



St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Mon 6	Clean Up Bennies Day
Thurs 9	Year 10 Careers Expo
Fri 10	Staff Development Day-Pupil Free
Mon 13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 15	Year 11 Subject Selection Evening Vaccinations #2 (Year 7)
Tues 21	MISA Dance Festival
Fri 24	Year 7 Zoo Excursion
Mon 27	Years 7-10 Half Yearly Reports distributed
Wed 29	Yr 11 2017 Initial Subject Selections open
Thurs 30	Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Evening

JULY

Fri 1	Yrs 8-10 Parent Teacher Day Last Day of Term 2
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JULY

Mon 18	1st day of Term 3
Wed 20	College Athletics Carnival
Fri 22	Whole College photo
Mon 25	Diocesan Netball
Fri 29	Yr 11 2017 Final Subject Selections due

AUGUST

Mon 1	CSSA Trial HSC exams commence
Sat 6	P&F Trivia Night
Mon 15	CSSA Trial HSC exams finish
Wed 17	Yr 8 into 9 Elective Information evening
Thurs 18	Bennies Bring a Blanket

Change of Dates

Parenting Teens Evening

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Parenting Teens Evening has been moved to:

Wednesday 24 August

and

Wednesday 31 August

See the attached flyer for further details.

Dear Parents and Carers

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. There are a number of unique customs associated with the Feast of Corpus Christi. Among them are pageants and processions that originated during the Middle Ages. During the Baroque Period of the 17th century many of the processions throughout Europe introduced colourful characters and themes from both legend and the Bible, including the tales of David and Goliath and Saint George and the dragon. However, by the end of the 18th century, many of these colourful displays were no longer popular with the Church, resulting in their removal.

In France and other portions of Central Europe, the Feast of Corpus Christi is also known as the Day of Wreaths. Large bouquets of flowers are carried in processions on the tops of long wooden poles and wreaths of colorful flowers are placed on houses, gardens, and fields. Cities and towns are adorned with wreaths of delicate flowers and green boughs as processions of both clergy and laity honor the Eucharist.

Perhaps the most obscure custom of the Feast is the naming of bodies of water and places in its honour. Franciscan missionaries originally named the Gulf of Mexico the "Bay of Corpus Christi," and gave the mission there the same name. While in California, the mission at Sacramento and its corresponding river were named in honour of the Eucharist.

While Corpus Christi is, generally speaking, a minor feast of the Church, for many Catholics, particular those in Europe, it is an annual celebration. In many of our local communities, this weekend involves "Festa!" including Eucharistic processions and the assembling of extended families to share a meal. For the Church on the whole, the Feast of the Body of Christ symbolizes the Eucharist and Communion, identifying the belief in the death of Christ and His resurrection.

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During last week, pedestrian arrangements changed at the front of the College with students now entering and exiting via the gate at the traffic lights. The arrangements for afternoon staff supervision will change over the next few weeks when the Library is formally opened. The *current* arrangements that are continuing:

- Those students leaving the property via the gate are accompanied to the traffic lights by a staff member to ensure an orderly and safe departure through the car park.
- Students waiting for a sibling at St Justin's will be supervised until 3pm in the current entry plaza, when they are then required to move to St Justin's.
- Students who *leave the property and return to pick up a sibling do so at their own risk*. Fencing will soon be completed at the St Benedict's boundary and this will be locked at 3pm sharp. Entrance and exit to the school after that time will then only be via the entry gate near the student foyer.

We anticipate that the 'sibling pick up' students will in future be waiting in the Library and completing homework from 2.35 until their dismissal at 3pm.

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
and

Rachael Zappia on 0402 247 088
for 2:40pm

For enquiries, please contact Rachael Zappia.

BUS PASSES

All matters concerning bus pass applications or changes of details are to be completed online at the Transport NSW site:

transportnsw.info/school-students.

Please note that this also applies to those students using Picton Buslines.

