



EDGEWORTH

NEWSLETTER NO. 3

19.2.18

Beginning of the School Year Liturgy.

Due to the imminent threat of rain our Beginning of Year Mass morphed into a wonderful Liturgy. We welcomed Father Christos to our school to celebrate our liturgy with us. My thanks go to Father Christos, Sister Lucie and our AMAZING school community who quickly adapted to the change that occurred so swiftly. Whilst I had a few moments of disappointment Father Christos reminded me in his homily that "God's will be done". I had no control over the weather and I believe we still managed a fabulous celebration.



At this year's liturgy we had "The Parade of Nations" to celebrate our school's diversity. Thank you to the P and F for organising the flags and to Mrs Franks, Mrs Rothfield and Mrs DesForges for assisting with today's parade. At the end of our Liturgy Father Christos blessed the flags. These flags have now been hung in the school hall.



During the Liturgy new members of the school community including Kindergarten 2020 and Fr Christos on behalf of our three (3) Nigerian Priests placed a stone in the Community Bowl. The Community Bowl represents all those who have come before us and those here now.



P&F President, Mrs McGovern, on behalf parents, Mrs Sakoff on behalf of staff and Donnacha Cahill on behalf of students read a commitment

Community ~ welcoming, working together, challenging

VISION STATEMENT

At St. Benedict's Catholic Primary School we endeavour to follow:-

- St Benedict's motto "Pray Together Work Together"
- the traditions of the Sisters of St Joseph, aspiring to being people of faith, courage and examples of justice for all.



Congratulations to our 2020 school leaders who received their badges. Our leaders promised to support Mr Howell in leading our school.



Yours in Faith

Miss Michelle Collins

(Religious Education Coordinator)

ORGANISATION Awards: Aria Heard 3Red Kayla Williams 3Red Mia Kremer 4Black Harshita Diwakaran 4Black Piper Fitzhenry 3Black Matthew Cahill 3Black Maddison Mansley 1Red Lily Cassel-Denmeade 1Red Ashna Shijo 4Red Alyssa Mackay 4Red Madeline Howell 1Black Allira Weet 1Black Clarah Kerich 2B Alexander Curran 2Black Ashik Shijo 2Red Willow Creek 2Red Connor Fitzhenry KBlack Jake Dimovski KBlack Vaida Johnson KRed Phoebe Huntriss KRed Kaylee Murphy 6Black Sydney Morton 6Black

Getting Along Award : Kiani Miller KBlack Mila Manthey KBlack Emily Topic KRed Gracie Reis KRed

Spirit of Jesus Award : Hudson Moore 2Red

READIT Home Reading Program: Information has been sent home about the programme. I ask families once again to be involved in this program. What a wonderful gift is learning to read. Please encourage your child to read and make it part of their nightly routine. Home reading diaries were sent home today. Support you children in their reading by reading to them or listening to them and filling out the diary daily!

SCHOOL PHOTOS: These were taken on Monday, February 11th All orders need to be sent directly to Newcastle School Portraits. The information you require can be found on the envelopes already sent home. School Code 201001 Specialty photos; captains, mini vinnies, Whole of Kindergarten etc can be ordered online using the Specialty Code 61425CK. If you have an issue, contact the Newcastle School Portrait Team on 49654114.

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION: As previously notified, a "Meet and Greet" evening for mums and dads will be held this **Thursday February 20th**. A Sausage Sizzle will start at 4.45pm and conclude at 5.30pm. At this time there will be an opportunity to receive a class information pack that outlines aspects of the year ahead. Items will include content overviews of the Key Learning Areas; special class requirements, structures and organization, suggestions for keeping in touch, behaviour expectations and homework. There will also be an opportunity to formally meet your child's teacher. If possible, please make alternate arrangements for your children.

STUDENT WELL-BEING: Student Welfare at St Benedict's has two (2) important components; Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management.

Pastoral Care is understood to be an attitude of respect, care and understanding which teachers show their students individually in the various dimensions of their school life. In the pastoral relationship, the teacher hopes to lead the students to recognition of themselves as growing and developing persons, to express in their own way, to be appreciated by others and to appreciate themselves.

Occasionally, students exhibit behaviour that is disruptive to the teaching and learning process, shows disregard for school rules and/or threatens safety. The way we react to inappropriate behaviour tests our pastoral identity. It is made clear to every child what is expected and consequences of poor choices are clearly outlined. Children who exhibit inappropriate and / or unacceptable will have penalties and sanctions, which can include suspensions and or expulsions, administered carefully and justly, endeavouring to foster responsibility and change.

The majority of children who attend school at St Benedict's are happy and feel safe. This is because most students who come here are able to interact positively with others, respecting their rights to be happy and safe. However, for various reasons it is unfortunate that a small number of children at St Benedict's, as there are in all schools, do not understand how to relate and socialize with others and whose behaviour is a challenge to all. For this reason it is important that children who are made to feel unhappy and unsafe at school know that they are supported. The Pastoral Care component of the Student Welfare Policy is an extremely important aspect of this support.

