



St Benedict's Primary School

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Let mercy live among us

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I announce following a panel selection process the appointment of Alana Quirk to the position of Assistant Principal of St Benedict's, from the 29th January 2019. I know the school community join with me in congratulating Alana on her ongoing appointment and wish her all the best in this important leadership role.

Spring Fair

Term 3 means many exciting events happening in our school. One such event is our bi-annual Spring Fair, which is a fantastic community event and our major fundraiser for the year.

Urgent: Coordinators Required

As we gear up towards this great day we are in need of some organisational assistance. Our Spring Fair Committee has been doing a wonderful job in organising the event so far but is in need of help from others to look after one aspect of the event. Some of the stalls we are still looking for stall coordinators include;

- Second Hand
- Hot Dog
- Devonshire Tea
- Drinks
- Ice-creams
- Face painting
- Homemade goods
- Tombola
- Corn cobs
- Coin Toss
- Plants
- Food/Veggie Art
- Inflatables



Thank you to those who have already volunteered to coordinate other stalls:

- Cakes (Nadia Mulino)
- Glitter tattoos/hair colour (The Ward Family)
- Chocolate Wheel (Tim Smith)
- Curry (Erosha Bakmiwewa)

- BBQ (John Daunt)
- Craft (Erosha Bakmiwewa)
- Raffle (Belinda Daunt)
- Book Stall (Michael Sander)

If you can help in coordinating a stall then please contact Belinda McRae in the Front Office who will pass on your details to one of the Spring Fair Coordinators to contact you. Some of the initial organisation is already done for many of the stalls and the Spring Fair Committee will help you in any way that you need.

Spring Fair Sponsorship

Beginning next week a Spring Fair Page will appear in our Newsletter and on our school website highlighting some of the generous sponsorship we have received from organisations.

If you or your family own a business that would like to provide some level of support for the Spring Fair please contact Alana Quirk via the Front Office to speak about how we can arrange for you to be a part of the Spring Fair.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal

Principal's Notes

Parent School Partnership

At the start of a new term I again remind you of our strong belief in working closely with the parents and carers of our students. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or myself, over any matter. Don't forget, following the reports sent home last term, if you require an interview with your child's teacher, please contact them directly. We have held our formal whole school interviews earlier in the year, but parents are welcome and encouraged to meet with the child's teacher at any time during the year. These meetings are a good way to discuss the report and set goals for the future.

Proposed Changes to School Bus Services from 2019

We have been made aware of the proposed changes to the Transport Canberra bus network commencing in January 2019. Of particular interest are the changes proposed to school bus services.

Initial analysis indicates that the majority of the Catholic Primary Schools will need to use the general bus routes, having to connect and/or interchange at bus stations. At Catholic Secondary Schools, some of the currently available dedicated school bus services have remained although with a reduction of services of approximately 75%.

Catholic Education has requested Transport Canberra to provide further information on the following concerns;

- How will the students be supported when interchanging?
- How many customer service officers and student safety officers would be available at each interchange?
- What is the specific type of support provided to Primary students?
- Will there be any dedicated platforms at interchanges for school bus services?
- What is the process to handle any incidents which will be a breach of safety?
- What support is provided to school students inside the buses, particularly for Primary students?
- Is there a priority for students getting on general public buses which are at full capacity?

As parents and carers, you are strongly urged to provide your feedback through "YourSay" on <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/rapid-bus-network> before 12 August 2018.

Details on the changes to school bus services can be found on <https://canberrabuses.com.au/schools/>

Catholic Education will continue their discussions with Transport Canberra and provide further information as and when available.

Grandparents and Grand Friends' Day

We are very excited to once again be celebrating Grandparents and Grand Friend's day at school, this Friday in honour of all Grandparent figures in our lives. Just like us, Jesus himself had grandparents named Joachim and Anne, who were Mary's parents. St Joachim and St Anne's feast day is celebrated on 26th July. We do not know very much about Mary's parents, but we do know that they were good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself. Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and grandparents and both deserve to be honoured and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. Don't forget our day will begin with mass in the Church at 10am and morning tea will follow in the library after.

Hats On

I remind parents and students that as of today the 1st August all students are required to wear hats again at school during Recess and Lunch time.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Grand Friend Day Mass



On Friday 3rd August Year 3/4 Gold and Blue will lead our school community in celebrating Grand Friend Day Mass. Mass is held in the St Benedict's Church from 10:00am. Families are warmly invited to join us for this liturgical celebration. Morning tea will be provided by the families of students in Years 3/4 Gold and Blue. Parents are invited to stay after Mass for morning tea and a chat with Staff in the Library. Parents of the hosting class are welcome to bring their child along to the morning tea.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day Mass

On Wednesday 8th August 12:30pm our school community will be attending the parish Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. All families are warmly welcomed to join us for this special occasion.

