



# St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

<b>Wed 15</b>	Year 11 Subject Selection Evening Vaccinations #2 (Year 7)
<b>Tues 21</b>	MISA Dance Festival
<b>Fri 24</b>	Year 7 Zoo Excursion
<b>Mon 27</b>	Years 7-10 Half Yearly Reports distributed
<b>Wed 29</b>	Yr 11 2017 Initial Subject Selections open
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Evening

### JULY

<b>Fri 1</b>	Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Day <b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
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<b>Mon 18</b>	<b>1st day of Term 3</b>
<b>Wed 20</b>	College Athletics Carnival
<b>Fri 22</b>	Whole College photo
<b>Mon 25</b>	Diocesan Netball
<b>Fri 29</b>	Yr 11 2017 Final Subject Selections due

### AUGUST

<b>Mon 1</b>	CSSA Trial HSC exams commence
<b>Sat 6</b>	P&F Trivia Night
<b>Mon 15</b>	CSSA Trial HSC exams finish
<b>Wed 17</b>	Yr 8 into 9 Elective Information evening
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Bennies Bring a Blanket
<b>Fri 19</b>	Staff Development Day-Pupil Free
<b>Wed 24</b>	Parenting Teens Evening-Part 1 Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp commences
<b>Fri 26</b>	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp ends Yr 8 Reflection Day
<b>Wed 31</b>	Parenting Teens Evening-Part 2

Dear Parents

During the last week the College had the first of its Cyclic Review appraisals conducted by the Catholic Education Office. These occur every five or so years and examine school improvement. Essentially we were reviewed around our accomplishments in the first six years. I directed the panel to ignore the difficulties of the first four years and focus on three areas: our Catholicity based on a Benedictine spirituality, our Academic Care programme and our gains in Learning. The process involved a 360 degree review from all our stakeholders. I would like to thank the parents (who had children across all years), staff and students who gave their time to be involved and provide feedback to the panel.

No school is perfect in every way and it would be true to say that the feedback confirmed for us areas we had identified as still requiring work as we grow. However, the panel were united in affirming what we also know to be true: the College is a place where students are happy to come to school, there is great ownership by parents, students and staff of who we are and what we stand for and the improvements in learning for our students after joining us in Year 7 are something to be proud of. We have established a wonderful school of passionate teachers, students who love coming to school and a strong, Catholic focus based on Benedictine traditions.

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We wish Mrs Wilkinson (nee Brady) all the best as she prepares for the birth of her first child. We welcome Ms Lenita Abouchabake to the PDHPE faculty this week replacing Mrs Wilkinson until the end of the term. Mrs Abouchabake will be leading a team from her Parish to World Youth Day next term. Whilst we are talking World Youth Day, the Diocese has selected Mr Lo Cascio to lead a team of Diocesan representatives to Poland for World Youth Day in the first three weeks of next term and we congratulate him on that appointment. Mr Costin will be Acting Assistant Principal in his absence.

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Have you booked your tickets for the P&F Trivia Evening yet? Answering the questions are the least part of the evening with fun and games, laughs a plenty with our host Mr Davidson calling the shots and it promises to be a fun evening with friends. Get your table of 10 together and be prepared for a great night! Details of entries are elsewhere in the newsletter.

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We have had strong interest in hosting our first group of Japanese exchange students. We are still looking for another 6 families who could host a student for a week in August. If you would like to take part in a fantastic cross-cultural experience, the contact details are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Michael Hanratty  
Principal



## CATHOLIC MISSION AND VISION

### **Catechist Program:**

The College Catechist Program continues with students now in their second round of visits to Harrington Park Primary School. It has been pleasing to see the students enter this program with great enthusiasm and desire to help the younger students to better understand God. I received an email recently from the Parish coordinator of the Catechists mentioning just how enthusiastic and willing our students have been. Congratulations to all twenty 'Bennies' students who have been involved in the program.

### **Sacramental Program:**

The College, in conjunction with St Mary MacKillop Parish, has been preparing a Sacramental program for students who wish to further immerse themselves in the Catholic Tradition. At the moment we have 10-15 students engage in this program. Students will be able to receive the sacraments through the St Mary MacKillop Parish, which will be a great celebration of students receiving the sacraments. Good luck to these students and thank you also to Sr Anne-Marie, Anthony Conlon, Jake Schloeffel, Olivia Kavanagh, Monique Rossato and Taylor McGovern who are assisting with this program.

