



# St Benedict's Catholic College Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Over the last two weeks we have been holding our annual "Parenting Teens" evenings run by our Catholic Care counsellor, Gloria Melham. These have been, once again, informative and entertaining, with parents sharing their stories and, I think, being greatly relieved that their experiences of teenage life, in their own homes, is shared by other families in their homes.

This week, the St Benedict's Girls Representative Hockey Team made the final of the Diocesan Competition. Competing with Yrs 7 & 8 students as well as some "seasoned professionals" with our own State and Australian players in the Schonell sisters, we went within a whisker of winning the competition against an incredibly strong St Mary's Star of the Sea, Wollongong. In many ways, our result indicates how the growing strength of our sporting and cultural teams is being improved as we grow. Huge congratulations to the girls who showed enormous skill and talent and competed with great spirit against much older students in many games.

The end of Term 3 is always a "winding up" time in schools as Year 11 move into their Preliminary Exam period and Year 12 finish their formal years of schooling and graduate. We wish Year 11 students all the best as they prepare for the end of the Preliminary Course and I am sure all our families extend their best wishes to our first Year 12 as their study becomes more intensive. Amongst that, I am sure they and their parents will also take the time to reflect on the great adventure of the last 6 years in creating St Benedict's Catholic College.

This week, Mother Theresa of Calcutta was canonised a saint. Upon taking her final vows she was sent to India, specifically Calcutta, as it was known then, to live her ministry. When she was there she worked with schools who took in the children of the streets – the Rainbow children, supporting them and their families to gain an education and live a life with just a small amount of comfort and love away from their life of squalor on the streets. From there she knew that she must live amongst the 'Untouchables' as they were known and to 'serve those who were the poorest and to care for the destitute'. She commenced the order known as the Missionaries of Charity, an Order of Nuns that now spans the world. What an inspirational figure she is.

We hope all our Dads (and Grandads/Stepdads) had a wonderful day on Fathers Day last Sunday and that you all were surrounded by love.

### *Prayer of Mother Teresa*

*Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance  
everywhere we go.  
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.  
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly  
that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.  
Shine through us and be so in us  
that every soul we come in contact with  
may feel your presence in our soul.  
Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus.  
Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine,  
so to shine as to be light to others.  
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you.  
None of it will be ours.  
It will be you shining on others through us.  
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best  
by shining on those around us.  
Let us preach you without preaching,  
not by words, but by our example;  
by the catching force –  
the sympathetic influence of what we do,  
the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you.*

*Amen.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

<b>Fri 9</b>	Year 7 Reflection Day
<b>Wed 14</b>	Leaders Induction
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Year 9 Reflection Day
<b>Mon 19</b>	Final Preliminary Exams commence
<b>Wed 21</b>	Yr 12 Breakfast, Assembly & Beach Day
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Year 12 Graduation Mass
<b>Fri 23</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

### OCTOBER

<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>First day of Term 4</b>
<b>Tues 11</b>	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp-Day 1
<b>Wed 12</b>	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp-Day 2
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp-Day 3
<b>Mon 17</b>	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Camp-Day 1
<b>Tues 18</b>	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Camp-Day 2
<b>Wed 19</b>	Yr 7 Vaccinations #3 (final)
<b>Fri 21</b>	Yr 8 Pastoral Day
<b>Wed 26</b>	Yr 11 Retreat-Day 1
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Yr 11 Retreat-Day 2
<b>Fri 28</b>	Yr 11 Retreat-Day 3

### NOVEMBER

<b>Thurs 3</b>	Prelim Reports distributed
<b>Mon 7</b>	2017 HSC Information Night Yr 11 Parent/Teacher Night
<b>Tue 8</b>	Yr 9 & 10 Exams commence Yr 12 Sign Out day
<b>Fri 11</b>	Yr 9 & 10 Exams finish
<b>Fri 18</b>	Yr 8 Science Excursion
<b>Wed 23</b>	Yr 7 2017 Orientation Evening
<b>Fri 24</b>	Yr 7 2017 Student Orientation

## World of Maths Incursion

By Dylan Zuber and Riley Hinton

The World of Maths Incursion was a great experience for all of Year 7 and once again some students from St Justin's joined us on the day. Playing Sumdog and Mangahigh (Math websites) with and against other students from our classes really brought a sense of competition out of everyone. We played Monopoly to get a better understanding about trading money. The students played an altered version of Snakes and Ladders where we had to answer questions quickly to move up the board. All of the students who participated enjoyed Peter Wilson's 'World Of Maths' activities because they were engaging to everyone. Students who didn't have a strong interest in maths now have a deeper understanding of how maths helps in problem solving in real world situations from all the hands on activities.



