Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

Artist of souls,
you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and whet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

As we are in the third week of Lent promises can become a little harder to keep. Continue to make that space for personal prayer to help stay centred, strong and true to your mission during this special time.

I have some special news and congratulations this week as Mrs Mackenzie and her husband have announced that they are expecting their first child in September. We wish them well during this special time. Mrs Mackenzie’s maternity leave replacement will be announced in due course.

This Friday is a Pupil Free Day as the teachers will be receiving professional development around Restorative Practice. Restorative Practice is a whole school approach to promoting resilience and aims to contribute to the building of positive relationships in school communities. It is focused on helping young people become aware of the impact of their behaviour on others through personal accountability and learning from a conflict situation. An important component of restorative practices is the focus on restoring relationships after harm has been done.

This philosophy fits beautifully with our Catholic ideals surrounding Reconciliation and is a natural fit for a Catholic school. My belief is that this philosophy will only make our school better.

We are also holding a parent information session surrounding this on Thursday evening at 7pm in the Library. Please note the evening is pitched for parents. Gabrielle Lawler from Restorative Practices WA will be facilitating both Parent and staff sessions.

Congratulations to our year 6 students and some year 5’s who represented the school magnificently yesterday at the T20 Blast ASCS Cricket Carnival. The show of sportsmanship and application of effort across the whole day by all sides was exemplary. A highlight on the results side was that the girls division came runner to St Columba’s by 2 points. This is a real testament to the girls who made a real effort to get to the Tuesday morning training sessions. It was almost 100% attendance each week and their results reflected this.

I had the pleasure of coaching the A division Boys on the day and their never give up attitude and support for each other was heart warming to see. Thank you to Mrs Sampson for her organisation and Mr Will and Mr Fonseca for their support.

We now gear up for our Faction Swimming Carnival tomorrow at Aquinas College. Our year 3 students will be taking part in the senior carnival for the first time and we know that they will enjoy themselves. Good luck to all participants, I know it will be a terrific day for all.

Next week our year 6 students head off to Woodman Point for camp. Mr Fonseca and Mr Will have put much effort into planning this and the students are in for a week of not just fun but opportunities to learn a bit about the history of Woodman Point as well to develop those team and collaborative skills that are so important to be able to have in our daily lives. Good luck year 6.

On Tuesday evening March 8 at 7.30pm there is a meeting being facilitated by our contracted speech pathologists for parents of 4k children. Please contact our Kindy teachers for details.

Wednesday evening March 9 will see the school board meet for the second time this year.

Footy is getting closer, Please join our footy-tipping comp and be a part of the fun.

Think about a time in the past then you have seen or done something incredibly cool. Memories are well worth celebrating.

Until next week

God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal
Sports News

Inter-School Cricket Carnival
On Tuesday the school cricket team from year 6 (with a little bit of help from year five) went to a cricket carnival at Tompkins Park. It was a lot of fun. Two girls’ teams and two boys’ teams competed from each school of the six participating schools.

Our boys’ A division team lost every single game. Our boys’ B division team won two games but lost three. Our Lady Of Mount Carmel won the boys category.

Our girls’ A division team won four games and lost once. Our girls’ B division team won four games and only lost one. St. Columbus’ won the girls category by two points. St. Benedict’s girls A and B teams came second. Montanna had an exceptional batting performance in her third game, making 36 runs in just two overs.

Everybody tried their hardest and didn’t give up. We are all very proud of how well everyone played and the good sportsmanship they displayed.

The Cricket captains Alice and Jake, were very organised and packed the bus the day before the carnival with some help from Mr Cusworth, Mrs Sampson and Mr McDonald.

The parents, Mr Biancuzzo, Mrs Ziccardi and Mrs Barnes helped on the day by driving the year five and six students to Tompkins Park. We thank them for their help, especially Mr Biancuzzo for coaching the A division girls team.

Go St. Benedict’s!

Faction Swimming Carnival
Our Year 3-6 students will be participating in the first Faction Carnival for the year when they attend the Swimming carnival at Aquinas College on Thursday.

Thank you to the many parents who have assisted at morning swimming training in so many ways. Your children really appreciate your support and so does the school. Congratulations to the Year Five class who had the best attendance at the morning swimming training sessions over the three weeks.

We look forward to an enjoyable day tomorrow and thank the many parents that have volunteered to assist.

Congratulations to Dawn who created the winning design for the ‘Design a Cover’ competition. Her winning design will be on the parent programs which will be brought home this afternoon.

“Aqua-Fun Day”

On Wednesday March 16 our year one and two students will participate in their first sporting carnival for the year. They have just commenced practising all the team games for this carnival and look forward to bringing some information home to families soon.

Year 3 - Newsletter Religious Education

In Year 3 Religious Education we are exploring how the human body was created so that human beings can express the goodness created in them by God. As we discover more about our bodies, we discover that God wants to relate with us. We are learning how Jesus showed people ways to relate to God and how his friends celebrated him, especially during the time of Lent.

As a class, we located a variety of Scripture stories which revealed ways that Jesus showed emotions and feelings just like us. This activity helped us to better understand that Jesus is special because he is God’s son, but he is also fully human. This week we have talked about special actions that we can carry out during Lent, such as prayer and doing something to help others, so that we can become closer to God. In small groups, students created a ‘Wordle’ which display ways these actions can be carried out during the Easter season.
Dear Families and Friends,

This time of the year is a particularly busy one for our senior classes. Yesterday, our Year 6, and selected Year 5 students, participated in the ASCS Cricket Carnival. Congratulations to all of our students for showing great sportsmanship and for having a go. You represented St Benedict’s well.

