Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

“The voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need.” This is the dictionary meaning of the word charity. Today I generally find that when people think of charity they associate it with the second part of the definition relating to money. Of course money is important as it can be used to set up structures to help the poor and the disadvantaged to access things we take for granted, such as education, to enable them to help themselves and get ahead in life.

Today though I want to talk about what charity means to me. To me, charity is so much more than giving a gold coin donation. Real charity, I believe, comes from the giving of yourself to help anyone who may need it. There are many examples of this at St Benedict’s throughout the whole community (staff, students and parents). Our staff model this when they put their own time into developing individual learning programmes for children who require it and donate their own time to things like early morning sports training, Performing Arts and Challenge Club.

Our parents model charity through donation of time to school bodies such as the Parents and Friends Association and the School Board. Many hours go into organising community and fundraising events. Parents also model charity when they take time to coach junior sporting clubs, give time to the parish or even volunteer to work for the needy.

Our students model charity all the time when they see a student upset and try to help them feel better, also when they devise ways to help worthy causes such as INKA. Not only have our students raised money for INKA but they are also going to roll up their sleeves and help out with the planting of vegetable gardens.

These examples are just some of the many examples we see in our school community and it is what makes St Benedict’s such a unique but more importantly welcoming and loving place to be.

Why is it important to model charity?

I will first start with why charity is important. Charity is important as it allows people to use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to help make the world a better place. From this people can see how their contributions of charity, by service, makes people’s lives better. It also helps to build community and a “pay it forward” culture can emerge. Together communities can achieve great things for each other and in the wider community, hence the importance of working together.

Therefore by modelling charity to our children and by incorporating it into your daily lives and family activities, children will learn why charity is necessary and begin to bring it into their own lives, independently, through their conscience. Charity of service is a beautiful thing especially when it is done for the right reason and doesn’t require recognition. Thank you for being wonderful followers of Christ and terrific models of charity to your children.

I guess most of us will be on the GWS bandwagon now, as there are only six sides left in the AFL.

Until next week, God Bless

Darren McDonald

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Term 3, Week 9

This week sees the final week of the Protective Behaviours Program for years 4-6. Over the past two weeks we learnt the strategy of NO GO TELL. The children were taught these three simple steps to follow in the event that they feel unsafe. We had previously learnt that being able to identify a safe from an unsafe situation involves the experience of Early Warning Signs and also looking at the situation and deciding whether we have choice, control or a time limit. This helped the children to clarify their feelings between different situations where they may experience similar Early Warning Signs but are not necessarily “unsafe” such as going on a rollercoaster ride. This is because sometimes it is “fun to feel scared.”

We also discussed the importance of being assertive, using our voices and our body language. The children had some experience in seeing both how this felt and what this felt like. Similarly we talked about the importance of being persistent in asking for help. Earlier in the program I had each child identify five people they would have on their network. These were the people they would go to if they felt unsafe and needed help. We discussed that we need to continually ask for help until action is taken so that we feel safe again.

Our final lesson involved the whole class engaging in a quiz on the entire Protective Behaviours Program. The winning group of each round was rewarded by a round of pie face—(clearly the favourite activity we did in the program!!!)

Parents please keep talking with your children about the concepts we have discussed. All the classes have eagerly engaged in the material and I am confident they have learnt some very valuable information.

Thank you all for your support in helping to keep our children safe.

On Sunday, 11 September, a group of students from Years 4,5 and 6 participated in the Tournament of Minds State Finals. Tournament of Minds is a series of challenges that are challenging and difficult to solve. There are 4 different topics that you can enter: Science and Technology, Engineering and Maths, Language Literature and Social Sciences. St Benedict’s entered two teams into the regionals and one of them made it to the state finals.

The Mathematic Men participated in the Engineering and Maths Challenge and were lucky enough to make it through to the state final. On Sunday they were presented a 3 hour challenge which proved to be very difficult. They were locked in a room with the materials needed and began working. The challenge was to build a model figure that could do the standing high jump. They were given wood, paper and tape to complete the challenge.

