Dear Parents

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi ("The Body of Christ") and the institution of the Eucharist. It is so central to our sense of community (it is, after all, core to the reason we attend Mass) yet can be one of the most misunderstood Feasts of the Church.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks using the words ‘flesh’ and ‘blood’. Children often don't think in metaphors and the early Christians had to argue with those, like today's children, who thought they were cannibals! The key lies in the phrase "the living bread." The "living bread" keeps giving (Christ's gift of self) without being exhausted (the divine source of the bread was unending). How could eating something so alive and life giving be cannibalism, the eating of the dead? In the Semitic mind, the word 'flesh' equated with the person and 'blood' equalled life. Those who ate the flesh of the Son of Man and drank his blood joined themselves to his very being and his life source (ie. the Spirit). In other words, Jesus described union with himself in the starkest, most graphic terms.

But Jesus did make his point. He offered his followers a source of life so powerful, it could only come from God. He demanded involvement so great, all other possession, positions, and relationships were secondary. A relationship with Jesus was the only thing that was real, the only thing that mattered.

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During last week a small slice of History was played out at the Harrington Park soccer fields as the St Benedict’s Years 7/8 Boys’ Soccer Team won 1-0 against Broughton Anglican College and thereby became the College’s first team to win a competition outright and take home a sporting trophy. Congratulations gentlemen. We might have to now buy a trophy cupboard!

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Our Dance troupe performed well at the Liverpool Catholic Club last week in the MISA showcase. Although not a competition, our team was well received by the audience with their contemporary dance pieces. Many thanks to Mrs. Lemaire for choreographing and training the team.

As we close for (what seems like a very short) term two, I would like to thank Mr. Costin in his role as Acting Assistant Principal for the last month whilst Mr. Lo Cascio was on leave and also Mr. Davidson who stepped into the role of Religious Education Coordinator. We welcome back Mrs. Periera next term sharing a teaching role with Mr. Manns in PDHPE/Sport. As we watch the builders clean up this week, we particularly look forward to moving into our new facilities at the beginning of next term. I wish you all a safe holiday period connecting with your children.

Michael Hanratty
Principal

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 26 June
3:15pm—5:30pm and
6:30pm—8:30pm

Friday 27 June
8:30am—2:45pm

Bookings to be made online at
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
User code: ZCZN9

Position Vacant

The P&F Executive is looking for a parent to represent the College in the Diocesan Parents Forum and attend one or two meetings a year in Wollongong and report back at P&F Meetings on the agenda items. Please contact the office if you are able to fill this position.

St. Anthony’s Picton/Tahmoor

This is an IMPORTANT notice from St. Anthony’s Parish, Picton/Tahmoor. There will be NO YOUTH MASS on the 4th Saturday in June as it is the start of the school holidays.

The next YOUTH MASS is on SATURDAY JULY 26th, @ 5-00pm vigil Mass @ St Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor. GREAT MUSIC (6 guitarists, a clarinetist/flautist and the BEST drummer), DANCE and a large choir of beautiful voices.

There will be nibbles after Mass. Come along to share this JOY.

On Behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council-Margaret Cronin

MISA Dance 2014

This year St Benedict’s Catholic College performed at the MISA Dance Festival on the 17th June and Liverpool Catholic Club. Year 8, 9 and 10 participated in this event. This festival allows students to showcase dance routines that they have been working on as part of MISA sport. Thirteen schools were present at this event showcasing a variety of dance styles including, jazz, hip-hop, tap, lyrical and contemporary. St Benedict’s performed two dances in two different styles. Sarah Elliot choreographed the first dance in the style of contemporary to the song Medicine by Daughter. The second dance was a hip-hop routine choreographed by Clair Peters in Year 9 to the song Run the World (Girls) by Beyoncé. All the dances performed well and represented St Benedict’s Catholic College with pride.

Sara Lemaire
Dance Coordinator
**Year 7 Science Excursion to Taronga Zoo**

On Friday 20th June, Year 7 students went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo as part of our study for the unit Unique Australia. It was truly amazing to be in such a great atmosphere, observing the animals, with breathtaking views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background.

At the zoo we learnt how different animals have adapted to their environment. We saw how koalas have adapted to living in trees and how seals have adapted to cold water.

In the workshop at the Education Centre we were able to touch and hold some of the animals while the zookeepers spoke to us about features of invertebrates and the different groups of vertebrates. Whilst viewing the animals in their enclosures, we completed activities about the animals’ characteristics, behaviours and adaptations. We had a fun day at the zoo and it was good to be able to take our learning outside of the classroom.

Sam Willis, Byron Smith, Nellie Hobbs, Novi Anosike, Britney Ryder

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**Knitting - Social Justice 2014**

This term the Social Action Committee has been working on knitting squares to make blankets to donate to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. This year has been a great success! We have over 20 students joining us to help knit squares. We even taught Mr Costin how to knit! On behalf of the Social Action Committee and the members of our Knitting Club, I would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Wardley for bringing her wool and needles and of course for all her help with the little mistakes. I would like to also give our thanks to Miss Hempenstall and Mrs Muscat for also coming and sharing their expertise with us. We can’t wait to see the finish products!

Taylor McGovern – Year 10 Social Action Committee
BE QUICK—TICKETS SELLING FAST!!!

sleigh loads of fun....
...santa’s super raffles
...abundant enjoyment...
Copious Christmas Cheer
Mulled wine & mince pies, yum......

TRIVIA NIGHT
Christmas in July
Please join us...
Baby, it’s cold outside.....

Come along for a great night of fun and entertainment
only $10 a ticket
Form your own table of 10 or let us seat you at a table of friendly
(& intelligent) parents and friends

COUNT ME IN!!
I/we would love to come along to the trivia night on Saturday 26 July at the Camden Civic Centre Undercroft.

Name: ________________________________
Contact phone no: ____________________

Please find enclosed:
☐ Table of ten = $100 total

☐ ______ single tickets required @ $10 = $______ total

Child(ren)’s name: ____________________
Pastoral Class: ________________________