A Children’s Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent
And when I’ve given it up
Remind me to pray to You instead
To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent
Amen

Dear members of our school community,

How is your Lenten journey going? We are one week in. Please make sure you take the time necessary to pray and reflect during this sacred time on our liturgical calendar.

Thanks to the staff, parents and students who came to our school leaders commissioning mass last Saturday night. I really loved the way our leaders recited their pledges so confidently and meaningfully. Thank you to Father Phillip for celebrating the mass and to Mr Will and Mrs Christian for their preparation. We are off and running for another year. Good luck to all of our leadership bodies.

This Friday our year 6 students will be leading their first Making Jesus Real (MJR) activities. These are always a wonderful time for students to help each other discover Jesus as well as build on that wonderful sense of community this school has.

Cricket and swimming training has continued this week. Well done to the students who are getting down to these before school opportunities and thanks to the parents for getting them there and to staff for training the students. Keep working hard everyone. Thanks to Mrs Sampson and parents who helped coordinate smooth swimming trials last Friday. Our children’s behaviour was superb.

Well done and thank you to our dedicated staff who held parent information nights on Monday to inform parents of their expectations for the year and how they are going help the students achieve their potential. Thank you to parents for their attendance, we had an excellent attendance last night. If you did not get a chance to come along the presentations will be available on our website, you can also touch base with the teacher if you have any questions.

This afternoon, as part of our attempt to challenge all children every day, Michelle Stewart from the Catholic Education WA will be coming to talk to staff about higher order thinking and how to implement these strategies in the classroom that stimulate this. Michelle is a consultant in learning diversity and will help tackle the task of challenging children of all ability ranges. She will also be working with us in week 5.

Those families who have students who will require an Individual Education Plan will be meeting with our special needs team on Friday to get this underway.

I think we have one volunteer to take on the footy-tipping coordinator. Any other helpers would be much appreciated. Please get your name in to Mrs Funga at the office if you wish to attend the parent seminar on Restorative Practice on March 3.

Our board meeting last Wednesday was very fruitful with a focus going on identity and marketing our school to the school and broader community this year.

Our first P&F meeting is tonight. Please come along and support our P&F support our students. There will be another fun filled year ahead for our P&F.

We get a little taste of footy as the NAB Challenge begins this week.

God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal
Assistant Principal's Report

Dear Parents

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I have received from the St Benedict’s community. I feel incredibly blessed to have joined such a dedicated and dynamic school community.

On Saturday night, we celebrated our beginning of year Commissioning Mass. It was beautiful to witness not only the commitment that our School Board, P&F and parish community made to our students, but to also witness the commitment of our Year 6 Student Leadership Team. Our student leaders play a vital role in ensuring that our student voice is heard and to act as positive role models for our younger students. I wish our student leaders the best of luck in their roles and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

This week marks the beginning of our before school swimming training. Congratulations to the students who are making the commitment to attend the early morning sessions and thank you to the staff who have offered to assist.

May you all have a lovely week,
Michelle Christian

Little Bennie’s Blue News

Our Little Bennie’s Blue enjoyed their final transition sessions last week, and are ready to begin full days. With confidence building, we are seeing the children venturing a little further outdoors to explore. They are also beginning to realise that sharing and taking turns are very much an integral part of Kindy life.

Kind regards, Michelle Higgs

Pre-Primary White News

We have all settled in well into life in Pre-primary and we are enjoying our learning and play. During Investigations we have been keen problem solvers at the Tinkering table and architects and designers of carparks and houses in Block Construction. Our Literacy table has been a busy zone of letter writing and note taking. In Numeracy the children have been exploring numbers 1-10 and looking at day and night time.

Over this last week Pre-primary have been revising the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n and we have been super clever at finding these sounds in our names. During outside learning we have been writing these sounds on the big whiteboard outside our classroom. Each day we have been learning about what a ‘focus child’ is and what our ‘learning intentions’ are. We are super excited about the term ahead!

Pre-Primary Blue News

We have had a very busy, fun and hot start to the year. We have had a great time exploring our new classroom and getting to know each other. We have done such a great job learning new routines and sharing the things we know with each other. We are learning about our bodies, ourselves, our families and our community. We are doing a great job speaking in front of each other as the focus child and have done some great reflecting on our learning. Here are some pictures of us during investigation time. We are LOVING Pre-Primary.
To last week’s Merit Award Winners

PPB - Elise  PPW - Kaden, Tessa  Yr1B - Luca, Sofie
Yr1W - Dhivyen, Leah  Yr2B - Ethan, Alexander
Yr2W - Alyssa, Imogen  Yr3 - Harrison, Elizabeth
Yr4 - Maeve, Digby  Yr5 - Matthew B, Montanna
Yr6 - Stephanie, Adrian

School Banking

A reminder about school banking which occurs each Thursday morning from the Canteen counter in the undercover area. New members Welcome!

Uniform Shop News

Opening time: Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.30am.

We have moved into our new premises which are located downstairs in the Hall near where the Administration Office used to be. Just follow the signs from the undercover area.

Sports News

Swimming Training

Friday, 19 February 2016 @ Bicton pools.

Thank you to everyone who came this morning. We look forward to seeing you again on Friday.

School Fees

Fee statements were posted out last Friday. If you have not received your statement please contact Mrs Moltoni in the Finance Department.

Please note that Direct Debit instructions from 2015 DO NOT ROLL OVER to 2016. Parents are required to enter a new payment contract each year.

If you have any queries regarding your statement, payment options or any other charges please contact Mrs Moltoni.

Book Club

Just a reminder that all orders for Issue 1 must be completed by Friday 19th February.

If you wish to order online you may use the LOOP system. Please note that if you do use LOOP DO NOT send the order form to school as this will result in a doubling up of orders.

If you do not wish to order online please send your completed order form with correct money or cheque made out to ‘Scholastic Australia’ to the class teacher by the due date.

Thank you.

Mrs Noonan

Family Surname Visor Card - for drive-thru

All Pre-Primary families will receive a laminated Surname Visor Card early next week. If parents from any other year groups and new parents require additional cards then please contact Mrs Funga in Administration to organise.
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Open Day on Tuesday 15 March 2016

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