Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools for All

Who is our school for?
Who is welcome to become a member of our school community?
Who belongs at St Benedict’s Primary School?
What does each person in our community bring with them? What do they have to teach us? What can we learn from them?

The charism of our patron, St Benedict, remind us that ‘All guests who enter shall be welcomed as Christ’. Every single person who enters our doors is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves the respect and dignity that this entails. Every child, every adult.

The recent report ‘Schools for All Children and Young People’ was a result of the work of the Expert Panel on Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours. The recommendations challenge every school in the ACT to create places of learning for students and for all students. It recognises excellent practices happening in all sectors and areas where more work can be done.

Catholic Education (Canberra & Goulburn) recently released the Archdiocesan Principles of Pedagogy that every school uses to underpin their teaching & learning practices on. The very first (and in my mind the most important) principle is:

Everyone can learn

This principle is fundamental to building a positive and supportive learning environment for all students in our school. At the core is a belief that every student, by their very human nature, has the capacity to learn and grow; physically, socially intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, morally, etc.

I believe that our school works hard for every student and holds a ‘whatever it takes’ approach to recognising the learning that each student has achieved and guiding them through their next step. This requires plenty of support, expertise, resources and collaboration with many others.

I would like to assure you that we are proud to be a School for All and will continue to welcome every student (and family) that joins our community and do our very best to ensure they learn and grow and become their very best self.

Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.
School Communication
Over the years we have adapted our methods of communication, adding the skoolbag app and other forms. Times change, technology changes, people change. It’s time to refine and simplify our communication to be more efficient, effective and fit for purpose.

The School Board are reviewing the school’s communication strategies (including the school website) and seeking your feedback in order to determine the best way forward. We would love for you to tell us your thoughts and ideas. Please follow this link to a five question survey that will tell us your needs about communication and how we can shape it to reach you. If you are unable to follow this link, then please go to our school website to follow the link there or stop by the Front Office to take a few minutes to fill in a hardcopy.

Thank you for your support and collaboration.

Matthew Garton
Principal

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

First Communion
I look forward to seeing all First Communion candidates at 9:00am Mass again this Sunday, 19th June. We will have our final preparation session following Mass and should be finished by 11:00am.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Sunday 3rd July is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. St Benedict’s Parish is fortunate to be hosting the Diocesan Mass for this special day. Bishop Prowse will be the celebrant for the 9:00am Mass, focusing on our Indigenous brothers and sisters and our shared journey of reconciliation. Though it is the first Sunday of the mid-year school holidays, it would be a wonderful community - building opportunity if our families attended the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 3rd July and were a part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

St Benedict’s Day
Our custom at St Benedict’s School is to honour our patron saint, St Benedict, on the last day of Term Two even though St Benedict’s Feast Day is actually 11th July and falls in the holidays. So set aside Friday 1st July to come along and celebrate our Feast Day with the whole school. We will have our traditional Mass at 10:00am and look forward to seeing many families there. All students and staff who have joined our community since last St Benedict’s Day will receive their own St Benedict’s medal. Students and teachers from across the whole school are involved in preparation of elements of Friday’s Mass. After Mass there is a shared morning tea under the trees for the children and morning tea in the Library for parents and staff. Could Parent Representatives in each class please coordinate parents to assist with morning tea (including set up and cleaning up afterwards). Special activities will be run after morning tea and lunch.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator
SCHOOL EVENTS

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival is a whole school event, Kindergarten to Year 6. The carnival will be taking place at the Woden Park Athletics Field (also known as Phillip Oval 3) on Thursday 23rd June, 9.15am to 1.00pm. The students will be transported to and from the Oval via a bus.

What to Bring:
- Full Sport Uniform including Jumper and sport shoes / running shoes.
- All students may wear a coloured Tee Shirt to support their sporting house colours.
- Water Bottles
- Lots of Food for Recess and Lunch

Rostrum Quarter Finals
Representing St Benedict’s School last night, Justin competed in the Inner North and South region quarter final for Rostrum. The field was extremely strong, leaving all present in no doubt that we were privileged to be listening to future politicians, lawyers, marketing managers or other successful public speakers. Justin’s speech, Going to Rio, was superbly structured, well researched and content rich. His powerful opening captivated his audience from the start and he maintained their interest as he shared his personal connections with some of the athletes for the 2016 Olympics and provided information on what Olympians may expect to find in Rio.

