



## Newsletter / 4 June

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the official end of the remote learning phase of 2020 on Tuesday 9 June with the return of all the students in the Middles and Seniors classes, we should note it as one of the most unusual periods of history that we have lived through. It has been great to see students and staff supporting each other over the past 8 weeks of remote and at school learning. I know parents have been supporting their children at home too – and I hope the children have been doing small things to support parents. The many small and great actions we have undertaken to support and build our community have added up to an immense effort by St Benedict's and we should all be proud of that fact as we move to the next phase of learning in these unusual times with confidence in our ability to learn in difficult circumstances.

### Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Feast of the Sacred Heart, on Friday 19 June, is a special day for Catholic communities when we focus on generosity and ways we can support others who may have a greater need than our own. In previous years we have attended mass and we hope to be able to do so again but await the next set of announcements from the Premier and Chief Medical Officer.

This year we will be making up small hampers to donate to St Vincent De Paul for distribution for families in great need. We are asking each class group to focus on one set of items to go into the hampers. We are asking each child to bring in one or two items to contribute to the whole St Benedict's contribution. We ask that you check the use by date on the item you send in as out of date items will go straight to garbage collection. Each class's allocated items are as follows:

- Juniors – toiletries and bathroom items
- Middles – breakfast items
- Seniors – evening meal items / canned goods

### Welcome back to Middles and Seniors 9 June at 8:45am

Learning at school begins for the Middles and Seniors at 8:45am on Tuesday 9 June. Gates open at 8:30am. School will conclude at 3:15pm each day. We will welcome back year levels with some lunchtime hot food. Staff will maintain high level food handling hygiene practices with respect to these events.

- 9 June – **Welcome back to Middles and Seniors** (this will be for all students) - *make your own pizza lunch*.
- 11 June - **Footy colours day** – wear your favourite football team's colours (includes AFL; Soccer; Gaelic football; Rugby) *footy food lunch* will be provided.

### The following procedures to drop-off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon will apply:

- Access to the school buildings is for students, staff, cleaners and contractors only
- **Drop-off in the morning for students is via the driveway Gate 1**
- Late-comers will arrive via Reception Gate 3
- Please, parents avoid being on the school grounds or in school buildings at any time
- Pick-up is via driveway Gate 1 – please wait in your car or on the footpath along Central Avenue to collect your children

- If it is raining then we will have the children in the corridor behind Door B on sit-spots separated by 1.5 metres and will call them forward as you arrive for pick-up.
- All external gates will be locked at all times to prevent any other members of the wider Burwood community from accessing the school site – access through the rear gate (Gate 6) will not be possible during Term 2 – this will be reviewed for Term 3.

### **Strategies you can do to support us all staying healthy**

We ask that you spend some time discussing with your child some strategies they can implement to ensure we all stay healthy. Some of these are very difficult because they are not what we want to do, but they are what we need to do:

- remind your child not to hug other children when returning to school
- if your child is unwell with any of the regular COVID19 symptoms – stay home please
- discuss with them about social distancing
- try to maintain social distancing from any other people outside immediate family throughout the week and on weekends for the health of all

### **Congratulations to ex-students of St Benedict's**

Recently we have been advised of some great news about three ex-students of St Benedict's. From the class of 2014 we have three students who have taken on leadership positions at Siena College. They are:

- Zoe McClure Cassia House Captain
- Hannah Hine Arts Leader – Music
- Bridget Hoy Communications Leader – Public Relations.

Ms Elizabeth Hanney, principal of Siena, commented: *We thank your community for the great work done in previous years in encouraging our young women to be courageous, confident and compassionate young women.* To see this partnership with our local Catholic secondary schools come to fruition in such a manner is heartening. As this is their Year 12 year, we wish the students all the best for this year and especially with their VCE endeavours.

### **Winter Uniform**

All students will return to school this term in winter uniform as follows:

- Girls:
  - St Benedict's tunic or navy-blue pants;
  - long-sleeved pale-yellow shirt or long-sleeved yellow polo top;
  - St Benedict's navy-blue jumper or St Benedict's bomber jacket;
  - navy blue tights or navy-blue leggings or white socks;
  - SB beanie (optional);
  - black shoes (not runners)
- Boys:
  - long navy-blue pants;
  - long sleeved blue shirt or long-sleeved yellow polo top;
  - St Benedict's navy-blue jumper or St Benedict' bomber jacket;
  - dark socks;
  - SB beanie (optional);
  - black shoes (not runners)



## **SPORT AND PE**

Sport and PE will continue for all students at St Benedict's and we will modify the activities to ensure good hygiene practices. In addition, we will ask all students to use hand sanitiser before and after each session. Sport and PE for Juniors will be Wednesday and Friday. For the Middles -Wednesday and Thursday. For the Seniors - Wednesday and Friday.

