



St Benedict's

Catholic College

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- Wed 19** Year 10 Outdoor Camp begins
Year 11 SLR & PDH First Aid
- Fri 21** Year 10 Camp finishes
Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- Wed 26** Yr 7 Maths Incursion
Yr 10 Public Speaking
- Thurs 27** Yrs 8 & 9 Maths Incursion
- Fri 28** Yr 10 Geography Excursion

September

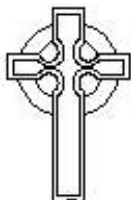
- Fri 4** Year 7 Reflection Day
- Thurs 10** Year 8 Pastoral Day
- Mon 14** Preliminary Final Exams start
to
- Fri 18** Preliminary Final Exams end
Last Day of Term 3

October

- Tues 6** **First Day of Term 4**

Road works on Oran Park Drive

Attached is a flyer from TRN notifying us of the changes that are to occur on Oran Park Drive, commencing very soon. Parents are asked to take note of the details of the flyer and be aware that the implications of accessing the school at this stage will be minimal.



Please remember in your prayers those members of our St Benedict's community who are suffering with illness or the loss of loved ones. May God grant them His peace and comfort.

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday, the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This is the day that we celebrate the taking of Mary, both body and soul, to heaven to her eternal salvation. The Assumption is an important celebration for Catholics as it shows us that with the help of God, we can reach heaven. Mary was assumed rather than ascended. She was taken by the power of God to be with Him for eternity. This knowledge is comforting for all of us, showing us that having faith in Christ and living guided by Christian principles will ultimately lead to our own salvation. It is these principles that each of us are called to listen to when making our decisions about right and wrong, about good and bad, about life in Christ or death without him. Our constant challenge is to make these decisions everyday of our lives to our own benefit for eternity.

Mr Hanratty was called away early last week with the news that his aunt in Ireland had passed away. Whilst this was not unexpected, the news is never good when it finally arrives. I ask each of you to keep Mr Hanratty, his family and his aunty in your prayers over the coming weeks. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Last week there were a number of events that have taken a great deal of organisation from staff and students. Mr Bombardiere organised and ran elective information nights and subject selections for Years 8 and 10. Mrs Wardley and Mr Costin coordinated Bennies Bring a Blanket while Mr Turton organised our staff development day where we heard the expert educational psychologist Dr Andrew Martin from Sydney University speak to us about motivation and engagement of students. Thank you to all of our staff who assisted with these events in our constant effort of having 'something to strive for'.

Over the last week or so, parents visiting the College would have seen the movement of a number of temporary fences. These fences have been shifted to enable the next phase of the carpark to be built. The new fence line ensures that students and staff can move safely between the temporary school office, staffrooms and music room, and the permanent part of the school. The largest impact on our College, apart from movement times, will be the drop off and pickup in the morning and afternoons. Parents are asked to drive to the far end of the carpark and drop or pickup students at the driveway guttering rather than beside the gardens outside the TAS block. I also ask that you are aware of the restricted movement and allow time and patience whilst this building phase is in progress. Once the carpark is completed, the entire movement at the front of the College will free up tremendously. Thank you for all your support,

Steve Lo Cascio
Assistant Principal

LOST PROPERTY

There have been several articles of clothing missing from the Athletics Carnival. All of these items of clothing had the students' names on them. Could you please check your child's sports uniform and make sure that no "extras" have made their way home. A white sports shirt and a pair of track suit pants are 2 of the items that remain unaccounted for. If you find any additional pieces of uniform could you please send them in to the Office.

With the cost of the College uniform, we are still amazed at the number of clothing items that are handed into the office without names on them. If an article is handed in that has a child's name on it, we are able to return it promptly. Please put names on all items of clothing. (Yes, that even means shoes!)

YEAR 8 ART CLUB - REMINDER

A reminder to Year 8 students who have registered for Art Club this term that we commence this Thursday, 20 August, from 2:30pm—3:20pm. Students are to be picked up by 3:30pm.

CLOTHING POOL

Clothing pool is open on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 8am and again at 2.40pm. If you need something outside of these times or want to check what we have please contact Rachael on 0402247088.

Stocks are very low so we would appreciate any donations of old uniforms that are still in good condition.

CAFÉ NEWS

New Items on the Menu:

Mini Pita Bread Pizzas: Cheese, Meat lovers, Hawaiian	\$4
Baked Potatoes with Bolognese	\$4
Meatball Subs	\$4
Streets Paddle Pops	\$2
Mini Calippo	\$1.20
Magnum	\$4

REQUEST FROM THE

ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department is after newspapers and takeaway containers. Could you please leave any donations at the Office. Many thanks.



ART EXCURSION

Year 10 Visual Art students attended Wollongong Art Gallery where they viewed an Abstract Expressionism display.

Following the display they were able to participate in a Workshop with the exhibiting artist.



