



# St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

**Mon 23** Yrs 9 & 10 Semester 1 Exams start  
**Tues 24** P & F Meeting 7pm @ the College  
**Fri 27** Yrs 9 & 10 Semester 1 Exams end

### JUNE

**Fri 10** Staff Development Day-Pupil Free  
**Mon 13** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
**Wed 15** Parenting Teens Evening Part 1  
Vaccinations #2 (Year 7)  
**Wed 22** Parenting Teens Evening Part 2  
**Fri 24** Year 7 Science Excursion  
**Thurs 30** Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Evening

### JULY

**Fri 1** Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Day

### Last Day of Term 2

### JULY

**Mon 18** 1st day of Term 3  
**Wed 20** College Athletics Carnival  
**Fri 22** Whole College photo

### **P&F Meeting**

**Tuesday 24 May**

**7:00pm**

**at the College**

It would be great to see you there.

## Café News

Made Fresh "Burger Bar" back for  
Winter

Cheese & Beef Burger	\$5.00
Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Chargrilled Chicken Burger	\$5.50
Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$5.50
Add Cheese	50c
Add Egg	50c
Add Bacon	\$1.00

Make it a Meal Deal add water for \$1

**Coming soon - Made Fresh Soup**

Creamy Pumpkin, Chunky Veg,  
Chicken & Veg.

Dear Parents

*"The Purpose of Schooling Isn't to Get Good at School"*

In a busy time with enrolments for Year 7 at the moment, I have been listening to the hopes and dreams of many families as they set sail with their 11 year olds into the world of Secondary Education. Students speak about what career they want, parents often talk about the *kind* of education and the *culture* of the school they are looking for. This year in particular, parents explicitly are seeking a partner in raising their child in the Catholic culture. Rightly, few people speak to specific content they want their children to learn in English, Mathematics or History.

At St Benedict's, we *understand that learning content is not the goal of schooling, it's the means*. We would consider it a great success if as a parent, you were surprised by your child doing or saying something that was based on what they had learned in classes at school. The *transfer* of learning, making meaning outside the classroom, or even the lesson, is what schooling is all about. Even well-taught students don't transfer very well. Many students do poorly in high stakes testing (HSC/NAPLAN/PISA) because they don't see that an unfamiliar looking question is related to something they have learned in class.

Our teachers are very focused on having our students able to see on their own how in a new setting, past content applies – without the past learning being prompted. These are the children who will have the initiative and independent transfer thinking skills for the jobs of tomorrow rather than the 'rote learn today, forgot tomorrow' students of the past.

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Last week we celebrated St Benedict's Day with a beautiful Mass, the awarding of our 100 Merit Badges and Personal Best Awards and amongst other activities held, a fantastic "Bennies Got Talent" showcase of some individual skills in dance and song. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in a day celebrating all things "Benedictine".

Have a great week.

Michael Hanratty  
Principal

## CATHOLIC VISION AND MISSION



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### MASS TIMES

**SATURDAYS 5pm**  
St Mary MacKillop

**SUNDAYS 8am**  
St Mary Mother of God

**SUNDAYS 10am**  
St Mary MacKillop

**SUNDAYS 5pm**  
St Mary MacKillop

St Mary MacKillop Church  
94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

St Mary Mother of God Church  
Corner Ingelbarn & Dickson Rds, Leppington

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 [facebook.com/oranparkparish](https://facebook.com/oranparkparish)

### St Anthony's Tahmoor

The next Family Mass at St Anthony's, Tahmoor, is on Saturday, 21 May @ 5-00pm (note the Winter Time).

Come and share the JOY of Mass, sing and clap along with the vibrant MUSIC, and get into the SPIRIT of the Liturgical Dance and enjoy the REFRESHMENTS after Mass.

See you all there –Margaret Cronin.

### SICK STUDENTS

With the coming of winter and the cold and flu season, we are requesting that students be kept at home if ill. Beside the prospect of spreading viruses the College has limits of both space and staffing to monitor sick children in Sick Bay.

If a child reports to Sick Bay and is considered too ill to remain in class, parents will be contacted to make arrangements to collect the child.



The prayer focus for the first half of this term is that of Stewardship. This is an important Benedictine virtue that looks at the concept of stewardship of others, our 'things' and the environment. In fact St Benedict, in the Rule, talks about "treating all things as if they are the sacred vessels of the altar". As we have prayed for this focus, we have also asked students to contemplate how they can be good stewards. This can be a difficult challenge at times in our modern society.

In order to help students understand the importance of Stewardship, the Social Action group has organised some activities that are based around this theme. Last Friday, we held the inaugural SBCC Earth Day. This is a day where all staff and students were encouraged to understand how much electricity we actually use and to reduce our carbon footprint. It was great to see many classrooms use the natural sunlight and other electricity reducing methods to try and help achieve this goal.

