Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to June! My goodness the year is flying by.

At present many students in our school community are preparing to receive a Sacrament whether it be Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. Each Sacrament is an important milestone in a person’s faith journey. As parents it can sometimes be difficult to know how to support our children while they are on this journey. However, it is important that as parents we go on the journey with our children and to look for ways to help bring the sacrament to life, so that when the times comes to make the Sacrament it is genuine and they can see how the elements of the Sacrament they are receiving can help them in their lives and relationship with God. When children see we value the Sacraments and see us bringing them into our own lives, their understanding of each Sacrament will be more complete.

Please see the article below for ways parents can support their children when they are making Sacraments. http://catholiccounselors.com/supporting-the-sacraments-what-parents-can-do-to-help-their-kids-faith-stick/

A big thanks to Kurt Smith and the P & F who have enabled us to get the bus repainted. It is looking brand new again.

A Reminder we are holding a reporting information session for Pre-Primary and Year 1 parents in the library at 7pm this evening.

Remember no school this Friday, enjoy the extra- long weekend and see you back on Tuesday as we begin to celebrate NAIDOC week.

The Pies fell short last week due to wasted opportunity and injury. This week against the Power they must rally again if they are to stay in the hunt for finals. Go Pies!!!

Until next week
God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal

1 June  Reporting Information for Year 1 and Pre-Primary Parents  7pm
3 June  PUPIL FREE DAY
6 June  NAIDOC Week Commences
   Farm - ED Incursion (All classes)
8 June  School Board Meeting
9 June  Father Phillip’s Farewell Liturgy @ 2.30pm in the Church
       Parents welcome to attend.
10 June  Year 3 Class Assembly
Dear Families and Friends,

We are now entering an extremely busy time of the term. Not only are our teachers working hard on finalising student reports, but we have many exciting events coming up over the next couple of weeks.

Today our Year 3 – 6 students participated in our Faction Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to !!!!!!! for their impressive performance in winning our carnival today. Our younger students will complete their “Have a Go” Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday, 14 June.

Next week St Benedict’s will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. Students in Pre-Primary – Year 6 will participate in such learning experiences as Indigenous rock art and an incursion on Wednesday with Beccy Garlett from Warlitj Productions. Beccy specialises in providing interactive and entertaining indigenous workshops for kids.

On Thursday, 9 June our school community will be holding a special liturgy to farewell Father Phillip as he leaves our St Benedict’s community to study abroad. All members of our community are invited to join us in the Church at 2:30pm.

Last week our staff held a morning tea as part of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research. Thank you to Mrs Sampson for organising this for us and to all of the staff for your wonderful support.

Please remember that this Friday, 3 June is a pupil free day. Staff will be working with consultants from Catholic Education on further developing our skills and knowledge to support students with additional learning needs.

Enjoy the long weekend,

Michelle Christian
Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

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We have listened to such favourites as 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and 'The Frog Prince'.

We learnt important life lessons such as being careful and not letting others trick you and keeping your promise or word. We also carried out various activities in relation to these Fairy tales.

Of course, we had to make Gingerbread Men and Froggy biscuits - they were really tasty!

As always, the children continue to enjoy playing and spending time together.

Together we will grow and learn.

Mrs Thomson & Mrs Fowler

Little Bennies White News

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We have even set up our own travel agency this week so that we can book holidays and give people advice about what to do when they visit certain countries. We loved learning about the different houses people live in and how it doesn’t matter what kind of house you have, it’s who is in it and how they treat people that matters.

Pre-Primary Blue 21st Century News

Last week we showcased what we have been learning about people and places around the world in our assembly item. We have been exposed to lots of different information regarding geography and the features of places that people care for and appreciate.

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The Religious Education unit being explored in Year Six this term began with us wondering at the spectacularly beautiful parts of creation, the abundant resources the earth contains and ways in which these resources are shared. As a class we have discussed the ways God provides for all and what he has provided for us so far.

We are now looking at ways in which Jesus taught care for those in need and how he gave himself in the Eucharist to help people to do this. This will lead us to look at the key elements of the Last supper, the meaning of the Eucharist as a sacrifice and prayers and responses and gestures used during the Eucharist.

Here are a few ways you could help your child during this unit:

- Discussing ways of supporting those agencies who strive to provide for those in need.
- Spending time with them wondering at the spectacularly beautiful parts of creation.
- Wondering with them about God who created the Earth, its beauty and resources.
- Participating in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Practising prayers, responses and gestures used during the Eucharist.
- During family prayer time praying for those who lack the resources for life.

Issue 4 of Book Club has been sent home today. All orders must be completed by Monday, 13th June. 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

2015 Yearbooks

Additional copies of the yearbook are available for purchase from the Administration Office for $35.00.

These are great keep sakes for your children’s “glory box” for when they want to reminisce as they get older.

Fresh bites Canteen

Check the website for the menu and ordering details: http://www.stbenedicts.wa.edu.au/pdf/canteen_menu.pdf.

Volunteers needed for Term 3. Please contact Admin to put your name down on the list. Mums, dads, grandparents all welcome.

Canteen orders must be placed into the blue wheelie bin by 8.30am on Tuesday mornings.

Please write your child’s name and order on either an old envelope or brown lunch bag and securely enclose the money with it.

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M I K E  A N D  T H E  M O B

Aussie cricketing great, Mike Hussey, visited St Benedict’s earlier this week where he addressed 45 dads in the school library at the inaugural gathering of The MOB (The Men of Benedict’s), an offshoot of the Fathering Project which seeks to encourage fathers to become Champion Dads.