"Never see a need without doing something about it" Mary MacKillop



Mini Vinnies

Thank you very much to all that have donated already to the Mini Vinnies Hygiene Donation Station in our school Front Office. Our Mini Vinnies Team packed 46 hygiene kits ready to be distributed on the Night Patrol. Having access to hygiene products to take care of our body is vital to our human dignity. Please continue to send in toiletries, if you are making donations of shaving kits or razors please give these directly to the front office.



Our Mini Vinnies events this term will be:



- Commissioning Ceremony (All Mini Vinnies students during assembly) Friday 3rd August 2:30pm
- Winter Woolies Day (Whole school) Friday 24th August
- School Sleep Out (Offered only to years 4-6) Friday 31st August

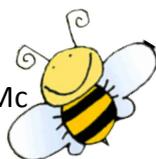
Children's Sacred Space

A new Children's Sacred Space has been set up in the Jr Primary block. This space has been created for all students to allow small groups and individuals to pray, explore the scriptures and liturgical rituals. In this space you will find a beautiful mural of St Benedict, prayer flags and origami hearts all created by the students. Some of the resources available to students include; Rosary beads, terracotta vessels, liturgical cloths, books, scripture story images, figurines and other items used for exploring the scriptures. We hope that this space will nurture our students ever deepening understanding of the Catholic faith and their relationship with God.



Merit Awards

Kindergarten	Summah G & Nathan W
1/2Blue	Mackenzie J & Trinity M
1/2Gold	Kate S, Sophia M & Finn Mc
3/4Blue	Nobel S & Joanna M
3/4Gold	Natalija M, Lillian E & Matthew S
5/6Blue	David T
5/6Gold	Imogen B & Leila C



Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is open every Thursday and / or Friday between 2.50pm to 3.15pm by appointment. Please inform Mrs McRae at the front office if you would like an appointment.



Growth Mind Set Awards

1/2Blue	Frederick H
1/2Gold	Claire L
3/4Blue	Serafin C
3/4Gold	William C
5/6Blue	Mia B



Weekly Notes

The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website.

- Building Fund Tax Receipt
- School Fees
- Chickenpox

All notes can be found on the website, please check regularly.



Canteen

THURSDAY, 2nd August 9.00am – 11.30am

HELPERS REQUIRED

11.30am – 2.00pm

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FRIDAY, 3rd August

9.00am – 11.30am

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Hello everyone,

If you have any time available, please come and visit to lend a helping hand. Any time given is greatly appreciated as nearly all our food is made on site and your child always gets a kick out of having one of their parents helping out at school, even for a short time.

Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager



Happy Birthday

to the children who celebrated their special day during the holidays, week 1 and this week: Angus C, William C, David T, Lalia D, Laura K, Austin M, Mia F, Nathan W, Zayn S, Willoughby J, Henry P, Adam A, Julia N and Alessandra B.



- 14 Aug School Board Meeting
- 15 Aug Feast of the Assumption , Mass,
- 19 Aug Yr. 5 Family Mass
- 19 Aug P&F Bunnings' BBQ @ Majura Park
- 20 Aug Keep Australia Beautiful Week begins
- 24 Aug Mini Vinnies Winter Woolies Day
- 31 Aug Fathers' Day Stall
- 31 Aug Vinnies Sleep Out Yrs 4—6
- 2 Sep Fathers' Day
- 4 Sep Parents & Friends Meeting
- 7 Sep 1/2 Gold's Fathers' Day Mass
- 11 Sep School Board Meeting
- 16 Sep School Family Mass
- 16 Sep St Benedict's Spring Fair
- 17 Sep Catholic Schools' Week Begins
- 18 Sep Learning Showcase
- 28 Sep Outdoor Education Day
- 28 Sep Last day of Term 3
- 28 Sep 5 Ways of Being Award Ceremony

Dates to Remember

- 1 Aug School Registration
- 3 Aug Grandparents' & Grand Friends Day & 3/4 Blue & 3/4 Gold Mass
- 3 Aug Winter Disco
- 7 Aug Parents & Friends Meeting,
- 8 Aug Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Mass,
- 9 Aug Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Workshops for students
- 10 Aug Science in Action Excursion Yrs 4-6
- 13 Aug Science Week begins

P&F News

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is just around the corner and we are looking for parents, grandparents and carers to volunteer to help with the Father's day stall that will be held on Friday 31st August. All you need to do is contact the P&F by sending an email to stbenedictspfa@gmail.com and come in - setup, help students with gift selection, wrap, smile and then wish the students a wonderful day. Thanks in advance for taking the time to think about putting your hand up to help.



