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NEWSLETTER 3

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Let mercy live among us

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely night we had last Thursday evening at the Open House and BBQ. Thank you to all those who attended. All of the teachers were really pleased to have the chance to make some initial contact with many of you. Thank you again to the Parents and Friends for providing the free Sausage Sizzle and to all those who helped set up, cook and pack up. Well done! A particular thank you to Dom and Libby Carbone, *Dom's Bread* who kindly donated the bread for the night.

Parents and Friends Committee

On behalf of the wider school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who were part of the 2017 Parents and Friends Committee. We are grateful for the time and dedication you gave to your roles and in turn the school. Last night we held the Parents and Friends Committee AGM. The following positions were vacated and filled:

President	Lorne Thurgar
Vice President	Dean Dalla Pozza
Secretary	Belinda Daunt
Treasurer	Monica Morabito
Parent Rep Coordinator	Belinda Daunt
Sport Coordinator	<u>Vacant</u>
Clothing Pool Coordinator	Barbra Cox
School Board Representative	<u>Vacant</u>
Grounds Maintenance Coordinators	Edwina Betts, Lorne Thurgar
Fundraising/Social Coordinators	Sonia Domitrak

Thank you to all of these people who have volunteered their time and energy to be an integral member of this year's Parents and Friends Committee. We are still looking to fill two more positions on the P&F and would love someone to volunteer for these positions for the 2018 school year. Every Parents and Friends Committee meeting is open to all parents to attend. They are held on the Tuesday of Weeks 3 and 7 each term. Reminders will be through the Newsletter, Skoolbag app and on the School Calendar on the website.

Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Canteen

Cara Cook our canteen manager does a wonderful job of supplying our students with fresh, innovative, healthy and yummy food. Unfortunately this is not something that she alone can maintain. The canteen needs volunteers from the school community to help in order for it to continue to run in its current format. Without volunteers our canteen cannot run. If you are able to offer any time on a Thursday or Friday, even just an hour or two, it would be appreciated. If you are unable to commit to a regular timeslot, incidental drop ins are also welcomed.

Lockdown and Evacuation Procedures

Later in the year St Benedict's will go through the school registration process. This means a panel will visit our school, assess our practices and documents and re-register the school with the ACT Department of Education for another five years. As part of this process the school, with the support of the school board, is reviewing all of our school policies and procedures. Over the next two weeks the school will be practicing our lockdown and evacuation procedures, which we began today with a lockdown practice. It is a government requirement of all schools that they practice both the lockdown and evacuation procedures each term. Also as part of our review of our lockdown and evacuation policy we have made the decision to lock the gate next to the carpark during the school day and ask that all parents and visitors access the school through the front of the school and the Front Office between 9am – 3pm. This is to ensure that the only access to our school is via the Front Office and that all visitors to our school sign in at the Front Office and any student is signed in or out. The gate will be locked at 9am and opened again at 3pm. Thank you for your support with this change.

School Calendar

By Monday you will of all received a copy of the school calendar for 2018. We have tried to include as many dates as possible for you, to help with any planning that is needed throughout the year. Please understand that some of these dates may need to change, due to reasons beyond our control, closer to the time, but as much as possible we will be sticking with the dates in this calendar. There may of course be additional dates and events added to the calendar throughout the year as well.

Coles – Sports for Schools

This week St Benedict's registered for the Coles – 'Sports for Schools' program. If you shop at Coles you will need to ask for the vouchers. These vouchers can be dropped off at the front office up until the 11th May, 2018.

We wish our year 5 and 6 students and teachers well as they head to Birragai for camp next week.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE



Lent - A Time for Goodness and Generosity

After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus became remorseful and he changed his way of life, becoming a follower of Jesus. Lent presents us with the opportunity to follow the example of Zacchaeus by showing remorse, asking for forgiveness and turning back to God. Lent is a forty-day period of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time during which we perform acts of kindness, practise generosity and make a special effort to grow closer to Jesus. During this season of Lent, we ask that families participate in our school 40 days of Kindness to help us prepare as a community for the death and resurrection of Jesus. A special calendar of kindness for Lent will be sent home with your child.



Sacraments

At the Meet and Greet Parish enrolment forms for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist were handed out to all students in Years 3-6. It is the Parish practice that Catholic children in Year Three prepare for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. However, if children in Years Four, Five or Six have missed the opportunity previously, they are also welcome to participate in the Sacramental Programs. Please note that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in 2019 for students in Years Five and Six.

IMPORTANT: the date for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is **no longer** Sunday 1st July. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will confirm the new date shortly. Thank you for your understanding.



Parish Masses

In an effort to continue to build the community connection between school and parish life we invite each class to help prepare and celebrate one Sunday parish Mass. We understand that some families celebrate Mass in other parishes most weeks but we are asking people to make a special effort to attend our school's parish Mass on these dates. The Parish Choir will be singing at these Masses and warmly welcome anyone to join in. Morning tea is provided after Mass.

