



St Benedict's Primary School

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First Day Byte!

Welcome to Term 3!

Welcome back everyone. It was wonderful to see all our students back at school and excited about the term ahead.

Welcome to our new student Kate Semple and her family. 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 in the holidays to set up some exciting new learning opportunities for students during Term 3. We're really looking forward to celebrating all they will achieve.

Rachel Smith
Principal

Our School Mission

Inspired by Christ and guided by his teachings, the community of St Benedict's journeys together to provide a caring, friendly, learning environment that nurtures the development of each child through love, work and prayer.



St Benedict's School Improvement Plan 2019

Improvement Goal 1

A culture that promotes learning

A positive learning culture that values diversity and intellectual effort and where students appreciate their talents and pursue their highest aspirations. This will be achieved by the students developing the language around learning.

Improvement Goal 2

*Systematic curriculum delivery
Differentiated teaching and learning
Effective pedagogical practices*

A clearly documented whole-school plan for curriculum delivery in which assessment and reporting procedures are aligned and the Australian Curriculum referenced, whilst giving priority to differentiated teaching to ensure that every student is engaged and learning successfully.

Five Ways of Being

This is a timely opportunity to remind everyone in our community about the our *Five Ways of Being*. You can see them displayed throughout the school. These were developed with students several years ago and describe what is important in belonging to St Benedict's learning community.

Teachers use the *Five Ways of Being* to develop class norms every term. Classes explore what they look like, sound like and feel like in their classrooms and on the playground.

We are always using the *Five Ways of Being* to help re-direct and guide students towards productive and positive ways of learning with and enjoying each other.

Our *Five Ways of being* are relevant for the entire community and express the ways we can all be with each other.

At St Benedict's Primary School we have

5 Ways of Being

that help us live, learn and work together.

Be welcoming



Be respectful



Be safe



Be responsible

**Be the best you
can be**



Sport Days

Students wear Sports Uniform to school on the following days:

Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2: Monday & Wednesday

Years 3 & 4: Tuesday & Thursday

Years 5 & 6: Wednesday & Friday



Important Dates

A few important dates to note for this term are:

- 23 Jul School resumes K-6, Term 3
- 24 Jul School Board Meeting
- 27 Jul National Schools Tree Day
- 30 Jul School Registration
- 31 Jul School Registration
- 1 Aug School Registration
- 3 Aug Grandparents' & Grand Friends Day & 3/4 Blue & 3/4 Gold Mass, 10.00am
- 3 Aug Winter Disco
- 7 Aug Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm
- 8 Aug Feast of St Mary MacKillop, Mass, 12.30pm
- 9 Aug Commonwealth Bank Smart Start Workshops for students
- 10 Aug Science in Action Excursion Yrs 4-6
- 13 Aug Science Week begins
- 14 Aug School Board Meeting
- 15 Aug Feast of the Assumption , Mass, 12.30pm
- 19 Aug Yr. 5 Family Mass, 9am
- 19 Aug P&F Bunnings' BBQ @ Majura Park
- 20 Aug Keep Australia Beautiful Week begins
- 24 Aug Mini Vinnies Winter Woolies Day
- 31 Aug Fathers' Day Stall
- 31 Aug Vinnies Sleep Out Yrs 4—6
- 2 Sep Fathers' Day
- 4 Sep Parents & Friends Meeting, 6.30pm
- 7 Sep 1/2 Gold's Fathers' Day Mass, 10am
- 11 Sep School Board Meeting
- 16 Sep School Family Mass, 9am
- 16 Sep St Benedict's Spring Fair
- 17 Sep Catholic Schools' Week Begins
- 18 Sep Learning Showcase, 2pm
- 28 Sep Outdoor Education Day
- 28 Sep Last day of Term 3
- 28 Sep 5 Ways of Being Award Ceremony, 2.30pm

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 Thursday and Friday. Lunch orders are welcome on these days. Counter sales are available at Recess only. The Term 3 menu will be the same as the Term 2 menu. Please see the school website for the most recent menu. We always welcome 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.

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



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

Staff can be contacted in the following ways;

- **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.