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Praise the Lord

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day was celebrated nationally last Friday. Thank you on behalf of all staff for the overwhelming generosity shown to them by the school community last Friday.

Kindergarten Orientation

We had such a lovely night last night at our Kindergarten Information Night, meeting the parents of our new Kindergarten class next year who are a friendly group. We're looking forward to working with them and their children.

Next Wednesday the new students will have the first of two orientation mornings where they get to know each other and the school prior to starting. I'm sure there will be a lot of nervous energy and enthusiasm. Please help them feel welcome as they bring their children before school.

Fran Tomadini will be teaching Kindergarten at St Benedict's next year. Other teachers for other classes will be determined shortly.

Working Together

I was really pleased to have a conversation with a parent earlier this week who wanted to express concern about a particular issue but thought perhaps to not 'bother' anyone about it. A brief conversation was a great opportunity for them to ask a question or two and receive answers that helped to clear up a misunderstanding of a situation in their child's class. I'm grateful to this parent for a productive conversation.

Asking questions to 'seek to understand' a situation is always the best approach when raising any concerns. Approaching an issue with assumptions about what is happening and with ideas already determined and formed usually complicates the issue. Coming to a shared understanding helps us move towards the best solution.

Congratulations Ms Younger

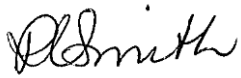
Congratulations to Ms Meaghan Younger who has been successful in gaining a leadership position at St Michael's Kaleen from 2018 as Religious Education Coordinator. Ms Younger has been the Religious Education Coordinator (REC) at St Benedict's for ten years and as REC she has contributed positively to our strong St

Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Benedict's identity, Religious Education Program and the liturgical life of the school. We wish Ms Younger well in her new position and know that the St Michael's community will be richer for having her as their REC. The position of REC at St Benedict's will be advertised shortly.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal (Acting)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

All Saints

Today is the Feast of All Saints, as described in last week's newsletter. This month we will have an opportunity to add the names of those we love who have died to our prayer wall. We will keep them in our prayers throughout the month of November.

First Friday Mass

This Friday, 3rd November, the whole school will celebrate our First Friday Mass for the month of November. 1/2 Blue have been very busy preparing readings and music for this Mass which will focus on All Saints and All Souls – all the special people who have died and wait for us in heaven. Mass begins at 10:00am and all families are most welcome to join us. Parents are invited to join the staff for morning tea in the library after Mass. Thank you to the families of 1/2 Blue who are organising the morning tea.

Remembrance Day



Saturday 11th November is Remembrance Day. People from many nations will pause at 11:00am to remember the signing of the Peace Treaty that ended World War One. We remember all who have died in war and pray for peace in our world. St Benedict's School community will pre-empt these commemorations with our own service the day before. The school will gather in the Hall at 10:30am on Friday 10th November for our Remembrance Day liturgy. All families are welcome to join us, with members of our Defence Forces particularly offered an invitation in acknowledgement of your service to our country.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator



STUDENTS SHARING ACROSS THE GLOBE

GSP's guarantee

GSP is 100% voluntary and we guarantee that 100% of funds for projects and sponsorship go to your partner school, sponsored children and their families.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Child sponsorship

GSP child sponsorship enables children to attend school, where otherwise they would be at home or working. Find out more [click here](#)



St Benedict's Primary School partners with Gesore Preparatory School in Kenya

Welcome to our new GSP partnership! We look forward to growing the relationship between students, teachers and school communities of St Benedict's and Gesore Preparatory schools to help educate students in Kenya.

Together we aim to help Gesore with classroom resources, access to water and new toilets, as primary needs of the school.



ELC upgrade 2018

Following the successful upgrade of the Early Learning Centre at Tabaka Academy this year, one GSP focus next year is to bring all our partner school ELC classes up to the same standard.



Gesore students want to write to you!

The students at Gesore are excited to learn about life at St Benedict's, so we encourage you to write a letter to begin a pen pal friendship – please note Kenyan schools break for Christmas holidays next week, much earlier than usual because of the country's general election. So, letter exchanges can begin in early 2018.

Letters can be written at school as part of a lesson, if teachers wish; or from home. Write and email a letter to simon@globalschoolpartners.org.au



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School News

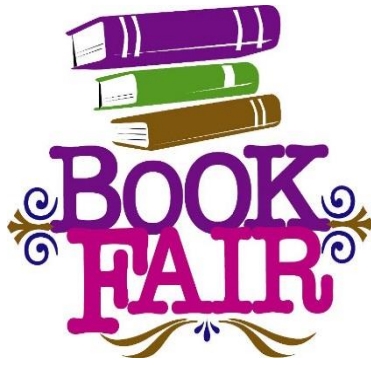
2017 Book Fair

St Benedict's will be running our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November 2017. It will be open for purchasing both afternoons from 3.30pm-5.30pm and Thursday morning before school from 8.00am - 9.00am. The Thursday morning will be for PARENTS ONLY. The children will have an opportunity to view the books and complete a 'wishlist'.

This is an important fundraiser for the library and an opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.

Thanks for your support

Sue Anderson
Teacher Librarian



Clothing Pool

Is available each Friday between 2.55pm to 3.15pm by appointment. Please let Belinda at the front office know what you are after. Most items are between \$4.00 and \$10.00.



