



## Newsletter / 20<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you to all those who attended the parent information night. With the wind and torrential rain that day and evening we were greatly heartened by the turn out. Each classroom teacher spoke about the learning processes they will utilise in their classrooms over this year. It was also a great opportunity to sit in your child's classroom environment and see what they see.

As you know we experienced a lot of rain over Tuesday during the day and overnight. Too much rain for our drains to cope with and some rooms on the southern side of the building were flooded. One of the consequences of this was that our internet access was interrupted for about 36 hours and that affected some of our processes around setting up the 3-way conversations booking system (parent-student-teacher interviews) and of course the presentations that staff had organised for Tuesday evening. Thanks for your patience with us.

At our Wednesday afternoon staff meeting we began with this prayer

***Prayer for shelter against the storm***

*God of heaven and earth, God who carries our lives and the lives of our whole community in your hands, be with us in the peril of this storm.*

*Help us to release our anxieties and fears into those same caring hands, knowing in faith that your will for us is life and everlasting good.*

*Send your holy angels to watch over us and guard us. May they spread their holy wings to give us shelter against the storm.*

*For you alone, O God, are all good, all life, all love, and that love is for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord*

I was grateful for the many angels who came to help us sort out things following the storm. Some of those angels who visited us or are already with us, include – Chris the carpet blower man; Terry the plumber; Jan in the Library - checking the books were ok; Maryann (taking time out of her long service leave) with checking our ICT; Karen and Grace with organising everything especially CCI, Telstra, CEM and visitors; Lincoln and Stan the Telstra men who fixed our internet.

Thanks also to all the teachers who were so patient and positive while we did not have access to emails or calendar or power points or on-line tests or documents etc.

**3-way conversations (Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations) Tuesday 25 February**

These are important conversations where each child and family is able to discuss with the teacher the learning needs and preferences going forward for the year. The teachers are now able to confidently discuss their observations of the learning of each child so far this year and look to ways to support, extend and challenge each child as the year progresses. Those appointments are available from 3:40-6:30pm on Tuesday 25 February and are made online via the family portal. To book a time that is most suitable for your family the portal is now open, please log onto: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) School Event Code – qfghx Bookings will close Tuesday 25 February at 12 noon. If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school on 98088551

**Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday**

We will be having Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday on 25 February at recess time for the students. We will be serving them pancakes with jam or maple syrup. (YUM)

## Enrolments 2021

Our progress with enrolments for 2021 is looking positive. Each week I am conducting about two tours with prospective parents and children. Recently a letterbox drop was completed in the surrounding area to about 5000 houses. And a large advertising sign has been erected on the corner of Toorak and Warrigal Roads. Today the footings for the new LED sign in front of the Church on Warrigal Road has begun. Our Open Day is set for the morning of Thursday 12 March.



## Year 5/6 camp

Thanks to everyone for returning the camp forms on time – in a fortnight we will be on camp at PGL Campaspe Downs, Kyneton. We are all looking forward to this great outdoor experience with the 5/6 students from St Scholastica's. More information will be available in forthcoming days.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Starting next Tuesday, the Year 3/4 students and teachers will be experiencing the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* in The Atrium at St Scholastica's. Beginning 10 March, the Year 1/2 students and teacher will join them. A permission note will be sent home about this and we will be looking for volunteers to accompany the students for this great experience. Here is some information from one of the catechists who will be working with teachers and children:

*The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a contemplative approach to religious formation for children ages 3-12 yrs. The Catechesis began in Rome in 1954 with Dr Sofia Cavalletti (a Hebrew and Scripture Scholar) and Gianna Gobbi (a Montessori Educator). Inspired by Montessori principles of education, CGS is deeply rooted in Liturgy and Scripture with Practical Life (activities relating to care and respect of the child and the world around them).*

*Each week, children are invited into a specially prepared environment called an Atrium. Through slow, thoughtful movements, and using sensorial rich materials, each work becomes a passage to prayer, or prayer itself. Through the work of their hands, the children encounter our Good Shepherd and discover a God who calls them each by name and loves them very much.*

*We have been blessed to be able to offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to families in Melbourne since September 2005 and look forward to welcoming the children from St Benedict's in the coming weeks.*

*May our Lord continue to lead us together with the children. Shepherd's blessings,*

