



# St Benedict's

## Catholic College

### Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### August

- Thurs 6** College Athletics Carnival
- Tues 11** P&F Meeting 7pm @ the College
- Wed 12** Yr 9 2016 Elective Evening
- Thur 13** Bennies Bring a Blanket
- Fri 14** Staff Development Day—Pupil Free
- Sat 15** Feast of The Assumption
- Wed 19** Year 10 Outdoor Camp begins  
Year 11 SLR & PDH Excursion
- Fri 21** Year 10 Camp finishes  
Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- Wed 26** Yr 7 Maths Incursion
- Thurs 27** Yrs 8 & 9 Maths Incursion

Dear Parents

#### *"I am the Bread of Life"*

This week's Gospel reading is one I am particularly attentive to as it is particularly relevant for what parents are often seeking in education for their children. In the Gospel, large crowds of people were attracted to Jesus for basic reasons: a free feed! They chase him across the lake and even quote scripture at him to convince him he should provide them with manna – nourishment, as Moses did. Jesus' reply brings words of promise - but they are also words which challenge. People were attracted to Jesus by the gift of bread to feed their bodies. That attraction caused them to seek and find him - expecting more of the same. Instead, Jesus offers something bigger - less easy to grasp - but something which will, in the end be infinitely more satisfying. As our parents understand, it isn't the surface feature that matter, it is the power of the values taught and the relationships formed that make a good school. It's less easy to grasp than looking at pretty buildings, but infinitely more satisfying.

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Last week the process of selection of College prefects and Captains commenced. It is the last piece of the puzzle in our student voice and student leadership programme. From Year 9 onwards, students have the opportunity to undertake the College Leadership Diploma at two levels. In doing so, they provide selfless leadership in a variety of ways culminating in 'The Project', where, for their Gold Diploma, the students must on their own or with others, create an event in which the whole school can participate. Prefect nominees were interviewed throughout last week and School Captains (who qualify through the Diploma programme) will be interviewed this Friday. Good luck to all!

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Last week Year 10 students and their parents attended the Year 11 Electives Evening as the next step in discerning their pathways into Stage 6. It was great to see so many students who had already spent a lot of time discussing with their parents what their goals and ambitions are for the next few years and entered into the process with their eyes wide open. I was equally impressed with the number of students who were very realistic about their exit point, having already spoken with Universities, TAFE and employer groups about the credential they need to access the career path they desire. With the demise of the School Certificate and the Record of School Achievement now a cumulative document from Years 10-12, students have a variety of exit points and are able to work towards much shorter term goals to move to post-school options.

Next week Year 8 take the first steps in this journey with their subject selection evening. I look forward to meeting with parents at that time.

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#### CAFÉ NEWS

**MUFFINS \$3.00**

**Home Made!**

**Choc Chip**



**Strawberry**

**Mango  
&  
White Chocolate**

### Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal

Once again we are supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.



If you have items of winter clothing or blankets in good condition that you are no longer using, could you please send them into school to aid in this worthwhile cause.

Next week is our annual "Bennies Bring a Blanket" evening in support of St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. This has been a very successful evening over the last few years and the activities, music and reflection time has been a powerful experience for the students. Being hungry and cold is quite a novel feeling for all who attend and I thank Mr Costin and Mrs Wardley for the time and effort put into organizing the event and the staff who join with the students throughout the evening to share their experience of the cold!

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Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held this week and parents are most welcome to attend the Campbelltown Athletics complex to support their children. This is always a great day of team spirit and we are looking forward to great participation and a lot of records being broken!

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Speaking of Sport...last week a small, but historic moment went by almost unnoticed. Nearly all the St. Benedict's College MISA sports teams won away. It is a sign of our growing maturity as a school when our teams are bringing home the trophies (quite a few in the cabinet now!) and winning all their games!

### Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 6 August**

**Campbelltown Sports Stadium**

Students are to wear their full sports uniform, **including hat**, to and from the venue. Students may change into a shirt in the appropriate house colour at the carnival. No offensive/inappropriate images or slogans permitted on t-shirts.

Students will be transported to and from the venue by bus. Buses will leave the College at 8:10am and return in time for normal after school travel arrangements.

