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Praise the Lord

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kindergarten Orientation

We welcomed a small group of new children to St Benedict's today. They were nervous and excited. It was lovely to watch how the parents who were experiencing this for a second or third time were feeling so relaxed about their child beginning school. Many children who begin school these days have already experienced more than just pre-school. They have often spent time in long day care as well and are quite used to meeting and playing with new children. We're looking forward to a fun year of learning with our new community members in 2018.



Remembrance Day

On Friday we will be celebrating Remembrance Day and weather permitting we will use our courtyard stage that incorporates a Remembrance/ANZAC Day memorial cross. Every one is welcome to attend at 10.30am.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae (1872–1918)



Nurturing personal and academic growth...

...a journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

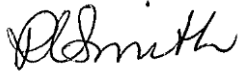
Safe Behaviour

We have had a couple of issues relating to children playing in the toilets. Running in and out, screaming at each other (wonderful acoustics), taking food into the toilets and banging on doors. It would be appreciated if parents could reinforce with their children about using bathrooms safely.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their warm wishes and congratulations on the announcement of my appointment as continuing Principal of St Benedict's. I appreciate the support and look forward to continuing to be part of this wonderful community.

God Bless.



Rachel Smith
Principal (Acting)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE

First Friday Mass

Thank you to 1/2 Blue for your prayerful preparation and mature leadership of Mass last week. It was a beautiful occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Quirk for her hard work.

Remembrance Day



Saturday 11th November is Remembrance Day. People from many nations will pause at 11:00am to remember the signing of the Peace Treaty that ended World War One. We remember all who have died in war and pray for peace in our world. St Benedict's School community will pre-empt these commemorations with our own service the day before. The school will gather in the Hall at 10:30am this Friday, 10th November, for our Remembrance Day liturgy. All families are welcome to join us, with members of our Defence Forces particularly offered an invitation in acknowledgement of your service to our country. 1/2 Gold are very excited about leading us in this commemorative service.

Meaghan Younger
Religious Education Coordinator

School News

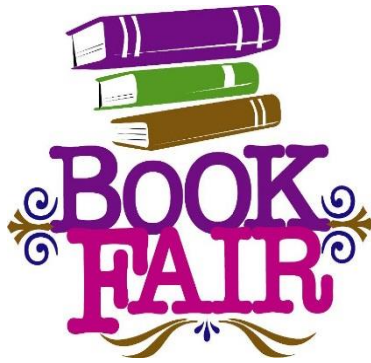
2017 Book Fair

St Benedict's will be running our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the library on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November 2017. It will be open for purchasing both afternoons from 3.30pm-5.30pm and Thursday morning before school from 8.00am - 9.00am. The Thursday morning will be for PARENTS ONLY. The children will have an opportunity to view the books and complete a 'wishlist'.

This is an important fundraiser for the library and an opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.

Thanks for your support

Sue Anderson
Teacher Librarian



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.



Merit Certificate Recipients

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

Kinder: Benjamin S, Hunter R and Mackenzie J

1 / 2 Blue: Alannah C, Grace R and Celeste M

1 / 2 Gold: James N and Mia T

3 / 4 Blue: Mila M and Ventura S

3 / 4 Gold: Serafin C and Brigid N

5 / 6 Blue: Liam W and Willoughby J

5 / 6 Gold: Zara S and Benjamin T

Weekly Notes

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

- Remembrance Day Liturgy



Notes that need to be returned

- School Fees – Due Wednesday 8th November.
- Crazy Camel Christmas Cards – Due by Friday 10th November (no late orders can be accepted.)
- Summer Uniform Order – Due by Tuesday 14th November.

Happy Birthday to the children at St Benedict's who celebrate their special day this week: William C, Lara H and Mila M.



P&F News

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Crazy Camel fundraising is due this Friday so please get your orders in. If you have misplaced



your order form please either contact the front office for one to be sent home or you can print one off the school website under Notes for Parents. The cards come in a pack of 8 for \$12, with your child's name, age and school logo on the back.

Final orders are due by 2.00pm **Friday 10th November** to ensure prompt delivery. Sorry any orders after the 2pm deadline will not be accepted.

Lost Property



The lost property box is now overflowing and we are only in week 5. Please take some time to check the lost property table especially for Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students. It is very common

to find towels, socks, undies, singlets and shoes during this swimming term.

Canteen

Hello Parents, Friends and Carers,

We are coming to the end of another month (already!!) so please keep your eyes open for the Tuckday Lunch which will be sent home early next week.

As the weather warms, we see a greater amount of variety in fruits and vegetables available at more affordable prices. As a mother, it means I can introduce some extra treats into the lunchbox, and hopefully, to the canteen. Stone fruits are on their way, although a little under-ripe still, it won't be long before the juices of Araluen peaches will be running down the wrists of children and adults.

Meanwhile, in the tuckshop, there is vacancy to assist each Thursday from Recess to Lunch. If you have a little space in the middle of the day and are keen to be involved, please pop on in, I would love to have a chat. Don't be concerned if your experience in the kitchen is limited, we can learn from each other.

Items needed: If you have any 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.

Parish News

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

Website: 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, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Please pop into the Canteen on either a Thursday or Friday, or e-mail me cara.cook@cg.catholic.edu.au to discuss further.

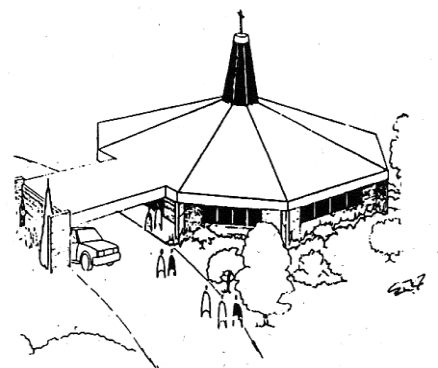
Yours in tongs.

Cara Cook, Canteen Manager



Dates to Remember

- ✓ 10th November – Remembrance Day Liturgy, 10.30am, 1/2 Gold – all welcome
- ✓ 14th November – School Board Meeting, 6.00pm
- ✓ 15th November – Book Fair 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Library
- ✓ 16th November – Book Fair 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Library
- ✓ 21st November – Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm – all welcome
- ✓ 22nd November – Kindergarten Orientation 2, 9.00am – 11.00am.
- ✓ 24th November – Beach to Bush Program
- ✓ 1st December – Giving Mass 10.00am – all welcome
- ✓ 5th December – School Board 6.00pm
- ✓ 8th December – Ways of Being Assembly, 2.30pm – all welcome
- ✓ 8th December – Semester 2 Reports



COMMUNITY NOTICES

School Student Transport Scheme – NSW residing students

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.



In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. **Note;** not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

Concessions

Email: Student@transport.nsw.gov.au