



# St Benedict's Primary School

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## First Day Byte!

### Welcome to 2018

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome to all of our new families in Kindergarten and other year levels across the school.

This brief note is designed to give you all the essential information you need to get you started. More detailed information will flow through soon.

The staff and I look forward to meeting you and your children at the **Open House and BBQ on Thursday 15 February, from 5.00pm**. Please don't hesitate to contact our Front Office or the classroom teachers with any initial questions.

**Rachel Smith**  
Principal

### Term 1 Uniform

Students wear the summer uniform this term. We all know the general items. It also includes:

- Navy bucket hat (with crest).
- Mostly white sport shoes for sport days.
- Hair accessories that match the colour of the school uniform being worn.
- No necklaces.
- Plain studs or sleeper earrings.

### Communication



The St Benedict's Newsletter will continue to be published every **Wednesday**.

It is published online at [www.stbenedicts.act.edu.au](http://www.stbenedicts.act.edu.au)

Should you want a paper copy you can drop into the School Office each Wednesday afternoon onwards.

Should you wish to receive an email prompt when the Newsletter is uploaded to our website then please let the Front Office ([Office.StBenedicts@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Office.StBenedicts@cg.catholic.edu.au)) know your preferred email address.

Download our Skoolbag app to remain up to date with announcements.

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### School Times/Supervision



**7.30am** Before School Care opens (no school based supervision)

**8.30am** Children dropped off will be supervised in the courtyard by a teacher.

**8.55am** School begins.

**11.00am** Supervised play time.

**11.15am** Supervised eating time.

**11.30am** Classes resume.

**1.30pm** Supervised eating time.

**1.40pm** Supervised play time.

**2.19pm** Classes resume.

**3.10pm** Students dismissed to four areas:

- Supervised transition to After School Care
- Supervised transition to buses
- Supervised car park pick up until 3.30pm
- Supervised crossing of Jerrabomberra/ Sturt Ave

### Sport Days



All students Kindergarten to Year 6 will wear their Sports Uniform to school on Mondays and Thursdays this term.

All students will be participating in Gymnastics on Mondays throughout this term.

## Important Dates



A few important dates to note for this term are:

- 5 Feb School resumes K-6
- 7 Feb Kindergarten rest day + assessments
- 9 Feb Opening School Mass & blessing of student leaders, 10.00am
- 13 Feb School Board Meeting, 6pm
- 14 Feb **Ash Wednesday**, Mass 10am
- 14 Feb Kindergarten rest day + assessments
- 15 Feb Open House BBQ for families & teachers
- 20 Feb Parents & Friends Meeting and AGM, 6.30pm
- 22 Feb Swimming Carnival, K-6
- 27 Feb Year 5 & 6 Camp Birrigai (27 Feb —1 Mar)
- 27 Feb Kinder—Year 2 Parent Reading Night
- 2 Mar Whole School Mass, 10am
- 2 Mar Interim Reports sent home
- 3 Mar First Reconciliation Retreat
- 12 Mar Canberra Day Public Holiday
- 13 Mar School Board Meeting, 6pm
- 24 Mar First Reconciliation and Year 3 Parish Mass, 9.00am
- 20 Mar Parents & friends Meeting, 6.30pm
- 26 Mar Palm Sunday Liturgy, 10.30am
- 29 Mar Passion Liturgy, 10.30am
- 30 Mar Good Friday
- 1 Apr Easter Sunday
- 3 Apr Easter Liturgy, 10.30am
- 6 Apr Whole School Mass, 10am
- 10 Apr School Board Meeting, 6pm
- 11 Apr Cross Country
- 13 Apr Outdoor Education day
- 13 Apr Term 1 concludes

The school calendar on the school website and in the Skoolbag app remains the most up-to-date with events.

## Canteen Menu



**The Canteen will continue to operate each Thursday and Friday.** A copy of our new summer menu designed by Cara Cook, our Canteen manager, is included with this note.

We are very much in need of assistance in the Canteen. If you can provide an hour or two on any Thursday or Friday could you please let the Front Office know.

## Staff

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Fran Tomadini/Anne White</i>
<i>Year 1/2 Blue</i>	<i>Natalie Wright/Anne White</i>
<i>Year 1/2 Gold</i>	<i>Breana Jo Walshe/Margot Firth</i>
<i>Year 3/4 Blue</i>	<i>Camille Ellison</i>
<i>Year 3/4 Gold</i>	<i>Nicole Jones</i>
<i>Year 5/6 Blue</i>	<i>Alana Quirk/ Sophie Hall (Semester 1) Amanda Basedow (Semester 2)</i>
<i>Year 5/6 Gold</i>	<i>Melanie Stratford</i>
<i>Acting Principal</i>	<i>Rachel Smith</i>
<i>Assistant Principal</i>	<i>Alana Quirk</i>
<i>Religious Education Coordinator</i>	<i>Natalie Wright</i>
<i>Teacher - Librarian</i>	<i>Sue Anderson</i>
<i>Numeracy Practitioner</i>	<i>Fran Tomadini</i>
<i>Literacy Practitioner</i>	<i>Margot Firth</i>
<i>Inclusion Teacher</i>	<i>Jeanette Skaff</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Beth Moores</i>
<i>Italian</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Office Manager</i>	<i>Belinda McRae</i>
<i>Inclusion Assistants</i>	<i>Jennifer O'Shea Kim Brice Lina Christian</i>
<i>Canteen Manager</i>	<i>Cara Cook</i>

Contact with staff can be made through:

- **Phone:** Please call the school and leave a message and the staff member will call you back at their next available time.
- **Email:** All staff members have an email address (*firstname.lastname@cg.catholic.edu.au*). Teachers will respond at the next available non-teaching period. (For Canteen messages please ring the Front Office.)
- **In person:** Feel free to see teachers before 9.00am or after 3.10pm. Make an appointment for important matters so they can be given the attention required.