Students are advised to use sunscreen. They are also to bring their lunch, recess and drinks for the day. Please note that no food or drink (other than water) is to be taken on to the track.

A reminder that no singlet tops, zinc, coloured hairspray, confetti or streamers are permitted at the Carnival.

### Traffic Management:

Oran Park Drive is an extremely busy road in the afternoons. It is imperative that students who are remaining behind until 3.15pm and walking with St Justin's siblings *do so with St Justin's teachers* at the crossing. This may mean they have to wait until the teacher on duty has collected all student walkers. An older sibling cannot discharge the duty of care of a parent or teacher. Please do not ask your older child to walk the Primary aged sibling across the road without the appropriate level of supervision.



### Bennies Bring a Blanket

**Thursday 13 August**

Notes to be returned by Friday 7 August

This evening, organised by the Social Justice group, provides students with an insight into the plight of the homeless.

Permission notes are available through students' homerooms or from Mr Costin.

Please note that students in Years 7 & 8 are to be picked up from the College at 7:00pm sharp. Students in Years 9 to 11 are to be picked up at 9:00pm.

Further details will be supplied to students once the permission notes have been received.

### Prayer Focus - Homelessness



The Prayer Focus this week continues to be on Homelessness. We have learnt recently about the extent of Homeless in our nation and looked at the number of people who are homeless in each age group. As we continue to pray for the homeless, we continue to take action to support those in need and the agencies providing support. This is a key part of our Benedictine Spirituality because St Benedict talks about the importance of listening, which involves not just active listening, but to adopt a compassionate response to all we encounter: to listen with the *ear of our heart*.

The SVDP winter appeal is progressing well and generously supported by families at the College. This appeal concludes this Friday so if you have anything else to donate please do so before this date.

Additionally, we are holding Bennies Bring a Blanket next week, which is aimed at trying to help our students to understand the plight of the homeless and the situation they find themselves in. It also becomes a fundraiser for SVDP in supporting them in their great work.

Thanks again to all of our families for their great support of these initiatives and we look forward to a successful night.

Mr David Costin

Director of Mission and Vision

*'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

### Youth Week 2016 in NSW Design Competition

The Youth Week Design Competition provides young people with the opportunity to showcase their talent as a designer and to win \$1,000. The winning poster design will be used to promote Youth Week 2016 throughout NSW in April 2016.

Entries should be innovative, creative, and help spread the word about Youth Week. The winning design will include:

- 1 The National Youth Week logo (available for download at <http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/resources/>)
- 2 The words 'Youth Week 2016'
- 3 The dates of Youth Week 2016 (8 to 17 April 2016)
- 4 The Youth Week in NSW website address: <http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/>

Entries close 4 September 2015.

For the full terms and conditions and more information:

- See the attached flyer and entry form;
- Visit the Youth Week in NSW website at <http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/>;

Or contact the NSW Youth Week Coordinator at [youthweek@facns.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthweek@facns.nsw.gov.au) <<mailto:youthweek@facns.nsw.gov.au>>.

Please share this with anyone who has a passion for design.

Nancy Payne

### Week 3 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

#### College Sport

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated as MVPs for Week 3;

Reece Cookson-Cavarra & Emelia Waters (7B, Sportsfun)

Yehia Bates & Olivia Dowling (7C, Zumba)

Oliver Pinder & Cooper Orton (7D, AFL)

Justin Waights & Ashley Bales (8A, Crossfit)

Jason Ertl (8B, Bowling)

Victoria Gray (8C, Cricket)

Jake Schloeffel (9A, Taekwondo)

Brianna Lane (9B, Sport Clinic)

Jonah Boughton and Sarah Elliot (10A, Bodywar)

Callum Sneddon (10B, Maximum Skating)

Mikalsh Drieman (11A, F45)

Hayden Knoll (11B, Tennis)

#### MISA Sport

Our MISA teams had their second round of competition against McArthur Anglican School today. We had some fantastic results!

