Dear Parents

The Gospel from last Sunday told a story of a blind man who was given the gift of sight after Jesus placed a paste of spittle and dirt on his eyes. This gospel was not just a message of Jesus’ miracles but was a message asking us to clear our heart and see the truth of what is happening around us. It is the wisdom - one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us when we are confirmed - that enables us to truly hear the needs of those around us.

This Gospel ties in to two major events that will be happening over the next few weeks. The first of these is the most important set of events that occur on the Christian Calendar – the Easter Triduum. This is the period from Holy Thursday following through Good Friday and into Easter Sunday. These three days are the culmination of our Christian beliefs where Jesus died and resurrected in order to open the possibility for each and every one of us to spend eternity in His presence. As John states in his gospel “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John: 15:13).

This concept is reflected in the second of the events we remember these holidays – the celebration of the ANZAC tradition. This is a time where we again pay memorial to those who have witnessed injustice in the world and gave the ultimate sacrifice in order to battle those injustices. Whilst it would be an extreme expectation of anyone of us to sacrifice to this extent, there is always the opportunity for us to open our eyes to the needs of those around us and give of our time and talents.

I encourage all members of the St Benedict’s College community to attend the Easter ceremonies at your local parish, and to take the time to reflect on the meaning of Easter and the enormity of the gift we have been given.

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Over the past few weeks and next two weeks, the students have been running a number of fundraising events designed to raise money for Caritas. Congratulations to these students and thank you for the support that you have given.
On the last day of this term, the Yr 7 students will receive their transition reports. These reports give a snapshot of the way that the newest members of our community have settled in to high school. Attached to these reports will be a letter explaining their purpose and how they are to be read. For the parents of Year 7 students, please feel free to contact the College should you have any questions with these reports.

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I am sure that Mr. Hanratty would want me to thank all staff, students and parents for your support and commitment during the first term. On his behalf, I would like to wish you all a very happy, safe and peaceful Easter.

Steve Lo Cascio
Acting Principal

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UMBRELLAS

If rain is forecast it is advisable that students carry a small fold up umbrella in their bags as there is no cover between the new buildings and the temporary site.

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WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that students return in Term 2 in full winter uniform, including blazer. Please ensure that uniforms fit correctly and are in good order. The details for the opening of the Uniform Shop are attached to this newsletter.

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GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM

The Second Hand Uniform shop is in need of Girls Summer Dresses and would be grateful for any donations.

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YEAR 7 2015

A reminder that Enrolment Applications for students who wish to commence at St Benedict’s Catholic College in Year 7 2015 must be handed in at the College Office by Thursday 10 April.

On receipt of the completed application an interview time will be organised. Early lodgement of these forms will allow for more flexibility with interview times.

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Easter Weekend Mass Times

Camden and Leppington

Mass times are as follows:

**Saturday Easter Vigil** at 6:00 PM at Camden.
The normal **8:00 AM** Mass at Leppington will be celebrated.

Sunday morning Masses at Camden are on at **7:30 AM, 9:00 AM** and **10:30 AM**.
The 5:30 PM Mass at Camden will also be celebrated as usual although this will probably be a quieter Mass with fewer people, and possibly without music.

**Picton Parish**

Holy Thursday 7:30pm
Good Friday 10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm The Passion
Holy Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Easter Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:**
Thursday 10 April 7:00pm

**First Rite of Reconciliation:**
Good Friday after 10:00am Stations of the Cross and after 3:00pm The Passion.
I am happy to announce that the annual St Benedict’s Cross Country Carnival was a great success. It was a beautiful day at the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens, and it was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and friends watching the events take place. The day involved a range of fun novelty activities and an extremely challenging cross country course. I was very impressed by the level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown on the day. Well done to all students that participated and thank you for making it a great day.

As we all know there can only be one house winner. It was a close finish between first and second place, with only eight points separating the two. Congratulations to Polding for winning the carnival. In second position was Ingham and in third position was Dharawal. Congratulations to all age champions. The College wishes all athletes competing at the Diocesan Carnival next term the best of luck.

### Age Champions

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**Congratulations to Charlii Dyer (year 7) who was recently named as the No. 1 Rated Competitor in Australasia, for Showmanship, at the International Sports Karate Association annual presentation night.**
Year 9 and Year 10 Reflection Days

Recently both Year 9 and Year 10 were involved in their respective reflection days. Chris Doyle was the guest presenter at the Year 9 Reflection Day and engaged in a program of selflessness and value in all. Yr 10 experienced a Social Action Reflection Day. Sam Clear presented some of the challenges that he faced when he walked around the world for unity. The College staff followed this presentation with sessions about the distribution of income in our world and the ways in which we can bring justice to people in our communities.

I include below reflections from a Year 9 and a Year 10 student about their experiences of the day

Mr. David Costin
Religious Education Coordinator

Year Ten Reflection Day

Last Friday, the Year 10 students went to Mount Schoenstatt in order to partake in their Reflection Day. During the morning, we had the opportunity to listen to Sam Clear’s journey, walking across the world, for unity in truth and love. Sam was an amazing speaker that affected many of the students on a visceral level. The stories of people that he had met along the way evoked many tears from those listening to him speak, both students and teachers alike.

He told the story of people he met along the way, and after walking more than 15,600km through South America, Central America and North America, there were quite a few. One of the stories that I felt was the most humbling and ultimately, changed how we perceive our own challenges, was that of Adolfo. Adolfo was a man that moved with his wife and seven year old daughter to another town so that they could be with parents-in-law. When Sam arrived in this small town, he was greeted with abuse and ignorance. That was until Adolfo approached Sam, introduced himself, offered him food and a place to stay. The next morning, Adolfo told Sam of his own struggle to be accepted by other people in the town as he too was an outsider. It had gotten to the point where he had to beg for food as nobody would give him work. Adolfo then admitted to having bought a ticket to leave the town in order to find work and provide for his family. He then gave Sam his daughter’s only toy with his rosary beads attached, asking for Sam to pray for his family. Sam gave Adolfo the last of his own money, and left.