### **SBCC Youth group - GLOW:**

The SBCC Youth Group – GLOW starts in week 9. This will be a great opportunity for our students to discuss topical issues in today's society. Students and staff are busily organising fun games and activities for the afternoon. An afternoon 'snack' (pizza) will conclude the session. I am really looking forward to this event and I encourage students to attend this rewarding afternoon. Permission notes are available from homeroom teachers, the front office and myself.

### **Prayer focus and SVDP winter appeal collection:**

Our prayer Focus for the remainder of the term has moved into that of Homelessness. Homelessness is an issue in our society that affects over 100,000 people every night. Many people who find themselves homeless do so because of circumstances beyond their control. As Catholics, we are challenged to care for all. In fact, Pope Francis has called for us to ensure that we do what we can to help those who are in need. For the rest of the term, the Social Action group will be supporting the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Families are asked to have a look at home for any warm clothing or blankets that are in good condition, but no longer used, to donate to the school collection for Vinnies. We will donate these contributions on behalf of our community and try to make a difference to those who are in need. Students will be collecting clothing from homerooms every morning, so if families do have something to donate, just simply ask your child take the donation to homeroom and pass it onto the collector in the morning.

### **Prayer and conversation with the Bishop:**

The Secondary Prayer and Conversation with the Bishop was held recently and St Benedict's had the opportunity to send students to this meaningful event. Four students, accompanied by Mrs Castelli, met and prayed with the Bishop. We are blessed to have this opportunity to meet with Bishop Peter and for students to not only pray with him, but to ask questions and discuss issues of significance to young people.

David Costin  
Director of Mission and Vision



### Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is open, **by appointment only**, on Fridays, at 8am and 2:40pm.

Contact:

Libby Tully on 0409 460 169 for 8am on Friday

and

Rachael Zappia on 0402 247 088 for 2:40pm on Friday

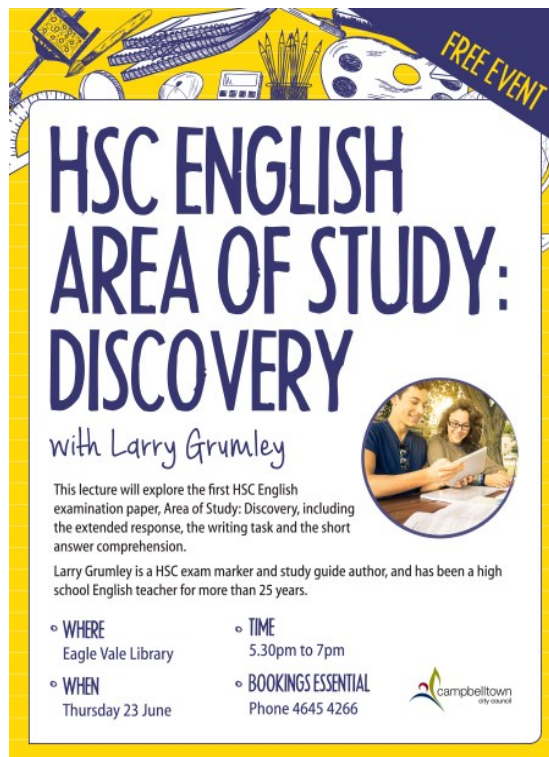
*For sale: Size 18 blazer, in good condition.*

For all enquiries, please contact Rachael Zappia.

### EQUESTRIAN NEWS

The annual Equestrian Carnival at Camden High School is once again open for entries.

It will be held on Saturday 10th September at Bicentennial Park. Members of the Equestrian Team should please contact Mrs Kylie Hill for details.



**HSC ENGLISH**  
**AREA OF STUDY:**  
**DISCOVERY**

with Larry Grumley

This lecture will explore the first HSC English examination paper, Area of Study: Discovery, including the extended response, the writing task and the short answer comprehension.


Larry Grumley is a HSC exam marker and study guide author, and has been a high school English teacher for more than 25 years.

◦ **WHERE**  
Eagle Vale Library

◦ **TIME**  
5.30pm to 7pm

◦ **WHEN**  
Thursday 23 June

◦ **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
Phone 4645 4266



**FREE EVENT**



St Benedict's have been invited to host a small group of co-ed Japanese high school students from 31 July to 11 August. These students are learning English in their home country and will be coming to Australia with an English teacher, to improve their conversational English and to experience our Australian culture and our beautiful natural environment.