Children who act in an unacceptable manner will continue to be supported to improve their behaviour; the **Behaviour Management** component of any school's Student Welfare Policy addresses this.

Children at St Benedict's are entitled to a happy and safe environment, free of bullying, to learn play and socialise. Student Welfare is about Behaviour Management and associated discipline practices that evolve from a Pastoral Care perspective as it attempts to promote a respectful, secure and healthy environment in which students grow to be discerning, self-disciplined and contributing members of the community.

Consistent discipline procedures are implemented throughout the school. School procedures clearly outline consequences for incidents of misbehaviour. These procedures assist the school respond appropriately to incidents when children exhibit behaviour that is disruptive to the teaching and learning process, that shows disregard for school rules and / or threatens the happiness and safety of others. Examples of possible classroom and playground misbehaviour and suggests consequences of inappropriate choices. Individual Behaviour Plans that clearly identifies proactive and reactive responses to unacceptable behaviour and the use of a daily Reflection Room for lunch time detentions are all important aspects of the school's Behaviour Management.

Naturally the basis of the school's Student Welfare Policy will continue to focus on rewarding good behaviour, however children who do not behave in an acceptable manner will be held responsible for their actions. Associated discipline practices will be administered carefully, consistently and justly. In addition, there is a clear expectation that parents of children whose behaviour prevents other children being happy and feeling safe will do everything they can to support the school's response.

Families at St Benedict's can be assured that the opportunity for children to learn, be happy and safe is my priority. Naturally there will be times when the outcome sought is not reached and this can be a frustrating time for those concerned. All that I can promise is that if something is brought to my attention then I will respond.

NB:- With most matters relating to Student Well-Being, the first point of contact is the classroom teacher.

TAKE 5

Take 5 is an important strategy to address potential bullying issues. The aim of the Take 5 strategy is for students to follow a simple process to deal with students they perceive to be annoying them and if that annoyance persists, bullying them. It has a powerful message ..

“Stop I don’t like what you’re saying or doing.” Take 5 can mean take 5 steps back or take 5 minutes to think about your annoying behaviour. It is very much about students taking control of their situation.

The school hopes that Take 5 proves to be an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for our students. It is a 5 step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom and in playground.

Take 5 can foster better relationships, personal achievement and improved student wellbeing. It can also build a student's social skills and resilience.

The Take 5 is

- * Ignore
- * Talk Friendly
- * Walk Away
- * Talk Firmly
- * Report



Each aspect has various ideas to help achieve what is required. In most cases the first 3 should be enough. Persistence annoyance and disregard for them would possibly be viewed as bullying.

The students have had it made clear that to keep the message powerful and meaningful it should only be used at the appropriate time. It is not to be used as a game.

COMPASS: COMPASS is the new Diocesan student information, parent communication and finance system. Please create your COMPASS account and download the COMPASS app. As you create your account please check that your email is correct and if it isn't change it yourself or contact the school office. For any COMPASS related issues contact Mr Moore.



QKR: Everyone should have received a notification to change existing details. Canteen orders can be taken using the **QKR** app. When accessing QKR for the first time in 2020, existing families will be asked to update their details. This will mean choosing the updated class name from those presented. New enrolments should choose the class their child / ren have been enrolled into. Details about QKR is included with this newsletter and from the office.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are essential and highly valued in any school community. Volunteers enrich the quality of life for our students and their families and are in turn, enriched by their experiences.

Volunteers in schools in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese need to participate in an **Induction Process**. Consequently people who wish to be a volunteer must contact the office for details of the induction Process. In the meantime, if you have not applied for a Working With Children's Check, a requirement of volunteering at St Benedict's, please do so ASAP.

The Induction Process is an important aspect of volunteering and I hope it is not too much of an inconvenience.

SCHOOL FEES: You are reminded that **all existing fee arrangements and concessions must be renegotiated annually** and parents must contact the Principal so that agreements can be finalised. Term 1 School Fee accounts are being processed and if you have not contacted the Principal already your fee account may not reflect this concession. Family Discount Forms need to be returned immediately.

STAFFING: Last week I introduced Mrs Deanne March the school's Pastoral Care Worker. I would use this week's newsletter to introduce two (2) staff members who also play a vital role in student support.

Mrs Denise Stephen - Learning Support Teacher: The school's Learning Support Teacher (LST) is available to support staff, parents and students in dealing with matters impacting on the teaching and learning process and behavioural and socialisation issues. The LST coordinates, in collaboration with class teachers, student support staff involvement. A Learning Support Team meeting, involving staff on a rostered basis, is held once a term.

