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Let mercy live among us

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are always working to gain feedback from the students about their learning. One way we do this is through our *Student Learning Questions*. These questions provide prompts for the students to talk about their learning and 'dig deeper' when developing their knowledge and understanding of the concept being taught. They are on display in the classrooms and the students are familiar with them. These questions that are often used at the end of a lesson, enable teachers to gain instant feedback from the students about how they feel about their learning and their level of understanding. This in turn directs the teacher for future teaching and learning.

The Student Learning Questions include;

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where do you go for help?

Just as conversations about learning and feedback from teachers is vital to a student's future learning, so too are conversations at home about what learning is happening in the classroom. As parents you may have experienced the shrug of shoulders or a grunt or an 'I don't know' when you ask your child what they did at school that day and this is a common occurrence in many households. Sometimes all it takes is changing the time when you ask the question or the way in which you phrase the question that makes a difference. Children have spent the whole day having to be 'switched on' and sometimes waiting until dinner to ask about their day can elicit more information. You might like to also try some of the following conversation starters instead. Perhaps everyone in the family can answer some of them:

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. What did you do that was creative?
4. Who did you sit with at lunch?
5. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
6. Did you like your lunch?
7. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
8. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
9. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
10. If you could switch seats with anyone in class who would it be? And why?
11. What kind of person were you today?
12. If you could have used a super power today what would it be?

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal

Principal's Notes

10 minutes a day!

Did you know that adding 10 minutes a day to a child's reading makes a big difference over the year!

Just 10 minutes of reading each day increases exposure to so many more words and ideas (in fact as much as 600,000 more words in a year).

Just think of the increase in general knowledge, vocabulary, fluency, spelling and ability to comprehend.

Whether you spend 10 minutes reading to your child, reading with them, listening to them read or ensuring they read 10 minutes before bed, you are having an enormous impact on their growth and development.

Surveys

An annual satisfaction survey of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about their school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals cannot be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on August 20th and close on August 31st, 2018 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 20th, you can access and complete the survey at the following link.

<https://www.research.net/r/stbenedictsparent2018>

Spring Fair

Our Spring Fair this year is supporting the purchasing of IT equipment for students across the school to use. It will be a wonderful gift to the school by the parent community. You can help make this a reality by helping at our Spring Fair in coordinating or helping on a stall. Please consider how you can help.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to the families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets to school and to those families who have taken extra tickets to sell. Your hard work is appreciated! Just a reminder that book numbers have been recorded against your family name to ensure we are able to account for all tickets before the date it is due to be drawn. This is a regulatory stipulation so if you misplace your book/s or any damage occurs please contact Alana Quirk to have the loss noted and a statutory declaration must be completed. All tickets must be accounted for. This raffle is part of the Spring Fair organisation and forms part of the school's major fundraising event so your support is greatly appreciated.

Bunnings' BBQ

It is not too late to volunteer for our Bunnings' BBQ this Sunday 19th August at the Majura Park store. Please let the office know if you are available to help or alternatively please fill in the form on the website and send it in to school.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Year 5 Parish Mass

This weekend Year 5 students will be joining the parish for Sunday Mass (19th August). Families of Year 5 children are encouraged to attend as it is an opportunity to strengthen the parish-school St Benedict's community. The parish choir will also be there and all are warmly welcome to join in singing with them. Morning tea will be provided after Mass.



Father's Day Mass

Year 1/2 Gold will be leading our school in a special Father's Day Mass (Friday 7th September 10am). In preparation for this celebration we ask that families share photos of the special men in their lives (dad's, uncles, grandfathers, great grandfathers) for a photo show during Mass. Please email these to Ms Breena Walshe: breena.walshe@cg.catholic.edu.au

Mini Vinnies Winter Woollies Day Friday 24th August

Our Winter Woollies Day is fast approaching! Thank you to all of our Mini Vinnies students who have been busy creating posters to promote the day. Over the next few weeks, all classes will be discussing the issue of homelessness in our Canberra community. Please take the time to also have these discussions at home, the main understanding we want our students to have is that we are working as a community to protect the human dignity of the vulnerable in our community. And please continue to gather your winter woollies ready for next Friday; blankets, beanies, jackets, sleeping bags, scarves, socks, gloves. All donations must be **ADULT SIZES ONLY**.

Homelessness effects a person's ability to participate in family and community life. It affects a person's physical and mental health.



Congratulations!

ICAS TESTING

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS provides a suite of voluntary academic assessments for primary (Years 3-6) and secondary school students. These tests do not assess recall of curriculum content, but rather assess the higher order thinking and problem solving skills needed for success in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. These tests are quite difficult, but provide students with an opportunity to challenge themselves whilst developing their skills in taking tests (e.g. time management, identifying exactly what the question is asking and unnecessary information, reading and interpreting text, visuals and different media etc).

This year a number of students have been participating in these ICAS tests:

Year 3

Edith Baggoley

Ari Bernadini

Year 4

Brigid Norgrove

Chris Buckland

Jade Cox

Adam O'Beid

Year 6

Imogen Baggoley

Julia Norgrove

I would like to congratulate all of them for their efforts; they all should be very proud of themselves. We have received the certificates back for the Digital Technologies and Science tests and these will be presented at assembly next week (Week 5).

Mrs Quirk

SPRING FAIR

Our bi-annual Spring Fair is a fantastic community event and our major fundraiser for the year. It is fast approaching and we are still in need of people to coordinate some stalls. Being a stall coordinator does not mean that you are tied to the stall for the entire time, but rather, stall coordinators will be responsible for the set-up of the stall on the morning of the fete and the organization of a roster of helpers for the day.

Stall coordinators will be provided with all the materials necessary for their stall set up. They will also be given the list of parents that have volunteered to help out throughout the day so that they can then create and distribute the roster of helpers for that stall.

Urgent: Coordinators Required

Thank you to those parents that have already volunteered to be a stall coordinator. Some of the stalls we are still looking for stall coordinators include;

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



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.

In the coming days, Class Parent Representatives will be in contact with families to gather names and details of parents able to be included on the general rosters for stalls.

If you have any questions, please contact Alana Quirk.

BOOK WEEK

St Benedict's students will be celebrating Book Week next Wednesday 22nd August. All children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade for all the children in the hall at 9.15am. Parents are invited to come and see the parade. Following the parade students will have a fun filled day of activities based around some of the short listed books for 2018.



St Benedict's Coder of The Week

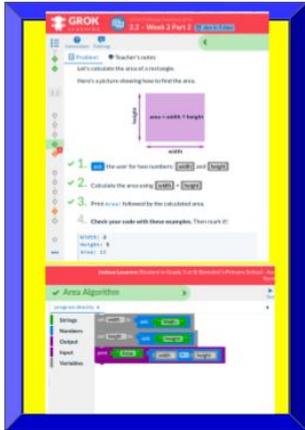


Joshua, what do you love about coding?

I love that you get the chance to learn different types of codes like Python.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am working on the NCSS Newbies Challenge.



Sophia, what do you love about coding?

I love the challenge of solving problems and learning about different coding techniques.

What are you working on at the moment?

I am working on the Intermediate NCSS Challenge.



**5/6
Author of
The Week**

Imogen is our 5/6
Author of the Week

She has published a Website on Indie Music Reviews

View her amazing Website @

<http://bit.ly/indiemusicreviews>

Girls Programming Network

Last Sunday three girls from St Benedict's attended the Canberra Girls' Programming Network event at the University of Canberra. Places in these events are very competitive and Molly, Sarah and Emily were very fortunate to be offered a place among the hundred girls who attended. The Canberra Girls' Programming Network run free, hands-on programming workshops for girls from grades 4–12. Girls are introduced to a range of topics such as cryptography and games and code their own programs using the Python programming language. Events are run several times a year by volunteer local women studying or working in IT in industry, academia and government.

Hi I'm Sarah I went to the Girls Programming Network coding day for girls last Sunday. We were doing the NCSS challenge. The fun thing about it was when I did Python with my friend Emily. We were the only ones finished. It was fun because I got to play games with my friend. Then we went back to the lab and did more coding then parents came for a half an hour to see what we were doing. I finished the last one off with my dad. He's not really a coding person but he helped me and then we went to go to afternoon tea and then we went home.

By Sarah

Hi I'm Emily. Sarah and I went to the Girls Programming Network together. When we got there, there was a lady and she made us do a test. Then they put us in a group (blue/intermediate). When we went to the room we did the NCSS challenge using Python. Sarah and I worked together and we got to talk unlike in class! We could get lollies whenever we wanted to! At the end the parents came and there were lollies on the table just near the door we entered. I enjoyed sharing the experience with my friend.

By Emily



Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their special day this week: Layla C, Natalija M & Clancy B.



Weekly Notes

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



- Yr 6 School Photos
- Mini Vinnies Sleepout
- Winter Woollies Day
- Spring Fair News

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

Growth Mind Set Awards

Kinder	Nathan W.
1/2Blue	Joe R
1/2Gold	Arwyn S
3/4Blue	Ari B
3/4Gold	Finn W



Merit Awards

Kindergarten	Gordon S & Jayden L
1/2Blue	Mia F & Isadora N
1/2Gold	Lalia D & Taliyah G
3/4Blue	Serafin C & Adam A.M
3/4Gold	Arabella S, Zella K & Arthur S
5/6Blue	David T & Carla C
5/6Gold	Troy J & Willoughby J



Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is open every Thursday and / or Friday between 2.50pm to 3.15pm by appointment.



Canteen

THURSDAY, 16th 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

Dates to Remember

- 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 Woollies 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

P&F News

Father's Day Stall – Help urgently required

Father's Day is just around the corner and we have had no parents, grandparents and carers volunteer to help with the Father's day stall that will be held on Friday 31st August.

If you have any time available on the morning of Friday 31st August please send an email to stbenedictspfa@gmail.com and come in set-up, 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.



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	Tomboia
Inflatable Obstacle Course	Lucky dip
Inflatable Hungry Hippo	Chocolate Wheel
Jumping Castle	Raffle
Book and Eric a Brac Stall	Sausage sizzle/cakes/spiders
and loads more...	

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