This story in particular made us think about how insignificant our problems are in comparison to so many people living in poverty around the world. The students of St Benedict’s who had the privilege of hearing this recount of Sam’s story, were able to reflect on themselves as not only members of the Christian faith, but as people. For the second activity, Year 10 were to create a budget, each group being given the necessary information regarding either the working class, the middle class or the upper class lifestyles. Those with the working class budget had to cut out different expenses that were important, just so that they could stay alive while those with the upper class were wasting money on unnecessary expenses, just because they could. Through this activity we were able to understand the injustice in today’s society when it comes to the resources provided for citizens in our country.

For the remainder of the day, we were asked to answer different questions and reflect on ourselves as people of faith and justice. One such question asked us what we could do to help others and become a better person. While each student’s response was private, we were encouraged to only write things that we can commit to doing in our everyday lives. We used what we had learned from Sam’s talk, as well as what we had seen in the film The Blind Side, both of which had a reoccurring theme of justice and injustice in society.

Overall, the success of the day was measured in what each individual was able to take away from it, whether it be a physical attribute such as acting with compassion, or an emotional experience such as humility and reverence. Each student and member of staff left Mount Schoenstatt with a smile on their face, and a feeling of unity and love within our Year 10 community.

Chelsea Barnes  Yr 10

Year Nine Reflection Day

A few weeks ago, Year 9 students travelled to the Don Bosco Centre at St Mary’s. This venue is a refuge for those young people on the streets looking for shelter and activities to partake in. There we met our guest presenter for the day Chris Doyle. He taught us so many morals, adding his own great sense of humour and musical talents. The one thing that stuck with me from what he said was to be grateful for what you have. Overall, it was a day filled with music, laughter and knowledge and on behalf of all Year 9 students, I would like to thank the teachers for providing us with this wonderful and unique learning experience.

Isabelle Taylor  Yr 9
WINTER UNIFORM

Please come in now
to purchase your winter uniform

Last trading day for Term 1 – Thursday 10th April 2014

Extra trading days - (By appointment only)
Thursday 24th April - Hours: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday 26th April – Hours 9.00am – 1.00pm

Regular trading days resume on Tuesday, 29th April 2014

Visits: RANIER.COM.AU

Cash / Eftpos / Visa / Mastercard (1.5% credit card surcharge applies)

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2560
Are you interested in a career as an;  
**Autobody Repair Technician**  
or  
**Autobody Refinishing Technician?**  
Let us help you decide

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**Trade Readiness**  
Autobody Repair & Surface Coatings - 29498

**Duration**  
This program is delivered over a period of five days. Four days of instruction and one day for evaluation and exit interviews.

**Location and Fees**  
TAFE NSW – SWSi (Block J - Campbelltown College)  
Narellan Road, CAMPBELLTOWN 2560  
This program is **FREE** to suitable applicants

**Information Session**  
Wednesday April 9\(^{th}\) at 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Campbelltown College: Building J – Room J.G.1

**Induction / Enrolment**  
Friday April 11\(^{th}\) at 4:00pm  
Campbelltown College: Building J – Room J.G.1

**Required Attendance Pattern**  
The program will be run over the following 4 days:  
14\(^{th}\), 15\(^{th}\), 16\(^{th}\) & 17\(^{th}\) April *(18\(^{th}\) April is Good Friday)*

**Language, Literacy & Numeracy / Exit Interview**  
Wednesday 23\(^{rd}\) April 2014 - 9:00am to 15:30

**Entry Requirements**  
Participants must have a genuine interest in the Autobody Repair or Surface Coatings Industry.

**Description**  
This program will help you make the right career choice and assist you in determining your suitability for a career in the Autobody Repair and Surface Coatings industry.  
It is an intensive ‘hands-on’ program that will show you what is required to succeed as an apprentice in this industry.  
You will be given an exit report that details your suitability for the industry. This report may be useful when you are seeking employment opportunities in the industry.  
You will also be given advice about further career development opportunities.  

**NOTE:** This program will run pending adequate student numbers for commencement.

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**Contact us NOW**  
Places are limited

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*NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Government*
Automotive Body Repair Technology

TAFE NSW Course No: 11838
National Code: AUR20912
Training Package: AUR12
Qualification: Certificate II

About the course

This course covers the skills and knowledge required to perform a range of basic tasks when repairing and maintaining the automotive body of cars and other vehicles.

Career opportunities

- vehicle body repair assistant
- vehicle paint-less dent repair assistant
- vehicle painter assistant
- vehicle trimmer assistant
- vehicle glazing assistant
- vehicle dismantler
- vehicle detailer
- vehicle body assembler
- vehicle tinter.

Further studies

How to enrol

You must register online and finalise your enrolment and payment at the college on 9th April 2014.

http://swsi.edu.au/tafe-courses/find-a-course/courses/11838/Automotive-Body-Repair-Technology/11875

More Career News

The My Skills Website aims to connect students with the training that best suits their needs. It is a single point where students can find information on nationally recognised training courses, RTOs, campus services, training delivery modes and VET-FEE HELP loan availability.

Students considering an apprenticeship should visit www.aapathways.com.au. This site details over 3,300 Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship descriptions, gives numerous possible Job Pathway Charts and also provides Practice Aptitude Quizzes illustrating basic literacy, numeracy and comprehension standards required at entry level for a range of industries.

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