Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

It is fantastic to see everyone back after our chilly winter break. Welcome back to Mrs Chapman after long service leave and to Mrs Bergersen who has had leave as well.

You might see some new faces about the place as we welcome four practicum student teachers to our school from Notre Dame. Miss Roberts will be working in year 1 White, Miss Cooks in year 2 White, Mr Farr will be in year 4 while Miss Marshall will be conducting her practicum in year 6. It fantastic as a school that we can contribute to the formation of the next generation of teachers. We wish all four student-teachers the very best for their practicum.

I would like to start this term off by looking at Positive home school relationships as you will have had time to sit with your child and go over their school report, you may be wanting to clarify some aspects of the report with your child’s classroom teacher.

Here at St Benedict’s we encourage and strive for positive home school relationships as we believe that this will really aid a child on their educational journey.

These positive relationships can be made in many ways both directly and indirectly but two important points to note are:

- You can help your child get the most out of school by communicating and building relationships with teachers, other parents and students from the very first day. This is better than having contact with your child’s school only when something goes wrong.

- All parents will have a different relationship with their child’s school. This relationship isn’t just about direct contact with the school, but also includes relationships with other parents, your child’s friends and teachers. The parent-school relationship might change as your child gets older, or when things change at work or at home.

For more information in regard this topic there is an excellent article from the link provided below.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_relationship.html

The Pies found some form on the holidays winning three in a row and really pushing an in form Adelaide out-fit in Adelaide last week. With the Kangas on the slide this Friday night is shaping up to be a very interesting an important game. Go Pies!!

Have a fantastic week everyone and remember to celebrate what is right with the world, try to not to dwell in what is wrong with it.

Until next week
God Bless

Darren McDonald
Principal

**Important Information & Dates to Diarise**

**Physical Education** - Please note, some Physical Education class times have changed. Please contact your class teacher if you are unsure.

**Sport** - Year five and six football and netball training continues this Friday.

- **20 July** - P & F Meeting @ 7pm
- **22 July** - Footy / Netball training continues before school
- **26 July** - Eucharist Parent and student Workshop @ 7pm
- **27 July** - 1st Rite of Penance 3.30 - 4.30pm
  - Extra Ordinary Board Meeting
- **29 July** - Merit Award Assembly
Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3! This term we welcome four final year teaching students from the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle. We hope that they find their time at St Benedict’s a rewarding one.

This week our Year 3 students will begin receiving the 1st Rite of Penance. Please keep these students in your prayers as they celebrate this special Sacrament.

Term 3 sees a range of students participating in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. On Monday, Jonathan Vinci, Matthew Vinci and Sophia Covella will represent St Benedict’s in the Bible Reading Section of the Festival. Later in the term Estela, Amelia and Isabel Taranto will participate in the Instrumental Ensemble and Primary Instrumental Solo sections, and on Tuesday, 9 August our school choir will represent our school in the Primary Sacred Choral Music section. We wish all of these students the best of luck for their performances. Thank you to Mrs Searson for her preparation of the choir.

May you all have a lovely week,

Michele Christian
Assistant Principal

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We have had an exciting start to our term - we have created a travel agent and plane to take us around the world and visit Rio for the Olympics. It’s important to change your money before you go away, Amelie is running the Bureau de Change, Levi is flying the plane today and Matthew is checking baggage. You also need a passport to leave the country so we made those today. We look forward to the places we will travel to.

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Our School Choir will be performing in the Liturgical Choral Section of the Festival on Tuesday 9th August in the 1.15pm - 2.15pm session in our own Parish Church. All St Benedict's community is invited to attend and support our Choir.

The children will be rehearsing, as usual, at 8.00am sharp every Thursday morning in the Music Room. Please ensure that your child is on time, as it is very difficult to polish our performance if we don't have the full choir present. As I am Coordinator of this section in the Festival, it will be held in our Church from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th August from 10.00am to 2.20pm. I am looking for volunteers to help with crowd management, manning the door and secretarial work on the 3 days. Many hands make light work and you will hear a vast selection of Primary School Choirs perform. If you are able to give any time at all, including perhaps providing morning tea or lunch for up to 5 people, please contact me through the school office.

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Our School Choir in Catholic Performing Arts Festival in Week 4..

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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.
To all our St Benny’s families,

Welcome back for Term 3, we hope you enjoyed the school holidays!