Justin is commended on his excellent efforts last night. Unfortunately, other speakers were selected from this pool to go through to the semi-finals. We look forward to hosting one of these finals on Tuesday 19th July. Year Six Leaders will be selected later this term to assist with hosting the Rostrum semi-final. Congratulations again Justin!

SCHOOL NOTICES

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their special day this week: Lailani A and Isadore N.

Weekly Notes
The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website.
- Tuckshop – SPECIAL LUNCH TERM 2 – Due this Friday 17th June
- School Fee Reminders – Due by 17th June
**Canteen**

**FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 9.00am – 11.30am**
Helpers Needed
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**11.30am – 2.00pm**
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**MONDAY, 20 JUNE 9.00am – 11.30am**
Special Lunch Day
Helpers Needed
**11.30am – 2.00pm**
Special Lunch Day

Thank you for all helpers that have given some time over the past couple of weeks as your help has been invaluable. Please continue to let Belinda know at the Front Office if you are able to help over the next couple of weeks. Any time will be greatly appreciated.

Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager

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**Merit Certificates Recipients**

**YEAR 3/4E**  Taylah G and Brendan M
**YEAR 3/4B**  Gavriella S and Dharma S
**YEAR 5/6S**  Sophie B and Justin T
**YEAR 5/6Y**  Brooke L and Tomas C
**ITALIAN**  Lilly M, Imogen B, Nandan T and Susanna C

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**Dates to Remember**

- 19th June – Eucharist Mass & Practice
  9.00am – 11.00am
- 23rd June – Athletics Carnival
- 24th June – ACT 12&U Swimming Championships
- 24th June – School Reports to go Home
- 26th June – First Eucharist Celebration
  9.00am Mass
- 27th June – 9.30am – 11.30am Mother’s Prayer Group & morning tea.
- 27th & 28th June – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1st July – Last Day of Term 2

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**Lost Property**

During weeks 9 and 10 all lost property items will be displayed on tables in the canteen area between Tuesday and Thursday. If your child is missing any items please ask them to have a look. All remaining items will be taken during the holidays, washed and returned to the Clothing Pool.

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**House Point Winners**

The points for Week 7, Term 2 were Mulramai 6,530, Arakoola 6,920 and Tangara 6,220.

At the end of Week 7, Term 2 the year totals were:
Mulramai 21,937, Arakoola 21,940 and Tangara 22,685.

**CONGRATULATIONS to this week’s winners:**
Arakoola 6,920!

Well done to Year 1 who earned the most house points (10,140)!

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

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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

Thank you from Gowrie Court: Thank you to all the generous people who offered televisions for the Gowrie court residents. There freezer has now died and if anyone can help with a freezer please ring Helen on 0415 599 949.

Sunday Youth Mass: Youth Mass is held at 7pm on the last Sunday of every month. Next Youth Mass is 26th June.

Refugee Week – 19th to 25th June: St Vincent de Paul Society calls on Canberrans to help Asylum seekers without income. For more information, see copies memorandum from the Archbishop’s Refugee Committee in the foyer of the church. Our Parish refugee contacts: Mr Tim McKenna (0416062849) and Deacon Rembert (62957879).

Reflecting on Domestic/Family Violence – For Such a Time as This. Three Churches (Anglican, Catholic and Uniting) are hosting a day on Family Violence in response to the growing concern about this aspect of Australian society. The day includes an outline of domestic/family violence, experiences of field practitioners and advocates, life stories, a prayer reflection and a brief address by senior Church leaders. A booklet of stories and reflections will be available for all; the booklet includes a call for a year of prayer for healing of those affected by Family Violence.

The Forum will be held on Saturday 18th June, from 9.30am – 4.00pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Crn Kings Ave and Blackall St, Barton. There is no cost, but as space is limited, registration is essential. Go to http://bit.ly/1sOMmD3. You will need to bring your lunch; beverages will be provided.