Ms Kay Brown - School Psychologist: A school psychologist is available to provide a range of consultation, assessment, intervention and counselling services that assist school communities to 1) support students to achieve academic success, psychological health and social and emotional well-being and 2) respond to the educational and welfare needs of their students. Student access requires a Referral Form, which is available from the school's Learning Support Teacher.



Feb 18 ~ 1A Liturgy
Feb.20 ~ Meet & Greet
Meet 4.45pm Sausage Sizzle
Greet 5.00pm Meet with Teachers
Feb 25 ~ 1C Liturgy
Kindergarten Information Session
March 6 ~ School Catholic School Week Activities
March 9 ~ P&F Meeting 7pm
March 10 ~ 2C Liturgy
April 1st ~ Term 1 Attitude and Effort Reports sent home
April 7th ~ School Holy Week Liturgy
April 9th ~ Last day Term 1 Easter Hat Parade

In 2019, the then P&F executive wanted to celebrate the multiculturalism within the St Benedict's community. Following the lead of Jennifer Rowe and Mrs Jo Franks it was decided to showcase this by displaying flags. In consultation of our student families, a list was made and flags were ordered. These were presented to the school community at last Thursdays opening School Liturgy. Over the weekend with the help of Today with the help of Rochelle and Corey Loveday, Jennifer Rowe, Mrs Franks and Skyreach Thornton <https://www.facebook.com/SkyreachGroup/> the mission was complete. Thankyou all who contributed.

If at any time a matter needs clarification or if you feel you are not being adequately informed about what is happening at school, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, usually the first point of contact, or a member of the school executive.

With Every Good Wish,
Mark Hornby-Howell
Principal



**PARENT
TEACHER
MEET AND GREET EVENING
(FOR MUMS AND DADS)**

**Thursday, February 20th
4.45pm Sausage Sizzle
5.30pm Welcome by Principal
& Meet Your Child's Teacher**

To assist with organisation it would be helpful if alternative arrangements could be made for your children. If it is an absolute necessity to bring them, please do so.

It would also be helpful for catering purposes if you could let your child's teacher know if you intend to come along.

New families of Kindergarten 2020 are certainly welcome to the BBQ, however Mr Moore and Mrs Lojszczyk will not be available for a chat. A special Kindergarten Information Afternoon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25. More details will be forthcoming.

Please return



- The 2020 Family Discount and Diocesan Pastoral Contribution Form. (sent home Dec 2019)
- The blue Information Update Form.

It is vital that this form is **returned as soon as possible** as it provides a contact point in cases of emergency. **Equally important is informing the school immediately of any change of circumstance.**

COMMUNITY NEWS



REBEL SPORTS ACTIVE is a program that provides a commission to schools and discount for members. All you need do when you visit a REBEL store is mention you are a school member at point of purchase. Tell them you are a member of St Benedict's Edgeworth and you'll receive a small discount off your purchase and the school will be rewarded with a small commission and as with anything every little bit helps. So when you visit Rebel, don't forget to mention St Benedict's school.

P & F NEWS

Next Meet Monday 9th March 2020 in the Library. All parents and friends of St Benedict's are most welcome to attend.

BATTLE OF THE BOTTLES- INFANTS vs PRIMARY.

We have bright YELLOW bins for our cans and bottles (please no rubbish or other recyclable items) Each bin has their label of PRIMARY and INFANTS, there is also a list of acceptable and no accepted list near the bins and on the schools facebook page.

We will also be calling on businesses to become sponsors for our Battle of the Bottles. For more information please see Mrs Cotton.



Tally so far : Infants \$ 148.83 Primary \$ 106.20

Keep saving your recyclable battles and cans. Who will win????

Thank you to our Sponsors : Earthmoving Wearparts & Attachments Pty Ltd (NSW)
Lake Mac Lawn & Property Maintenance

The buckets for the **5c fundraiser** are now in each classroom ready to collect your 5c pieces and will remain there until the end of Term 1. Please be sure to send in your 5c pieces.

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We're for real.



HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

This year, in conjunction with Bakers Delight Cardiff, we are hosting a Hot Cross Bun drive to raise some **dough** to upgrade our school facilities.

\$1.50 from every 6 pack of buns sold will be donated to our school.

The buns are the same price as sold at Bakers Delight, \$7.50 for 6.

ORDER FORMS TO BE SENT HOME THIS WEEK SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM IN YOUR CHILDREN'S BAGS



Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 26th February

Please note – that on both Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays during lent there will be no meat products sold in the canteen. These include Ham, Pies, Sausage Rolls, Lasagna/ Spag Bol. Chicken and fish products are still available.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

We need a Canteen Helper on Friday 6th March and Friday 3rd April. If you are able to help please let Jan in the Office know.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17.2.20	18.2.20	19.2.20	20.2.20	21.2.20
E.Wood	CLOSED	J.Ferguson	CLOSED	N.Fitzhenry
F.McPherson		A.Ferguson		J.Johnson
				K.Mate
24.2.20	25.2.20	26.2.20	27.2.20	28.2.20
E.Roberts	CLOSED	T.Oakes	CLOSED	R.Loveday
K.Hudson		C.Schumacher		M.Kehoe
				J.Alderson

Please Note

* If you are unable to come on your rostered day you need to make a swap or arrange a replacement with someone from the list attached to your Term 1 Roster. Please inform Mrs Cotton who will be replacing you.