Hussey shared how his own father, a lover of athletics, never forced his own desires onto his children. Instead, he supported them in the pursuit of their dreams and especially their passion for cricket. “Dad always encouraged us to give 110%”, Hussey stated. “He never got angry when we messed up.” “Kids need to make heaps of mistakes to find their own way”, he said when relating to his own experience of fathering four children. “I try not to swoop in and fix their problems. I don’t parent with anger or intimidation. I try and help them out to find a way through the tough challenges.”

Rod Dowling, presented the mission of the MOB, and detailed how fathers and father-figures of St Benedict’s students might become Champion Dads.

“The MOB is not owned by a limited few but is there to support and serve all dads at St Benedict’s community in their own journey of becoming better fathers,” he said. “You as a dad will benefit from a better relationship with your kids and, most importantly, so will they.”

It is hoped that this new group the MOB will inspire and support fathers to better engage with their children, and be a place where dads from the school community can share advice with one another.

The way forward presently being suggested is to have a minimum of one event each school term which offers activities that create opportunities for interaction and bonding between fathers and their children as well as hosting information seminars for specific issues as needs arise.

“Fathers are the most powerful force in Australia to reduce the chances of our kids falling victim to drug abuse, suicide and crime,” the founder of the Fathering Project, Professor Bruce Robinson, recently pointed out. “The economic benefits of a pro-active approach to fathering are enormous. It impacts the key areas of health, education, law and order like no other factor in our society.”

Hussey admitted that his four kids are “all completely different” and that he is “still trying to figure out their personalities”.

“When it comes to parenting,” he said, “I am still evolving and trying to get better and better.”

The MOB will seek to encourage fathers in the school and in the parish to become better dads by being present and involved in every stage of their child’s life and to be strong role models within the community.

All fathers and father-figures of St Benedict’s are welcome to come on board. To sign up, please email themobapx@gmail.com or contact Steve on 0417 176 022.

A outline of what the MOB is about will be posted on the schools webpage.

the MOB - St Benedict’s School
Hi there, I am the part-time School Social Worker, working alongside staff to support the needs of our students and families. Together we aim to provide a safe and positive learning environment. I can see children individually (on referral) and in groups for discussions on various topics — so stay tuned for my page! If you think your child may benefit from some additional support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Protective Behaviours Program continues in PP and Kindy

Week 5 – Networks

This week we continued the program in Pre Primary and Kindy Classes. The classes were introduced to Wibbly the Wombat who was feeling unsafe and feeling some early warning signs. He needed to ask for help from his network of friends. His friends the cockatoo, platypus and kangaroo were too busy to help him. Fortunately he persisted and was helped by his friend the koala.

The children were taught that if they are ever feeling unsafe they need to ask for help from one of their network people and keep asking until they are helped so that they can feel happy and safe again.

Our aims for this week were:

1. Introduce the concept of networks
2. Students will with their families identify 5 adults to be on their network
3. Students will ask for help from their network if they feel scared or unsafe.

School home connection – What you can do at home

A Network is a group of identified adults who are trusted by the child to provide support, assistance and protection if necessary.

1. When discussing safety with your child keep the lines of communication open and reiterate “they can talk with you about anything”
2. Discuss and identify with your child a “safety network” of trusted adults who they can go to if they feel unsafe.
3. Your child would have bought home a paper chain of people today – talk with them and identify these people that they can draw and color in and bring back to school to make a network display.
4. Reinforce to your child that if they are not helped by the person they first go to, they need to keep asking for help from another person in their network, until they receive help to make them feel safe again.
5. Encourage your child to speak with their network people about why they chose them and what the role of a network person is.
6. Encourage your child’s network people to frequently talk with your child about concerns (friendships), and achievements (merit awards), so that the lines of communication between them are fostered and they are more likely to feel comfortable and a sense of trust if they are ever feeling unsafe.

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Community News

It is with great pleasure that The University of Notre Dame Australia and the Sisters of St John of God welcome visiting scholar Monsignor Roderick Strange to the Notre Dame community. Please join us for his public lectures.

Public lectures

The Year of Mercy: Returning to the heart of the Church’s mission
Monday 20 June | 6pm
Venue: St John of God Subiaco Hospital (Subiaco Clinic) Level 3 Auditorium, Subiaco Conference Centre (Parking off Salvado Road. Go to main entrance for directions)

Newman and university education in the twenty-first century
Thursday 7 July | 6pm
Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia Santa Maria Lecture Theatre (ND1), 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

Living the faith: Exploring Newman’s life and spirituality
Wednesday 27 July | 6pm
Venue: The University of Notre Dame Australia Santa Maria Lecture Theatre (ND1), 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

To register your attendance, please visit nd.edu.au/visiting-scholar
For further information contact fremantle.events@nd.edu.au or call 9433 0575.
Pupil Free Day!
Monday 5th September 2016

Come and join the fun with us at our upcoming Pupil Free Day

When: Monday 5th September 2016
Time: 07:00 to 18:00
Where: The Before and After School Care Room at St Benedict's School
Fees: $53.88*
Out of Pocket guide (with rebates)*: $8.29 to $26.94

Bookings: Must be made by Monday 29th August 2016. At least 18 children are needed in order for the day to run, so tell your friends!

There's lots to do and lots of fun to be had with your friends and the Camp Australia Team at the upcoming St Benedict's School Pupil Free Day.

To book visit www.campaaustralia.com.au or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

St Benedict's School Camp Australia Team.

*Notes on fees:
1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in payments of between 0% and 85% of the fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees after the CCB has been calculated and applied. Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only and are subject to change. Individual circumstances will vary.