Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a very refreshing holiday and look forward to all the engaging learning opportunities in store at St Benedict’s for this term. We started yesterday with a beautiful ANZAC Day service in the undercover area. This was organised by Mrs Christian and the Year 6 events committee. All students were very dignified and respectful throughout the service. We were also fortunate enough to have Barry from the Applecross RSL come and speak to the students about the meaning and importance of ANZAC Day.

Well done to our school captains, Oliver and Ella, who represented our school at the City of Melville ANZAC Day service at Wireless Hill on Sunday April 24. They participated in the march at the beginning of the service as well as laying a floral tribute at the war memorial. They did themselves, their school and the ANZACs proud. One thing to note is that St Benedict’s was the only primary school to participate in the service.

Next Tuesday night 7pm in the Albert Lynch Room there is an information night for parents of students who are doing their First Reconciliation this year. We pray for all involved, especially the sacramental candidates as they move towards taking the next step in their faith journey.

Next Wednesday after school we are hosting St Columba’s and St Pius X staff in a PD on Making Jesus Real. We are very fortunate as Peter Mitchell or “Mitch” as he is commonly referred to, will be presenting the PD and he is the founder of the Making Jesus Real Programme. We look forward to this positively enriching our own programme further.

Please know that next Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Our staff will be learning about the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) curriculum with Greg Parry from CEWA. HASS is replacing Study of Society and Environment (SOSE).

Next Wednesday our new canteen operator “Fresh Bites” will be up and running. Canteen will be run on Wednesdays and orders need to be in by 9am Tuesdays. The blue bin outside the staffroom will be the ordering system used. Our canteen will need volunteers to help it run. Fresh Bites will be paying the school a lease to use the canteen so by volunteering here you are still helping the school.

Lookout for the new menu coming out this week.

This term we welcome back Mr Will from long service leave, he took at the end of last term. We also welcome back Mrs Allingame who will be working in year 5 on Fridays. Thank you to Mrs Sampson who performed this role during first term.

We also say hello and welcome to Mrs Pip Crommelin who is taking Reading Recovery for us during term 2 while Mrs Chapman is on long service leave.

Please see below important information we are continuing to run from previous newsletters.

We are currently taking applications for enrolments for 4 year old Kindergarten for 2018. Your child must be 4 years of age before June 30 2018 to be eligible. Upon a successful enrolment interview positions for 3 year old 2017 will be discussed with parents. Please download our forms from our school website for applications. Get them in early to avoid disappointment. Interviews will be taking place in term 2. If you know any families that would be new to the school please pass on this information.

Mr Ian Elder, principal of Santa Maria College, has asked me to notify our community of two items:

- All girls who attend a Catholic primary school will be guaranteed an interview for year 7. This of course includes St Benedict’s.
- Anyone wishing for their daughter to attend Santa Maria from year 7 onwards please do not engage in the enrolment process begun in year 4 for year 5 entry.
- Other factors to be aware of here is that the primary section of Santa Maria has three streams of students, it then opens up more multiple streams in secondary leaving plenty of room for Girls from St Benedict’s.
- Ian has stated to me that Santa Maria are more about offering a primary Catholic education to girls who are not already obtaining one from their current primary school rather than accepting girls from other primary Catholic schools.

The Pies have struggled it is fair to say, but a strong win against Essendon on Monday may have run them in to form just in time to meet the West Coasters this Sunday. Remember Eagles supporters if you beat the Pies on Sunday you may wear your eagles scarves and beanies on Tuesday to rub it in!! But if the Pies win…..
Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is a great pleasure to be writing in our newsletter for the first week of Term 2. We had the honour of starting our term with a very respectful ANZAC day remembrance service, ably lead by our Year 6 Events committee. I was extremely impressed with the organisation of these students and the reverence of the school community during the ceremony. We were fortunate enough to have a returned service man from the Defence Force and local community member, Barry, to speak to our students. Making ANZAC day relevant for young children is a very important responsibility and Barry spoke wonderfully, we are highly appreciative of his time and effort.

Our social worker, Stephanie Bolton today lead an information session on our Protective behaviours program, which will commence this term. The session was well attended, with 50 families represented. If you would like more information on our program please contact the school office or Stephanie directly. Until next time, stay safe and God Bless.

Ben Will,
Assistant Principal

Principal’s Report continued…

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop...” – Mother Teresa
I shot this photo with my phone...It just proves to be in the right place at the right time, with your eyes open to the beauty of this world you will always get a great shot.” “Celebrate What’s right with the world”

Little Bennies Blue News

Last term before our Little Bennies Blue went on holiday, we enjoyed a week of bubbles! We loved chasing and popping them and were super excited if we saw a double bubble, or a rare triple bubble!!! This term, we will be doing a few more bubble related activites, starting this week with a story about a frog who snaps at bubbles. We are also looking forward to meeting our new children - Isabelle, Mikayla, Ben and Levi. We hope they have a smooth and happy transition.

Kind regards,
Michelle Higgs

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Darren McDonald
Principal

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We will begin the term by continuing our Religious Education unit ‘My Family. The unit began with wondering at the human experience of love within a family. This then lead us to wonder at God who created families to love and care for family members and to celebrate what has been revealed about God: that God loves us. This week we will explore ways in which Jesus belonged to a family and wants each person to be part of a loving family.