Overall, they participated brilliantly but just missed out on the national finals. We would like to congratulate both teams and Mr Will for their effort and time that was put into the tournament. It was an awesome experience and I recommend it to anyone when they’re in Year 4, 5 or 6.

By Matthew

P & F News ...

Our Gala is on this Saturday night, so please keep an eye on the Facebook page for important information leading up to the event. https://www.facebook.com/StBenedicts.Gala2016/

We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful evening with you.

Have a great week,
Tanya Dowse-Kerr, P&F President

School Fees Payment Date

For those families who initiate fee payments, please be reminded that the next quarterly / monthly payments were due on the 15 September. If you have any queries at all regarding your fees or outstanding amounts, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moltoni in Finance.
Dear parents,

The last 7 days at St Benedict’s have been busy to say the least. There has been so much going on that I thought I would structure this report using our Catholic Education focus of LEAD (Learning, Engagement, Accountability, Discipleship) so I don’t miss anything!

Discipleship
Over the last week we have celebrated two class liturgies ably prepared by our Pre-Primary and Year 2 teachers respectfully and celebrated by Father Nelson. These are such a fabulous show of our faith as each liturgy connected personally with the year level. It is also great to see so many parents joining us in our celebrations as a faith community.

Learning
Students have also been enjoying many triumphs engaging with our 21st century curriculum, notably in the participation of the Year 5 and 6 students in the St Benedict’s Amazing Race. The day involved the students traversing across Perth City and Fremantle in search for cryptic clues about Western Australian history. With many participants clocking over 10 kilometres of activity that day, it was no easy feat! A huge congratulations to Miss DeWinnaar, Mr Fonseca and the parent helpers for their facilitation of such an engaging and educational activity.

On the Sunday select students from Year 4-6 participated in the State Tournament of Minds finals. Matthew has added more detail about this activity earlier in our newsletter.

Last night our Fantastic Wakakirri performers participated in the State Finals of the competition. They performed incredibly and should be so proud in winning the Spirit of Wakakirri award. Congratulations to Miss Dewinnaar, Mrs Hopper, Mrs Bergersen and Mr Fonseca for their months of hard work!

Engagement
Miss Erceg and Year 1 Blue have also wowed the school community with an excellent assembly showcasing the classes learning about road safety. We look forward to the Year 2 Blue class showcasing their learning at this Friday’s assembly.

We were lucky enough to have a RAIN FREE athletics carnival last week and ballgames session on Monday, which both ran very smoothly. Red Faction won the carnival and marching in a great performance across all disciplines. The performance of all our athletes was superb! Well done once again to Mrs Sampson for her fastidious planning of what is becoming a mammoth event.

Accountability
This evening the school board is meeting to discuss current school focuses and our direction moving forward to the end of the year. This Saturday night our P and F will host our annual school event, which is a GALA night at Government House. As you can appreciate putting together an evening like this is an enormous undertaking and I thank all those people involved in the planning of this evening; it is shaping up to be a great celebration for our school community.

Until next week,
Ben Will
Assistant Principal

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**Making Jesus Real**

Tom was nominated by his peers for consistently giving his time to role model good behaviour for our younger students.

Congrats Tom!

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**Cupcake Stall after school Thursday**

The Year 6 Class will be holding a Cupcake sale on Thursday, 15 September in the undercover area straight after school. Come along with your gold coin and save Mum having to worry about afternoon tea.

See you there!
Year 6 Class

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!**

School Online Ordering Code: W9Y22N

If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.
**Pre-Primary: Weather in my world.**

We have been looking at all aspects of the weather and how we use symbols to communicate weather conditions. We also found out that the weather influences our decisions on what to wear and the things we do. For example we wouldn’t wear our bathers if it was snowing, but we could have a snowball fight!!!!