## The Newsletter is Moving

From the commencement of Term 4 the Newsletter/Benny's Bites will be published on Fridays.

## FRIDAY MASS

### St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Each Friday at 12:20pm rostered classes from St Benedict's and St Justin's attend the Parish Mass at St Mary MacKillop church.

An invitation is extended to all families and students to join in this weekly celebration.

## P&F Request ..... WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

In recognition of World Teachers' Day, the P&F will be hosting a morning tea for the College staff on **Thursday 20 October**.

If you are able to provide home baked cakes or treats for the morning tea could you please contact Rachael Zappia on 0402 247 088.

It would be appreciated if all baked goods could be left at the Front Office on the Thursday morning between 7:45am and 8:30am.

Many thanks

Clare-Ann Taylor  
P&F Secretary

## Uniform Matters

Bookings are now open for fittings at the Uniform Shop for all **Year 7 2017** students, and for **Year 9** students who will require the senior uniform next year for Year 10.

Attached please find the details from the Uniform Shop.

## MISSION AND VISION

The Prayer focus at the moment is on the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis announced this last year and we are currently praying for the importance and concept of mercy and forgiveness in our lives. This can be a really challenging area but one certainly worth investigating. Pope Francis in his weekly general audience last week stated:

*"It is the moment of forgiveness, of inclusion in Jesus' life and the life of the Church. All of us are sinners; whether great or small, we all are. The Lord tells us, 'Courage, come, you are no longer discarded. I forgive you, I embrace you.' This is mercy,"*

<http://cathnews.com/cathnews/26625-jesus-mercy-extends-to-even-the-greatest-of-sinners>

Recently our Year 8 students had their Reflection Day. I must say that I really enjoyed the day and I am confident that the students did as well. The theme for our day was "The value in me, the value in others". The focus was on looking at the God given gifts and abilities that we have and how we can use them, as well as the gifts and beauty of all people in our community – and those we encounter. The students had a really challenging activity to start the day. The activity is called 'The Bomb shelter' and gives a description of 15 or so people trying to save themselves by retreating to a bomb shelter, but only 5 can fit. The challenge of course is to realize that each character, faults and all, have innate beauty in them, as we are all created in the Holy image of God. Therefore, making judgments about them and the way we treat people should be as if they are Christ himself. This is certainly an important Catholic value and reminds me very much of the Benedictine virtue of Hospitality and welcoming the stranger.

While on the subject of reflection days, the Year 7 Reflection Day is coming up this week. This will be based around the unit of 'Ways People Pray'. I'm again really looking forward to this day as students will gain a varied experience of prayer and be reminded of the importance and significance of prayer in our lives. A reminder to students that they need to bring the Rosary Beads they made in class to the reflection day. Also the year 9 Reflection Day is just around the corner. This day will be facilitated by Chris Doyle. Chris needs no introduction to our older students, all of whom rave about Chris and the wonderful day he runs. Chris will certainly engage our students but importantly, challenge them on the need to be selfless and think of the needs of others. Some younger students will know Chris as he has also presented at both the Burn and Unite festivals over the years. Thanks again to Chris for presenting our reflection days, as well as these festivals which he has done free of charge!

Unfortunately we had to postpone our first High School Engagement Event 'Live'. This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to engage with their faith. There will be a live band, playing contemporary music as well as the Youth Ministry Team from the Bishops Office and the Youth Mission Team from Wollongong joining us to run a twilight retreat session. This has been moved to Week 1 of next term and notes will go out shortly. We hope to have a 'taste' of the program when the band comes to SBCC to perform at lunchtime soon.

A reminder to our families of Year 12 students that the Graduation Mass will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at St Paul's Catholic Church Camden at 7pm. Students are asked to arrive no later than 6.30 pm and find their homeroom teacher to prepare for the evening. The Mass and presentation afterwards will be a special event and a beautiful way to recognize the achievements of our Year 12 students.

Year 8 has also been busy completing their Diocesan Religious Literacy Part B hand in task. This task asked the students to look at the missionary activities of the early Church as well as the Church today and students could present their task in a variety of methods. I have had the opportunity recently to view some of the artworks, essays and interview transcripts amongst other things that the students have completed and I must say that there is some amazing work. The talents of our students never cease to amaze me. Well done Year 8!

From the 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September, the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish will host the "Catholic Guy", who will engage with the community. Having seen the "Catholic Guy" last year, he offers a great program of music and art, which is very powerful. I would encourage all families to try and find the time to attend these sessions.

Mr David Costin  
Director of Mission and Vision

## Diocesan Athletics

On Wednesday 17 August 50 St Benedict's students competed in the Diocesan Athletics Day at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. It was a great day with the sun out, something very different from our College Carnival.

