Let mercy live among us

PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

Father’s Day
I hope everyone had a lovely Sunday celebrating the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other special people in our lives. Thank you to the fathers who were able to celebrate mass with us on Friday, wonderfully lead by our Kindergarten class. Thank you also to family members who helped run our Father’s Day stall. Students love the opportunity to purchase a gift for a special person in their life and the stall made the experience easy and fun. Thank you to the Parents & Friends Committee for organising this each year.

BYOD 2017
On Wednesday 14th September we will hold a BYOD 2017 Meeting for all Year 4 and 5 parents whose children will be in Years 5/6 next year. All students in Years 5/6 participate in the BYOD Program. We have surveyed our current Year 5 and 6 students and parents to assist us with developing any improvements or advice for the next cohort of students and parents. The evening will be aimed primarily at the current Year 4 parents as they prepare a device for their child in Years 5/6. Notes were sent home yesterday regarding this meeting.
ACT Election Issues: Catholic Schools Funding

I would much more prefer to keep sharing with you some of the wonderful achievements of our teachers and students and yet, as adults and carers of our students, we must also look at the broader issues impacting on schools and children. School funding, one such issue, is critical in enabling all schools to provide the best opportunities for its students and as we approach the ACT Election it’s important to remain informed about this. The outcomes of elections can have a considerable impact on your child’s education. While all parties want the best opportunities for all students, there are sometimes conflicting points of view about how this should occur and this is reflected often in school funding.

It would be easy to assume that parent contributions (school fees) contribute a large amount to the cost of educating a child in a Catholic School. However, approximately 70 – 80% of the cost of educating a child in a Catholic School is provided by both the Australian and ACT Governments. For all non-government schools, the Australian Government is by far the largest contributor, with the ACT Government providing a much smaller proportion of funding followed by parent contributions making up most of the remainder, approximately 14%.

During the lead up to the ACT elections there will be many issues discussed by election candidates and I encourage you to listen for the issue of equitable and needs-based school funding. One in four students in the ACT are educated in a Catholic School and with very limited funding from the ACT Government, Catholic Schools work very hard to not pass on the difference to parents via fee levels that would make Catholic schooling an unattainable option for many. When candidates speak about school funding I encourage you to know and understand the impact of their commitments on your child’s school and future education.

I will endeavor to keep you informed about this issue in the current weeks as you consider all the issues important to you in the coming ACT elections.

Year 4 Overnight Excursion

I am thoroughly looking forward to joining the Year 4 students and their teachers on the overnight excursion to Sydney tomorrow and Friday. Some of our students are a little nervous but also very excited. We will participate in some excellent educational programs, learning about aspects of Australian History. Thank you to Mrs Basedow and Ms Ellison for their work in organising this opportunity.

Matthew Garton
Principal
Students not returning in 2017
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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Confirmation
Year Six have all enjoyed the prayerful Retreat today, focusing on the importance of the Holy Spirit in all that we do. We thank Father Tony Percy for his time with us and look forward to seeing him again at Confirmation on Saturday 17th September.

I look forward to seeing the Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors this Sunday 11th September for our final preparation session for Confirmation. We will be focusing on the practicalities of processions, rituals and readings for the Confirmation Mass. Mass begins at 9:00am.

First Friday / Fathers’ Day Mass
Thank you to Kindergarten and Mrs Tomadini for your wonderful Mass last Friday. It was a really special way to show our love and appreciation of Fathers.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sporting News
Swim School Program
A note went home to all Kinder, Year One and Year Two students last week in relation to the Swim School Program at Kings Swimming School Deakin. They commence in October and will be on each Monday of Term 4. All permission notes need to be returned to school by this Friday 9th September.