Entertainment Book

This term we will be selling the new 2018-2019 Entertainment Book Membership for \$60.

You will receive hundreds of valuable offers for shopping, dining and accommodation. \$12 of every membership sold will go towards our school. A sample copy is available for viewing at the Front Office.

Please make sure you buy a book through St Benedict's School, and tell your family and friends about it too!



Buy your Entertainment Book using the link: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/23231n> then pick up your book from Belinda at the Front Office. A sample book is available for viewing at the Front Office.

St Benedict's Primary School Spring Fair is nearly here!

Save the date -

Sunday 16 September (10-2pm)

Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES:

Petting Zoo

Inflatable Obstacle Course

Inflatable Hungry Hippo

Jumping Castle

Book and Eric a Brac Stall
and loads more...

Tombola

Lucky dip

Chocolate Wheel

Raffle

Sausage sizzle/cakes/spiders

Invite your friends and relatives for a day of fun!

Raffle Tickets available from Term 3.



Parish News

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Weekend Mass Times

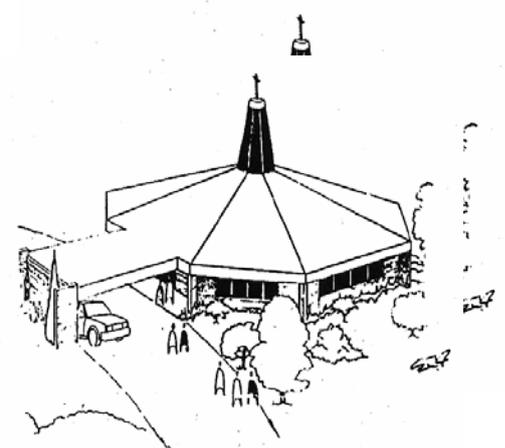
Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

Youth Mass 6.00pm

Charismatic Mass 6.00pm (last Sunday of the Month)

Baptisms: 11.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month



———— Your Health Link ————

National Photographic Competition

HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

Competition
opens
**19 August
2018**

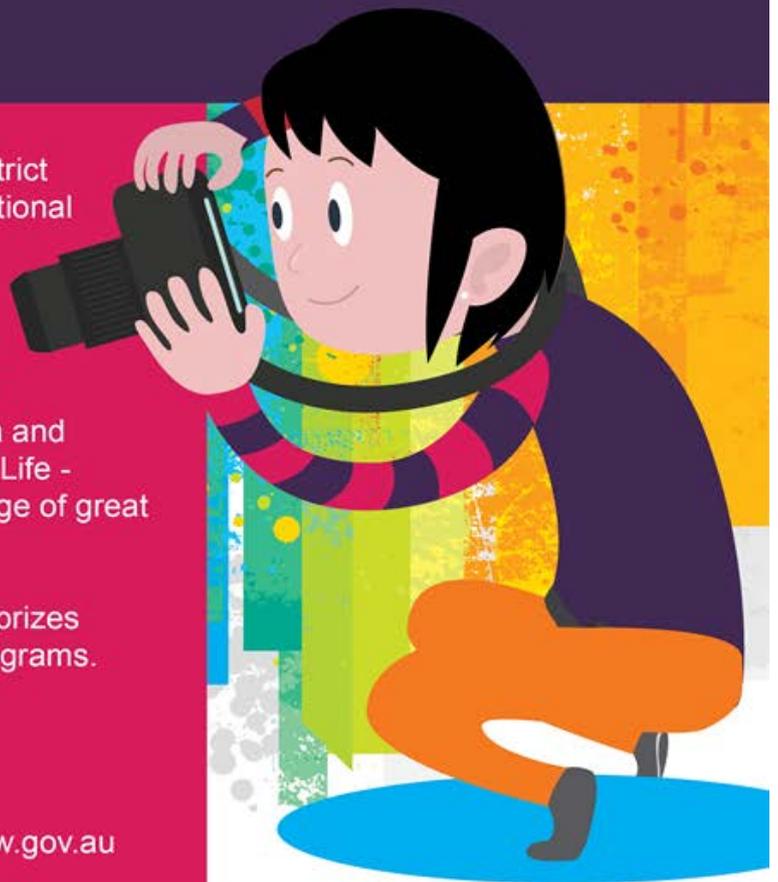
SAVE THE DATE

The Mid North Coast Local Health District will open its 2018 Your Health Link National Photographic Competition on World Photography Day 19 August, 2018.

Primary and high school students are encouraged to get ready to grab their mobile phones, tablet or trusty camera and capture images that promote 'Healthy Life - Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes supporting healthy school canteen programs.

For further information contact:
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