Next week, beginning on Tuesday 8 March, our Year 6 students will be going on camp to Woodman Point. They will participate in a range of activities including raft building, archery and rock climbing. Thank you to the staff and parents who have volunteered to help out on camp. Thank you especially to Mr Fonseca for his brilliant preparation for what is set to be an exciting week.

Tomorrow, our Year 3 – Year 6 classes will be participating in our school swimming carnival being held at Aquinas College. The carnival will run from 9:30am – 12:45pm and families are most welcome to come along and support our students. Thank you to Mrs Sampson for her organisation of the carnival and for assisting our students to prepare for it during early morning swimming training.

May you all have a lovely long weekend,
Michelle Christian

21st Century Learning in Year 1 White

Year 1 White have settled into Year 1 fabulously. They are working hard and enjoying the new challenges that Year 1 brings. In our classroom, the 21st Century style of learning is incorporated into all learning areas. 21st Century learning allows children to learn through a multitude of ways which in turn enhances their knowledge and acquisition of many skills. Children learn through using concrete objects with minimal worksheets. Children are engaged and motivated to learn. All aspects of the curriculum are taught in the 21st Century way of learning. Children are using the latest technologies to consolidate their learning. We are excited to see what the rest of the year holds and we are enjoying the brand new facilities that we are lucky enough to have!

Katy Hanretty
Year 1 White Teacher

Uniform Shop News

Opening time
Thursdays from 8.30am to 9.30am.

New stocks of school hats and Faction Shirts have now arrived. Along with faction Swim Caps for $4.

We have stock in all sizes.
uniformshop@stbenedicts.wa.edu.au

School website

Our website address is:
www.stbenedictswa.com

Our website is complex and operates best on the Chrome search engine.
This week in Little Bennies Blue, we have been enjoying a story called The Terrible Tiger. We practiced different facial expressions like the characters in the story (happy/scared) and loved the part when the children mistook the tiger's tail for a snake. We painted colourful tigers, black stripes on orange tigers and made monkey hand puppets too!

Kind regards,

Michelle Higgs

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**Family Surname Visor Card - for drive-thru**

If you require additional cards then please contact Mrs Funga in Administration to arrange.

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**School Fees**

Fee statements were posted out recently. 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.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

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

New members Welcome!
LIONS YOUTH JAZZ BAND PROGRAM - 2016 RECRUITMENT

Would any of the students in your school like to play in a jazz band?

We are now recruiting students for our highly successful Lions Youth Jazz Band Program, which has been running for nine years through the South Perth Lions Club. Tuition is by talented jazz musician and educator Phil Hatton.

The attached letter provides details.

We'd appreciate it if you could also forward the letter to your school's music teacher.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Kind regards

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Phone: 9332 8675 or 0408 160 553
Ursula Frayne Catholic College invites parents of St Benedict’s School to attend a...

**Parent Information Session**

**Monday 21 March 2016**

- Emphasis on Christian values and ethics
- Excellent pastoral care
- Outstanding academic results
- Comprehensive curriculum
- Highly qualified staff
- Modern facilities
- Convenient central location
- Reasonable fee structure

Are you curious to know what we can offer your son or daughter? Join us on Monday 21 March from 2.30pm at St Benedict’s School to find out more.

We look forward to meeting with you.
ST BENEDICT’S COMMUNITY FOOTY TIPPING

2016
$50 to join in the fun!
Main Prizes
1\textsuperscript{st} $1000
2\textsuperscript{nd} $300
3\textsuperscript{rd} $200
Weekly Prize
$20

The more members, the greater the prize pool!
Join us by Friday March 11
Registration Forms available at www.stbenedictswa.com
then register online at www.footytips.com.au
The General Public and John XXIII College Parents are invited to attend

‘Marriage Relationship: What it’s all about?’

PRESENTER:
EAN JAMES
(Clinical Psychologist)

The “honeymoon” came and went. Finding the lost love. So we finally discovered that incompatibility is the essence of committed relationship; not a threat but opportunity. Beyond the “ecstasy”, to intimacy and real connection. Shakti Gawain called it “the most powerful spiritual journey in the universe”.

Ean James has been a regular speaker at the Inigo Centre for many years. His talks are always well attended and his audience enthusiastic. This is because he is thorough, rapports extremely well with his audience and his content is relevant to modern living needs.

John XXIII College  MacKillop Room

Wednesday 2 March 2016
7pm to 8:30 pm
$10 (Donation unwaged)

Further Details and Registration contact
Murray Graham on 9383 0444
or email graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

What to do if you ever feel threatened or unsafe on public transport:

- If available ask a Transit Officer or Transperth staff member for help or just stand near them for safety.
- Call 9220 9999 – save this number in your mobile.
- On a bus, speak to the bus driver.
- On a train, push the emergency button to speak to the driver.
- On a train station, push the emergency button on an information kiosk to speak to our Central Monitoring Room.
- On train stations, stay in well-lit areas in view of security cameras.

Other safety tips:

- If possible, have someone come to meet you, or tell friends or family when you expect to be home.
- On train stations, stand back from the yellow line on the edge of the platform. When trains go past they create a powerful draft that can unbalance you.
- Use only the proper access routes when you enter or exit train stations.
- Always stay off train tracks. Walking across them is dangerous and illegal.