Dear St Benedict’s Community,

It is with great appreciation and warmth that I share with you my deepest admiration and sincerest thanks for the amazing feat that we accomplished together on Sunday, hosting the Canberra-Goulburn Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival for 2016.

I know I was not alone when I walked into my house on Sunday evening and sat exhausted on the couch, only marginally outweighed by enormous feelings of pride, happiness and satisfaction in a job well done.

Over 1200 students from ACT and NSW Catholic primary schools participated in 202 games of soccer on 18 fields from 9.00am to 3.30pm without a break. It involved months of planning, weeks of processing players, preparing draws, communicating with schools, one full day (and a very early morning) to set up and 4 hours to pack up the grounds.

There was of course the small band of long-term volunteers who coordinated various aspects of the carnival and there were many others who assisted them either in the lead up or at the event. All of our volunteers have been acknowledged on the next few pages but I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of Emma McAuliffe (parent of Phoebe, Yr 6) who has worked on this carnival since October last year and without which this carnival would not have happened. Emma has been a long-term, hard-working contributor to the school community and including through this event, has had a lasting impact that will benefit future students of the school.

While it was an excellent fundraising opportunity, I agree with the comments made by many of our parents this week that this was a great community event. Hosting the Soccer Carnival brought people together that may not have ordinarily had the opportunity to know each other and I am pleased mostly for this and the sense of satisfaction that our small school community has been able to achieve something that is challenging even for larger schools.

Well done all! Have a well-deserved rest during the school holidays.

Blessings and peace to you all,

Matthew Garton
Principal
Our volunteers:
Those who helped coordinate various aspects of the carnival, particularly:

- **Emma McAuliffe** (Convenor and Registrations)
- **Philippa Murphy** (Sponsorship), assisted by **Cade Brown**
- **Nadia Mulino** (Food and Beverages)
- **John Siljeg** (Draws, Referees and Goals), assisted by **Dean Dalla Pozza**
- **Hannah Norgrove** (Players Tote Bags)
- **Karen Costello** (Design of Printed materials)
- **Rachel Smith** (Volunteers), assisted by **Wayne Caruana**

Thank you also to the many people who helped in the last weeks leading up to the carnival and on the day:

- Nikki Baccon
- Mick Baccon
- Patrick Baggoley
- Giulia Baggoley
- Amanda Basedow
- Chris Basedow
- Shane Bennett
- Helen Bennett
- Matthew Bennett
- Claire Bennett
- Grace Bennett
- Silvio Bernardini
- Cathy Berry
- Sonia Brown
- Cade Brown
- Andrew Buckland
- Melissa Bulger
- Libby Carbone
- Wayne Caruana
- Scott Channing
- Meenu Chidambaram
- Sampath Chidambaram
- Natalia Cuffeteli
- Donna-Lea Collins
- Con Constantiou
- Kylie Cook
- Karen Costello
- Barbra Cox
- Elaina Cupitt
- Dean Dalla Pozza
- Maria Dalla Pozza
- Annaloes DeGraeff
- Francois DuFault
- Belinda Eidum
- Camille Ellison
- Eva Esposito
- Margot Firth
- Ben Frohling
- Sally FLtcher
- Fr Steve Fletcher mgl
- Terry Green
- Oxana Hipwell
- Thy Huynh
- Danielle Jones
- Kodie Kelleher
- Melanie Lenaghan
- Natasha Liston
- Tony Liston
- Nunz Losanno
- Nancy Lyons
- Emma McAuliffe
- Mark McAuliffe
- Pru McPherson
- Belinda McRae
- Victoria McRae
- Tony Magers
- Lisa Malzard
- Anthony Malzard
- Asheeta Marriott
- Justin Marriott
- Anna Marzano
- Josephine Maundu
- Enzo Morabito
- Monica Morabito
- Olga Morabito
- Kiralee Morrison
- Nadia Mulino
- Philippa Murphy
- David Noble
- Hannah Norgrove
- John Norgove
- Lachlan Ogden
- Sam Ogden
- Jen O’Shea
- James Olney
- Antionette Perry
- Michael Pocock
- Katrina Power
- Irene Quah
- Ben Quah
- Tim Quinn
- Jazmine Rakic
- Judy Redpath
- Maria Robinson-Siljeg
- Sylvie Rodier
- James Samana
- Michael Sander
- Samantha Saunders
- Stefanie Schulte
- Liz Scott
- Jamie Scott
- Madeline Scott
- John Siljeg
- Jeanette Skaff
- Rachel Smith
- Mark Steele
- Trish Stevenson
- Melanie Stratford
- Danial Stratford
- Issac Stratford
- Amy Stratford
- Rachel Tape
- Haydn Thomas
- Margie Thomas
- Lauren Thomas
- Justin Thomas
- Amber Thomas
- Lorne Thurgar
- Glenis Thomas
- Fran Tomadini
- Robert Tomadini
- Jovi Van Der Kallen
- Robyn Verseg
- Anne White
- Meaghan Younger
- Christina Wilson
Thank you to all who made cakes for our cake stall. It was a very yummy addition to the event. Thank you also to all who volunteered and whose services were no longer required. We appreciated you offer.

