Let mercy live among us

Book Week

PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

Happy Book Week!
Today has been a fabulous day to celebrate books. We had a wonderful dress-up day parade this morning and some great activities throughout the day about the shortlisted books. We’ll share some photos with you next week.

Mrs Anderson, our Teacher-Librarian, reads most of the year’s shortlisted books to the students in the lead up to Book Week. She likes to see which they prefer compared to the winners selected by the judges from the Children’s Book Council.

Some of the 2016 winners were:

**Mr Huff**
Anna Walker
Category: Early Childhood

**Soon**
Morris Gleitzman
Category: Younger Readers

**Flight**
Armin Greder
Category: Picture Book

Our Staff Reads Too!
To pass on a love of reading you often have to be a reader yourself and many of our staff have a secret passion to read for pleasure. Staffroom conversations can often turn to books we have recently read. I asked a few of our staff members to share their recommendations with adults in our community:

Nurturing personal and academic growth...
...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.
Ms Rachel Smith (Assistant Principal) recommends The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion: “It’s a light-hearted comedy that’s just easy to read.”

Mrs Anna Marzano (Italian Teacher) recently loved reading What I Know For Sure by Oprah Winfrey: “It is just inspirational, positive and good for the soul.”

Mrs Sue Anderson (Teacher-Librarian) highly recommends anything by Alexander McCall Smith, particularly the series The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency which she says is “easy to read, lots of fun and always interesting at the same time.” Sue also recommends Birds Without Wings by Louis Bernières. All she could say was “a beautiful story with beautiful language.”

Ms Meaghan Younger (REC) would highly recommend anything by Liane Moriarty, particularly Big Little Lies. Meaghan simply loves that her books are “fabulously funny and always have a great mystery”.

Ms Melanie Stratford (Year 5/6) highly recommends Bill Bryson’s works, particularly A Short History of Nearly Everything. She loves that you can “spend as long or as little time with it as you have and can pick it up and open it from anywhere.”

Carmel Blake (Inclusion Consultant) recommends A Double Shot at Happiness by Judy Sharp. This was simply an inspiring biographical story about a mother with a son who defied the boundaries.

My own recommendations? I’m not much of a fiction reader but I love books about human psychology and learning. Recent reads I recommend include Odd Girl Out by Rachel Simmons. This was such an eye-opening book about ‘the hidden culture of relationship aggression amongst girls’. As a husband, father, brother and male teacher I learnt so much about the subtle ways that girls can bully each other and the impact this can have (it is often very well masked by children and hidden from parents and teachers). I’m currently working my way through the tome Far From the Tree by Andrew Solomon. It is the sort of book that you can’t ‘unread’. It opens one’s eyes to the experiences of those in our community who are marginalised by exclusion, misunderstanding and assumption. It ends so beautifully.

So there you have it. Our staff reads too and in this Book Week we wanted to share with parents and carers in our community some of the best books we have recently read. Perhaps you might also be looking for a new and enjoyable book. After all, our children learn from watching us read.

Students not returning in 2016

As we plan for next year we need to confirm those students not returning to St Benedict’s in 2017. We are then able to set up classes and staffing to match the needs of the students in each year level. Other than Year 6, if your child is not returning to St Benedict’s in 2017 then please inform the school in writing through email (Matthew.Garton@cg.catholic.edu.au) or handwritten note. We are also required to enter the destination school in our records and would appreciate this information as well.

Happy Reading!

Matthew Garton
Principal
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Confirmation

Students in Year Six have all received information on the Retreat Day on Wednesday 7th September. This Retreat Day is for all students in Year Six. We will be in the Father Greg Collins Wing of the Parish buildings for the Retreat. The focus of the day is on the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Tony Percy will be joining us for part of the day to meet with the Confirmation candidates and to answer all students’ questions about Confirmation and the Church. Could parents please send in all letters of affirmation by Wednesday 31st August to assist with planning and preparation of this special day.