Firstly, thank you to all of you who baked for the election cake stall. A big thank you to Kristal Grace, and all the volunteers that offered their time to help make the Cake Stall on election day such a success. We raised over $2100 from the Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle!

Please note that Gala tickets are now on sale! There are 10 seats per table, and seats are allocated as per the ballroom map on the ticketing website. Get in early to take advantage of early bird pricing, and ensure you don’t miss out! Also, please follow our page on Facebook to keep updated on developments for the event.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/StBenedicts.Gala2016/

Many thanks,  Tanya Dowse-Kerr
P&F President

Wriggly Worms find a new home...

Mrs Funga has given our worm farm a much needed clean-out and moved them to a new location next to our maintenance shed where they are close to water and storage.

The worms are a very important part of our Waste Wise schools program, allowing us to ‘re-use’ our fruit and vegetable scraps, therefore decreasing the waste thrown into our bins. Apart from decreasing waste, the worms also make us some fantastic fertiliser to put on our gardens around the school.

Our year five students are doing a great job of feeding the little fellas three times each week and making sure they are always moist.

National Tree Day – July 29
‘Adding Trees - A Prescription for Health, Happiness and Fulfilment’

New research by Planet Ark, released in the lead up to National Tree Day, examines how time in nature enhances and grows the key areas in life that Australians consider the most important for a fulfilling life – health, happiness, learning, relaxation and relationships.

The report presents the results from studies published in peer-reviewed journals and Planet Ark’s National Survey, finding that nature helps make people happier, healthier, brighter, calmer and closer. The surveys included in the report used internationally-recognised scales to measure the connection to nature and happiness of participants. With people spending more and more time tethered to screens and devices, there’s never been a greater need to add nature to our lives.

The report titled Adding Trees - A Prescription for Health, Happiness and Fulfilment, found:

* Just 10 minutes' relaxing outside is enough to significantly reduce blood pressure.
* Time in nature reduces a person’s chance of developing a range of diseases, including Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke, and depression.
* Nature induces positive feelings through a number of physiological mechanisms, including activating the brain’s dopamine reward system.
* Students who take part in outdoor learning programs perform better in reading, writing, maths and science.
* A strong connection to nature makes people more likely to feel passionate about relationships with their friends and family

For more information go to www.treeday.planetark.org

Physical Education

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Sport

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

- SIS Delights – profit $69.90 – donation $114.90
- Icy Spiders – profit $16.80 – donation $52.80
- The Cake Pop Shop – profit $47.50 – donation $125.50
- The Chocolate Delights – profit $192.70 – donation $276.70
- Little Miss Cupcakes – profit $95.65 – donation $153.85
- The Pizza Kings – profit $58 – donation $134.90
- ALJ Café – profit $43.30 – donation $65.70

TOTAL DONATION TO INKA RESPITE:
$924.35
ATCO Gas
Blue Flame Kitchen
Year 5 Excursion
Coordinator Update: After School Care

Dear Families,

Camp Australia in its partnership with St Benedict’s Primary School is pleased to introduce Leonie Hurst as the new Before and After School Care Coordinator.

Leonie is very motivated and passionate about working with children and will continue to be supported by myself and the entire Camp Australia Team during the transition to her new role.

We have a lot to look forward to in the program with a new Coordinator, new activities and new smiles!

Camp Australia would like to thank Dave for her work and efforts at the service. We wish Dave all the best with her move back to Adelaide.

For any further information or assistance please contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Henley
Operations Manager
Camp Australia

After School Care program

Times:
BSC: 7:00 am to 08:30am
ASC: 3:00pm to 6:00pm
each school day

Register and book now
Manage your before and after school care bookings at www.campaustralia.com.au
or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Uniform Shop

Open each Thursday from 8.30 - 9.30am.
St Benedict’s Running Club

Run Club is continuing in Term 3 for

St Benedict’s Primary School

Term 3
Week 2 - 9

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

Earlybird registration opens NOW!

When: Every Tuesday
July 26 – Sept 13
8 sessions

Year: 1 to 6
Time: 7.30 – 8.15am
Where: Shirley Strickland Reserve, Ardross

*Coaches will walk kids back to school

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Click on the link to register online:
http://goo.gl/forms/C0hHYHftMKbyS2l1

“Let us build your child’s confidence by improving their running technique and fitness level”

T&C’s apply