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Prayer for the Assumption of Mary, 15 August

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

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Good Luck to all of the Wakakirri Performers

18 Aug Year 1 Class Liturgy @ 2.30pm
19 Aug Da Vinci Decathlon
20/21 Aug First Holy Communion Celebration 6pm / 9.30am respectively
23 Aug Book Fair Starts
24 Aug Book Week Dress Up Parade @ 9am 4K - Yr 6
24 Aug Confirmation Dress Up Day at Heathcote
P & F Meeting @ 7pm
**BOOK WEEK - ‘AUSTRALIA: STORY COUNTRY’**

Events still coming up are:

1. **STORYTELLING SESSIONS** 
   Years 1&2  **Thursday 18th August**

2. **DRESS UP DAY**  **Tuesday 23rd August.**
   The parade will take place at 9.00am in the undercover area.

3. **BOOK FAIR  **Tuesday 23rd August**  until Friday 26th August.**
   This will be held in the library. A pamphlet has been sent home today with examples of what books may be in the book fair. Please **DO NOT** order from the pamphlet as some of the books may not be available.

   The book fair will be open every lunchtime, after school each day until 4.00pm and before school from 8.00am each day from Wednesday 24th August. Children may also buy books during their normal library lessons.

   **Thank you**

   **Mrs Noonan**

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**Assistant Principal News**

Dear Parents, welcome to Week 5. It is hard to imagine that we are already half way through Term 3. The last 7 days have been busy with students representing our school in many areas of the curriculum.

Our St Benedict’s choir performed so wonderfully last week at the Performing Arts Festival, which I was lucky enough to attend. In recent sporting competitions our Year 5 and 6 students won the Interschool netball competition at the Lighting Carnival and our football team finished in 3rd place.

Week 5 began with a school/parish mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, which was ably led by our Year 3 class, they read and led the mass superbly. This Wednesday evening our Wakakirri performers will take centre stage for their performance. We wish them well and know they will represent the school with pride.

Finally on Friday 8 Year 6 students will represent our school at the Da Vinci Decathlon, which is a state wide interschool academic competition. Whilst it is a busy time of year, it is immensely rewarding to see our students performing so well across all areas of the curriculum. If you would like any further information to the above, please don’t hesitate to ask at the office.

**Ben Will, Assistant Principal**

**Sick Children**

We are experiencing a very high turnover of children in the sick bay with upset tummies, coughs, sniffles, headaches, vomiting and general ill health. Often these children present shortly after arriving at school in the mornings. It is imperative that if your child is sick in any way, that you please keep them at home where they are warm and comfortable.

Sending children to school when they are sick causes the unnecessary spread of germs and results in unhappy and emotionally unstable children, but more importantly we need to be considering the wellbeing of the rest of our school community including our staff.

Please also be mindful that we have several children with low immune systems in our community who especially need protecting from these common viruses and illnesses. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.
In Geography, we are currently learning about what makes up a farm (natural and constructed) and what types of farms there are in Australia. On Friday, Week 3, St Benedict’s Year 1 children had the pleasure of using facetime to call Nulla Nulla Farm Retreat, located just out of Southern Cross. We heard about the rescued animals, looked at the crops that were growing and heard some interesting information about farms in general. The children were engaged and learnt a lot from this experience. Big thank you to Laura and Ron who showed us around their fabulous farm, technology is a wonderful thing!

Year 1 W 21st Century Learning News

To all our St Benny’s families,

Gala tickets are continuing to sell, so please follow the link below to secure your tickets. Also, please follow our page on Facebook to keep updated on developments for the event.

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

Also, a reminder that tonight’s P&F meeting has been postponed by a week, and will now be held on Wednesday 24th August at 7pm in the library.

Have a wonderful week!
Tanya Dowse-Kerr
P&F President
Catholic Performing Arts Festival Awards

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**Honourable Mention**: Estella Taranto in the Instrumental Solo - Primary Woodwind Section (Flute).

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A very big thank you also goes out to our wonderful parents who provided food for with the Sacred Choral Primary Music Section, which was held in our Parish Church last week. Thank you also to staff and parents who volunteered their time during the sessions. Our Yr 6 class were also great helpers, ushering the 36 schools who attended our Church during the 3 days.

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**Yr 1 White Religious Education News**

In Religious Education we have been talking about belonging. We began the unit of work by discussing who belongs in our families and then began to talk about what family Jesus belonged in. Children belong in a range of groups and it is important for them to see that like Jesus, our groups are just as important. Children drew themselves and the places where they belong such as sporting clubs, drama clubs and anything of the like. Religious Education in Year 1 is exploring real life situations and thinking about what Jesus would have felt in those situations.