I look forward to seeing all Confirmation candidates and their parents this Sunday, 28th August for our second preparation session. Mass begins at 9:00am.

First Friday / Fathers’ Day Mass

Friday of next week, 2nd September, will be our First Friday Mass for the month of September. With Fathers’ Day on the following Sunday our focus will be on thanking God for the gift of Fathers and men who are important role models in our lives. Kindergarten are very excited to be preparing this Mass. All families, but especially Fathers and Grandfathers, are invited to join us at this special celebration. Mass begins at 10:00am. Parents in Kindergarten are providing morning tea to share in the Library after Mass. All are welcome.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL NOTICES

Fathers’ Day Mass

As Kindergarten is hosting the Fathers’ Day Mass if anyone has photos of children with their fathers please forward either a hard copy or and digital copy to Mrs Tomadini in Kindergarten.
Fran.tomadini@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Reimer D on being selected into the U13 ACT team to participate in the National Championships in Perth late September.

Merit Certificate Recipients

KINDERGARTEN  Clancy B and Sophia R
YEAR 1        Kavin A, Angus C, James N and Christopher B
YEAR 2        Arabella S and Hamish M
YEAR 3/4E     Troy J and John Caruana
YEAR 3/4B     Marcello M and Chloe D
YEAR 5/6S     Shanae R, Justin T and Alex M
YEAR 5/6Y     louis H, Nandan T and Lauren C

Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their special day this week: Shyla M and Reimer D

LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing: Samsung camera or large phone battery, X key ring, moroon digital watch or a blue Ipod cable. Please come to the front office and collect.
Dates to Remember
✓ 28th August – Mass & Confirmation preparation, 9.00am
✓ 30th August – P&F meeting, 6.30pm
✓ 2nd September – First Friday Mass 10.00am
✓ 2nd September – Father’s Day Stall
✓ 7th September – Yr6 Retreat Day
✓ 8th & 9th September – Year 4 Camp
✓ 10th September – Trivia Night (adults only)
✓ 11th September – Mass & Confirmation Preparation, 9.00am
✓ 13th September – School Board Meeting, 6.00pm
✓ 17th September – Confirmation Celebration, 6.00pm Mass
✓ 23rd September – Last day of Term 3
✓ 14th October – School Disco Year’s K-6

Canteen
FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST 9.00am – 11.30am
Helpers Needed
11.30am – 2.00pm
Helpers Needed

MONDAY, 29 AUGUST 9.00am – 11.30am
Helpers Needed
11.30am – 2.00pm
Helpers Needed

Thank you for all helpers so far this year. A new Canteen Roster has been sent home and is also on the website – we are now in urgent need of helpers. If you have anytime available to help even for an hour or so, please continue to let Belinda know at the Front Office.
Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager

Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is open every Friday after assembly 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

House Point Winners

The points for Week 4, Term 3 were Murramai 3,110, Arakoola 4,370 and Tangara 13,450.

At the end of Week 3, Term 3 the year totals were:
Murramai 56,710, Arakoola 63,714 and Tangara 80,223.

CONGRATULATIONS to this week’s winners:
Tangara 13,450!

Well done to Year 5/6S who earned the most house points (11,090)!

Weekly Notes

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

- Fathers’ Day Stall
- Yr 6 Retreat Day – 7th September
- School Photos – Senior Leaders Due by Friday 9th September
- Trivia Night – Due 6th September (Adults only)
- School Fee Reminders – Due by Friday 9th September

School Swimming Program Kinder to Year 2

Parents and Friends Association

Our P&F are now calling for Agenda items for the next meeting Tuesday 30th August, 6.30pm. If you have any items, please email them to stbenedictspta@gmail.com. All are welcome.
New ACTION Bus timetables

Our new ACTION weekday and weekend bus timetable will commence Saturday 27 August 2016. There will be a range of timing changes and some new routes, making bus travel more convenient and reliable.

