



# St Benedict's Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 37

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*Praise the Lord*

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Friends,

Happy Sabbath week to you all!

Congratulations to Mrs Alana Quirk who has had her Assistant Principal's contract extended for the 2018 school year. Catholic Education could see the value in extending her contract to allow for consistency on the school executive and recognised that Mrs Quirk has done an outstanding job this year in her role. They also recognised that Mrs Quirk and I are working well together and wanted it to continue. Always nice to have it recognised externally!

Mr John Siljeg will be initially taking 6 months leave from St Benedict's next year. This may be extended to a full 12 months as the year progresses. Mr Siljeg and his wife are relocating to Wollongong to be closer to family. We wish Mr Siljeg every happiness in his move.

### Thank you to the Parents & Friends Committee

Last night the Parents & Friends Committee held their last meeting for the year. I would like to just offer my sincere thanks once again for the commitment of time and energy to the school by the Parents & Friends Committee for 2017. It has been an excellent year that began with the success of the Meet and Greet night and has ended with the support provided to parents at the Kindergarten Orientation mornings. In between, the Parents & Friends have worked with the school to continue to provide those important opportunities for students and families to gather such as the Paint and Play, Disco and Trivia Night. Our school and in particular our parents, rely on an active, engaging and supportive Parents & Friends Committee and I am thankful that we continue to enjoy such a group.

Of particular note I would like to offer my thanks to Mrs Kylie Cook and Mrs Tracy Kraljevic for their time on the Parents & Friends Committee over the many years their children have been a part of the school. They have served as Class Representatives, P&F President, School Board Rep and Sports Coordinator and our Parents & Friends Committee is in a better position because of their generous spirit.

### Old Phones

Do you have an old smart phone and charger at home that you no longer need? St Benedict's would love it! We are looking to build a collection of old smart phones through which the students will be able to use Google Expeditions. Please send any old phones to the front office.

### TV: Keeping Watch!

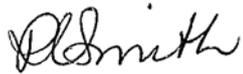
TV and kids—it's a combination that's hard to avoid sometimes! It is also something that can cause concern for many parents and carers. Are you aware of what your child is watching? Walking through the playground

*Nurturing personal and academic growth...*

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

and chatting with our students it is very evident that some of our students are watching TV shows and movies that are well beyond their age, with content far too advanced for them. Studies show that kids who watch educational and non-violent children's shows do better on reading and math tests than children who do not watch these programs. Try to encourage your child to choose educational programs over pure entertainment shows, and to avoid violent shows altogether. TV program classifications can assist you to choose shows that are most suitable for your child, but it can also help to preview programs before your child watches them, or you could try watching them together. You can often watch just the first few minutes of a show to see whether it is educational and appropriate for your child. Another great way to limit TV watching is to keep TVs and internet connections out of bedrooms.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith  
Principal

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

### Giving Mass

Next week the First Friday Mass for December is our Giving Mass. This Mass is offered in prayer for all those in need in our local community. We also donate items for Christmas hampers that will, through our local St Vincent de Paul chapter, be given to people in our community for whom treats at Christmas will be an unachievable cost. Our Mini Vinnies group would like to make the following suggestions of items for the hampers:

**tinned ham**

**Christmas crackers**

**dried fruits**

**chocolate biscuits**

**popcorn**

**tinned pineapple**

**chocolates**

**Christmas pudding**

**cordial**

**chips**

**Christmas shortbread**

**Bottles of softdrink**

**Christmas cake**

**gingerbread**

**lollies**

This is by no means an exhaustive list but may help with some ideas of what we are looking for to make Christmas special for people in our local community who have less than we do. It makes it particularly meaningful if children are allowed to be a part of the decision making and purchasing of these items. Please send in all donations to your child's classroom where boxes are ready and waiting to receive your generous gifts. Please do not send donations to the Front Office as there is no space there for these. All Christmas hamper items will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at our Giving Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Thanksgiving Morning Tea



Excursion supervision, in-class literacy and numeracy helpers, swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals... the list of things that could not be done without parent (and grandparent / aunty / uncle) support is endless. Our annual Thanksgiving morning tea will be after the Giving Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All families are invited to enjoy

morning tea provided by the staff as our small way of saying thank you for your ongoing support and help throughout the year. St Benedict's is the wonderful community that it is because of the way in which people all pitch in and help out and enjoy being together, working for the good of all our children.

### Advent Liturgy

Mrs Tomadini and Kindergarten are very busy preparing for our whole school Advent Liturgy on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This liturgy will begin at 10:30am and be held in the School Hall. All of Junior Primary are helping to lead this seasonal liturgy. Families are most welcome to join us in the Hall for our Advent Liturgy.

