



St Benedict's Primary School

Tallara Parkway
NARRABUNDAH, ACT, 2604

Ph: 02 6295 8027

Email: Office.StBenedicts@cg.catholic.edu.au

 @StBenedicts2604

NEWSLETTER 6

14th March 2018

Let mercy live among us

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday 18th March we have the first of our grade level family masses. Each grade level throughout the year are invited to join the Parish for a 9.00am Sunday mass. These masses are timed with when our school choir sings at the Parish masses (every third Sunday). So please come along and join our Year Four Families and School Choir in celebrating mass this Sunday.

Reconciliation

Our Year 3 students, two of our older students and their families are undertaking preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten period and we keep them in our prayers as they prepare to experience their first Reconciliation. The students have been learning about Reconciliation as part of the classroom Religious Education program and the other weekend they participated in Parish based preparation, in the form of a Retreat Day for students and for parents. Thank you to Nat Wright, Fr Dan, Melanie Stratford, Camille Ellison, Nicole Jones and Alana Quirk for the extra time to assist the students and families prepare for the sacrament.

Focuses and Project Areas this Year

There are a number of areas that the school will be focusing on this year. These included;

- *A Culture That Promotes Learning*
Throughout the year we aim to develop a rich, challenging, balanced and engaging curriculum for all students that develops collaborative, self-directed, critical and creative twenty-first century learners. We will continue to focus on creating a positive learning culture that values diversity and intellectual effort and where students appreciate their talents and pursue their highest aspirations. We will work with the students to embed a common language through which they will be able to articulate a set of high, achievable and collaboratively set goals for learning. These will be continually reviewed and celebrated with parents and peers when achieved. We have already begun this process through our Three Way Conferences last week and will continue this throughout the year with our Learning Celebrations and reporting processes.
- *Inquiry Learning in Mathematics and Religion*
We are working to develop robust structures and practices that embrace and support student-centred learning, by incorporating inquiry learning across all curriculum areas. Numeracy will be a focus area this year, with teachers concentrating on teaching rich and layered mathematics activities that engage all learners and assist them to develop strong understandings of number concepts.

Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

As the CE introduces the new inquiry based Religious Education curriculum we will move to implement it across the school, beginning with professional development of staff.

- *Technology for Learning*

Through the use of Google Suite and the new Digital Technologies curriculum we will continue to implement and resource learning opportunities where students use mobile technologies to create new knowledge, develop independence and curiosity and express their learning in multiple ways. We want to ensure that these students use technology at school that will enable them to be critical and creative twenty-first century learners and problem solvers.

- *A Happy, Healthy Connected Community*

We will continue to implement KidsMatter, moving to component 2 which is Social and Emotional learning for students. Social and Emotional learning is about developing the ability to care for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations. (*Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, 2003*). This focus will be strengthened by our work with Growth Mindset which refers to a way of thinking, learning and taking on challenges. Working alongside our parents will be paramount to continuing this journey.

- *Our Learning Dispositions*

Our work on the development of a set of '*learning dispositions*' (or characteristics) considered most important to our school, will tie all our focus areas together, transforming learning and teaching, giving students, staff and the community a language to talk about, understand and grow their learning habits. It makes the HOW of learning explicit and high value is placed on learning characteristics and growth mindset. Development of these dispositions is fundamental for students to develop an awareness of the way they learn and establish future-focused attitudes to learning, critical if they are to become lifelong learners.

P&F Paint It Up

It is not too late to RSVP for the P&F Paint It Up this Sunday 18th March. Paint it up is a fun, creative environment where you can come and release the artist within. Those who participated last year will tell you that it's a lot of fun! No experience required, as an artist will step us through the process of creating our own masterpieces. Come and join in a fun afternoon for the adults.

Uniform Sale

Barbra Cox, our P&F Clothing Pool Coordinator, will be holding a 'Clothing Pool Open Air Day Sale' on Thursday 22nd March from 3pm onwards. The sale will take place under the covered area and with the focus for this sale being winter uniform.

WWVP Cards

Just a reminder that all parents and carers must have a *Working With Vulnerable People Card* if they are helping out at school, on excursions or with carnivals in any way. If you are helping out with the school you must also carry your WWVP card with you at all times. Everyone who enters our school buildings is checked for a WWVP, including tradespeople or guest speakers. If you do not yet have a card you can apply through the ACT Government shop front ACCESS Canberra.

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. Just a gentle reminder that school fees are now overdue and payable at the Front Office. Please speak to Mrs McRae, in the Front Office, if you are interested in setting up direct debit or if you are not sure of the amount to debit.

Thank you for your ongoing care and partnership in your child's learning.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Year 5/6 Mountain View Aged Care Centre Healing Liturgy



This Thursday, 15th March, Year 5/6 students will be visiting Mountain View Aged Care Centre to lead a Healing Liturgy with Father Dan. We pray that the presence and company of our students will bring much joy to the residents of Mountain View.

Sacraments



This week, students who are preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be focusing on the themes of 'gathering' and 'belonging'. The parish community gathers each weekend at Mass and like any family, we grow in our relationships with one another and with God when we spend time together. These students are encouraged to bring their **5 Finger Prayer** card to Mass to guide them in prayer after receiving a blessing at Communion. We ask that our school community continues to keep these students in their prayers as they travel along this sacramental journey.

Class Parish Mass



Year 4 will be joining the parish this Sunday (18th March) for Mass. We ask that those who have children in Year 4, to make a special effort to attend the school's parish Mass. Some students may be asked to have a formal role for the Mass such as a reading, bringing forth the offertory or assisting with the collection of donations. The parish choir will be singing at this Mass and warmly welcome anyone to join them in singing. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.