**Year One: Spot the difference.**

We have been investigating how food changes when it is heated or cooled. We used spaghetti, chocolate and popcorn. We learned how heating or cooling these foods can change their properties and whether the change can be reversed or not.

**Year Two: All mixed up.**

We are surrounded by mixtures! Students brainstormed some mixtures we use everyday:

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**Year Three: Feathers, fur or leaves.**

We have been learning how to distinguish between living and non-living things, and plants and animals. We also grouped animals using a branching key which is also called a dichotomous key. For example we found out that: kangaroos and people are mammals; frogs and axolotls are amphibians; ants and dragonflies are insects and octopuses and snails are molluscs.

**Year Four: Plants in action.**

We have been investigating plant parts, plant growth and the life cycle of flowering plants. We successfully germinated some seeds in plastic cups.

**Year Five: What’s the matter?**

We have been studying the different states of matter. We have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. We also studied a non-newtonian fluid. We completed an investigation about the viscosity of liquids, ordering them from those with the most viscosity to those with the least.

**Year Six: Circuits and switches.**

We have been investigating the different components of simple circuits. We have had a great time trying to make our bulbs light up and trying to work out how to change the brightness of our bulbs.
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Stirling College, Como

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Christ Church Grammar School, East Fremantle
2 & 3 October
Perth Boys’ High School, Olivers Hill

FOOTBALL (AFL)
2, 7 & 8 September
Wesley College, South Perth

HOCKEY
25 & 26 October
Kings School

NETBALL
26, 27 & 28 September
Manor Brook College, Claremont
3, 4 & 5 October
North Perth Sports Centre, Leederville

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Term 4 – 2016
Week 2 – 7
Every Tuesday, Oct 18 – Nov 22
7.30 – 8.15am
Shirley Strickland Reserve, Ardross
Year 1 – 6
6 sessions

*Coach will walk students to school

Earlybird register & pay between Sept 13 – Oct 9: $55
Late (register and pay any day received on/from: Oct 10): $60

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For further info, email info@perthrunningclub.com.au with subject line: 6th Bicentennial Year Birthday Party

For info www.perthrunningclub.com.au
31 August 2016

Mrs Jodie Tomka
St Benedict’s Catholic Primary School
70 Alness Street
APPLECROSS WA 6153

Dear Jodie

Thank you very much for the collection of $42.00, towels, blankets, toys, food bowls and dog/cat treats for the animals in our care.

Your support helps RSPCA WA provide care and new homes for lost, abandoned, injured or abused animals; investigate reports of animal cruelty and educate the community about responsible pet ownership and compassion for animals.

As a not-for-profit organisation, RSPCA WA relies on community support for 94% of its annual funding.

We achieve so much in animal welfare but only because of the generous support of the community and people like you.

On behalf of all the animals, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity, please accept our sincerest gratitude for your donation.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

David van Ooran
Chief Executive Officer
Community News

CORPUS CHRISTI - 2017 Enrolments

Don’t miss the opportunity to send your son or daughter to the most sought after Catholic Co-Educational College south of the river – Corpus Christi College.

Corpus Christi College is pleased to be in the position to offer additional enrolments for parents seeking a Catholic education for students from Year 7 to Year 12.

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Please contact the College Registrar Mrs. Susanne Pass for additional information on the Enrolment process for entry into Corpus Christi College, who will be more than happy to assist you with your enquiries. Please visit www.corpus.wa.edu.au/enrolments for additional information, or Susanne can be contacted directly on 6332 2567 or by email: spass@corpus.wa.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter to the Corpus Christi College community.
# Josephite Calendar 2017 Order Form

**Featuring...**
- Inspirational quotes from our founders Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop & Fr Julian Tenison Woods
- Major Church Feasts & Sundays of the Liturgical Year
- Public Holidays & School Term Dates for Australia
- Spectacular photographs

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