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Praise the Lord

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a great Term 3. It's been very busy and very productive. Everyone has achieved so much and earned a well-deserved rest.

St Benedict's Trivia Night

Thank you to the P&F for their organization of a great social occasion. A big thank you to Mr John Siljeg who organized the questions for the night and was our wonderful host for the evening. Congratulations to the Kindergarten parents who have continued with tradition and were our successful winners on the night.

Whole School Performance – St Benedict's 'Fractured Fairytales'

We're really looking forward to the whole school performance this evening in our school hall. It has been two years since our last whole school performance and the children have been practising a lot, with every child having a part to play in the performance.

Thank you so much to all the parents who have helped in finding and sourcing costumes for their children. We really appreciate your support.

Please remember that all students can be dropped off from 6.00pm and no later than 6.20pm. The hall doors will open at 6.00pm. Parking is available in the carpark, on the oval, in the street and across the road at Narrabundah College.

I wish to thank all of our staff for the wonderful effort in putting this fun evening together and of course a big thank you to all students whom without there would be no show. Your enthusiasm and excitement for the performance has been infectious!

Safety In and Around the School Grounds

I am asking for all our drivers to be careful and alert when driving along the roads around our school, in particular on Jerrabomberra Avenue where the cars are parked outside the townhouses next to the church. It is difficult when cars are parked in the street, but please be mindful that this is a shared road and at times we do need to give way to other oncoming traffic. If we are all aware of the traffic, the parked cars and remember stick to the school zone speed limit we should all continue to remain safe getting to and from school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Exciting Baby News

Congratulations to the Arizapa family on the birth of their baby daughter and sister Leona on the 5th September.

Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Congratulations also to Mrs Amanda Basedow, her husband Chris and daughter Grace on the birth on Monday of baby Ava Jane. Both Mums and bubs are doing well, and we wish them well as we welcome them into our community.

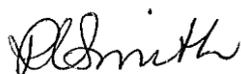
Lockdown and Fire Drills

As a government requirement we are having lock down and fire drill practice this week. The children are made aware prior to the practices and discussion is held in each class around the procedures.

Recharge, Reflect, Reset, Restart

We all know the three Rs of school, but what about the four Rs of the holidays? My hope is that everyone in our community experiences a nourishing break over the holiday period and have lots of opportunities to Recharge, Reflect, Reset and Restart! We look forward to having everyone return to us safe, happy and healthy next term.

God bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal (Acting)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Mission Month

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.

Next 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://youtu.be/gSD9ewFGTjk>

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



Years One & Two Family Parish Mass

Sunday 15th October will be our final School Family Mass. Families of students in Years One and Two are particularly invited to share Mass with the Parish community at Sunday's 9:00am Mass at St Benedict's Church. Come along and find out why St Benedict's draws people from all across Canberra. A special morning tea will be provided by the Parish community, so please stay afterwards for yummy treats, hot coffee and

great conversations. This initiative aims to help in continuing to build the positive links between our school and parish communities.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator

P&F News

Save the Dates

Friday 13th October – Disco (students)

All notes need to be return by this Friday so sausages and drinks can be ordered.



Dates to Remember

- ✓ 20th September – Whole School Performance, Student 6pm, 6.30pm start
- ✓ 22nd September – Out Door Day – Uniform Free
- ✓ 22nd September – Last day of term
- ✓ 9th October – First day of term four – Sports uniform for all students.

Merit Certificate Recipients

Kinder	Arwyn S and Claire L
1/2 Blue	Joshua L, Marissa M and Alannah C
1/2 Gold	
3/4 Blue	Ventura S, Troy J, Lucas M, Mia B, Jade C, Matthew S, obi O and Sam S
3/4 Gold	
5/6 Blue	Nikita S
5/6 Gold	Elvy B and Nandan T

Happy Birthday to the children at St Benedict's who celebrate their special day this week: Claire L, Arwyn S, Alexander M, April A and Claire D.



We would also like to wish the children that will be celebrating their birthday over the holidays: Rose G, Hamish M, Tomas C, Miya H, Amshu S, Brigid N and Mackenzie J.

Weekly Notes

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

- Swim School Program – Kindy to Yr2
- Yr 6 Graduation Dinner – Please return by Tuesday 21st November.



Clothing Pool

There will be no clothing pool this week. We will resume next term each Friday between 2.55pm to 3.15pm. Most items are between \$4.00 and \$10.00.



Lost Property

The lost property table will be cleared on Friday afternoon. All items will be wash and either given to St Vincent de Paul or returned to our clothing pool for the start of term 4.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

St Benedict's is once again participated in the Woolworths Earn & Learn. This program is now finished. Please return any stickers or forms to the front office by Thursday 21st September as we need to lodge our totals before the end of term.

Thank you for all the shopping that has gone into the number of stickers that have been returned so far.

Canteen

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers.

This Friday is our Chicken Burgers and a bottle of Canberra Raider's Choc Mint Milk. No further orders can be taken after 10am Thursday morning. There is an order form at the back of the newsletter. If you have any time to help out at all, I would greatly appreciate your time and assistance ensuring the children receive their lunches. The children love it when their parent or carer assists in the canteen. It is really special.

The summer menu will be the same as Term One. During the course of the term different treats will be

advertised in the newsletter. The summer menu can be found on the school website.

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 to discuss further.

Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Guitar Teacher – during school hours at St Benedict's



Taking enrollments for Term 4
Please contact Daniel to reserve a spot!
0431 550 005
lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com

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, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

