Dear parents and members of the school community

I hope you took time out over the long weekend to enjoy time with family. This time is so precious and important. We need to cherish every moment we get.

Thank you to the group of parents who attended the Restorative Practice seminar last Thursday night. Your positivity around the concept was also great to see. Our staff were treated to a full day on Friday and once again they embraced this initiative positively. In the coming weeks our behaviour management plan will be reviewed and will be rewritten with a restorative flavour.

Today I write to you from year 6 camp. The students have so far enjoyed interpreting the “Sculptures by the Sea” in Cottesloe, gaining courage and support from their friends to go on the flying fox and then using their communication skills and teamwork to build and operate a raft. So far they have been doing brilliantly and are certainly attacking each task with enthusiasm.

In the morning and afternoon with drop off and pick up please ensure you stay in the car. If your child needs assistance to get out the teacher on duty will do this. With Kindy drop off on Alness St it will be safer for families to walk to the basketball court then walk down the east side of the building rather than try and cut in front of the cars at drop off.

Well done to Red Faction on a stunning win at the swimming carnival on Thursday. All students competed magnificently and sportsmanship was brilliant. Thank you to Mrs Sampson for her organisation and to all staff and parents for their support either as officials or spectators on the day. There was a terrific atmosphere. Next Wednesday the juniors have their turn at Beatty Park.

Don’t forget all those students making a Sacrament this year have an enrolment mass this Saturday night at 6pm or Sunday morning at 9.30am.

The P&F footy tipping is ready to join. All money raised goes back into our students. There is great fun to be had and prizes to be won. Our P&F also have their first community event “An Afternoon on the Green” coming up on March 19. Please come a long and make new or renew old acquaintances.

As the football season edges closer it is almost time to place the black and white bird on the newsletter again :)

Have a terrific week everyone.

Until next week
God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal
Sports News
St Benedict’s Senior Faction Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 3 March St Benedict’s years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Faction Swimming Carnival. The event was held at Aquinas College’s swimming pool. It was a beautiful day for the event and everyone swam their hardest and nobody gave up. It was the first time that year 3 students came to the senior swimming carnival. There were no champion boys or girls for the year three’s as this was their first time at the event.

The year runner up boy for year 4 was William from Blue Faction on 46 points. The champion boy for year 4 was Jake from Blue Faction on 56 points. The runner up girl for year 4 was Estela from Bue Faction on 44 points. The champion girl for year 4 was Lana from Gold Faction on 56 points.

The runner up boy from year 5 was Matthew from Red Faction on 48 points. The champion boy from year 5 was Thomas from Gold Faction on 50 points. The runner up girl from year 5 was Ingrid from Red Faction on 36 points. The champion girl from year 5 was Sasha from Gold Faction on 56 points.

This is the last year of primary school for the year six class and that means that this is their last primary swimming carnival. The runner up boy from year 6 was Oliver from Red Faction on 42 points. The champion boy from year 6 was Anthony from Green Faction on 56 points. The runner up girl from year 6 was Sophia from Green Faction on 50 points. The champion girl from year 6 was Jessica from Blue Faction on 54 points.

The results for the Saint Benedict’s senior faction swimming carnival were… Green Faction in fourth place on 470 points. Gold Faction in third place on 561 points. Blue Faction in second place on 576 points. Red Faction in first place on a total of 678 points.

Every body was a good sport on the day and everyone had a fun time. We hope that next year will be as good as this year’s carnival or even better.

Courtesy of the Fed Faction captain’s Kate and Luca.

Year 2B - Newsletter Religious Education

In Religion we have been celebrating the beauty in creation. We wrote prayers of thanks for our favourite part of God’s creation.

**Dear God**

Thank you for the trees. I love the trees because I get shade and I love shade! **Amen (Isaac)**

**Dear Jesus**

Thank you for making my family. I love my family because they are so kind. **Amen (Nic)**

**Thank you God** for dogs because they are so cute. I love the way their tails wag and they are so soft and cuddly. **Amen (Lucinda)**

**Dear God**

Thank you for the parrots because they are very colourful. **Amen (Luke)**

**Dear Jesus**

Thank you for creating the lovely birds. I love their beautiful voices. **Amen (Sienna)**

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**Important**

**Notes, Permission Forms, Money, Raffle Tickets etc.**

Parents, please note that **ALL** notes, permission forms, money, raffle tickets etc must be returned to your child’s classroom teacher so that it can be ticked off against the class list. This is done to ensure that we keep track of these items for each child.

