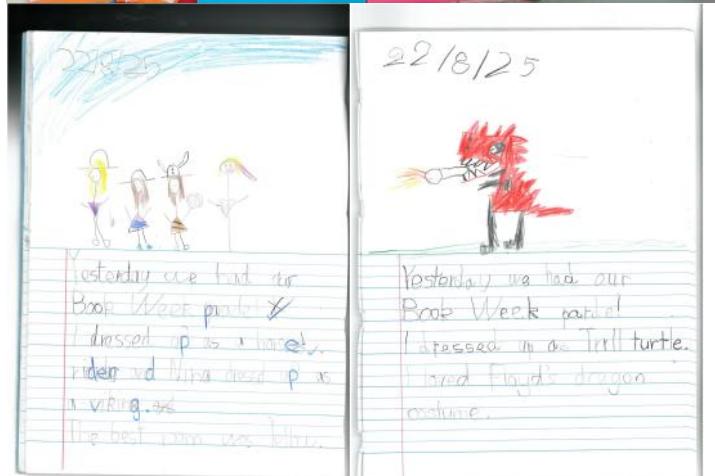
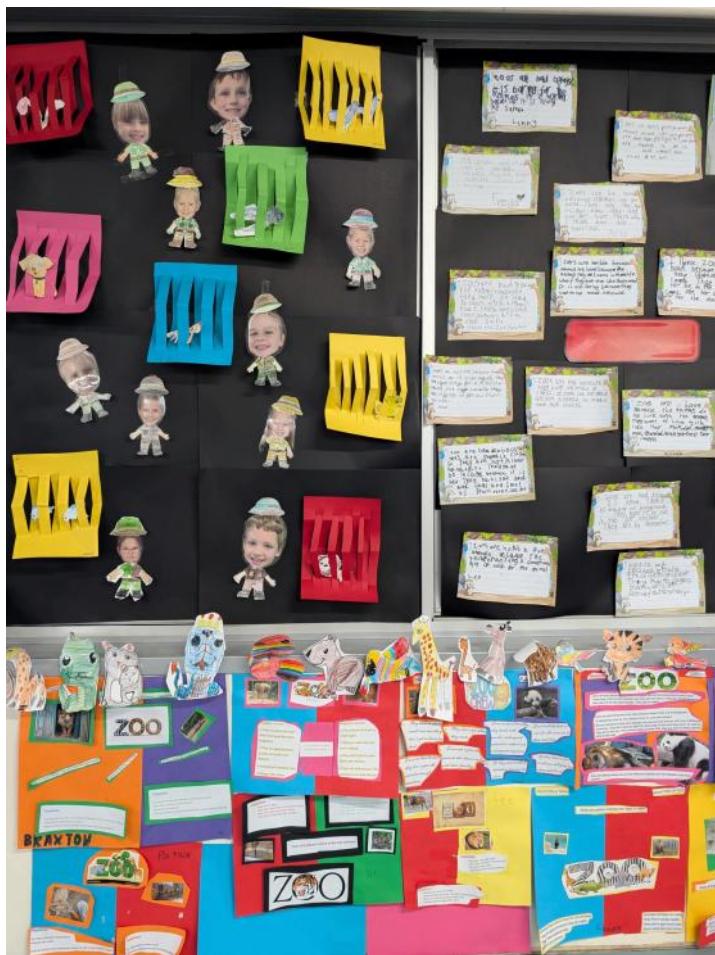
The Under 12s missed their final match of the season but can be proud of the progress they made throughout the year.

Bruthen's only team set to feature on Grand Final weekend is the U/17 netballers, who have gone from strength to strength and are well placed to chase back-to-back titles. In a thrilling semi-final against Swan Reach, Bruthen jumped out to an early lead before Swan Reach clawed their way back to hit the front late. Hayden Stevens was rock-solid in defence, and a buzzer-beating goal from Leah Calvert sealed a one-point win, booking Bruthen's place in the Grand Final.

Social Calendar

The Bogan Bingo event was a roaring success, with an almost full house packing the football clubrooms to be entertained by the hilarious MC and his comedic & Australiana-packed bingo, with great meals provided by the Bruthen FNC community.

The Football Netball Club's Presentation night will be on the 20th of September at the Bruthen Recreation Reserve, tickets to go on sale soon.



Book Week at Tambo Upper Primary School