Our next planned activity is Clean Up Bennies Day in week 6. This will remind us to take responsibility for the school and ensure that we are keeping the entire area clean and well maintained. Apart from being an important Benedictine virtue, the area of environmental stewardship has raised recent attention from Pope Francis. In his Encyclical 'Laudato Si', the pontiff remind us of the importance of being good stewards:

*'we must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it' (229)*

Recently the College held its School Celebration day – or Feast Day celebration. This is a great day where we celebrate, not only the teachings of St Benedict, but also the wonderful school community that we have built here. The day started with Mass, celebrated by Fr David. The Mass was a beautiful celebration and Fr David again inspired students with his homily. After Mass, the P&F provided morning tea for the parents and award recipients. After recess, a group of Year 10 and 11 students organised an Amazing Race Trivia activity for the students, which was a lot of fun. We concluded with Bennies Got Talent, which continues to grow and be a wonderful showcase of our talented students. The successful day was due to the contributions of many staff and students and a big thank you to all who were involved. There is a student report on the day in the newsletter for those wanting to know more.

Recently Year 10 attended their Reflection Day. This day is built around the curriculum and in particular a unit called 'Working for Justice in Australia'. The day began with Sam Clear, an inspirational man who walked the world for Christian unity and care for others. We also played a 'world's resource' game and had some time for reflection and journaling. A big thank you to all of the staff and students who displayed such a positive attitude on this day.

Finally, just a reminder that our Social Action group has been very busy meeting and organising activities and I encourage all students to join this growing group.

Mr David Costin  
Director of Mission and Vision

## Community Outreach: Carrington Nursing Home

The St Benedict's Catholic College Community Outreach program offers students the opportunity to visit Carrington Nursing Home. Each term new students begin this encounter with residents so that they can share in the lives of others by simply having a friendly chat, helping with craft or just being present to fill what could otherwise be a lonely and confusing hour.

Students are to be commended for their interaction and consideration of the amazing people they met during their time at Carrington. The connections that were made throughout the term were genuine and filled with compassion. Students have contributed some words of reflection of their experience:

*It was a really cool experience to be able to get to know these people by visiting them every week. They eventually became our friends. We played games and laughed the whole time. We would make jokes and share stories with all of them. I enjoyed every part of it! I would love to do it again.*

*Taila*

*Students that experience the Carrington Outreach program can expect to be challenged and rewarded throughout their visits. Challenges of this Outreach program included finding ways to communicate with residents, some spoke quietly, some found it difficult to engage in a conversation and sometimes the pronunciation of words were difficult to understand. These challenges were worthwhile learning experiences as they presented us with a view into the lives of others. On another level, we were also able to build on our own communication skills. Initially, I was worried about what I was going to talk about or how I should respond. However, as time went on I realised that the real value of spending time with the residents came from just being myself and taking the time to listen. By far the biggest challenge was leaving the residents after we formed significant bonds of friendship throughout the term. The residents got to know us and they looked forward to our visit each week, to share their word games, painting, stories and witty personalities. I really enjoyed walking in each time and being greeted by residents who made my group and I feel like we made a difference. I would definitely consider volunteering during my school holidays, because I enjoyed hanging out and talking with the residents. Spending time with them made me feel happy and I enjoyed being part of the reason they had smiles on their faces.*

*Meghan*

Well done to these Year 11 students! Stepping outside your comfort zone is never easy, but it can be so worthwhile.

The Community Outreach program continues this term with a new group of students and we look forward to hearing about their encounters soon.

Mr David Costin  
Director of Mission

### Senior Maths Study Group

**General Mathematics**  
**Mathematics 2 unit**  
**Mathematics Extension**

**Wednesdays after school: 2.45pm – 3.45pm**  
**Room B1**

- Come along and enjoy a relaxed, informal atmosphere of with other senior maths students.
- Get all your maths needs sorted with the help of one or more of the Maths staff.
- Prepare for upcoming assessment tasks.
- Complete homework.
- Begin/continue revision for assessments.
- Practice past HSC exam questions.

**See you there!!**





**PHOTO GALLERY**

**Year 10 Reflection Day**

**St Benedict's Day Celebrations**

**CCC Swimming Reps**

**Diocesan Soccer Carnival**

**ANZAC Day Service**



## A few words from the ENGLISH DEPARTMENT .....

### Write Away

As a continuation of sharing our experiences during our writer's group, students have graciously contributed blurbs to share with the Benny's community. These blurbs represent stories that are either finished or a work in progress; regardless, they are a result of a passion for creativity and the written word!

The writers group meets every Monday A and Wednesday B at lunchtime in room D7. We always look forward to welcoming new wordsmiths!

