Welcome to Term 3!

Welcome back everyone. We’ve had a beautiful first day with a lot of smiling children.

Welcome to three new students and their families: Henry (Kindergarten), Chanda (Year 2) and Noah (Year 1). We hope you in particular have had a great day and look forward to learning more about you.

Our staff have spent many hours planning both together and individually to set up some exciting new learning opportunities for students during Term 3. We’re really looking forward to celebrating all they will achieve.

Matthew Garton
Principal

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.
9.00am 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.
2.10pm 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

Communication

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

It is published online at www.stbenedicts.act.edu.au

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

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) know your preferred email address.

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

Sport Days

Students wear Sports Uniform to school on the following days:

Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2: Tuesday & Thursday
Years 3 & 4: Tuesday & Friday
Years 5 & 6: Wednesday & Friday
Important Dates

A few important dates to note for this term are:

18 Jul  School resumes K-6, Term 3
18 Jul  Rostrum Semi-finals host
22 Jul  Catholic Education NAIDOC Mass
26 Jul  Canberra Symphony Orchestra Excursion K-6
26 Jul  Confirmation Information Session, 6.00pm
1/2 Aug  Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Workshops for students.
2 Aug   Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm
5 Aug   Grandparents Day & Mass, 10.00am (Yr 1)
8 Aug   Feast of St Mary MacKillop
9 Aug   School Board Meeting
14 Aug  Mass & Confirmation Preparation, 9.00am
15 Aug  Feast of the Assumption - Mass, 10.00am
17 Aug  Years 3-6 Challenge Day with St Bede’s
28 Aug  Mass & Confirmation Preparation, 9.00am
30 Aug  Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm
2 Sep   First Friday Mass for Fathers, 10.00am (Kinder)
8/9 Sep  Year 4 Overnight Excursion—Sydney
11 Sep  Mass & Confirmation Preparation
13 Sep  School Board Meeting
17 Sep  Confirmation Celebration, 6.00pm
23 Sep  Last day of Term 3

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

Canteen Menu

The Canteen operates each Monday and Friday. Lunch and Recess orders are welcome on these days. The Term 3 menu is the same as the Term 2 menu. Please see the school website for the most recent menu.

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

Staff

Kindergarten  Fran Tomadini
Year 1  Rachel Smith/Natalia Ciuffetelli
Year 2  John Siljeg/Linda De Salis
Year 3/4B  Amanda Basedow/Anne White
Year 3/4E  Camille Ellison
Year 5/6S  Melanie Stratford
Year 5/6Y  Meaghan Younger/Anne White
Principal  Matthew Garton
Assistant Principal  Rachel Smith
Religious Education Coordinator  Meaghan Younger
Teacher - Librarian  Sue Anderson
Reading Recovery  Margot Firth
Inclusion Teacher  Jeanette Skaff
Music  Cathy-ann Berry
Italian  Anna Marzano
Office Manager  Belinda McRae
Inclusion Assistants  Jennifer O'Shea
                                 Kim Brice
                                 Lina Christian
Canteen Manager  Nancy Lyons

Contact with staff can be made through:

- **Phone:** Please call the school and leave a message and the staff member will call you back when they are next available.
- **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.

Staff Meetings

Our staff are highly collaborative and meet regularly to maintain focus, direction and clear communication about the ongoing events, programs and curriculum offered to students and families. We prioritise this time and will therefore schedule any meetings with parents outside them.

These meetings include:

- Mondays, 3.40 - 5.00pm, Executive Staff Meeting
- Tuesdays, 8.15 - 8.45am, Staff Admin meeting
- Wednesdays, 3.40 - 5.00pm, Staff Professional Learning and Curriculum Development Meeting