* Anyone wishing to add their names to the canteen roster will be very welcomed and names should be given to Mrs Cotton.

* ONLY PERMANENT ROSTER CHANGES TO BE REFERRED TO MRS COTTON IN THE OFFICE. ANY OTHER CANTEEN BUSINESS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO MRS Liz McGOVERN 0411 271 253



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Hot cross buns from Bakers Delight are well known for their quality and fresh ingredients so why not buy them through our school and help us raise some dough!

There are 3 delicious varieties to choose from, traditional, chocolate chip, and apple & cinnamon.

Our orders are guaranteed to be baked fresh the day you receive them!

All order forms and money must be returned to school by TUES 24TH MARCH 2020. The orders will be ready for collection on TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2020.

We would like to encourage everyone to gather as many orders as possible. Order for yourself, friends, family or neighbours — all orders are greatly appreciated and go a long way towards our fundraising efforts.

Please fill in the table on the reverse side of this note and return to school with money enclosed by TUESDAY 24TH MARCH.

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ST BENEDICT'S

5 CENT

FUNDRAISER



WHAT IS IT: Our 5 cent fundraiser is a chance for you to get rid of your 5 cent pieces, whilst helping to raise funds for our school.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE: Send your 5 cent pieces into school with your children and ask them to put them in the bucket in their classroom.

HOW LONG DOES THIS GO FOR: The buckets will remain in each classroom for the whole of term 1.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END: At the end of term 1, each bucket will be collected and counted. We will let everyone know how much was raised after the count is finalised.



WHERE WILL THE MONEY GO:

The money raised from our 5 cent fundraiser will go towards making improvements to our school. Our fundraising goals are discussed at our regular P&F meetings and we encourage everyone to come along



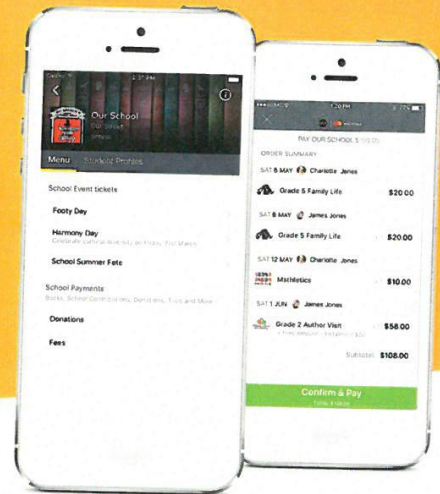
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Step 3 Find our school

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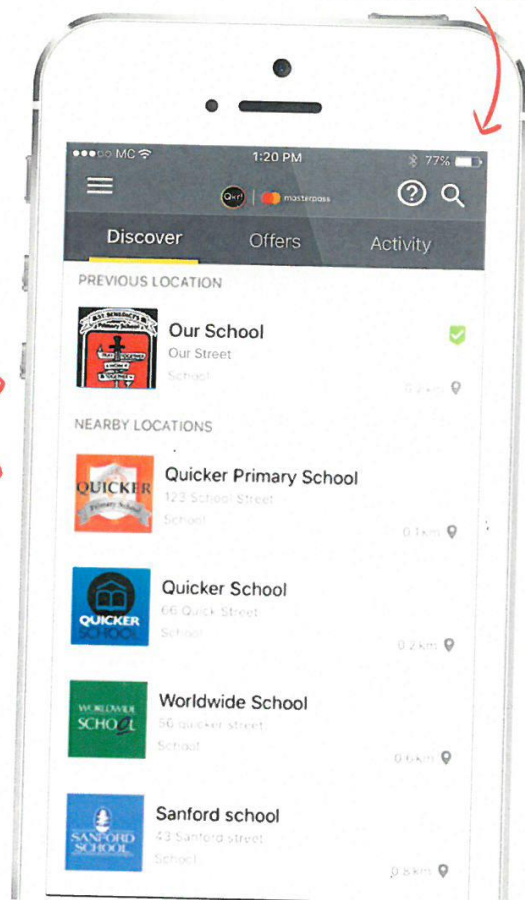
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu
from our canteen



Tap the green
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your receipt
or to cancel
an order



Select a date
for a child and
order a meal

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copy all paid
orders from
one week to
the next



Tap to change
the date you
are ordering for

Tap to change
the child you are
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.