**We are seeking expression of interest from school families who might be interested in hosting a student during their time at St Benedict's College.**

**\*\*Home stay hosts will be paid a tax free allowance for each student which will more than defray the costs of hosting.**

During their stay, the group will have English lessons and integrate with St Benedict's students during the day. Each Japanese student will have as a 'buddy', a student from our school.

All that is required is to provide a clean and tidy bedroom, all meals, including a packed lunch on school days, and to provide transport to and from school each day. This can include travelling with your child to and from school by school bus.

**As well as the stimulation of having a foreign student share your home for a few days, this will be a rewarding and memorable experience for Hosts and students alike.**

**Why not consider hosting a student in your home & enjoy this positive and rewarding experience?**

**CONTACT: Bill and Margaret Clark on 0418 215 990 or 0488 777 886 or Email: [bill.clark@edexaustralia.com.au](mailto:bill.clark@edexaustralia.com.au)**



# TRIVIA NIGHT!

The St. Benedict's Catholic College P&F  
Committee presents a

**Winter Wonderland  
Trivia Night!**

**Saturday August 6 2016**

**7pm – 11pm (doors open at 6.30pm)**

**\$20 per person (includes a light supper)**

**Bar Available**

**Tables of 8-10**

**Camden Sports Club**

**22 Cawdor Road, Camden, 2570**

**Prizes, Games & Loads of  
Fun throughout the night**

**RSVP**

**Monday July 25 2016**

**Lucy Bautovich 0402 221 151**



## ST BENEDICT'S TRIVIA NIGHT

### BOOKING FORM

I would like to purchase tickets for the St Benedict's Trivia Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016. I would like:

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Single tickets at \$20 each (please indicate number of tickets)

Names:

**OR**

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A table of ten for \$200

Team Member Names:

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

### Method of payment

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Direct deposit (Please include your name as a reference)

BSB: **062 624**

Account Number: **0091 3675**

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Cash enclosed

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Cheque enclosed (Made payable to SBCC P&F)

**Amount paid: \$**

### Contact Details

Contact Name: .....

Contact Mobile: .....

Contact Email: .....

Eldest Child's Name: .....

Home Room: .....

### Booking Forms & Payment

Please return your booking form and payment in an envelope to the school office, who will pass it on to the Trivia Night Committee to process.

### Enquiries

For any queries relating to this event please email Lucy Bautovich on 0402 221 151 or [admin@dalmaplumbing.com.au](mailto:admin@dalmaplumbing.com.au)

SEATS ARE LIMITED. IF ALL SEATS ARE SOLD OUT PRIOR TO YOUR BOOKING AND PAYMENT, A REFUND WILL BE GIVEN. TICKETS ARE NON REFUNDABLE, HOWEVER CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER NAME.

Kind Regards

St Benedict's Trivia Night Committee



# ALL NEW PARISH MISSION EVENT

PRESENTED BY **THE CATHOLIC GUY**

**MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PARISH**

2 AQUAMARINE DRIVE, EAGLE VALE NSW

14-17 JUNE 2016



DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF THE  
MISSION EVENT THAT HAS CHANGED  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

BE CHANGED ...BE RENEWED  
...BE **INSPIRED**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**



**THE CATHOLIC GUY**  
inspiring you to dream

**TheCatholicGuy.com**



## 4 inspiring sessions

### Session 1

Tuesday 14th June	9.30am
Tuesday 14th June	7.30pm

### Session 2

Wednesday 15th June	9.30am
Wednesday 15th June	7.30pm

### Session 3

Thursday 16th June	9.30am
Thursday 16th June	7.30pm

### Session 4

Friday 17th June	9.30am
Friday 17th June	7.30pm





Four  
inspiring  
sessions  
that take  
you on  
a life  
changing  
journey



*WOW!!! An amazing experience! Thought I'd just go to the first session, but after attending, I didn't want to miss the others.*

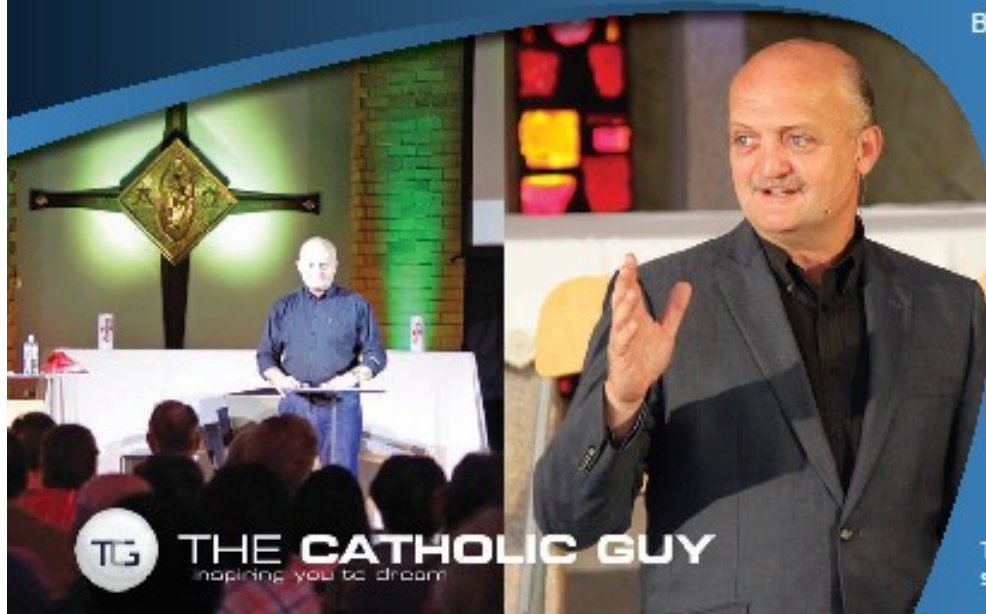
*My experience of the Catholic Guy Event was uplifting, inspiring and enriching. I have since changed career into an area I prior did not think I was capable of.*

*The fact that my daughter came to each session, loved it, when she is not a practicing catholic, gave me renewed hope.*

*It was just awesome. My husband and I had the best experience ever. Very powerful sessions allow us to talk more deeply about our relationship with God and the church. Amazing*

*The Catholic Guy event made me think about my relationship with God and the people in my life most important to me. It allowed me to stop and consider what really matters in my life.*

*The experience I had during The Catholic Guy Ministry is truly something you have to experience yourself. Being a teenager it is easy to lose the true meaning of being religious, and what Catholicism is about, and I honestly believe that Bruce has encouraged me to strengthen and continue my faith.*



Bruce Downes who presents an Australian Catholic television program is coming soon to your parish. This Event is one that you just have to experience no matter your age, stage or background. Presented through music and the arts, it is at times both deeply powerful and profoundly funny so come prepared to laugh. Don't miss out on an event that has touched the lives of thousands of people.

The Catholic Guy Television Program as seen on the Australian Christian Channel



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# positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

## Free two/three day workshop for parents and carers

**Workshop: 15-16NSWPC4**

**Location: Wollongong NSW**

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

### What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person's learning at home and at school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

### Workshop details

**Venue:** City Beach  
1 Marine Drive  
Wollongong NSW 2500

**When:** Two day workshop – Tuesday 21 June and Wednesday 22 June 2016 ( 2 consecutive days )  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations for the Two day workshop open on Tuesday 10 May 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au). You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email [parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au).

**Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 9.15 am – 12 noon (registration 8.30 am onwards). Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days**

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism.

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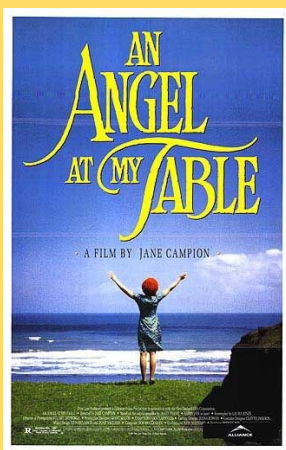




St Benedict's Catholic College Presents ....

## Understanding & Parenting Your Teen

... for first timers and those who don't want to forget!



Ever wondered what  
happened to the Angel at  
**YOUR** Table??

Can't work out what's  
"got into them"?



St Benedict's Catholic College presents a two night seminar on coming to grips with the teenager in your house.

To be held in an informal and welcoming local setting and whether it's your first teen or fourth, our experienced College Counsellor Gloria Melham, will walk you through some of the struggles of adolescence and the strategies in parenting to assist you in meeting each of the adolescent hurdles as they emerge at different stages.

**BE INFORMED!**

**SHARE YOUR OWN PARENTING STRATEGIES!**

### VENUE

St Benedict's Catholic College

### DATES

Wednesday 24 August 7:00pm—8:30pm  
and

Wednesday 31 August 7:00pm—8:30pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

Both sessions must be attended. The seminar will start at 7pm **SHARP!**

### COST

The seminar is **free** to all parents.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

To **register** your attendance please ring the office on 4631 5300.