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.

Please contact Mrs Kylie Hill for details.

Congratulations to Fr David and the Parish team on the Blessing and Opening of St Mary McKillop Parish church on Saturday. Bishop Peter Ingham presided over a beautiful liturgy and large numbers of parents from the adjoining schools were in attendance.

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The College will be hosting a number of Japanese students from July 31 and this will be our first foray into an overseas student immersion programme. It is an exciting opportunity for about 15 St Benedict's families to participate in an intercultural experience for 10 days. I hope you think about the wonderful benefits for your own children that this will bring and your family are prepared to host a young person. Students are between 12-16 years of age and from a variety of high schools across Japan. Their English skills vary from excellent to beginner. Support for host families is extensive with some financial recompense for ongoing food and transport and incidentals. Details of the arrangements including the date for the Information Session for interested families are to be found elsewhere in the newsletter. We are very excited by this opportunity to join a growing number of schools who participate in intercultural experiences.

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Thank you to all parents who supported our College Photo Day this year. The students presented themselves very well. We now look forward to our "Whole School Photo" being taken early next term in the new entry plaza between the Library and the Administration. This is the third in the series and represents the growth of the College to Year 12. The last in the series will be taken in 2020 when our first 6 stream reaches Year 12 and we reach our maximum numbers.

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Once again our students undertaking Workplace Training in our TAFE subjects have distinguished themselves with outstanding reports from employers. Congratulations in particular to Carmine Pellegrino who so impressed his employers in the Construction sector that he was offered an apprenticeship to start immediately. This continues our success with several students last year who also secured apprenticeships.

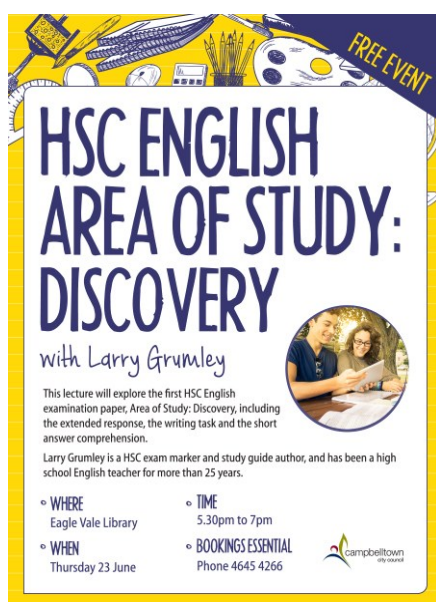
Michael Hanratty
Principal

STUDY SKILLS SESSIONS

This week Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services (www.enhanced-learning.net) ran a study skills session with Year 7 and 11 students.

In the Year 7 session, students evaluated their approach to school so far and identified areas for improvement. Students looked at ideas to help them be more organised and how to use their diary as a planning tool. Year 7 was also introduced to the concept of study notes and the 3 steps to studying effectively in high school.

The main areas covered with Year 11 were setting up an effective home study environment, managing resources for school both paper and digital, working effectively at home and dealing with distractions, using the diary as a planning tool, making brain-friendly study notes and using a wide variety of active study techniques. Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the session with students and discuss the main areas identified where changes need to be made. Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: <http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/>.



A promotional poster for an HSC English event. The title 'HSC ENGLISH AREA OF STUDY: DISCOVERY' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, 'with Larry Grumley' is written in a cursive font. A circular inset photo shows two students, a boy and a girl, looking at a book together. The poster includes details about the event: '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.' It also mentions 'Larry Grumley is a HSC exam marker and study guide author, and has been a high school English teacher for more than 25 years.' At the bottom, there is a table with event details: 'WHERE: Eagle Vale Library', 'TIME: 5.30pm to 7pm', 'WHEN: Thursday 23 June', and 'BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Phone 4645 4266'. The logo for 'campbelltown city school' is in the bottom right corner. A yellow banner at the top right says 'FREE EVENT'.