Mrs Therese Creswick

### Untitled

The land of Spera is an ancient land renowned for its traditions in the magical arts. Upon being accepted into the prestigious academy, *Ludum Magicae*, 17-year-old Skylar is thrilled to be able to develop her magical talents. However, with the constant threat of the sinister Shadow Society, as well as the mysterious intentions of fellow classmate Crispin, Skylar discovers that more could be at stake not only for herself and the academy, but for the entire nation of Spera itself.

Erin

### Untitled

Imagine all the challenges one girl can face. Read the story of a girl whose life was turned around from 8 months old. From chemo to creative writing, there have been so many incredible experiences. This is her story!

Anonymous

### Brill

In a world where certain individuals possess remarkable abilities, 15 year old Thomas Parks vanishes without a trace. 19 years later, Thomas' younger brother William is a detective working alongside his partner Collins Brooks. While the indiscriminate kidnappings have progressively increased over the years, Parks puts everything on the line to solve the obscure abductions and apprehend the culprit. As he delves into the suspicious mysteries he gradually unearths the underworld of the city of Tarunton and all the dirty secrets buried away...

Anonymous

### Six Sages

Demoiselle, a place of ordinary persuasions and the home to each of the foretold Six Sages of Life. And the Six Dark Sages of Death.

*"Five sages, doomed to fall.*

*Led by one, The Master of all.*

*The Healer.*

*The Dragon Rider.*

*The Flying Light.*

*The Pack Leader.*

*The Bringer of Lamia.*

*And The Master of All.*

*The Choice of good or bad, they must decide.*

*Or will be forced, out of fear, to run and hide."*

Based on a prophecy, foretold centuries before the events would even unfold, the lives of five young men and women are changed forever. Facing their own troubles, the Sages are forced into something their own hearts will not let them escape. Imagine living a life that was predestined for you, one where you were destined to save the world or destroy it. A choice destined to be made.

That's the life of a Sage for you.

-Ari Saint

### Crow Boy

In the small town Vanhare looms a school of the highest academically gifted in the state. Felicity was one of the brighter students, her achievements preceded her wherever she went, but no amount of intelligence could have prepared her for the arrival of a new student. Jack, a peculiar student, flanked by an ominous murder of crows piques, the interest of Felicity. Will their friendship be true? What Jack is hiding about himself will shake not only the town but the entire world!

-JackAce

### America 1775

It is 1775 America, it is a new year and George Washington is the general of the colonial army against the British Empire. War will soon begin and there will be no peace for many years in what we call America. Such a bloody battle with many untold stories. History did not tell you everything, but Samuels Adams can...

By Abraham James



## **Students Excel at Cross Country Carnival**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, St Benedict students attended the 2016 Wollongong Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Nowra and overall the day was a success for the College. It was an early Monday morning start for 46 students who arrived at school at 5:45am in order to make the bus trip to Nowra. We arrived at the venue after a 2 hour trip .

Everyone that participated in the carnival gave 100% effort and there were two students who stood out on the day. Charlise McCarthy of Year 7 ran the 3 kilometre course and finished in 6th place. This has led her to the next level, representing the Diocese, at Eastern Creek. Congratulations Charlise on your great achievement! Our success did not end there. Louis Hall finished 7th in the Under 12 boys. Louis is now the first reserve for the next level - congratulations Louis!

Well done to everyone who participated, we look forward to hearing the results of the next level.

Cooper Davidson  
Year 10

## **CCC Swimming Carnival**

We may be an establishing school, however we have some rising talents in the swimming domain. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April saw five of our best swimmers represent not only the College but the Wollongong Diocese at the CCC Swimming Carnival. The students come up against some fierce swimmers but that didn't stop our students swimming their best. On the day Dylan Birkbeck was able to swim a PB in his event. Congratulations to the following students: Isabella Ravino, Bianca Moubarak, Dylan Birkbeck, Ashely Bales and Bryanna Rixon on their solid efforts and great achievements. These results just go to show how much talent we have in the pool at the College.

Miss Liska

## **DIO FOOTBALL REPORT**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April was a busy day at the College in sport. There were six teams that went to various locations, some leaving early and coming back late, to represent the College in the DIO Football Competition. We had some great results, which was fantastic!!!! Thanks to all the coaches who assisted on the day: Mr Lo Cascio, Mr Shelton, Mr Limbrey, Mr Jolly, Mr Turton and Mrs Wilkinson.

### **Under 13 Girls**

Congratulations to the under 13's girls. Every game you played you tried your very best and never gave up. Having a mixture of year groups playing together for the first time was difficult at first, however by the end of the day, you all came together as a team and supported and encouraged one another. Your sportsmanship is to be commended. Coming up against some difficult schools like St Mary's first off was hard however that didn't let your spirits down rather you were able to pick yourself up and try even harder against the other team. Congratulations to: Aaliyah Abouslaibi, Rachel Bartolone, Tiffiney Eid, Emily Hogan, Grace Jessup, Alyssa Newcombe, Mickayla Noble, Isabella Salazar, Hannah Small, Charlotte Stanley, Sara Soloman, Jacqui Turnbull, Alex Whitton and Hannah Zappia.

Miss Julia Liska

### **Under 15 Girls**

What an effort by the 15s girls at the Diocesan Championships. Not knowing what to expect the girls put in a spectacular show to finish 3rd overall out of the 11 Schools that competed on the day only losing one match to eventual runners-up St Mary's 3 - 1. Winning three games against some outstanding opposition in St John's Nowra, Magdalene High School and Corpus Christi with 1 - 0 wins in each of these games, the girls were unable to get over the top St Mary's after leading late in the game 1-0, St Mary's came home too strong and were the eventual winners.

Great efforts by the group with Jessy Arnold and Leah Brown leading the defence, with Jayme Willingham leading the attack. Some excellent work in the middle of the field by Gabbi Sarkis, Caitlyn Orridge and Paige Gabriel allowed the group to play as a team throughout. Congratulations to all girls on an outstanding day and some fantastic results.

Mr Michael Turton





### Open Girls

The girls worked well as a team and come up against so tough teams on the day. They displayed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following girls: Emily Arnold, Madeleine Constantine, Maddison Evans, Breannah Hammond, Cate Ives, Ebony Jolly, Alice Osborne, Annalyse Papaleo, Gabrielle Pedder, Isabella Taylor, Mia Taylor, Elysse Triantis, Paryss Tully, Jenna Sarkis, Emily Walker and Emily Winters.

Mr Matthew Limbrey

### Under 13 Boys

The boys worked well as a team and come up against so tough opposition on the day. They displayed great sportsmanship and tried their very best in every game they played. Congratulations to the following boys: Ryan Dziwiewa, Anthony Ellul, James Haslim, Sebastian Hurtado, Ethan Lane, Jayden Madrid, Josh Ogden, Joseph Pace, Elijah Phair, Luke Rossato, Isaac Savona, Troy Seniuk, Jaytee Spiteri and Aiden Wood.

Mr Alan Jolly

### Under 15 Boys

The Under 15 boys played at Mount Carmel. They were going to have to work hard to get out of the pool stage of the competition.

Game 1 v Magdalene - Win 1-0 (J. Smart)

Game 2 v St John's - Draw 1-1 (J. Stanojovic)

Game 3 v Corpus Christi - Lost 1-0

Game 4 v Edmund Rice - Win 3-1 (J. Stanojovic, J. Smart, N. Ross)

The team were placed 1st in their pool which was an outstanding result. We were drawn Holy Spirit in the Semi Final. Holy Spirit were a much bigger and older team and our players really took it to them. In the end we were outclassed 3-0. Holy Spirit went on to win the Grand Final.

We then had a play off against Corpus Christi for 3rd place. The players were very keen to go home with a place in this competition. We outplayed Corpus across the field and were deserved winners 2-1 (J. Stanojovic and M. Poole). It was a great day to be involved with this team. They were outstanding ambassadors for our College and will be a very hard team to beat again next year after this result.

Mr Chris Shelton

### Open Boys

The Senior Boys soccer team travelled to Woonona to compete against 8 other schools split into two pools. The boys were challenging teams mostly comprising Year 12 students and acquitted themselves with pride. In the three pool rounds, they drew one game and lost the other two by only two goals. All students displayed a determination and conduct both on and off the field that will help to establish proud traditions at St Benedict's. The boys gained a wealth of experience and at the end of the day, Thomas Walker was named as a shadow representative for the Wollongong Diocesan team. Congratulations to all the students for some very entertaining games.

Mr Steve Lo Cascio

### **FREE PARENT FORUM ON ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH**

Parents desperate for insight into the minds of their children are urged to come along to the ground-breaking „Can We Talk“ forum. On stage will be clinical experts, parents and young people telling their stories; the NRL's State of Mind Ambassadors **Nathan Hindmarsh** and **Dene Halatai**, and local police; all available to answer audience questions.

**This FREE forum will be held at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Wednesday 18 May, from 6.30-8.30pm (doors open 6-6.15pm).**

Partnering with leading mental health organisations, Headspace in Campbelltown and Sydney University's Brain Mind Centre, these ground-breaking free forums will connect our readers - especially parents - with the services and experts who can help. For more information please visit [www.dailytelegraph.com.au/canwetalk](http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/canwetalk)

# 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:

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

Names: .....

.....

### OR

☐ A table of ten for \$200

Team Member Names:

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

### Method of payment

☐ Direct deposit (Please include your name as a reference)

BSB: **062 624** Account Number: **0091 3675**

☐ Cash enclosed

☐ 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

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## 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