The Year Five class have been working extremely hard on their Bushfire Investigations. They had to pick a significant bushfire that has occurred in Australia and research it. They needed to look at where the bushfire happened, what time of the year it occurred and what the weather was like. They needed to describe the event and how it affected the community. The children could choose how they presented their information; we have had PowerPoint presentations, posters and iMovies.

There was a Challenge task too where the children had to pretend they were the Mayor of a town. “If you were the mayor of a town and you know one of the bushfires researched above was coming, what would you do? Design how you would evacuate the town? What aspects would you need to take into consideration and why? (eg. Livestock, evacuation centres) Pick a town in Australia, find a map of the town and design an evacuation plan, which highlights possible places for safety zones and shelter areas. In a town with a population of 5000, describe how many safe zones you would need and what you would need to stock those safe zones with. Add any additional information you think the ‘Mayor’s Report’ might need to have in it. You must include the reference for any information you find.”

Information and registration form on page 6 & 7 of this week’s newsletter.

FRESH BITES - CANTEEN will be up and running from next Wednesday. Check the website for the menu and ordering details.
To all our St Bennies families,

Welcome back for Term 2, we hope you had a relaxing break and your children are looking forward to the busy term ahead!

Firstly, a reminder that Mothers Day morning tea invitations and raffle tickets will be coming home with your eldest child this week. Please return all monies to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 4th May. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate our mums and enjoy a lovely morning tea, as well as have the chance to win some fabulous prizes in the raffle, so we hope to see you there. All St Bennies mums, grandmothers, aunts welcome!!

Pls see the advert below in relation to the Mothers’ Day Gift Stall.

Wishing you all an enjoyable term ahead.

We're very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our School!

Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership before 4 May 2016 and you will receive up to $230 worth of additional offers that you can use right away!

Payment options include: Cash, cheque or online.

Mothers Day Gift Stall

Still need to get a little something special for Mother’s Day?

Well then, come and get a bargain at the Mother’s Day Gift Stall. Tues 3rd - Thurs 5th May in the undercover area before school (or until sold out). All items are priced from 50c - $5.

PS: We are encouraging only one purchase per child and ask that you do not send more than $5 with each child.
Please join us for a
Mother's Day Morning Tea

IN HONOUR OF

our beautiful Mums
and other special women in our lives.

Friday 6th May
Following the Mother's Day Liturgy
ALBERT LYNCH ROOM - ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

$5 per ticket
Includes a glass of bubbles on arrival!
Awesome Raffle and Door Prizes
Activity area for the little ones
All profits going to St Benedict’s School champion charity INKA Respite
Hosted by Year 2
Mother's Day Raffle & Door Prize

Fabulous Prizes to be won!

Photography Package from JM Photography worth $900

Indulgent Mother’s Day Hamper including French Champagne and other treats worth $200 (Donated by John & Lisa Burych)

Elements Day Spa - Applecross Voucher & Thalgo Products worth $112

Voucher from La Sosta Ristorante Italiano, Fremantle & a bottle of Italian wine worth $150

Yoga Zoo Vouchers worth $145
(1 x 5 week adult class & 1 x childrens workshop)

Hair Culture Salon - Melville Voucher worth $50

Tickets ONLY $2 each or 3 for $5 !!!

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Lost Property

A house key, necklace with a St Benedict’s medallion and a pair reading glasses (purple frames, black case - from Bullcreek Optometrists) have all been handed into Admin. If any of these items belong to you then please see Mrs Funga.

The Lost Property tub is overflowing with Tupperware and lunchbox items. Please check through this and recover any items that belong to you. Leftover items will be donated to St Vinnies at the end of this week.

Late Arrivals

All late arrivals must be signed in through the front Administration Office by a Parent or Guardian.

Parents / Guardians please access the Administration through the front door on Alness Street.

School commences for PP - Yr 6 at 8.45am each day.

Uniform Shop

Open each Thursday from 8.30 - 9.30am.

Run Club

Run Club is coming to St Benedict’s

Every Tuesday
7:30 - 8:15 AM
May 3 - June 21
Shirley Strickland Reserve*

*Coach will walk kids back to school.

Cost - $70 per child
8 sessions

“When we work with your child our primary aim is to increase their self confidence through bettering their running technique & having them reach a fitness level they have never experienced before.”

Sarah Jamieson
Head Coach Perth Running Club
Triple Olympian

No Texting While Driving
It’s the Law
Due to the school holiday, we are extending the registration for the run club.

Registration is extended until April 29 to: info@perthrunningclub.com.au by completing the registration form below.

WHEN: Every Tuesdays, 7.30 – 8.15am
      May 3 to June 21
WHERE: Shirley Strickland Reserve
COST: $70/child (Year 1 to 6)

*Coach will walk back kids to school.

Payment due by April 29 by EFT
Bank: NAB
BSB: 086082
A/c no: 579339109
Account name: L S Bong
Reference: StBen – Child’s initial & surname

WHAT TO BRING CHECKLIST
  ▶ enclosed sports shoes  ▶ Sport uniform  ▶ water bottle  ▶ towel  ▶ sunscreen to be applied prior to session

So register now to reserve your spot. Spots are limited!

St Benedict’s Primary School Running Club - REGISTRATION FORM
Registration closed: Apr 29

Child’s Full Name: ____________________________

Child’s Year Level: ____________________________

Parent’s Name: ______________________________

Parent’s Mobile: _____________________________

Parent’s Email Address: _______________________

Medical Conditions/Illness:
____________________________________________