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DISCOVERY**

with Larry Grumley

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COLLEGE MISSION AND VISION

The Sacramental program continues to gain momentum. This program allows students to undertake course(s) in Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, in preparation for receiving the sacraments. Dates have been set for the program which will be run at the College as well as the Mass for those students receiving the sacraments. Any student who is interested in accessing the sacraments but has not seen me about this, should do so as soon as possible.

The Religious Education curriculum program at the College has been very busy. Apart from normal classes, students have been busy completing their Assessment tasks. Students in year 7 have been busy creating 'trading cards' of famous people from the Bible and responding to the challenge of understanding the significance of sacred stories and the importance of sharing them. Year 8 has been completing the unit, "The teachings of Jesus". In an inspiring unit it has been pleasing to see students develop their understanding of Jesus' teachings in the parables and relate them to their every day lives. Year 9 has been working on "The story of the Church in Australia" unit. The assessment task involved students showing their understanding of the early days of the Church in Australia and the lasting legacy of the hard work of the many men and women involved throughout our history. Year 10 completed an exam on Christian Denomination and some of the causes for separation, similarities and differences amongst them. It was pleasing to see so many students across the school prepare well for these assessment tasks in order to impart their knowledge of our faith and to apply their understanding to today.

The St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal for 2016 has begun. Once again we ask for donations of warm clothing and blankets to assist Vinnies to help those less fortunate than ourselves, with particular emphases on the homeless. All donations should be clean and in good repair, and will be collected through homerooms. Our community response last year was impressive and we hope to rise to the challenge again this year with our support of this wonderful cause.

Clean up Bennies day is next Monday, 6 June, and as part of our theme of stewardship, students will be asked to volunteer their lunchtime to ensure that we take great care and pride for our environment. Last year we had approximately 60 students volunteer their time and it would be great if we could exceed this number. As the building works quickly progress, more areas are made available for us to access and care for so I encourage all to get involved in this initiative.

Finally the many opportunities that our young people have to experience the faith continues to grow. GLOW, the new St Benedict's Youth Group, will have its first meeting on Friday the 24th June. This will be a really fun and engaging afternoon for students of all ages. The group concludes at 5pm, after sharing a meal together (pizza) and some light entertainment. This is a 'Bennies' initiative and is free of charge to students. I would encourage all to come along and experience this group, to see if you enjoy it. Students attending must hand in the permission note prior to the event and parents should be aware that their child should be collected at 5pm.

David Costin

Introducing ReachOut Parents

ReachOut is Australia's leading online mental health organisation for young people.

When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they're more likely to get it. That's why a new service to help parents help teenagers has been released: [ReachOut.com/Parents](https://reachout.com/parents).

[ReachOut.com/Parents](https://reachout.com/parents) provides information, tools and resources to help parents and carers support the 12–18 year-olds in their family environment. On the site, parents will find:

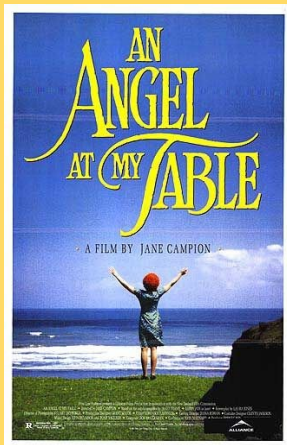
- fact sheets, stories, practical tips and tools covering a range of topics, issues and experiences that are relevant to teenagers aged 12–18 years
- an online community forum where you can talk to other parents about your experiences and work through your concerns in a safe, anonymous environment.



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.

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.



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 6th August 2016. I would like:

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

Names:

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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

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



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



Congratulations

... to Peterson Caccamo of Year 7 who represented St Benedict's at the recent schools fencing tournament. He missed the finals by 1 point in a very close bout. After fencing for only 15 months, Peterson is now ranked in the top 10.