Thank you also to the many the students from Mercici College, Mackillop College, John Paul II College, St Claire’s College and Saint Francis Xavier College without whom we wouldn’t have covered every job on the day. They were excellent representatives of their schools.

**Our Sponsors:**

We would like to thank all of the wonderful sponsors who generously supported our school in hosting the soccer carnival:

**Luton Property** – Thank you to James Carter from Luton Braddon office for his very generous support. Luton is the largest privately owned real estate agency in Canberra.

If you have a property to sell, rent or to be managed, call please support James in their new office at Braddon – 0413 974 912.

**Savvy school wear** - Savvy’s are a family run business dedicated to providing the best quality school uniforms at the most competitive process. [http://www.savvyschoolwear.com.au/](http://www.savvyschoolwear.com.au/)

**Griffith Butchery** - supplied all the sausages and burgers for the BBQ. Richard and his team at Griffith butchery are providers of the finest cuts of meat in Canberra, sourced from local supplier. Located at the Griffith shops, we encourage you to support Richard and his team.

**Morgan’s Group** – Morgan’s generously supplied cash and all the toilet products we needed. Morgan’s Group provides a diverse service including carpet cleaning, restoration and installation of carpets.

**Coerver Coaching** - Coerver have been sponsoring this annual event for the Catholic Primary Schools for many years. Thank you to Coerver for their continued support. If you are looking for something to do during the holidays – they run school holiday programs. Refer to their web site [http://www.coerver.com.au/wp/act/](http://www.coerver.com.au/wp/act/)

**Alive Health and Fitness** – Many of the families from our school community are members at Alive. They generously donated a 6 month membership with a buddy for the auction. Owned and operated by Rod and his team, they are committed to health and wellbeing. We appreciate their continued support of our community.

Thank you also to Cade and Sonia Brown who kindly donated the framed, signed jersey of Stephen Moore, Wallabies Captain.

**Other significant supporters and sponsors:**

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Week Notes

- The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the website. Cross Country Program for Friday 8th April

Clothing Pool
The school Clothing Pool will be opened each Friday straight after assembly, 2.50pm to 3.15pm.

Dates to Remember
- 4th - 8th April – Parent Partnerships Week
- 8th April – Whole School Cross Country
- 8th April – Kindergarten Performing at Assembly 2.30pm
- 8th April – Last Day Term 1, 2016
- 26th April – First Day Term 2, 2016
- 26th April – ANZAC DAY Liturgy, 1pm

Assembly Invitation
Kindergarten would like to invite their parents/carers to next Friday’s assembly at 2.30pm. Kindergarten will be performing during the assembly and would love for all to be there.

ANZAC DAY LITURGY
Kindergarten would like to invite all parents in the Armed Forces to our ANZAC DAY Liturgy on Tuesday 26th April at 1pm.

Thank you to these generous clubs who provided all the goals we required:

to the following children who celebrate their special during the April holidays:
Mia N, Amelia C, Riley W, Maxima S, Ainsleigh B, Isobel R and Josephine L.

Weekly News

CANTEEN
FRIDAY, 8 APRIL 9.00am – 11.30am
Mary Anne Flectcher
Helpers Needed
11.30am – 2.00pm
Helpers Needed
Helpers Needed

MONDAY, 25 APRIL
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thank you for all help given.
Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN  Archer B
YEAR 1  William C and Ria C
YEAR 2  Arran S and Bridged N
YEAR 3/4E  Cara H and Maxima S
YEAR 3/4B  Jordan C, Chloe de J and Daniel N
YEAR 5/6S  Matthew B, Oliver L and Lachlan O
ITALIAN  Sophia M, Archer B, Lucia M and James N

HOUSE POINTS
The point totals as at the end of Week 9, Term 1 were Murrumai on 7,377, Arakoola on 6,310 and Tangara on 5,780.

Thank you for all help given.
Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager