



# St Benedict's Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 32

*Praise the Lord*

### PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Coding

Last term our Year 3 and Year 4 students were the lucky recipients of a 12 months Grok learning subscription funded by Catholic Education. As a part of our learning in the curriculum area of Digital Technologies the students participated in the International NCSS Challenge. This involved the students working through a series of increasingly complex coding challenges over a five week period. The students solved problems that required them to write code to create movement, draw images, change colours, ask questions and respond to input entered by the user. Thank you to Melanie Stratford for leading this initiative and to Camille Ellison, John Siljeg and Maria Robinson who also supported the students through the challenges. Some of our students were so successful that they even made the newspaper which can be accessed at:

<http://www.queanbeyanagechronicle.com.au/story/4942934/students-code-success/?cs=12>

#### Disco

Thank you to everyone who came to the school disco on Friday evening. It was fun, relaxing and a great opportunity for parents to catch up and see their children happy with friends. Thank you to the P&F, in particular Kylie Cook and Tracy Kraljevic for their organisation of the night. Thank you to the parents who helped out on the night by cooking the BBQ, serving in the Canteen and manning the doors. We appreciated your help. Thank you also to the

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

staff who attended. We look forward to the next opportunity to all get together!



#### Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival

For the third year in a row we will be attending the annual Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival this Friday. I offer my sincere thanks to John and Belinda Daunt, Lisa and Anthony Malzard, Jules Baggoley, Alcira Bonansea and Camille Ellison for assisting in coaching/managing teams and driving students to the event. We are looking forward to a fun day.

*Nurturing personal and academic growth...*

*...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.*

## Motivating Your Primary School Child to Aim High

Here are four ways to help motivate your child and improve their learning:



### Communicate

Discuss the topics they are learning and what is expected of them. Your interest will help boost your child's self-esteem, which will increase their learning potential.

### Bring fun into learning

Talk to your child about the topics they are currently learning, to see if there are supplementary fun activities you could do with them that will help with their learning. This could be anything from a trip to a museum to watching a DVD together about dinosaurs.

### Errors are opportunities to learn and practice works wonders

Explain to your child that making errors and learning from them is one of our most powerful learning tools. Talk to your child about the importance of practice, which allows the learning from errors to be applied.

### Praise

Most children thrive on authentic encouragement and compliments, so praise them for their efforts and achievements.

God Bless.

Rachel Smith  
Principal (Acting)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

### Mission Month – “Socktober”

October is our month to fundraise for the missionaries around the world to continue to support those in poverty. This year's Catholic Mission's Church Appeal invites us all to reach out through our financial gifts and prayers to support inspirational missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti, from the local Ugandan order, the Daughters of Mary. For the past two years, Sister Mary has been running St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, which provides care to expectant mothers and their newborn babies. This year's appeal focuses on supporting women and children's health by helping missionaries like Sister Mary reach out and give life in Uganda and all around the world.

This term the students will be learning more about the work being done by Sister Mary and others in



Uganda. If you would like to see more information on this project please see:

<https://yout9355u.be/gSD9ewFGTJK>

In addition to learning about Mission Month as part of their Religious Education lessons students are invited to celebrate 'Socktober' on this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October with wearing silly socks and taking part in a variety of activities. The Year Six Liturgical Leaders have already been busy planning some exiting events for the day.

## Years One & Two Family Parish Mass

Thank you to the families and staff who attended Mass with the parish last Sunday. It is great to keep building the connection.

## Mission Mass

Students in Years 5 & 6 will be representing St Benedict's at the Archdiocesan Mission Mass next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Permission notes have been sent out last week and need to be returned this week. Thank you to those families who have already returned these notes. Families are welcome to join us at St Christopher's Cathedral from 10:30am for this special Mass.

## Rosary

October is a special month for Mary, one in which we particularly focus on praying her special prayers, the Rosary. It might be an opportunity for your family to explore the special practice of praying the Rosary regularly. Last term children all received a set of Rosary beads and a book explaining how to pray this ancient prayer. Could you set aside a time after dinner one evening a week this month to pray the Rosary?

Meaghan Younger



*Religious Education  
Coordinator*

## Basketball Program

Just a reminder the Basketball program continues for the next



four weeks on Wednesdays where all students will participate in a basketball program. For this activity the students will be using

the carpark. We ask everyone to please take care and ensure you park your car to come and collect your child from the pickup area.