### Graduation / End of Year Mass

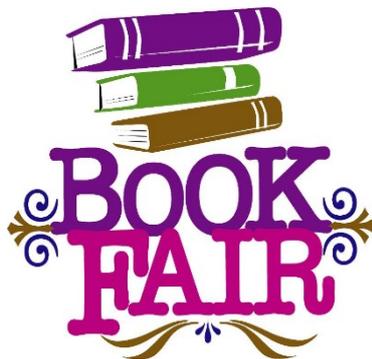
Our final whole school Mass is always a celebration of the academic year, an opportunity to farewell our Year 6 Leaders and bless the incoming School Leaders for next year. This year's Graduation Mass will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at this very special Mass.

Meaghan Younger  
*Religious Education Coordinator*

## School News

### 2017 Book Fair

Thank you to all whom participated in this year's Book Fair. It was another great success with the school raising around \$630. I am now going through students wishlists for the library to hopefully purchase some of these books ready for 2018.



Once again thank you all for your support.

Sue Anderson  
Teacher Librarian

### Year 1/2 Design and Coding



Year 1/2 Blue and Gold have designed and made robots out of recycled materials. As part of this we learnt about the design process, different

materials we could use and ways we could connect them together. Some people have made robots that could be used to help the poor, look



after people or help people communicate better. Now we are learning how to code using different strategies. We are

learning about directions and how to get from one place to another.

Thank you to Mr Smith who came in taught us how to use some different types of code. He told us that he uses code in his work. We're really enjoying the experience and hope we can learn more.



By Lucia and Ria

## Weekly Notes

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

- Yr4 Final Camp Note – Due Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.
- P&F Committee Newsletter
- Social Media Release Form – Selected Students – Now overdue – Please return ASAP.
- School Fee Reminders – Fees due by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.



## Merit Certificate Recipients

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

**Kinder:** Claire D and Rocky-James B

**1 / 2 Blue:** Violeta B, William C, George P

**1 / 2 Gold:** Alec C and Thoreau S

**3 / 4 Blue:** Christopher B, Adam A and Josephine L

**3 / 4 Gold:** Hamish M and Joanna M

**5 / 6 Blue:** Amshu S and Caitlin F

**5 / 6 Gold:** Mia C and Charlotte G

**Happy Birthday** to the children at St Benedict's who celebrate their special day this week: Archer B, Joshua L, Vivienne K and Lucia M.



## Canteen

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers,  
The Tuckday Lunch orders are due back today, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. All orders received after this date cannot be guaranteed Nachos and instead they will receive what is available in the canteen.

Once again, please check your cupboards for any excess food grade/quality plastic or glass storage containers that are clogging up your kitchen. Please feel free to donation them to the Canteen – all items will be greatly appreciated.

Please pop into the Canteen on either a Thursday or Friday, or e-mail me to discuss further.

Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager



## Dates to Remember

- ✓ 24<sup>th</sup> November – Beach to Bush Program
- ✓ 24<sup>th</sup> November – Tuckday – Nacho Friyay!!!
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> December – Giving Mass 10.00am – all welcome
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> December – School Board 6.00pm
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> December – Ways of Being Assembly, 2.30pm – all welcome
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> December – Semester 2 Reports
- ✓ 12<sup>th</sup> December – End of Year/Graduation Mass 10.00am
- ✓ 12<sup>th</sup> December – Yr 6 Revue, 12.00pm
- ✓ 12<sup>th</sup> December – Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm
- ✓ 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December – Yr 4 Camp to Sydney
- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert, 12.00pm
- ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 4

## Clothing Pool

Is available each Friday between 2.55pm to 3.15pm by appointment. Please let Belinda at the front office know what you are after. Most items are between \$4.00 and \$10.00.



## Lost Property

The lost property box is now overflowing. Over the next two weeks the box will be checked. All labeled items will be returned to students while unlabeled items be washed and given to the clothing pool.



## 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

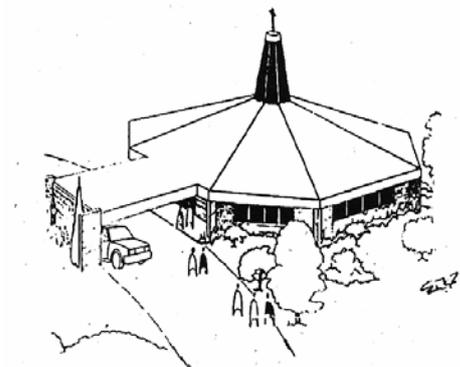
Saturday 6.00pm

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



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



Catholic Care  
Canberra & Goulburn



## The Journey THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP – P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7–12.

RAP – P will help you:

- Help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- Help your teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- Manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent
- Prevent and manage conflict with you teenager
- Promote harmony in your familygale

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: Mondays 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec & 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

TIME: 6pm—9pm

VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill

FEE: \$80 (Concessions available)

Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential  
Contact

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