



# St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

On the weekend, we celebrated Passion Sunday or what is more commonly called Palm Sunday. This marks the start of the Easter week ceremonies which are the most important celebrations within the Christian calendar. At this time of year, we are reminded of the death, and more importantly, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At the point of His death, Mark's gospel announces "And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom". This veil separated the Ark of the covenant from everyone except the High Priest of the temple in Jerusalem. In every respect, it was considered the point where an ordinary person could become closest to God. The main problem was that only the High Priest was permitted to enter this part of the temple. The veil was a physical separation but was symbolic of the separation of God from humans that existed before the death of Jesus. It was at that point that the veil was torn, and torn from the top. With the death of Jesus, the barrier between God and humanity had been broken and with the resurrection of Jesus, we now have the opportunity to reach eternal happiness in God. It is this possibility of hope that is so important in the Easter celebrations and the fact that God has chosen to continuously provide that connection; that hope for us. We simply need to take up that offer and live a life that follows the light of Jesus Christ.

In the coming week, I encourage all members of our community to attend whatever Easter celebrations you can. The students will attend Easter liturgies at school on Thursday morning but there will also be ceremonies in your local parish on Thursday evening, Good Friday,

Saturday vigil and Easter Sunday. It is in participating in the Easter Ceremonies, that we help to open our minds and hearts to the miracle of the resurrection.

Last week we held the College Cross Country carnival at the Australian Botanical Gardens at Mt Annan. This is a whole day community event and it was a pleasure to see so many parents turn up to enjoy the day with their children. The weather was perfect and the organization of the day was a credit to Mrs Periera and her team that had the day running smoothly. A big thank you to all the staff and the students who ensured the day was a complete success.

Over the last few weeks, we have given parents, students and staff the opportunity to reflect on, and comment on, the strengths of the College as well as areas for development. I thank all who have participated in these surveys. The results have been very encouraging and whilst we always have 'something to strive for', the feedback suggests that we are certainly on the right path.

On Thursday, our students in Year 11 and 7, as well as those new to the College, will receive a transition report. In reading these, I am buoyed by the positive comments and the way that these students have settled into our community. I ask all parents to discuss your child's progress through Term 1 and identify those strengths and areas for improvement that may exist in their schooling. It is this combined approach that is essential in the education of the young men and women at St Benedict's.

I remind all parents and students that we will return next term in winter uniform. Please ensure that your child's uniform is the correct fit and any changes to hair etc that may occur over the holidays are back to conforming to College rules when the students return.

I wish you all a very safe, happy and holy Easter break.

Steve Lo Cascio  
Acting Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

- Wed 1** Yrs 9 & 10 PASS Excursion  
**Thurs 2** Yrs 7 & 11 Transition Reports distributed  
Applications for Yr 7 2016 due  
**Last day of Term 1**

### TERM 2

### April

- Mon 20** First Day of Term 2  
**Wed 22** Dio Boys Soccer  
Dio Girls Touch Footy  
**Thurs 23** Yr 10 Duke of Ed Day 1  
Yr 7 History/Art Excursion Day 1  
**Fri 24** Yr 10 Duke of Ed Day 2  
Yr 7 History/Art Excursion Day 2  
**Wed 29** Dio Cross Country  
**Thurs 30** College Photo Day

### May

- Fri 1** St Benedict's Day Celebrations



## School Resumes

### Monday 20 April

Students return in full **WINTER** uniform,  
Including blazer.

Please ensure that your child's uniform is in good order and conforms to the College's Uniform Policy. Particular attention should be paid to the length of girls uniforms.

A reminder that haircuts and hair colour must also conform to the Uniform Policy.

## TRANSITION REPORTS

Transition Reports for Years 7 and 11 will be distributed to students on Thursday afternoon.

Students who are absent on the day may collect their reports on their return in Term 2. Reports will not be posted home.