*Kathy Menzies*

*Catechist and Directress - St Scholastica's Parish Atrium*

Blessings



Ms Caroline Sheehan

Acting Principal



## Diary Dates

Term One		
25 February	Pancake Tuesday	
25 February	Parent/Teacher/Child conversations	3.40-6.30pm ( online bookings close at 12noon)
26 February	Ash Wednesday Mass	9:00am
3 March	Sports Carnival	
4 March-6 March	Year Five/Six Camp – Campaspe Downs, Kyneton	9:00
10 March	PSG conversations	TBA
11 March	Middle level class mass (in gathering space)	9:00am
16 March	Catholic Education Week	
17 March	St Patrick Day Mass/Concert – Year Five/Six	8:45am departure for St Patrick's Cathedral
25 March	Junior level class mass (in gathering space)	9:00am
26 March	Excursion to Melbourne Flower & Garden Show	
27 March	End Term One	3:15pm
Term Two		
14 April	Term Two commences	8:45am



**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH WEEK**  
(NO SERVICE on TUESDAYS or FRIDAYS!)

Classroom Cuisine offer freshly delivered lunch two or three course lunches. They deliver to St. Benedict's on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If you would like to place a lunch order through Classroom Cuisine just log on to their website register your child and follow the prompts. Payment is made via visa or mastercard when orders placed.

Cancellations can be made up until 9.30am on day of delivery.

Visit [classroomcuisine.com.au](http://classroomcuisine.com.au)

### REMINDERS

We ask parents/carers to please leave any items to be passed on to their child at the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom as this disrupts the class and teaching time.

#### SCHOOL ABSENCES

A reminder to parents/carers to please advise the school office by 9am if your child is absent from school. This can be done via email [admin@sbburwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@sbburwood.catholic.edu.au) or by phone on 9808 8551.

#### SCHOOL HATS

All children must have a hat to wear when outside.  
**NO HAT means NO PLAY**

## Learning and Teaching



# Baseball at Burwood.



2020 is an Olympic Year. Each term we plan to have a focus on an Olympic Sport at St Benedict's.

Yesterday our Baseball five week program/clinics began.

Our coach is John Kennedy. John is an elite member of the Australian Baseball community in Australia. He was a Waverley Wildcat player and now plays for Malvern. He is a Victorian representative player, a member of the 'Melbourne Aces' who recently won the 2019-20 Australian Baseball National Championship and a member of the Australian Baseball team who are training for the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Taiwan at the end of March. We are extremely lucky to have such a high profile Australian player to run our clinics.

There are four areas of baseball that John will focus on: running, hitting, throwing and catching.

Yesterday the focus was on throwing and hitting. Our students were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the session. We all look forward to learning new skills in the coming weeks.



## Community News



**Open Evening and Twilight Fair**  
Tuesday, 3 March 2020  
4.00pm – 8.00pm

**Open Mornings**  
Monday, 4 May  
Friday, 12 June  
Monday, 10 August  
Friday, 11 September  
Monday, 19 October  
Tuesday, 1 December  
9.30am – 11.00am

Register online at [www.siena.vic.edu.au](http://www.siena.vic.edu.au)



In our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we are delighted to introduce Elizabeth Hanney as Principal of Siena College. Elizabeth has significant experience in educational leadership and a passion for providing a future focused, faith based education for young women. Most recently Principal of Ave Maria College, Elizabeth has worked in Catholic Education and Diocesan roles for the past twenty-six years.

*"I look forward to building on the work of those who have gone before me as I learn more about the Siena story. Together with a dedicated, expert and passionate staff, we seek to ensure the highest academic standards, a strong faith and wellbeing foundation, and a rich cocurricular program, such that each young woman recognises and lives the truth of who she is; Veritas."*



**FREE TENNIS TRIAL**

**Hot Shots Tennis**

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### CALLING ALL TOYS!



Are you doing a big clean up? Do you have good quality pre-school/toddler toys that you no longer need or want? The parish is starting a small playgroup soon and we are desperate for toys (big or small and in between). If you can help, please kindly leave them in the tub in the Church or school foyer. Many thanks in anticipation! Nicole Hendriks

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singing, build confidence, self esteem  
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during school Term; workshops  
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## Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Student/Parent/Teacher Conversations** will be held from  
**3.40pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 February** in the classroom.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

- **BOOKINGS OPEN 9 am Wednesday**
- **BOOKINGS CLOSE 12 noon Tuesday 25 February**
- (Bookings cannot be made after 12 noon Tuesday 25 February- please do not phone the school and request a time once the portal is closed)



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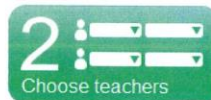
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[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter **THIS** school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

### **BOOKINGS OPEN 9 am Wednesday 18 February SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME**

- Conversations are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited.
- If you require more time, please contact the teacher via email to make alternative arrangements.
- Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code.
- If you would like a time to meet with a specialist teacher please contact them via email to arrange a suitable appointment.
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING FOLIO WITH YOU TO THE CONVERSATION.**

If you encounter any problems after following the above instructions please contact St. Benedict's School Office on 9808 8551.