**Yr 2 21 Century News**

These are some of the ideas and investigations the Year 2 classes have been learning.

- I was in the Maths corner and I was trying to make the animals even, we only made three balance evenly. Sacha
- On Monday I was the photographer. I was taking pictures of people. I took a picture of Luke on the computer searching up how Mary McKillop died. Oliver
- Sienna, Alyssa and I went on the computers we typed up “How did Mary die?” Mary McKillop died on the 8th of August. I want to learn who Mary’s friends are? Luke S
- On Monday I learnt there are lots of games to play in the Olympics, there’s swimming and running. Megan
- Today, Monday 15th of August I was working on an ipad. I was searching up flags of the world. Meg
- Today at investigations I looked up facts about Australia. I wrote all the facts down on a little notebook. The facts that I wrote were the highest mountain of Australia is Mount Kosciuszko. Imogen
- I was doing colouring in countries flags. I was colouring Chile in, one of the places in South America. Tomorrow I want to learn how the Olympic games started? Matthew
- I was on the ipad. I learnt about the Rio Olympics 2016. A question to learn about tomorrow is how many people are in the Olympics? Tyler

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**Football Carnival**

Last Friday the Year 5’s and 6’s participated in the ASCS Football & Netball Carnival at Troy Park.

Our football team had an awesome day and everybody gave it their all. We won our first three matches against St Patrick’s, Our Lady of Fatima and St Columba’s. We were on a roll, until we came up against Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who ended up beating us by just two and a bit goals.

Our last game was against St Pius X. We knew that this was going to be a tough game to win, as Mr McDonald’s son plays for this team, and he is very good. Our team started strong with all the boys playing really hard, but sadly St. Pius X absolutely smashed us.

Our football team came third overall. We went back to school after the presentations and cheering and applauding our netball team’s victory. We were so tired! It was a fantastic day for everyone involved.

Thank you Mr McDonald for being a brilliant coach!

*By Quentin, Football Captain*

**Inter-School Netball Report**

On Friday the 12th August the netball player’s in Year 6 went to the ASCS Netball carnival at Troy Park.

The St. Benedict’s girls won all of their games. They played against St. Pius x, St. Patricks, St. Columbus, Our Lady Of Mount Carmel and Our Lady Of Fatima. The girls won the trophy and now are the champions for 2016.

Thanks to our coaches Mrs A, and Mrs Biancuzzo.

*By Stephanie, Netball Captain*

**Freo Kwick-Kick Grand Final**

On Sunday afternoon two year six students were lucky enough to compete at the ‘Freo Kwick-Kick’ Grand Final as a curtain raiser to the Dockers/Crows game at Domain Stadium.

Tahnaya and Shanae had earnt the right to be in the grand final of this competition. Their task was to kick the football to each other and catch it as many times as possible in three minutes.

Although their performance wasn’t a PB (personal best) they did enjoy playing at Domain Stadium where the professional footballers play.

Maybe we will see Tahnaya and Shanae there again in ten years playing in the women’s professional AFL.

**Faction Athletics and Team Games**

Information letters and permission forms will be coming home this week with your child regarding these Faction carnivals.

The Athletics Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 8 September at Aquinas College**.

The Team Games Carnival will be held on Monday, 12 September at Shirley Strickland Reserve for PP- Year 2, and St. Benedict’s School for Years 3 - 6.

The children are busy practising in class and can’t wait to show you what they have learnt.

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**LATE ARRIVALS**

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

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.
St Benedict’s School Board cordially invites
Our School Community, Family & Friends
to attend the Grand Opening of
OUR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Friday, 9 September 2016
From 1:30 - 3.00pm (1.15pm arrival)
70 Alness Street, Applecross, WA
Reception and Open Day following
Kindly RSVP to Mrs Funga on 6217 3500
or admin@stbenedicts.wa.edu.au by Friday, 2 September 2016

We look forward to you celebrating this fantastic event with us.
THE MOB

27TH AUGUST
WAFL ROUND. 1:40PM

East Fremantle Oval. Entry off Allen Street.

St Benedict's Marquee as meeting point. Bring a chair and some snacks... and of course a footy.

The Fathering Project continues...

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East Fremantle V East Perth

1:40pm
Bounce down.

A Great initiative by the Fathering project.

No need to RSVP just show up.

Come and meet likeminded Fathers from our school

THE MOB
St Benedict's Primary

themobapx@gmail.com

Steven – 0417 176 022
Rod – 0423 134 337
Come and Celebrate with your Fantastic Dad

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Thursday 1st September

7.45AM LITURGY FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA

$10 per family

If Dad can’t make it, bring another special someone.
**Uniform Shop:** Open each Thursday, from 8.30 - 9.30am.