Merit Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to those students at last weeks' assembly who were recipients of Merit Awards:

Kinder: Alana W, Arwyn S and Finn Mc

1 / 2 Blue: Ruby S, Isadora N and Miah H

1 / 2 Gold: Alec C and Angus C

3 / 4 Blue: Jacinta V, Teresa D and Emersen C

3 / 4 Gold: Leila C and Arthur S

5 / 6 Blue: Imogen B, Anica K, Molly W and James H

5 / 6 Gold: Taylah G and Alexander M

Weekly Notes

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

- School Fees – Due Wednesday 8th November.
- Crazy Camel Christmas Cards – Due by Friday 10th November.
- Summer Uniform Order – Due by Tuesday 14th November.
- Appointment of Principal
- Yr6 Fun Day



P&F News

Dear Parents & Carers,

With Christmas less than 9 weeks away the students have become quite the artists creating their own Christmas card



designs. The P&F in conjunction with Crazy Camel fundraising are turning these designs into Christmas cards which you will be able to purchase. Please keep an eye out for your order form in your child's bag this week. The cards come in a pack of 8 for \$12, with your child's name, age and school logo on the back.

Final orders are due by **Friday 10th November** to ensure prompt delivery.

Happy Birthday to the children at St Benedict's who celebrate their special day this week: Abel d, Ciru N, James N and Hubert K.



Lost Property



The lost property box is now overflowing and we are only in week 4. Please take some time to check the lost property table especially for Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students. It is very common to find towels, socks, undies, singlets and shoes during this swimming term.

Canteen

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers,
Welcome to week four of the final term of the year!
Only six weeks to go!!! Goodness me.

As the weather warms, we see a greater amount of variety in fruits and vegetables available at more affordable prices. As a mother, it means I can introduce some extra treats into the lunchbox, and hopefully, to the canteen. Stone fruits are on their way, although a little under-ripe still, it won't be long before the juices of Araluen peaches will be running down the wrists of children and adults.

Peaches store a broad [range](#) of nutrients that are vital for the healthy functioning of the body. Peaches are a rich provider of [vitamin A](#), beta-carotene, and [vitamin C](#) (ascorbic acid). They are also a good source of [vitamin E](#) (alpha-tocopherol), [vitamin K](#) (phylloquinone), [vitamin B1](#) (thiamine), [vitamin B2](#) (riboflavin), [vitamin B3](#) (niacin), [vitamin B-6](#), folate, and [pantothenic acid](#). Peaches [offer](#) a [rich treasure](#) of [minerals](#) such as [calcium](#), [potassium](#), [magnesium](#), [iron](#), [manganese](#), [phosphorous](#), [zinc](#), and [copper](#) (<https://www.organicfacts.net/health-benefits/fruit/health-benefits-of-peach.html>).

Peaches can be eaten on their own, added to salads, cut in half and BBQ'd, preserved, baked in cakes... the list is endless.

Parish News

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Website: www.cg.org.au/narrabundah

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.00am
Youth Mass	7.00pm
Charismatic Mass	7.00pm (last Sunday of the Month)
Baptisms:	11.00am, 2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the Month

Meanwhile, in the tuckshop, there is vacancy to assist each Thursday from Recess to Lunch. If you have a little space in the middle of the day and are keen to be involved, please pop on in, I would love to have a chat. Don't be concerned if your experience in the kitchen is limited, we can learn from each other.

Please pop into the Canteen on either a Thursday or Friday, or e-mail me cara.cook@cg.catholic.edu.au to discuss further.

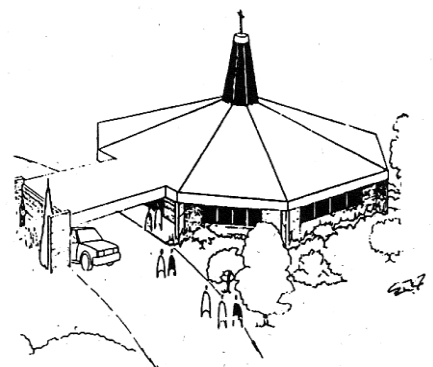
Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager



Dates to Remember

- ✓ 1st November – Feast of All Saints
- ✓ 2nd November – Feast of All Souls
- ✓ 3rd November – First Friday Mass, 10.00am, 1/2 Blue – all welcome
- ✓ 8th November – Kindergarten Orientation 1, 9.00am – 11.00am.
- ✓ 10th November – Remembrance Day Liturgy, 10.30am, 1/2 Gold – all welcome
- ✓ 14th November – School Board Meeting, 6.00pm
- ✓ 21st November – Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm – all welcome
- ✓ 22nd November – Kindergarten Orientation 2, 9.00am – 11.00am.
- ✓ 24th November – Beach to Bush Program



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Boorowa Carnival – Lost and Found

Found near the boys change rooms at the Touch / Netball Carnival was a Red White and Grey Kathmandu picnic Blanket. Please contact St Josephs on 02 6385 3263 to arrange collection.

For all other lost property please refer to the Boorowa Central School Website <http://www.boorowa-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/touch-netball-carnival>

To claim items please contact Boorowa Central School on 02 6385 3009 and they will be posted out to you. Any items with school logos will be sent to the relevant schools.

School Student Transport Scheme – NSW residing students

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.



In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. **Note;** not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

Concessions

Email: Student@transport.nsw.gov.au