Year 7 Netball	Win	20-11	MVP	Charlotte Lasica
Year 8 Netball	Lost	11-12	MVP	Kaitlyn Sapienza
Year 7-9 Soccer	Win	3-0	MVP	Jessy Arnold
Year 10/11 Soccer	Draw	1-1	MVP	Emily Arnold
Year 7-9 AFL Boys	Win	79-39	MVP	Jonah Nadah
Year 7-9 AFL Girls	Won	52 - 18	MVP	Jorja Urso
Year 10/11 Basketball	Loss	18-23	MVP	Kody Fletcher

#### Athletics Carnival Notice

Our College Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and students have been reminded daily in homeroom to return their notes. Parents are welcome to attend on the day. We would be very grateful for some volunteers to help with the activities, particularly assisting with the timing of the running events. If you are able to assist on the day then please fill in the attached slip on your son/daughter's permission note.

Our House Captains have been working on cheers and themes for their House groups for the event. The themes are;

**Polding Personalities** - think anything yellow and known! E.g. Pikachu, Bananas, SpongeBob, Minions etc.

**Purple People** – think anything purple and known! E.g. Barney, Teletubbies, Sesame street Muppets. Even thrown on a purple cape and claim superhero!

**Dharawal's Circus** – think any Circus character with a touch of red! E.g. Clowns, Jugglers, hula-hoopers, tightrope walkers.

Students are permitted to bring a shirt that represents their House and change, once advised, at the Carnival. The shirt must comply with the usual College expectations for casual clothing (no offensive/inappropriate images or slogans). A reminder that no singlet tops, zinc, coloured hairspray or confetti/streamers are permitted at the carnival.

Yours in Sport,

Mr Turton (T.U.T)



## NOW IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO CREATE THE 2016 YOUTH WEEK IN NSW DESIGN AND WIN \$1000

Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to express their ideas and views, act on issues that affect their lives and create and enjoy activities and events. Youth Week is now the largest annual youth participation event in Australia.

**The NSW Youth Week Design Competition provides the opportunity to showcase your talents as a designer and win a \$1000 cash prize.**



Abbey Gail Bolina's winning artwork for Youth Week in NSW 2015.

## YOUTH WEEK 2016 NSW DESIGN COMPETITION ENTRIES CLOSE 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

Abbey Gail Bolina's 2015 Youth Week in NSW design was used on posters, banners, temporary tattoos, the NSW Youth Week website and social media sites, plus she pocketed \$1000!

### THE WINNING DESIGN WILL INCLUDE:

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# ENTRY FORM

## YOUR DETAILS

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

PHONE

DATE OF BIRTH

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EMAIL

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS COMPETITION?

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## CONDITIONS AND COPYRIGHT

All entrants must abide by the following conditions of entry:

- 1 The Competition will be judged by the NSW Youth Week Young People's Advisory Committee. The committee's decision is final and no correspondence regarding their decision will be entered into.
- 2 You must be 25 years of age or younger and live in NSW when you submit your entry.
- 3 You must have your entry submitted by Friday 4 September 2015 accompanied by this form.
- 4 Your entry must be your own work – you can't copy (plagiarise) anyone else's work.
- 5 You can submit as many entries as you like.
- 6 The prize for the designer/s of the winning entry is \$1000 cash.
- 7 The winning entry will be used to brand Youth Week in NSW materials.
- 8 We can publish part of your entry or the whole of your entry, and use the whole or part of your entry in any way to promote Youth Week.
- 9 You must submit your design as a .jpeg or .pdf file, or hardcopy which is no bigger than A4 size. If digitally designing your entry particularly in Photoshop please keep all working files prior to final submission at a size no smaller than A3.
- 10 If you have entered as part of a group, your entry must list everyone who has helped with the design. Each one of you will have to sign an entry form. If you're under 18 your parent/ guardian will also have to sign the entry form. If you win, the prize will be shared equally by each member of your group.
- 11 We will phone the winner to let them know they have won, and we will publish the names of the winner(s) on the Youth Week in NSW website.

NAME PARENT / GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE PARENT / GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE ENTRANT

DATE

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## TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Email your completed form and entry:

youthweek@facs.nsw.gov.au

Mail your completed form and entry:

NSW Youth Week Coordinator  
Participation and Inclusion  
Department of Family and Community Services  
Locked Bag 4001, Ashfield NSW 1800

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE NSW YOUTH WEEK CO-ORDINATOR  
YOUTHWEEK@FACS.NSW.GOV.AU OR (02) 8753 8206