Parents and Friends Association
Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival
The Parents and Friends Association are kindly subsidising the bus for the Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival on the 21st October. This is a day filled with fun and friendships.
**Merit Certificate Recipients**

**KINDERGARTEN**  George P and Lilia D  
**YEAR 1**  William C and Ciru N  
**YEAR 2**  Arran S and Rose G  
**YEAR 3/4E**  Johny M and Brendan M  
**YEAR 3/4B**  Jordan C and Addison C  
**YEAR 5/6S**  Ainsleigh B and Nikita S  
**YEAR 5/6Y**  Mia C, Phoebe Mc, Madeleine G and Rose L  
**ITALIAN**  Josephine L, Grace L, Ava D and Ciru N

**House Point Winners**
The points for Week 7, Term 3 were Murramai 2,130, Arakoola 2,180 and Tangara 1,900.

At the end of Week 7, Term 3 the year totals were: Murramai 62,144, Arakoola 71,114 and Tangara 87,793.

**CONGRATULATIONS to this week’s winners:**
Arakoola 2,180!

Well done to **Year 1** who earned the most house points (1,500)!

**LOST AND FOUND**
All items from the lost property box will be on display in the Canteen area for the rest of the term. Any items left will be cleaned and either given to St Vincent de Paul or given to the clothing pool for students to purchase. So please take the time to go through the lost property items over the next couple of weeks.

If you are missing: Leather bracelet, white with red dots small cup and saucer, 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.

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

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**Happy Birthday** to the following children who will celebrate their special day this week: Alec C, Dharma S and Lilly M

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

- **School Photos** – Senior Leaders Due by Friday 9th September
- **School Fee Reminders** – Due by Friday 9th September
- **School Swimming Program** – Kinder to Year 2 – Due 9th September
- **Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival**
- **BYOD Survey** – Years 5 and 6
- **BYOD Meeting** – Years 3 and 5

**Dates to Remember**
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 14th September – BYOD 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
- ✓ 21st October - Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival

**Canteen**

**FRIDAY, 9 SEPT**  9.00am – 11.30am
Hannah Norgrove
Helpers Needed

11.30am – 2.00pm
Sally Cotsill
Helpers Needed

**MONDAY, 12 SEPT**  9.00am – 11.30am
Sylvie DuFault
Helpers Needed

11.30am – 2.00pm
Sally Cotsill
Helpers Needed

Nancy Lyons, Canteen Manager
Unfortunately, due to a number of other events on in Canberra this weekend the trivia night has been postponed until Term 4. We thank everyone that has already put time into organising the night – questions, tables, activities, teams etc. Please watch this space for a rescheduled date in Term 4.

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 end 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

Padre Pio’s Mitten: Padre Pio’s mitten will be available for veneration on Friday 9th September at the 5.30pm Healing Mass at St Benedict’s Church. All are most welcome to attend. For further information, please phone Maria on 62865679.

Kingdom Kids Ministry: Next Mass 11th September. Families are warmly invited to the 9.00am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For more info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com. Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

Marian Procession – The Annual Marian Procession at St Clement’s Monastery, Galong will be held on Sunday, 9th October 2016. The Archbishop is especially inviting all Catholics to make this wonderful pilgrimage during this ‘Year of Mercy’.

Eastlake Cricket Club

Junior registrations now open for 2016-17

Eastlake is the local junior cricket club for Woden Valley and the Inner South. We have a range of formats to suit boys and girls of Primary School age, including:

- **Milo In2Cricket**: Entry-level program for boys and girls aged 5 to 8
- **Milo T20Blast**: Mid-level program for ages 8-10
- **Boys U11 modified rules**: Modified cricket for ages 9-11
- **Boys U12 and U13 Junior cricket**: Competitive cricket for ages 11 and up


- Under 11 trials will be held at Makin Place, Deakin cricket nets 3pm, Sat 27 August
- Under 12 trials will be held at Makin Place, Deakin cricket nets 10am, Sun 28 August


Enquiries: president.eastlake@gmail.com
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- 80% of people with asthma also experience hay fever.
- Hay fever can worsen asthma symptoms and can trigger an asthma flare up.