Easter Liturgies

Please put these dates in your diary



Palm Sunday Liturgy	10:30am Monday 26 th March	Kindergarten
The Last Supper and Passion Liturgy	10:15am Thursday 29 th March	1/2 Blue and Year 6 Blue and Gold
Resurrection Liturgy	10:30am Tuesday 3 rd April	Year 4 Gold and Blue

Are You Handy with a Sewing Machine?



We are looking for some helpers to assist with making liturgical prayer table cloths. We need approximately 34 1 x 1m square cloths hemmed. If you are able to assist, please email

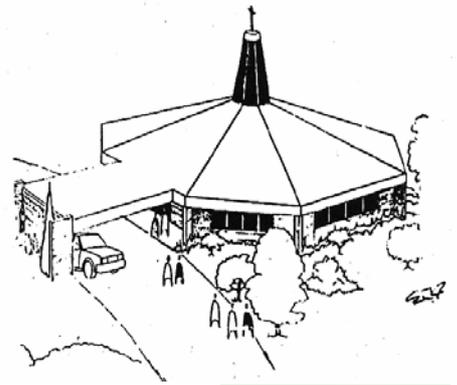
natalie.zarb@cg.catholic.edu.au

Parish News

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

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, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month



Clothing Pool

On Thursday 22nd March the Clothing Pool is having an Open Air Day Sale from 3pm. Most items are between \$4 and \$10, please bring the correct money or you can pay via credit card at the front offic. There will be no clothing pool on Friday 23rd March.



Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their special day this week: Beau, F, Marissa M



Merit Certificate Recipients

KINDERGARTEN	Geordie B and Summah G
1/2Blue	Vivienne K and Alec C
1/2Gold	Maria C and Daria F
3/4Blue	Santino E, Nobel S and Michael T
3/4Gold	Edith B, Amiah G and Finn W
5/6Blue	Zara S and Claudia C
5/6Gold	Riley W and Willoughby J

Growth Mind Set Awards

KINDERGARTEN	Nicolas B and Tanushka J
1/2Gold	Sophia M
3/4Blue	Zack W and Trinity M
3/4Gold	Jade C
5/6Blue	Chloe d J
5/6Gold	Dharma S

Weekly Notes

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

- School Disco – Due by Friday 16th March
- Mountain View Visit – Year 5 & 6
- Spring Fair 2018
- Paint It Up – Due by Wednesday 14th March
- Class Parent Reps (2nd note)
- Head Lice – Year 5 & 6
- Catholic Education Parent & Staff Survey



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

Dates to Remember

- ✓ 18th March – P&F Paint It Up
- ✓ 18th March – Yr4 Family Mass, 9.00am (all welcome)
- ✓ 20th March – Parent & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm
- ✓ 23rd March - Disco
- ✓ 24th March – First Reconciliation & Yr3 Parish Mass, 9am (all welcome)
- ✓ 26th March – Palm Sunday Liturgy, 10.30am (school hall – all welcome)
- ✓ 29th March – Passion Liturgy, 10.30am (school hall – all welcome)
- ✓ 30th March – Good Friday
- ✓ 1st April – Easter Sunday
- ✓ 3rd April – Easter Liturgy, 10.30am (school hall – all welcome)
- ✓ 6th April – Whole School Mass, 10.00am (all welcome – morning tea after in the Library)
- ✓ 7th April – P&F Working Bee, 9.00am to 12noon
- ✓ 8th April – Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
- ✓ 10th April – School Board Meeting, 6.00pm
- ✓ 11th April – Cross Country – Whole school event
- ✓ 12th April – Learning Showcase, 2.00pm (all welcome)
- ✓ 13th April – Outdoor Education Day
- ✓ 13th April – Last day Term 1

Canteen

THURSDAY, 15th March 9.00am – 11.30am
HELPERS REQUIRED

11.30am – 2.00pm
HELPERS REQUIRED

FRIDAY, 16th March 9.00am – 11.30am
HELPERS REQUIRED

11.30am – 2.00pm
HELPERS REQUIRED



The term is flying along... I cannot believe we are already at week six!!!!

The Tuckshop is doing great. There is a lot of variety for the children to enjoy each week and I love watching the children make their choices each visit from the range of foods made and the small amount of pre-packaged I buy in. I do hope your children are enjoying their Tuckshop experience. Part of that experience is to provide them with a safe space to learn how to handle money, the value of money, make decisions, deal with disappointment when their desired choice is no longer available, patience – we all need to learn to wait our turn, mental maths, sharing, just to name a few. I appreciate it can be difficult to find some change in the purse or wallet at times, but it really is a great experience for



children to learn a valuable life skill. Thankfully, I work hard to ensure there are many affordable items for sale over the counter. If you would like to discuss, please feel free to e-mail me on cara.cook@cg.catholic.edu.au

As I continue to reduce waste in the Tuckshop, I am seeking interest from parents and carers who may be interested in purchasing StickyBeak reusable,



insulated lunch bags specifically for the Tuckshop? If you are interested, please contact me on the above e-mail address. Prices for

the bags are \$10.50 for the small, and \$12.50 for the large. I would like to gauge how many families would be interested.

Presently, I do not charge for paper bags and will continue this into the future.

Thank you so much for your continued support, and if you are interested in volunteering, please visit me or drop me a line to discuss further.

Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager





Savvy
Schoolwear



Exclusive offer to
**ZERO & REWARDS
CARD HOLDERS ***

20%
OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
AND
EVERYTHING ELSE

INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH MARCH

* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.

Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 15/3/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.