Only school fee payments, new enrolments or vacation absence forms should be dropped off at the Administration Office.
Kindy White News

This term the children have embraced many and varied learning experiences. We began with learning about ourselves which included our senses and many hands on sensory activities at our tables. We have since moved on to learning about Easter and celebrating this special season with Jesus in our heart and mind.

Just a reminder to complete and return your parent questionnaire for our Speech Screening which commences next week.

Together we will grow and learn,
Kindy White

Year 2 White News

In Year 2 our Investigation question is “What is my Place in the World?” The students have been finding out about places around them and the connection they have to places they have been to. As part of our HASS curriculum we have been learning about different environments including rainforests and the people who have connections to different places. The children have written about their favourite place and why they like it. This is just a small selection of their thoughts.

My special place is Dwellingup because I like to spend time with my friend Jake and find rocks and go across the logs that are above the creek. I like playing in the jungle finding rocks, going on adventures, playing with my friends, finding secret places and throwing honky nuts down the water falls. By Luke

My favourite place is AQWA. There is a very big stingray, a touch pool and lots of fish. In one of the pools there is a funny fish that my Grandma and I like. It has tiny flippers and his head sticks up. There is a cafe there, we eat chips then I go to the touch pool. I touch starfish sea slugs and more. Then I go to the shop. I get a toy. We pay for it and then go home. By Sophie

My favourite place is Margaret River because I like it so much. There are lots of things to do and lots of people love Margret River. I went to see a beautiful beach there and there was so much to do. I had a lovely time there. By Caleb

My favourite place is Busselton because it is a family tradition to go there. Also we have pancakes for breakfast and barbecues for dinner and I love to swim in the pool. We have a nice room every time but it is a very long drive. When I pack my bag I make sure that I take my bathers and goggles and pool toys. Also I love to ride a horse and to go to the fun factory and the chocolate factory. By Imogen

My favourite place is Queensland because we got to go on the rides. First we went on a medium ride. Next we went in the pool. Then we got to buy some forks and plates and capes. Finally we saw Joker and every Superman and Supergirl. By Alysia

I like Rottnest because when I go snorkelling I see very beautiful fish. And there is also a little area you can swim in. It has lots of shops around Rottnest and lots of houses to. My family goes there for holidays sometimes and it is very nice there. By Oliver

Uniform Shop News

Opening time
Thursdays from
8.30am to 9.30am.

New stocks of school hats and Faction Shirts have now arrived.

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website address is:
www.stbenedictswa.com

Please ensure you are using the correct address.
Our website is complex and operates best using chrome

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This term the children have been exploring, experimenting, enjoying, socialising and playing with a variety of new and exciting resources and equipment.

The children have learned about their body, colours and colour mixing to make new colours and other fun things such as marble painting and making our own blueberry smoothie!

The children are well on their way with our routine and all seem to have a terrific time, especially outside time with water play!

Together we will grow and learn,
Mrs Thomson & Mrs Fowler

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**Book Club**

Issue 2 of book club has been sent home today. All orders must be completed by Friday 18th March.

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 on line 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

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**St Benedict’s Parish**

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

**WEDNESDAY** - 7.00PM  STATIONS

**THURSDAY** - 7.00PM  MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION (until 10.00pm)

**FRIDAY** - 10.30AM - 3.00PM  STATIONS & RECONCILIATION SOLEMN LITURGICAL ACTION

**SATURDAY**

4.30PM - 5.30PM  RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY** - 7.30PM  EASTER VIGIL MASS

**SUNDAY**

7.30AM & 9.30AM  EASTER MASS

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**Go to the website below for all the latest Mary MacKillop news:**


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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.
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 9 years through the South Perth Lions Club. Tuition is by talented jazz musician and educator Phil Hatton.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

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ST BENEDICT’S COMMUNITY
FOOTY TIPPING

2016
$50 to join in the fun!

Main Prizes
1<sup>st</sup> $ 1000
2<sup>nd</sup> $300
3<sup>rd</sup> $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