There were some great results, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places recorded in numerous events. This was a great achievement from our students. Congratulations to Gabriel Ciappa (Yr 12) and Jared Madsen (Yr 10) who have progressed to the next level for CCC Athletics. This is a fantastic achievement for both the boys and the College. We would like to wish them all the best of luck for this event later in September.

Thank you to Mrs Brown who managed the team on the day and to Ms Kelleher and Mr McCormack who spent the day at the long jump pit.

Congratulations to all students who represented the College.

Yours in Sport,  
Miss Liska



## Diocesan Hockey Day

September 1<sup>st</sup> was the first time that a Benedict's team took part in a Diocesan Hockey Girls' Gala Day. The girls were so excited to not only be able to play their sport with their friends, but also represent the College and to show their skills and talent to the other schools. And my, didn't they do just that! The girls came up against some tough teams however, nothing was going to stop them from scoring goals. They played four games in their pool, finishing undefeated. This saw the team progressing to their first semi finals. Once again they proved to the other schools just how talented they were. Scoring 18 goals throughout the day and only conceding one goal was a fantastic achievement by all girls.

In the grand final, the girls faced St Mary's Star of the Sea, Wollongong, which was going to be a tough game right from the beginning. Although the girls went down 3-0, they fought right to the end, playing with great sportsmanship and effort. This goes to show that St Benedict's has plenty of up and coming stars in hockey.

I would like to congratulate and thank all the girls who represented the College with great spirit and effort. Also a very big thank you to the girls for teaching me the some of the ins and outs of hockey. At the start of the day I had no idea about hockey however, the girls taught me a few things. It was a privilege being able to coach these girls.

Yours in Sport,  
Miss Liska



## BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

On Tuesday 16 August, the Year 12 Leadership Team were invited to Mt Carmel Catholic College to attend the inaugural 'Breakfast with the Bishop'. Bishop Peter shared his words of wisdom regarding perseverance, resilience and the importance of working together in this crucial time before our final HSC exams. This was a timely opportunity as it followed our return to school after completing the HSC Trial Examinations.

This event also allowed us to interact with senior leadership teams from other schools within the Diocese. The first 'Breakfast with the Bishop' was highly enjoyable and an amazing opportunity. We are very grateful that we were able to add this to the list of the many 'firsts' that we have encountered as we continue to be the inaugural year group of the school.

As a bonus, we had the privilege of visiting our original school site - the "J" block at Mt Carmel. It was wonderful to be able to reminisce about our early days of being in Years 7 and 8 and to appreciate just how far we have come from our first days.



Year 12



Leadership Team



## YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAY

Friday 9 September

Students are to wear their sports uniform. Morning tea will be provided but students are to bring their own drinks and lunch.

## CAFÉ NEWS

A reminder to students:

- **No card. No purchase.** Students must present their ID card for **all** purchases.
- No bags are permitted in the Café.

## Camden Council—Youth Activities during the Holidays

1. \$5 Youth Movie Night – 29<sup>th</sup> September
2. Free Garden Yoga @ Birriwa Outdoor Youth Space – Wednesday afternoons during October
3. Youth Outreach Program Flier – many activities included
4. Free Youth Fitness Camps with Mount Annan Leisure Centre – Tuesdays and Thursdays during school holidays

For more information, contact the Youth Community Project Officer at Camden Council. Young people may also follow [www.facebook.com/camdenyouthcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/camdenyouthcouncil) to keep updated on Macarthur wide youth activities, events and more.



Dear Parents,

Due to the large number of students requiring uniforms at the same time, it is **very important** to **have uniforms organised** ahead of time to **ensure availability** and to avoid long queues and delays. We recommend students starting in the new year to come in and see us early to organise their school uniform. We understand that the students are growing and we will always allow for growth when fitting your child.

## Fittings will take place in September, October and November.

**\*\*\*All fittings are by appointment only\*\*\***

- Uniforms will be available for purchase on the day of the fitting.
- An order will be placed for any items not available.
- Summer and winter uniform will be fitted.

## IT IS NOW TIME TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE

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**Tuesday 9.00am - 1.00pm**

**Thursday 1.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Saturday 1st & 3rd 9.00am - 1.00pm**

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**Shop 5/6 Porrende Street, Narellan**

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**Ms Kara Delauney Phone number 4647 8942**

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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### Session 1

Tuesday 13th September 9.30am  
Tuesday 13th September 7.00pm

### Session 2

Wednesday 14th September 9.30am  
Wednesday 14th September 7.00pm

### Session 3

Thursday 15th September 9.30am  
Thursday 15th September 7.00pm

### Session 4

Friday 16th September 9.30am  
Friday 16th September 7.00pm

