



# St Benedict's Primary School

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## Year 3/4 Parent Information 2017

### *Alleluia, Praise the Lord!*

#### Welcome

A warm welcome to the 2017 school year! We have been enjoying getting to know each of our students and focussing on setting up the year to experience success. May our journey together in 2017 be full of much happiness and new memories. May we Listen, Work, Pray, Seek Peace and Care, as is the culture here at St Benedict's.

#### Class Structure

Ms. Ellison and Mrs. Stratford will be the primary teachers for their home class. Mrs Anne White will also teach Mrs. Stratford's classes on some Thursdays, when Mrs. Stratford is fulfilling duties for her ICT role. In Year 3/4, we can at times work in classes, as year groups and as a whole group. Mathematics and Religion are taught generally in year groups with the following format:

Subject	Ms Ellison	Mrs Melanie Stratford
English	3/4 Blue	3/4 Gold
Maths	Year 4	Year 3
Religion	Year 4	Year 3
Inquiry units This includes: History, Science, Health, Social Science and Geography	3/4 Blue	3/4 Gold
Sport	All of 3/4	
Gymnastics (specialist teacher)	3/4 Blue	3/4 Gold
Art	All/class groups	

Speciality Subjects	Teacher	Groups	When
Italian	Gabry Borzatti	Classes	Tuesday
Library	Sue Anderson	Classes	Wednesday
Arts (Music and Drama)	Cathy Berry	Classes	Tuesday

#### Communication and Notes

Please ensure we have your best contact email address/es and other contact details on file on the Front Office. This helps us to stay in communication with you. If you ever have any questions, queries, concerns, or would like to arrange a time to meet, feel free to email your child's classroom teacher. Our email addresses are:

[Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au)    [Camille.Ellison@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Camille.Ellison@cg.catholic.edu.au)    [Anne.White@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Anne.White@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Please ensure that sick/away notes are given promptly, as these are a mandatory requirement. We would also appreciate notes in advance for any planned absences (e.g. holidays). An email from parents is acceptable as a written form of notification, however, whilst phone calls are welcomed as a courtesy, they do not meet the legal requirements for our records. Please return all notes to your child's class teacher, rather than to the Front Office, as this helps with our record keeping.



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## Our Expectations

These are realistic, age-appropriate and achievable. We aim to build a sense of responsibility and resilience in each student and want to challenge them to work to the best of their abilities. We believe that the process a learner takes with each task is just as important as the end product. *We also want your children to enjoy each day, be happy and to learn!* You can assist us by asking your child at the end of every day to tell you 3 things they learn that day or things they liked about their day. We appreciate your feedback on what they particularly enjoy from school.

## Homework

Homework will be handed out fortnightly on Mondays and will be due the Friday after. The types of tasks vary but there will always be an English and Maths task. The children will have two weeks to complete the tasks. We will be attempting to have students complete some or all of this on Google classrooms. There are times when the children will be required to connect to the internet in order to complete a task. If your child does not have access to a computer at home could you please let us know so that we can arrange an alternative. Homework Club is available to all students on Mondays at lunchtimes.

All children are encouraged to read nightly for a minimum of 20 minutes. All children can read from a range of texts (including library books, magazines, comics, picture books). We encourage you to take the time to listen to your child read as often as possible.

## Sacramental Program

Year Three will celebrate Reconciliation on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Families will be required to complete an enrolment form and return to the classroom teachers. Students are expected to attend the Reconciliation Preparation Session on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> March with a parent or other support person. First Communion will be celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. More information and dates are included the *Sacraments 2017* note.

## Sport/Fitness

Year 3/4 participate in fitness activities most mornings. This helps to stimulate the brain for learning time and helps to ensure that children are regularly involved in exercise. Like other subjects, it is expected that all children participate in weekly Physical Education lessons. If your child is unable to do so, we ask that you inform us (email or written note). We often are lucky enough to have sports clinics and specialty teachers who lead these sessions.

## Book Covers

We ask that you use clear covers over the top of the subject cover pages. Uncovered books will be sent home each Friday for the few weeks of this term. Please return them each Monday morning ready for school.

## School Supplies

All basic school supplies, including books, rulers, lead and colour pencils are provided by the school.

We ask that your child please bring in tissues, wet ones/wipes and paper towel to contribute to our 3-4 classes. Please bring these items in by the end of Week 3 so that we are organised for the year ahead! Thank you to those amazing parents who have already started bringing in these things!

We look forward to working with each of you as we journey together in 2017.

Regards

Melanie Stratford, Camille Ellison and Anne White  
Year 3/4 Class Teachers

*Nurturing personal and academic growth. A journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.*