A reminder that there are also a range of changes to dedicated school services as well as regular route services that will affect students. We are encouraging families to plan their travel in preparation for Monday 29 August 2016.

A detailed list of all changes is available on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au

We have introduced region specific timetable books, to enable passengers to access region weekday timetables specific to their travel. Blue and Red Rapid routes are included in each book. These regions include Gungahlin, Belconnen, Central Canberra, Woden Valley & Weston Creek, Tuggeranong. Our weekend bus books will remain as a standalone timetable.

Region weekday bus books and weekend bus books are now available from our Recharge Agents, major bus stations, ACT Public Libraries or by calling 13 17 10.

For further information please visit the Transport Canberra website or call 13 17 10.

Regards,
ACTION
School Photos
The school leader photos are now up on display in the front foyer area. Please come and have a look at this year’s leaders. If you would like to order any, please collect and envelope from front reception or order online below prior to the 9th September.

8th August 2016

St Benedict’s Primary School

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. These can be viewed both online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and at the school.

School Online Code: S586EL35B

If you wish to order please either;
- collect an order envelope, fill out/enclose payment and return to school.
- visit our website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are:
$16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00.
Any additional photographs are $10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Payment options – Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.
ONLINE Payment by credit card – Envelope NOT required
The photos will be available to view and purchase online

All Orders to be made by 9th September 2016

*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred*

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Parish Pastoral Council  Fr Stephen Fletcher   6295 7879
RCIA Coordinator        Matthew Toohey       0409 157 552

Neighbourhood Care
Gowrie Court            Helen French         6239 4300
Meals                   Parish Office        6295 8027

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday                 6.00pm
Sunday                   9.00am
Youth Mass               7.00pm (last Sunday of the Month)
Charismatic Mass         7.00pm (last Sunday of the Month)
Baptisms: 11.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Violin, Viola and Cello Concert
(Matthew’s students)
Where: St Thomas More’s Primary School
When: Saturday 17th September, 2016
Time: 2.30pm

SAVE THE DATE
St Joseph’s P-6 School is 60 and we would love you to join us!

November 5-6 2016
Email: joeysis60@gmail.com
to receive further info and be involved

Open School    Dinner at Old Parliament House    Family Mass and Picnic
Afternoon Sat 5 Nov  Evening Sat 5 Nov  Morning Sun 6 Nov
Road Closures 24th August to 1st September

The school has been notified that part of the Sturt Avenue service road will be closed for the next two weeks due to the demolition of two Mr Fluffy homes. Please refrain from using Sturt Avenue between Boolimba Crescent and Tallara Parkway.
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights
ACT ELECTION
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
‘MEET THE CANDIDATES’ FORUM

Catholic School Parents and Staff in the ACT are urged to attend a ‘Meet the Candidates’ forum where candidates from all political parties in the ACT Election will be in attendance for the launch of the Catholic Education ACT Election Strategy.

WHEN: 5.30pm - TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016
WHERE: MERICI COLLEGE – WISE STREET BRADDOН
Workshops for Kindergarten and Year One

Tuesday 27 September

**Engineer Enrico – musical instruments**

What makes an instrument a musical instrument? What can we make instruments out of? Will you make a string instrument or is percussion more your thing? Maybe you want to harness the power of wind? Let’s see how much music we can make!

Wednesday 28 September

**Percival’s Passport - On the Nile**

Percival has been caught on a raft and is riding the Nile River. Where will the river end? Where did it start? Why is it so calm, and then so rough? For that matter, what are all those rocks doing there? Follow Percival’s adventure down the Nile River to find out about this extraordinary river system and how/where it all eventually ends.

