



Newsletter / 25 June

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for all that you have done this term to support our school – and especially your children during the period of Remote Learning. We are living in amazing times and my hope and prayer for each of you is that you continue to be in good health. As a person who enjoys History I have often read about times when great pestilence spread across the world – and I am amazed that we, in our modern world, can be living in a time like that today. I am impressed by how so many people have changed the way they live and work and play so as to stop the spread of Covid19. And I know staff and students have been doing their little bit by washing hands and sanitising and staying at home if they are unwell. We will continue to do these small actions during Term 3. In addition, we have a young university student, Tom, who wipes down high touch areas and sanitises the playgrounds each afternoon. All part of maintaining a safe space for students to learn.

Each Thursday afternoon the children gather together to experience Digitech. They are in vertical groups with the Senior students providing leadership and guidance as they learn together. Thanks to all the teachers, especially led by Mrs Maryann Hamilton.



We have much to give thanks for in our small community. Learning has continued throughout this term and students (and families) have appreciated the important partnership that parents and teachers enjoy to support the learning of children. We hope that you found the school reports and folios that went home Wednesday afternoon informative and enlightening. Thank you to all the St Benedict's staff who have stayed positive and demonstrated such courage and resilience in these Covid19 times.

St Benedict's feast day – 17 July

We will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Benedict on Friday 17 July. This will be a day of celebration where we will begin with mass (either in person or remotely) followed by a range of activities organised by the staff. We will have a fantastic feast day cake at morning tea to celebrate the event. There will be a splendid sausage sizzle for lunch. This will be followed by the arrival of a distinguished guest, *Danny the Magician*, who will delight students and staff with his magic tricks. Younger siblings of our students (and their parent/caregiver) will be invited to attend this special performance in the afternoon beginning at 2:00pm, so please keep this in your diary.



Parent/Teachers/Student 3-way conversations – 21 July

The bookings for Parent/Teachers/Student 3-way conversations will open on Monday 13 July. As these are the second part of the reporting process – linked to school reports and folios that were sent home yesterday - we ask that everyone makes a special effort to attend and hear your child and their teachers talk about their learning. You will receive the information via email on 13 July and interviews are available from 2:30-6:00pm.

Strategies you can do to support us all to stay 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:

- if your child is unwell with any of the regular COVID19 symptoms – stay home please
- wash hands frequently and use hand sanitiser when away from home
- 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

CDFpay – no longer in use

All orders of uniform over the past couple of years have been ordered and paid via CDFpay. We have decided that from Term 3, 2020 the school will **not** be using CDFpay and any uniform orders and payments should be sent directly to school admin.

Please email your orders to: admin@sbburwood.catholic.edu.au (this will ensure your order is received). Orders will be processed and sent home on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Payments may be sent to school in cash or payment by credit card. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone or email.

Prayer

Taking time each day to pray with God is an important aspect of our lives. Our prayer this week comes from St Benedict:

*Gracious and Holy Father,
give us the wisdom to discover You,
the intelligence to understand You,
the diligence to seek after You,
the patience to wait for You,
eyes to behold You,
a heart to meditate upon You,
and a life to proclaim You,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

Blessings to each one of you and your families, and may you have a wonderful holiday break. We look forward to seeing all the children return for an 8:45 start on Monday 13 July.

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