If you have asthma and experience symptoms of sneezing, watery eyes, and an itchy nose, it is important to talk to your pharmacist about the right medication to manage both your hay fever and asthma to breathe better.

Asthma Week
1-7 September

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Workshops  
Year Four  
to Year Six

Tuesday 27 September

Weird World- Whose Crazy Idea was that?  
Bubble gum, flying platforms, sea shoes, flexible glass, velcro, steam engines, penicillin, aqualungs, bar codes, biros, neckties, velvets and blue jeans, just to name a few! When does a crazy idea become a world-changing invention, and how can you tell the difference between the two? Delve into the fascinating and often funny history of invention and design, so that you too can ask "Whose Crazy Idea Was That?"

Wednesday 28 September

Venetian Masks  
Venetian masks are a traditional addition at the Carnival of Venice! Beautifully crafted and exquisitely worn, they capture the romantic whim in all of us! Using masking techniques, you will learn to take facial moulds in order to design and create your own Venetian mask.

Thursday 29 September

Electronica- Unconventional Ways to Make Music  
In this workshop you will experiment with a variety of music-making tools such as Korg's Kaoss Pad, Yamaha's MU10 Sampler, Zoom's Gion Effects Processor, Moog's Theremin, Gakken Stylophone, Mooer Pitch Box and many others. We will spend the morning learning how to use and play these amazing and unconventional instruments. Then we will use them to create our own musical sounds and phrases, culminating in a joint composition.

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Friday 30 September

Pulleys and Levers- Super Powered Engineers

Could you lift an elephant with one hand? Could you lift a car onto a skyscraper? Centuries ago people made magnificent structures without the use of heavy machinery. Join us as we make some simple yet amazing machines that make us look like we have super powers.

Tuesday 4 October

Physics- Time

What is time? How does it work? Why are there days? And were they always 24hrs long? We will even look into the theory of time travel...is it possible?

Wednesday 5 October

Chemical Chaos- Spectrums

What do crystals, pigments, rainbows, prisms, light and water all have in common? I am sure you can guess – they can all play a role in colour and spectrums! Do you know what a spectrum is? Do you think you can split light? Or do you have the power to refract light? Discover the answer to these questions, plus many more when you immerse yourself in a world that is not just black and white, but full of every colour of the spectrum.
Thursday 6 October

Maps in the Modern World

Can you read a map? Have you ever made a map? Take a trip into modern-day mapping and discover the awesome, interactive and digital world of cartography. Global Positioning Systems and Geographic Information Systems are a long way from folded up paper maps, and allow cartographers to use satellite data and digital maps to design, develop and print specialised maps of their own design. Map a flood, the spread of an epidemic, the use of technology, or just your very own local community.

Friday 7 October

Quiddich Cup

The Quiddich Games are coming to SWISH. Our broomstick may not actually fly, however our Muggle version of Quiddich will be just as fun. Chasers grab your Quaffles, Beaters arm you bludgers and Keeper protect those hoops as we compete for the title of 2016 SWISH Quiddich Games Champions.

SWISH Education
Email: enquiries@swisheducation.edu.au
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Workshops for Year Seven to Year Nine

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Tuesday 27 September

Entrepreneur to Billionaire

Many teens dream of having their own business, but don’t know where to start. We show you the ins and outs of being a young entrepreneur. From idea development and inventing, to marketing a product and selling to customers. In this workshop students learn what it means to be an entrepreneur and how to use their unique skills and talents to start a small business venture.

Wednesday 5 October

Claymation

Using stopmotion you will plan, script, photograph and then manipulate your images in order to produce a stop animation piece. Create your plot, pose your character, ‘snap’, edit, add effects and then finalise your mini-movie to take home.

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SPRING AFL COMPETITION
Wednesday 19th October - Wednesday 30th November 2016
Game Day Venue – Hughes Oval, Hughes.

Start Time: 6.00pm
Under 10s (ages 7 to 9yo) Competition with AFL Female Match Policy Rules (introductory)

Start Times: 6.00pm & 7.00pm
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