For more information, contact Margaret Ryan 0417418838 or commissionforwomen.mc@gmail.com or Delia Quigley 0438018799 or deliaquigley@yahoo.com

Mother’s Prayers Group
On the last Monday of Term, 27th June at 9.30am. The Mother’s Prayers group will be meeting in the school Library for their weekly prayer session and all are welcome. At 11.00am they will then be putting on a morning tea for all.

Larissa Dann

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
Supported by Parentline ACT

Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.


The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
$360 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Tuesday, 26 July, 2016 (minimum number of participants required); Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa Dann, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.
Resource blogs: www.parentschild.com.au/blogs/larissa; Contact: info@parentschild.com.au
Monday, 4 July

Unsolved Mysteries

UFOs, Bermuda Triangle, Big Foot, escape from Alcatraz, the Loch Ness Monster, Skeleton Canyon Treasure, the deaths at Tutankhamen's tomb... all unsolved mysteries of our weird, weird world. Perhaps it is not at all that mysterious – perhaps there is an explanation. Perhaps you should find out...

Tuesday 5 July

Engineering- Short Circuits

This is a hands on workshop where students learn how electrical circuits really work. Resistors, sirens, bells and buzzers. What will you make?

*Please note that models will not be taken home. They will be deconstructed at the end of the workshop to allow for the re-use of materials.

Wednesday 6 July

Physics- Fantastic Flying Machines

From Leonardo Da Vinci and his flying machine drawings to the Wright brothers historical first flight, from jet engines to space shuttles and the emerging world of drones. In this workshop we look at the history and science of flight. Students will create and test a range of flying machines in this workshop from the simple to more complex models.
Workshops for Year Four to Year Six

Wednesday 6 July

3D Printing workshop
(Class size limited to 6 students)
Discover the world of the 3D printer. Learn about this amazing technology, and learn how to use the software to design your own models.

**Please be advised that individual model designs may not be able to be printed due to time constraints however everyone will take something home.**

**Also note that this is a repeat of the class held in April. If you attended that class we advise you not to enrol unless happy to repeat the same lesson.**

Thursday 7 July

Coding - Tynkering Around
Do you know how to write a code to create your own computer game? Want to learn? In this hands on workshop we will be learning about computer coding and introducing basic coding skills with Tynker. Please be advised that this is introductory level so no prior coding skills are needed to enrol in this workshop.

Friday 8 July

Medieval Siege
Castles under siege, can you defeat the enemy castle, can you design a castle to withstand a siege? Can you build a machine strong enough to knock down castle walls? Find out in this exciting workshop
Monday 11 July

Photography 2- Photographic Effects

Do you love taking a photo? Do you have an eye for an image? Would you like to learn about the special effects used by professional photographers? This workshop will equip you with skills required to take extraordinary photographs. You do not have to have completed photography 1 to enrol in and enjoy this workshop.

*Participants must bring a USB stick on the day of their workshop if they wish to take their work home.

Tuesday 12 July

Cryptography- The Enigma of Codes

Cryptography from the Greek word kryptos (hidden) and graphia (writing). Codes have been around as long as there have been people to communicate. From kids at play to sophisticated encrypting machines this workshop will look at the science and art of codes.

Wednesday 13 July

Claymation 2

In this workshop you will plan, script, photograph and then manipulate your images in order to produce a stop animation piece. Design your character, plot your storyboard, pose you character, ‘snap’, edit, add effects and then finalise your mini-movie to take home. Build on skills you may have learnt in previous Claymation workshops but please note that Claymation 1 is not a pre-requisite for this workshop.

*Participants will need to bring a USB stick on the day if they wish to take their work home.
Workshops for Year Four to Year Six

Thursday 14 July

Rube Goldberg Machines

Ever heard of Rube? If not, I bet you would recognise his machines? In this workshop students will learn about energy, simple machines and modular design by building a small Rube Goldberg machine of their own design. Students will work in teams and then combine all their machines into one giant Rube Goldberg Machine.

Friday 15 July

Robotics - Edison Exploration

Edison robots are back. In this workshop we will be looking at how to make the Edison robots do some amazing things. Design a task, be it robot synchronised dancing, moving a large object across a course, towing a vehicle, the choice is yours. Once the design is done get to work to see if you can make it happen.