Thursday 29 September

**Portia’s Portal - My Grandparents Played that Game**

What games were your Grandparents playing when they were seven years old? Do you think it was Playstation 3 and Pokemon Go? Explore the games from yesteryear, then select one and give it a modern twist. Change the rules, change the name, rebrand the image and package it up for a brand new market - the kids of 2016. Who knows, you might even start an international trend!
Workshops for Kindergarten and Year One

Friday 30 September

Dr B Ologits- Perplexing plants

Does it surprise you to know that a tomato is really a fruit? And that a Blueberry isn’t actually a berry? Do you find it strange that a banana is both a fruit and a herb? Well in this workshop you will become junior botanists as you begin to explore the perplexing world of plants.

Tuesday 4 October

Robotics- Beebot Race to Ancient Treasure

Bee Bots are back again and this time they have found some maps to the Ancient BeeBot Treasure... Can you code these cute little robots so that they follow the maps? Who will get there first to discover the treasure? Start programming as the race is on!

Wednesday 5 October

Professor Makin a Mess- Stickey, Strong and Stretchy

Professor Makin A Mess is back - we can’t seem to get rid of him and his pesky experiments. This time he is trying to fix a stickey, stretchy mess. Can you help him work out why something went sticky when it should be smooth? And what he can add to make it super strong? Help Professor by unlocking the secrets of molecules and polymers to discover the secret to the super sticky and downright stretchy.
Thursday 6 September

**Dr B Ologist- Double Trouble**

Is two twice as nice? Discover the biological world of things that come in pairs; it is not just people but animals and plants as well!! Discover the similar, identical and even unusual!!

Friday 7 September

**Wizards and Witches- HogSWISH**

Wizards, witches, warlocks and warts... Cats and cauldrons... Broomsticks and britches. Today it is all things magical as we enter the world of HOGSWISH. By the end of the day you will have learnt some magical words in Latin and more than a few interesting things about the world of magic.
SCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE 2016 AT WESTFIELD Belconnen

Date: Sunday 28th August, 2016

Venue: Westfield Belconnen - Benjamin Way, Belconnen, ACT

Dear Parent,

Your child has been invited to a schools chess competition at Westfield Belconnen on Sunday 28th August, 2016 from 10am-3pm (registration from 9:30am), run by Canberra Academy of Chess.

Divisions: Primary Schools and Secondary Schools

Format: This tournament is run as an individual event, however there are also school prizes awarded. The winning school is determined by adding the top 4 scorers from each school. Each school can enter any number of players and there is no need to rank them into teams.

The tournament is a 7-round Swiss competition, which means all players play all 7 rounds and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. The top school in each division will be awarded $250 worth of equipment from Canberra Academy of Chess. There are also trophies for the top five individuals and top three schools in each division.

To Enter: The preferred method of payment is to pay online with your credit card at: https://canberracademyofchess.com.au/payment
Enter the code: NBURURONXX and fill in the electronic form, instead of this form.

To ensure your place in the competition, please enter by Friday 26th August, 2016. For general enquiries about the tournament, please call Bevan on 0432 230 262.

Alternative payment method

Direct Deposit
Account Name: Canberra Academy of Chess
BSB: 062 319 Account Number: 1036 9569 [Commonwealth Bank]

In the transaction description, you must write the code “WF”, followed by the child’s first initial and surname. If you pay by direct deposit, you must email a receipt and this permission form to enroll@canberracademyofchess.com.au

For information on this event and other chess activities, please visit the Canberra Academy of Chess website: www.canberracademyofchess.com.au

Schools Chess Challenge 2016 at Westfield Belconnen
Individual Entry Form

I give permission to enter my child, __________________________ to represent the school __________________________ and play in the Schools Chess Challenge to be held at Westfield Belconnen on Sunday 28th August, 2016.

Division (please circle one): Primary Schools Secondary Schools

Relevant Medical Conditions/Allergies: __________________________

Date of Birth: _____/____/____  Contact Mobile Number: ________________

Signed: __________________________  Date: _____/____/____

Contact Mobile Number: ________________