## St Benedict's Uniform Shop

Last trading day for Term 1 – **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

Extra trading days - (By appointment only)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April -Hours: 2:00pm – 6:00pm  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Hours 9.00am – 1.00pm

Regular trading days resume on Tuesday, 21st April 2015

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Shop Location  
5/6 Porrende St, Narellan

### Normal Trading Hours during School Term

Tuesday: 9.00am – 1:00pm & Thursday: 2:00pm – 6.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: 9.00am – 1.00pm

## CAFÉ NEWS

### REMAINDERS:

- BAGS TO BE LEFT OUTSIDE OF CAFÉ
- HAVE YOUR CARD READY TO PURCHASE
- LUNCH ORDERS CAN BE MADE BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT THE RECESS BREAK
- CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO THE MENU

## News from Careers

Projections have recently been published by the Department of Employment Industry for the next 5 years to November 2015. In summary:

**Health Care and Social Assistance** is projected to make the largest contribution to employment growth (increasing by 258,000), followed by **Education and Training** (142,700), **Construction** (137,900) and **Professional, Scientific and Technical Services** (136,600). Together, these four industries are projected to provide more than half of total employment growth over the five years to November 2019.



## *Easter Services*

### **St Paul's Camden, John & Mitchell Sts**

Holy Thursday: 7pm  
 Good Friday: 10am Stations  
 3pm Passion  
 Easter Masses: Vigil 6pm, 7.30am, 9am,  
 10.30am, 5.30pm  
 Reconciliation: 1st Rite Saturdays 9.30am.  
 2nd Rite Mon 30 March 7pm

### **Leppington, Ingleburn Rd & Dickson St**

Holy Thursday: 7pm  
 Good Friday: 9am Stations  
 Easter Masses: 8am

### **St Anthony's Parish—Picton/Tahmoor 20 Stratford Road, Tahmoor**

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm  
 Good Friday: 10am Stations,  
 3pm Passion  
 Easter Masses: Vigil 7pm, 7.30am, 9.30am  
 Reconciliation: 1st Rite Good Friday after  
 Stations and Passion.  
 2nd Rite Thur 26 March 7pm

### **DOUGLAS PARK, 415 Douglas Park Dr**

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm  
 Good Friday: 11am Stations, 3pm Passion  
 Easter Masses: Vigil 7.30pm, 9am

### **St Aloysius Parish, Merlin Street,**

Holy Thursday: 7pm  
 Good Friday: 10am Stations, 3pm Passion  
 Easter Masses: Vigil 7pm, 9am (open air)  
 Reconciliation: 1st Rite Saturdays 10am-11am.  
 2nd Rite Tues 31 March 6.30pm



***Wishing you all the joys, hopes and blessings of this Easter season***

***From all at St Benedict's***



## SEASONS FOR GROWTH PARENTING

This workshop gives an understanding of divorce/separation from a child's perspective and helps parents to support their children through family change.

2 Wednesday mornings 10am - 12:30pm  
27th May & 3rd June 2015  
CatholicCare  
35A Cordeaux St  
Campbelltown

**Workshop Fee: \$15 per session**

## KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional & practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss & grief in parents and children, power grabs & impact on children.

5 Monday mornings 10am - 12:30pm  
27 April, 4, 11, 18 & 25 May 2015

CatholicCare  
35A Cordeaux Street  
Campbelltown

**Workshop Fee: \$20 per session**

## YOUTH WEEK in Camden

As part of Camden Council's Youth Week Program Camden Bowling Club is providing an afternoon of BAREFOOT BOWLS for Juniors from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, FREE with BBQ provided.

This is on Sunday 19th April (last Sunday in the holidays) and is open to 8-18 year olds.

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents will learn "mindfulness" techniques to increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings. They will learn to be more aware of their children's needs & how to better respond to their child's behaviour to improve their child's self identity, decrease parental stress & enhance the parent / child relationship.

3 Wednesday mornings 10am - 12:30pm  
22, 29 April & 6 May 2015  
CatholicCare  
35A Cordeaux St  
Campbelltown

**Workshop Fee: \$15 per session**

## MORE HARMONY NO HARM (MEN)

Topics covered include understanding and managing strong emotions, effective communication, assertiveness skills & positive behaviours for healthy relationships.

7 Thursday evenings 6:30pm - 9:00pm  
30 April, 7, 14, 21, 28 May, 4 & 11 June  
CatholicCare  
35A Cordeaux St  
Campbelltown

**Workshop Fee: \$15 per session**

## WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044

# EVER CONSIDERED



# BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

FIND OUT MORE

Attend a foster care Information Session and hear about fostering from local foster care agencies and foster carers

You will learn about:

- steps to become a foster carer
- roles and responsibilities of foster carers
- support available to foster carers
- the need for all types of carers, especially Immediate 'crisis' carers

**Wednesday 29th April**

6:30pm - 8pm

Venue: Campbelltown RSL Club  
1 Carberry Lane  
Campbelltown

To register your attendance contact Savita on:

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