



Mini Newsletter / 8 October

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are all looking forward to the return of students to on-site learning at 8:45am on Monday 12 October – just four sleeps to go. Staying positive throughout the past six months of remote and flexible learning has been an extraordinary achievement. Our focus will be to ensure a continuity of learning as we move to on-site learning.

We will welcome back students with the Juniors **Teddy Bear's Picnic day**. The Middles and Seniors will join in at appropriate times during the day. Everyone is welcome to bring their favourite teddy (or soft toy). We will have some surprise picnic activities during the day.

On Friday 16 October we will have our long-awaited **St Benedict's Feast Day celebration**. This day will be free dress and will begin with streamed mass followed by activities with a recess and lunch break (food provided). Our day will conclude with **Danny the Magician** providing our afternoon entertainment. On page 2 of this mini-newsletter you will see some of the other special events we have planned for St Benedict's students during Term 4, and other events yet to be confirmed.

We will be concluding the school year a week early on 11 December. This is largely due to the fact there will be much to pack up and dismantle with the closure of the school and we have decided this is best not done in front of the children.

School Assembly and other routines

We will be having a whole school assembly at the start of each Monday beginning on 12 October. Term 4 means everyone needs to wear a school hat at break and sport times so please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day. PE is scheduled each Wednesday, and Sport is each Friday.

Reflection

Our reflection this week focuses on gratitude (from a different faith tradition):

A Thanksgiving Prayer, by Rabbi Naomi Levy

(Modified from: <https://www.ritualwell.org/ritual/thanksgiving-prayer>)

For the laughter of the children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared our food and each
sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health, and our wealth of blessings,

For opportunities to celebrate with family and
friends,
For the freedom to pray these words
Without fear, in any language,
In any faith, in this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her
inhabitants.
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen

Blessings to each one of you and your families.

Ms Caroline Sheehan
Acting Principal

Please remember to bring your school hat

Diary Dates			
	Term Four		
	4 October	Daylight savings	+ 1 hour
Week 1	5 October	Term 4 commences	Remote and flexible learning for all
Week 2	12 October	ALL STUDENTS on site at school Each day starts at 8:45am and concludes at 3:15pm	School Assembly at 8:50am Teddy Bear's Picnic day (invite one teddy to join you at school for the day)
	16 October	St Benedict's Feast Day	Free dress day; bring brain food only Mass; Activities Recess and lunch provided Magician show in afternoon.
Week 3		Book week	Share your favourite books
	22 October	Book week parade Hello Lighthouse performance	Wear something that indicates your favourite book character – be creative – make your own costume or prop. We will stream the parade (time TBC)
	23 October	Grand Final/ Thank-you (public holiday)	
Week 4	26 October	STEM Construction Workshop	All students will join in a STEM construction activity in the Parish Hall 11:30-1:00pm
	30 October	Melbourne Cup sweep	
Week 5	2 November	School closure day	
	3 November	Melbourne Cup Day (public holiday)	
	5 November	Hat parade	Each student will decorate a hat and join in the fun of a hat parade
Week 6	11 November	Remembrance Day	Liturgy at 11:00am
Week 7	20 November	Word for Word National non-fiction festival	each class will join an appropriate online event
Week 8			
Week 9	29 November	First Sunday of Advent	
Week 10	6 December	Second Sunday of Advent	
	11 December	End Term 4 – school closes	11:00am Thanksgiving mass followed by brief assembly to conclude at 12:30pm
	13 December	Third Sunday of Advent	

Calendar event still to be confirmed:

- Sacraments – Reconciliation and Confirmation
- Swimming at PLC
- Shrek's Swamp film development, production and premiere screening
- Year 6 Graduation events
- Transition days to new schools