Year 10 Art Excursion



Yr 11 Retreat

A reminder to parents and families that the Year 11 retreat is to be held from Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and I know the staff involved are very much looking forward to this experience. The cost of the retreat will be \$275 which will be invoiced to the school fee account. More information will be sent home shortly.

St Anthony's Parish Youth Mass

The Next YOUTH MASS @ St. Anthony's parish, Tahmoor, is on Saturday 22 August @ 5-00pm. So come and enjoy the warmth of a very FAMILY FRIENDLY get-together as we share in the JOY OF THE EUCHARIST with the HUGE choir, a new group of dancers and the very famous BAND!! Refreshments after Mass-SEE YOU ALL THERE!!
Margaret Cronin

****URGENT****

Year 12 Textbooks

Year 12 Textbook Order Forms have been distributed to students. To be eligible for the discount and to guarantee delivery before the end of Term 3, these orders must be in by **Thursday 20 August**.

Year 11 SLR & PDH Senior First Aid

A reminder to Year 11 SLR & PDH students who will undertake the Senior First Aid Certificate next Wednesday, 19 August, that they are to wear their sports uniform on the day. They are also advised to bring their own recess and lunch as the break times may not coincide with the Café opening times.

YR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

Students and Parents are reminded to be aware of the list of requirements that are needed for the camp from Wednesday 19 August to Friday 21 August. Please take special note of the items that are listed as being NOT PERMITTED. If you have misplaced the list, further copies can be obtained from Ms Brady.

Prayer Focus

In recent weeks, the prayer focus at the College has been on homelessness. Students in homeroom have learnt of the degree of homelessness in our country, the causes and other such issues arising from homelessness. Additionally, students have prayed everyday for those who are homeless and those who are in a position to help the many in need. There has also been fundraising and activities held at school to support St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) in their great work in helping those in need. Last Thursday evening we held Bennies Bring a Blanket. This wonderful event gave students the opportunity to understand why people become homeless, and to experience, in a limited way, what life would be like on the streets. Significantly, we were able to raise over \$700 to donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of the students, families and staff in our community we were also able to donate a significant amount of clothing and blankets to the Appeal. See our photo gallery on the next page.

Congratulation to the Social Action group on organising a wonderful evening and many thanks to Coles at Mt Annan for their substantial donation of the ingredients required to cook soup for the night and Baker's Choice at Oran Park for donating over 100 bread rolls for the evening.

The next prayer focus and subsequent activities will be on the Benedictine virtue of Hospitality and we look forward to some exciting activities around this topic.

Australian Geography Competition

Last term students from Years 9 & 10 entered the Australian Geography Competition. This is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers Association, the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and Macquarie University.

Over 76,000 students from 770 schools across Australia entered the competition, so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are progressing in certain aspects of Geography.

This being our inaugural year in the competition, we were excited to see a number of students achieving at a high level. The HSIE department would like to acknowledge and congratulate the efforts of those students who excelled in this competition:

Credit:

Gabrielle Hooton
Isaac Hobman
Anthony Conlon

Distinction:

Maddison Crawford
Elysse Stevens
Jayden Price

High Distinction:

Harrison Mäe

Mrs Natasha O'Flynn
HSIE Coordinator

Miss Bernadette Adams
Geography Competition Organiser

Congratulations Year 9 Geographers!



Thanks to

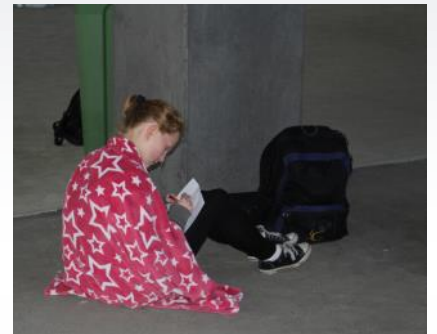
Coles at Mount Annan

for their very generous donation of all the ingredients for the soup on the evening. This meant a huge saving that we were then able to donate to the appeal.

Thanks to

Bakers Choice at Oran Park

for their generous donation of all the bread rolls for the evening. Another saving that we were able to donate to St Vincent de Paul.