- Sports uniform:
  - Navy trackpants with long-sleeved polo shirt;
  - St Benedict's navy-blue jumper or St Benedict's bomber jacket;
  - white socks
  - runners/sports shoes (not fashion items)

## **Remote Learning**

As remote learning comes to an end for all of us we hope it has been a positive experience for your family. We are grateful for the support you have provided to your child and to the teachers while we have been doing this remotely. If you are wondering about any aspect of student learning, please make direct contact with your child's teacher via email or by phone to the school office. We continue to work with parents and carers to mentor and develop each child.

## **Prayer**

Taking time each day to pray with God is an important aspect of our lives. Our students have been engaging with [prayer and song led online by Andrew Chin](#). You might want to try using it for your family on occasion

Blessings to each one of you and your families.

Ms Caroline Sheehan  
Acting Principal



## Diary Dates

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<b>Term Two</b>		
8 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday	
9 June	School resumes for Years 3 – 6	Make your own pizza lunch (Yrs 1-6)
11 June	Footy colours day	Lunch provided
17 June	Whole school photo	See details in newsletter
19 June	Feast of Sacred Heart	
24 June	Semester 1 reports go home	
26 June	Term 2 concludes	3:15 pm
<b>Term Three</b>		
11 July	St. Benedict's Feast Day	
13 July	Term 3 commences	8:45am
17 July	St. Benedict's Feast Day Celebrations	
26 July	First Eucharist Commitment Mass	10:00am Mass at St. Benedict's
30 August	First Eucharist	10:00am Mass at St. Benedict's

# Religious Education

**Gospel:** John 3:16 - 18 Trinity Sunday

## Gospel Reflection

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful. Trinity Sunday reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.



## Historical Context – We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

## Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

## Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.



To make the sign of the cross is to pronounce a visible and public yes to him who died for us and who is risen, to the God who in the humility and weakness of his love is omnipotent, stronger than all the power and intelligence of the world.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

AZ QUOTES

**Mary Brooks**

**Religious Education Leader**

# Learning and Teaching

## Senior B News

### Not long now!

I will happily admit that I am counting down the days until Senior B returns to school!

Early in the week I suggested to the students that they start getting themselves back into the school morning routine so that next week is not too much of a shock. They also need to be getting back to school night bedtimes. These changes in routine will be challenging for some of them next week, so be aware that the transition back to school may not be smooth sailing for all.

I hope happy snail mail has arrived for each of the students. Although Australia Post has been inundated with mail and parcels so some mail may take longer than expected to arrive.

This week's Writing focus is the preparation of a 2-3 minute class talk about the zoo each student has designed and created. Our Mathematics lessons have been online this week, working out rounding and estimation strategies, factors, multiples and multiplication. The next Mathematics concept is division.

The students have continued exploring the Australian Government and finding out about the Governor General as part of our Inquiry unit. Our Religious Education unit has an historical focus and the students have been reading about people who played a significant role in the establishment of the Catholic faith in Australia.

Enjoy the long weekend! I will be celebrating my father's 90th birthday with my family.

I look forward to seeing all of Senior B on Tuesday June 9th at 8:45am.

Ms Brooks

## Middle School News

It is nearly time for our Middle School students to return to St Benedict's. It will be great to have them back. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces.

Over the last two weeks we have been busy finishing off units of work- 'Stewardship', imaginative writing, addition strategies, adverbs and character traits.

The Middle School students have been amazing online learners.

The students and Middle School Teachers would like to thank the parents and Carers for their continued support throughout this time.



On behalf of all of us, we wanted to say a big thank you for all that you have done and are doing for us during the COVID-19 emergency.

- Thank you for taking on yet another role in your life at very short notice.
- Thank you for installing a school in your home.
- Thank you for persisting with online classroom applications and programs.
- Thank you for listening and being encouraging when school work felt too hard.
- Thank you for offering to find out the answers together.
- Thank you for sharing motivation when the days felt so long.
- Thank you for balancing this on top of so much that has changed for you.
- Thank you for the hot meals and the full fridge at lunch time.
- Thank you for bringing some fun to home-school.
- Thank you for reading books together and sharing ideas about them.
- Thank you for the late nights that you are working to fit everything in.
- Thank you for continuing to try.
- Thank you for turning up every day.
- Thank you for not giving up.
- Thank you for being a teacher to us not just now, but throughout our lives.