## Swimming Program

A friendly reminder that every Monday during Term 4, the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are all participating in a swimming program. They are certainly enthusiastic participants in the program and look forward to it each Monday.

## P&F News

### Save the Dates

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – P&F Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – P&F Meeting 6.30pm

## Merit Certificate Recipients

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

**Kinder:** Trinity M, Maria C, Alana W

**1 / 2 Blue:** Erik E, Lucia M

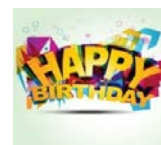
**1 / 2 Gold:** Archie B, Piper de

**3 / 4 Blue:** Lucas M, Obi O

**3 / 4 Gold:** Natalija M, Lillian E

**5 / 6** Daniel N, Julia N, Lewis A, Alyssa T

**Happy Birthday** to the children at St Benedict's who celebrate their special day this week: Zack W, Hunter R, Ragsajan R



## Lost Property



Please regularly 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.

## Clothing Pool

Is available each Friday between 2.55pm to 3.15pm. Most items are between \$4.00 and \$10.00.



## Dates to Remember

- ✓ 18<sup>th</sup> October – Boys in Primary Education Night
- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> October – Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival

- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> October - Socktober – Donations appreciated
- ✓ 24<sup>th</sup> October – P&F Meeting 6.30pm
- ✓ 25<sup>th</sup> October – Mission Mass at St Christopher's, Manuka
- ✓ 31<sup>st</sup> October – Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Evening, 6.00pm

further, please contact me via the e-mail address listed below.



## Weekly Notes

Note free this week.



## Hats

### PLEASE REMEMBER YOU HATS

Avoid becoming a tomato in the school yard, make sure you have your hats with you to wear during recess and lunch, and on the way home from school.



## Canteen

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers.

I have an apology to make. There are some price changes on the canteen menu to reflect the cost of some items: most notably the pies and sausage rolls.

Please note, Pies \$3.40, Sausage Rolls \$3.00

Please accept my sincerest apologies with regards to this and should you wish to discuss this with me

In more exciting news, this week is National Nutrition Week. A week where everyone is encouraged to **TRY FOR 5**. With the aim being to improve Australian's vegetable consumption to include 5 different vegetables each day. During canteen this week, there will be three different dips available being: Hummus, Tzatziki and French Onion to enjoy with vegetables sticks.

If you would like to learn more about improving yours and your family's consumption of vegetables, visit the Nutrition Australia Website as there are some excellent ideas there.

<http://www.tryfor5.org.au/>

If you would like to help in the Canteen at any stage, please pop into the Canteen on either a Thursday or Friday, or e-mail me [cara.cook@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cara.cook@cg.catholic.edu.au) to discuss further.

Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager

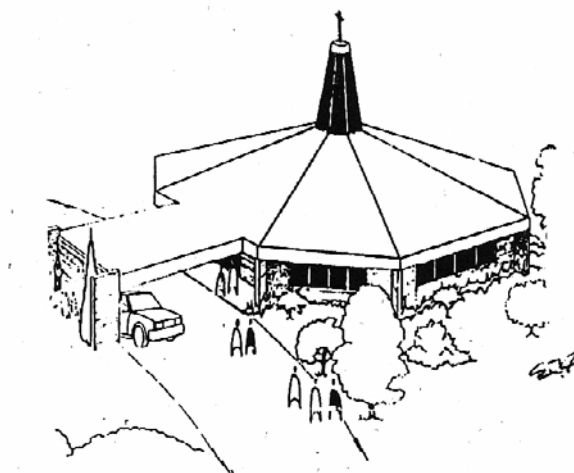
## Parish News

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

Website: [www.cg.org.au/narrabundah](http://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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month





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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



St Patrick's Parish School Community Council

invites you to our

# Community Fair

Saturday 4 November 2017

8.30am - 2.30pm  
Centennial Park, Cooma



**Local and Boutique Stalls for the family to enjoy**

 Great for families to have a fun day out 

- Buskers' Championships, Cooma
- Snowy Ride, Centennial Park as a Checkpoint
- The Motorfest Weekend

Great food, lots of stalls to purchase that special gift and relax with your family