



30 January 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings for the new year. We have all had a wonderful start to the school year at St Benedict's. Staff have been hard at work in the week before Australia Day preparing lessons, resources and classrooms. The best day so far was when the children returned with smiling faces and an enthusiasm for learning new things. With three classes, we are a small school this year and upon this foundation we will continue to add to the community at St Benedict's. Some of the foci for the first week has been around beginning, journey of learning and God in our lives. For the Juniors the first day was a three story day – setting their imagination alight. For the Middles their focus was looking at the people they are and their contribution to St Benedict's. The Seniors have been discussing the meaning of leadership and how it manifests in everything we do and say, our actions and our conversations with others.

My first introduction to the school community was at the working bee organised by Fr Dan on 18 January. It was fantastic to see so many parents (both current and past) as well as staff contribute to a freshening up of the playground areas in preparation for the new year. And of course, the children noticed these things on the first morning, so a big thank you to all the workers on that day from all of us here at St Benedict's Primary school.

We have changed a couple of things in our regular school schedule.

- Assembly will be held every Monday morning from 8:45-9:05 and parents are welcome. We will be in the Library.
- Staff have meetings after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so please be aware of this when making times to meet with staff.
- The Newsletter will be published every second week (this being a mini intro version)
- Students will experience a 10 minute meditation on Friday that will be structured like the Examen and focus on giving thanks to God for each other and also asking for forgiveness (if needed). Meditation will be from 8:45-8:55am and the whole school will be in classes participating in this. Being punctual to school in the morning is an important part of being involved in this.

Blessings

Ms Caroline Sheehan
Acting Principal

Diary Dates

Term One		
29 January	School commences	8:45am
4 February	2020 Vision Night	6:30pm
7 February	Beginning of School Year Mass	9:00am
12 February	Information Night	7:00pm
25 February	Pancake Tuesday	
25 February	Parent/Teacher/Child conversations	4:00 – 7:00pm
26 February	Ash Wednesday Mass	9:00am
10 March	PSG conversations	TBA
16 March	Catholic Education Week	
17 March	St Patrick Day Mass – Year Five/Six	8:45am departure
27 March	End Term One	3:15pm

St Benedict's Visioning 2020 and beyond

Next Tuesday 4 February beginning at 6:30 with pizzas, we will have the St Benedict's visioning for 2020 and beyond evening. We will be presenting an update on our Vision for St Benedict's so far and seeking your input for the further development of the vision. Please RSVP with numbers to karend@sbburwood.catholic.edu.au for catering purposes.

Library bags and Art smocks

Each student will need a Library bag as all classes will be visiting the library each week and every student will be borrowing a book. Also, art smocks are required to protect their uniforms during art class.

Healthy food

At St Benedict's we encourage students to bring healthy food for morning tea and lunch. Please avoid sending anything with nuts (including Nutella) and sesame seeds as they are the most common allergy irritants.

Student Health Support plans

Student Health Support plans help us to help your child at all times to manage their health. They remain confidential to staff. If your child has a diagnosed medical condition, we will need a student health support or medical plan. For example, this would be for anaphylaxis; epilepsy; diabetes; asthma; etc. In addition, if your child is taking any medication, they will need to fill in a medical plan – these can be obtained from the school office.

- Anaphylaxis, Allergy and Asthma plans can be obtained from: <https://www.allergy.org.au/hp/ascia-plans-action-and-treatment>
- Asthma action plans can be obtained from: <https://www.sensitivechoice.com/living-with-asthma-allergies/asthma-action-plans/>
- Diabetes plans can be obtained from: https://www.diabetesvic.org.au/how-we-help-detail?tags=Left-Mega-Nav%2FSchools&content_id=a1R0o00000jvVy8EAF&ocmsLang=ar

REMINDERS!

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 or by phone on 9808 8551.

SCHOOL HATS

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



Thank you.