Class Parish Masses will all be the 9:00am Sunday Mass on the following dates:

Class	Date
Year 4	Sunday 18 th March
Year 6 and Year 3	Sunday 20 th May
Kindergarten	Sunday 17 th June
Year 5	Sunday 19 th August
Family Mass	Sunday 16 th September
Year 1	Sunday 21 st October
Year 2	Sunday 18 th November

First Friday Mass



1/2 Blue will be preparing the First Friday Mass for March which will be on Friday 3rd March. Mass is held in the St Benedict's Church from 10:00am. Families are warmly invited to join us for this liturgical celebration. Morning tea will be provided by the families of students in Years 1/2 Blue. Parents are invited to stay after Mass for morning tea and a chat with Staff in the Library. Parents of the hosting class are welcome to bring their child along to the morning tea.

Merit Certificate Recipients

KINDERGARTEN	Nathan W and Alessendra B
1/2Blue	Lucia M, Edith B, Alannah C and Clancy B
1/2Gold	Erik E, Emily D and Grace R
3/4Blue	
3/4Gold	Sarah D, Marissa M and Himiona T
5/6Blue	Emersen C and Molly W
5/6Gold	Layla C and Lindsey G

School Fees

The school fees went home last week. If you have not received your School Fees, please contact Belinda at the front office as we are still having a number of IT issues. School Fees are due on Friday 2nd March. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belinda in the Front Office.

Weekly Notes

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



- Catholic School Soccer Carnival – Due by Thursday 22nd February.
- Gateways – Selected students – please return by Monday 26th Feb.
- Code Club Expression of Interest Year 2 - 6
- General School Information 2018
- School Board Nominations
- Sacraments 2018
- School netball club – Southern Canberra Netball Association
- Soccer club – Monaro Panthers
- School Fees – Due by Friday 2nd March

Thank you to all the families that have returned their notes so far. We know it has been a busy couple of weeks.

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

Happy Birthday to the children who celebrate their special day this week: Michael T, Cara H and Alexander H.



Dates to Remember

- ✓ 22nd February – Swimming Carnival, Kindy – Yr 6
- ✓ 27th Feb – 1st March – Year 5 & 6 Camp to Birrigai
- ✓ 27th February – Kinder to Year 2 Parent Reading Night
- ✓ 2nd March – Whole School Mass, 10am
- ✓ 2nd March – Interim Reports sent home
- ✓ 3rd March – First Reconciliation Retreat

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is open every Thursday and Friday between 2.50pm to 3.15pm by appointment. Please inform Mrs McRae at the front office.



Canteen

THURSDAY, 22 FEB **Swimming Carnival**

FRIDAY, 23 FEB



9.00am – 11.30am
HELPERS REQUIRED
11.30am – 2.00pm
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the swimming carnival there will be no canteen on Thursday. Canteen will resume as normal on Friday so if you have any spare time please call in.

I look forward to working with you all at some stage during the year.

Yours and Tongs

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager

Book Club Orders

The **Scholastic Book Club** orders are required at the Front Office by Friday 23rd February.

Due to the tight time frames please consider ordering online as no late orders will be accepted. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Dear Parents,

We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the catalogue has been sent home with your child. Every order will earn resources and books for our school.

To view the current catalogue, open the link [Redgum Book Club Catalogue Term 1 2018](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)

You will find more great titles to order this term on their website, with books starting from \$2 www.redgumbookclub.com.au Orders over \$30 will receive a free gift for your child.

The catalogue is now open and closes on **23rd February**. Ordered books will be delivered *free* to the school week commencing the 12th March.

Books included in the current catalogue:

- **Terry's Dumb Dot Story: A Treehouse Tale \$2** – A special World Book Day Treehouse adventure from Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. All sales going to charity – The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

- **Indigo Blue** - A captivating novel about fate, friendship and finding yourself, from Young Australian of the Year 2011, Jessica Watson.
- **The Shakespeare Stories** – This superb collection of 16 paperbacks makes an excellent introduction to Shakespeare.
- **The 1,000 Year Old Boy** - This is a unique and uplifting tale of a boy who lives a thousand years, yet still remains young at heart.
- **Nicola Berry Series** – This humorous series follows Nicola Berry as she travels the galaxy. From bestselling Australian author, Liane Moriarty.

How to place an order:

- Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal www.redgumbookclub.com.au
- Email your order form with your credit card details orders@redgumbookclub.com.au
- Fax your order form (02) 9997 5850.
- Post the order form along with payment.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

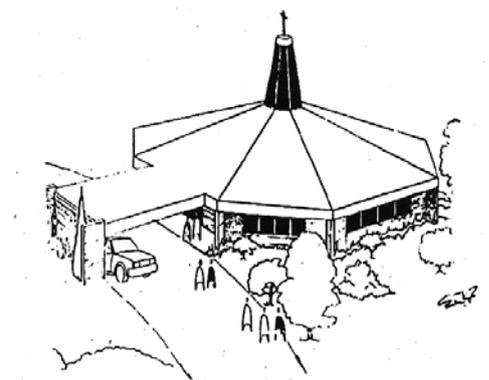


Parish News

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



Attention Kindergarten Parents!



Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a FREE health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



FIND — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



SIGN — Complete The Kindergarten Health Check Consent And Questionnaire



RETURN — To your school by 7th March 2018

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.