Bennies Bring a Blanket 2015

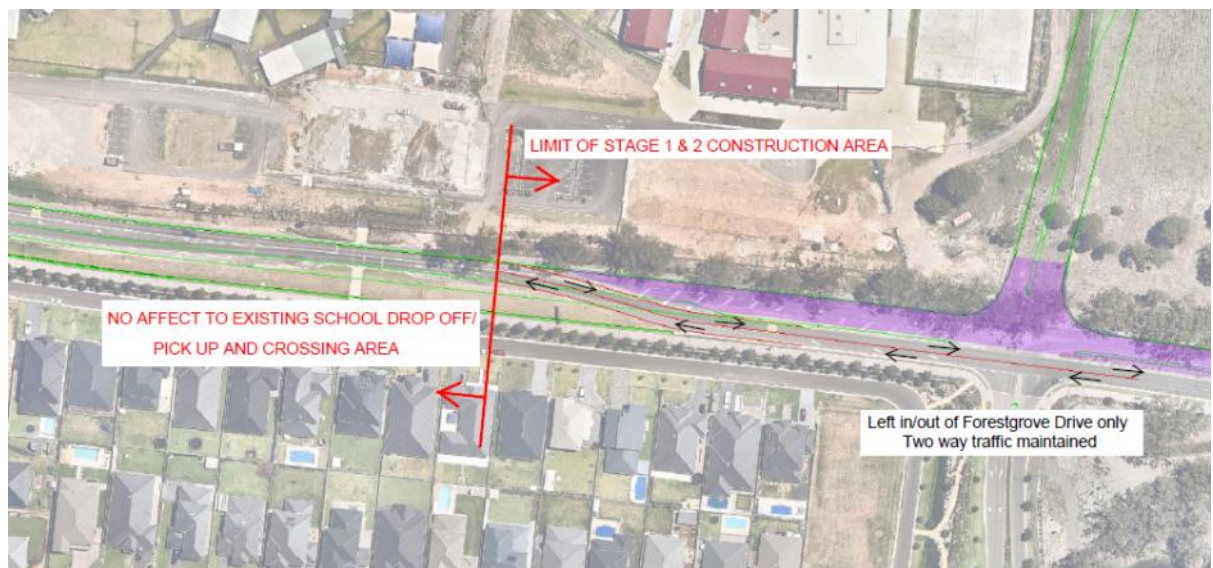


To whom it may concern,

TRN Group has been engaged to perform an upgrade of the existing Oran Park Drive between Harrington Parkway and Camden Valley Way. This upgrade will include a signalised intersection at Forestgrove Drive, and pavement construction to complete a dual lane carriageway along Oran Park Drive. The project will be staged to minimise disruption to through traffic, to St Benedict's/Justin's Catholic schools, and to residents of Harrington Grove.

Stages 1 & 2 of construction will involve the creation of the signalised intersection at Forestgrove Drive and all road upgrade works east to Camden Valley Way. During these works, Forestgrove Drive will operate only as left in/left out, no right turn will be permitted in or out. Appropriate detour signs will be placed throughout the Harrington Grove Estate to divert necessary traffic to Harrington Parkway. No disruption to the existing Catholic school crossing, pick up/drop off or bus stops are anticipated during this stage of works. These works are expected to take place August 2015 - June 2016.

Below is a sketch showing traffic relocations to be expected late August. The speed limit through the construction area has been specified as 40km/h.



Another update will be provided for the remaining works at a later date.

We thank you for your patience as we complete these works, and will do our best to minimise impacts to the community.

If you have any queries or concerns, feel free to email info@trn.com.au or phone our office on 4654 9900.

Kind Regards - TRN Group



'I dream of painting...then I paint my dream!'
- Vincent Van Gogh

All students are invited to enter into our first annual Bennies Art Prize!

You **do not** have to be a current art student to participate.

Guest judge from Campbelltown Arts Centre will be assisting in choosing the winner.

Great prizes to be won.

The topic for the artwork is **dream**. Students will enter only in their year groups.

Entries open: Tuesday 11 August (Week 5 - Term 3)

Entries close: Monday 31 August (Week 8 - Term 3)

For more information please see Mrs Castelli

CAREER NEWS

[My Skills Website](#) is a National directory on registered training organisations and course availability that Connects students and employers with training organisations and courses to suit their needs. For details, visit <http://www.myskills.gov.au/>

[Sydney Dance Company School](#) is holding some Holiday Workshops. For details visit <http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/>

UTS have new Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education and New Primary, Secondary Teaching Majors. For details, visit <http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/education/study-areas/teacher-education-undergraduate>

For advice on starting a hospitality career visit <http://www.discoverhospitality.com/>

More and more universities are offering Medicine as a Post Graduate Degree (a degree you do once you have already completed an Undergraduate Degree). In addition, a number of universities are offering suitable Undergraduate Pathways designed to equip students for Postgraduate Medicine studies. In 2016 the UOW are offering a new Undergraduate Degree, the Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health. Please note, however, that this does NOT guarantee entry into the Post Graduate Medicine Degree.

For more details about such Undergraduate Courses at this and other Universities, please consider the 2016 UAC Guide.

DO WHAT *you* LOVE

REACH for a career in the ADF



The Women in Defence team are giving you the opportunity to **"REACH for a career in the ADF"** by joining the team for an evening with current serving ADF Females and Indoor Rock Climbing.

You will have the opportunity to learn about the ADF, the recruitment process, eligibility, avenues of entry, education and fitness requirements. As well as hear about life experiences, career opportunities, lifestyle and the variety of benefits available to you being in the ADF.

Join us at The Climbing Centre Penrith
Unit 3, 16 Borec Road Penrith NSW 2750
Thursday 24th September 2015 at 6pm

Booking is essential—please email your name, phone number, Penrith rock climbing and any dietary requirements

RSVP to cmnswevents@dfc.com.au by Friday 11th September 2015



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