Years from now, we probably won't remember much of what you said or tried to teach us. But we will remember that you were there, beside us, day after day. We will remember how you looked after us. We will remember the laughs we shared. We will remember that it was so different to what normal school was like. We will remember how much you tried. Most of all, we will remember how much you loved us and cared about our education.





Without them our program could not have run so smoothly.

This week the students have been given a jigsaw a day to solve. We will share a couple with you.

<https://jigex.com/FTu9> Did you smile today? Not long till we are all together at school.

<https://jigex.com/54g2> St Benedict's School is ready to welcome you back!

<https://jigex.com/TC3P> Our doors are open to you!

Why don't you have a try.

Kind Regards,

Jane Michael and Maryann Hamilton

## Junior School News

This last week and a half has been incredibly busy in the Junior School. We haven't quite managed a day when everyone has been in attendance but I'm sure we'll get there. The first day was very exciting with balloons, lots of chatter, mac n cheese and beautiful sunshine. We've spent a bit of time going over the work that was completed over the first six weeks of this term.

We've welcomed winter in and celebrated Shasana's 7th birthday with cake and more balloons. The children look great in their winter uniforms. Just a reminder sport uniforms are to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays. To improve our COVID practises I will now send book boxes home on Mondays with enough books for the week. Please return all book boxes on Fridays to help with this process. Some children are at the 50 nights reading award. Well done!

This week we have completed our Easter unit of work learning about Pentecost. Jolly's colouring of this event was chosen for the newsletter. She took so much care and was very excited to showcase her artistry. In our discussion of what this time meant for the Church we talked about Baptism. Many of the children did not know if they had been Baptised. If you have time perhaps you could talk about this event and even show them photos if you have any.



Our new Maths unit is focusing on measuring length and we will continue to look at the clock and telling the time. All these math concepts we cover have to be revisited, put into a real world context and practised over and over again.

With only 3 weeks of this term to go there is still so much to be done but please be assured that the children are doing very well with the handwashing and social distancing expectations.

As our lives slowly return to a 'new normal' don't forget to return to regular routines, talk to your children about how they are feeling, have some fun and of course look after yourself.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Regards.

Deborah



## L'italiano per tutti (Italian for everyone)

*Buongiorno,*

It has been *buonissimo* (very good) to have *la scuola materna* (Juniors) back at school and see them so eager to continue their learning. I look forward to seeing *la scuola media* (Middle) and *la scuola superiore* (Seniors) *la prossima settimana* (next week).

2 June is *La Festa della Repubblica* (Italy's National Day).

After WW2 a national referendum was held in 1946 to allow the people to decide their future. Italy then became a Republic and this day is celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> June each year with the main celebrations taking place in Rome.

Due to remote learning this term, we will be looking at Italy more closely next term. So keep reading the newsletter for snippets of information.



*Ci vediamo la prossima settimana, (see you next week)*

*Signora Smarrelli*





## Community News

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### Photo Day 17-06-2020 Envelope and Order Instructions School Code: [HH4 E2B 1BP]

Dear Parents and Students,

#### St Benedict's Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 17-06-2020

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 16-06-2020 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [HH4 E2B 1BP]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (3 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

#### 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [HH4 E2B 1BP]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [16-06-2020]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

**ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE**

**ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE**

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

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Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **Do Not** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@sadvancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@sadvancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



**St Benedict's**  
Catholic Primary School



**ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY – T2, 2020  
RESUMPTION OF SERVICE  
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 29<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY!**

Greetings to everyone at SBPS!

We hope that you and your families have all managed well through the Covid19 Change of Life.

It's been wonderful and we are extremely grateful to have received so many emails from your school community sending kind wishes to our business in what has been a particularly difficult time.....obviously, we've been totally shuttered but it's now time, as our children return to face to face learning, to take tentative steps back to life - with your continued support.

Obviously, the landscape looks a bit different for us in terms of running our Food Preparation Kitchen and our Packing Room with the new social distancing guidelines. We want you to know and be assured that we have Food Safety and Occupation Health and Safety at the forefront of our minds. In our workplace Masks, Gloves and Temperature Checks will be the new norm for all of our staff. In terms of Food Handling and Safety we've always adhered to best practice and fortunately never had a food safety issue so we're confident we can operate safely on that level!

In the first instance for the remainder of Term 2, while we find our way in this new normal, we will be operating on Wednesdays and Fridays with a reduced Menu which will be posted online shortly.

We look forward to resuming our service and continuing to delight your school community with our Lunch Service.

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



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