



Developing our Children's Minds
Guiding our Children's Hearts

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13 February 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome Lachie Morrison-Clark (Room 3) and his family into our school community.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Last Thursday the *Meet the Teacher Evening* was held at school. Thank you to the 52 parents who came along. It was pleasing to be able to communicate with you about our school's 'step-up approach' across the three syndicates (Manuka – Years 0-2, Kowhai – Years 3-6, and Kauri – Years 7-8), field your questions about the year ahead and provide an opportunity for you to view your child's classroom and meet with their teacher(s). For those not able to attend, please click on the below link to view the PowerPoint that was shown.

http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page_id=1116

St Benedict's School Blog

We are up and running in 2018! Please do check from time to time our school's blog. This blog helps provide a glimpse of our busy school. The school's blog can be accessed by clicking on the below link, or through visiting the school website. <http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/>

School PE – Hockey Lessons

A reminder to parents and for parents new to the school, although not compulsory, all students are encouraged to wear a mouthguard for their hockey lessons which run during Term 1.

Invitations – Calling all Parents, Caregivers and Family Members

You are cordially invited to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass this Wednesday 14th February at 9:30am at St Benedict's Church, as well as Friday's Whole School Picnic at Bishop Park in Eastbourne. On Friday students will depart school in buses at 9:15am and leave Eastbourne at 2:00pm to return in time for the end of the school day. Please do communicate clearly with your child's teacher should you wish to take them directly from Bishop Park. A reminder to please provide your child(ren) with plenty of water and food, a sunhat, rash suit, suntan lotion, swimming togs, towel, and perhaps a bucket and spade should you wish. I am led to believe that the sandcastle making competition is a sight to behold. I remain confident of making a worthy sandcastle myself; I hope Mr Bath and his team of high-calibre judges see it the same way.

Grace and peace,
Michael Hinds
Principal – St Benedict's School

Key Dates

February 2018	
14	Ash Wednesday – Beginning Year Mass – 9:30am
16	Annual School Picnic – Bishop Park
19	HOK meeting – 7:30pm staffroom
21	Class Mass – Rooms 3 & 8
27	PSW NZ Cricket Tournament
28	Class Mass – Rooms 4 & 9
March	
7	Class Mass – Rooms 6 & 11
12-16	Year 8 Camp / Year 7 EOTC
13	PSW NZ Football
14	Class Mass – Rooms 5 & 10
21	Class Mass – Rooms 7 & 12
22	Manuka Athletics – Nairnville – 9:30am -1:30pm
30	Good Friday – School closed
April	
2	Easter Monday – School closed
3	Easter Tuesday – School closed
4-6	Year 6 camp
11 & 12	Parent Interviews

St Benedict's Student Section

This Week's Epic Eddie Winners... Room 10



This week Epic Eddie was won by Room 10 who demonstrated their EPIC values. The following extract is from Room 10's teacher Mrs Taylor who nominated her class for the following reasons:

"Hello Mr Hinds, I would like to nominate Room 10 for EPIC Eddie this week. We have had a very positive start to the year. Room 10 students have bonded well and are very supportive towards each other. They have worked really hard to make our class environment colourful and to make their learning come alive. I am very proud of them and delighted to be their teacher".

Kind regards
Mrs Taylor

St Benedict's House Points Update

There was silence in the assembly as our newly appointed House Captains read out the first round of House Points in front of an eagerly awaiting and captivated audience.

1st **Brigidine (897 points)**

2nd **Ngatoto (828 points)**

3rd **Evans (755 points)**

4th **Murphy (700 points)**

Congratulations to our House Captains for 2018; the following students will lead their houses throughout the year:

Brigidine – Billy Lamont and Amelia Bergquist
Evans – Alicia Houston and Jacob Bailey

Ngatoto – Lily Cakebread and Daniel Barber
Murphy – Emma Maitland and Emily Humphrey

Student Voice – This week our mystery reporter asked three different groups of students what they like most about St Benedict's School playground...

The main reasons we like the playground are having a great big area to run around on, having activities, having fun with lots of sporting equipment; the bank is good to climb on too. (Matthew, Jayden, Nikolas and Connor – Room 10)

We like the awesome monkey bars, ropes and climbing frames. (Marama, Nandana, Niamh and Gigi-Belle – Room 9).

We like the monkey bars in the adventure playground and our library as we all love reading. (Sarah-Kate - Room 8, Bea - Room 9, and Sara H and Lucy (Room 10).



Over the past seven days (Wednesday to Tuesday), our solar panels generated **104kWh of solar energy. Co2 saved – 20.9kgs over the past seven days.** Our school page can be viewed by clicking on the St Benedict's School Schoolgen link: <http://schoolgen.co.nz/schoolgen-schools/st-benedicts-school>.

Please note the change that has been made to the community notices. Click on this link http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page_id=1639 to our school website where these notices are displayed.

FOODIE FRIENDS

St Benedict's has a group of parents called Foodie Friends who provide meals for families going through such things as celebrating a new baby, experiencing an illness or coping with something unexpected.

Volunteers average one or two meals a year, and the more members we have, the fewer meals everyone has to do each year. Let me know if you're keen to join - sharonlundy@hotmail.com

Please contact me directly or let your class rep know if there's a family who might benefit from some meals.

Thanks, Sharon Gilhooly

START OF YEAR PRAYERS BY ROOM 8

Dear God,

Help me this year to get all my work done to a high standard.
Help me to be strong and stand tall and believe in myself.

Amen

By Molly & Georgia

Dear God,

Thank you for creating the world and our families. Thank you for the colours and the flowers.
Thank you for creating us and our wiggle fingers and toes.

Thank you Lord for sending your son Jesus down to save us. Thank you for giving up your sin to save us.

Please bless the sick, poor, lonely and homeless. Please bless my family my friends and my teachers.

Thank you for creating me.

Amen

By Jessie, Kate and Lucy

Dear God,

Help the poor and homeless and the people in hospital. Please make all the sick healthy and have nice homes. Help all the people that are left out be able to make new friends and join in. Look after all the sad people and make them happy. Please make everyone kind and caring towards each other.

Amen

By Lucas and Flynn

School Picnic – return slip or email permission to - office@st-benedicts.school.nz

I give permission for my child/children _____ Rm/s _____

to attend the school picnic at Bishop Park in Eastbourne.

I am **able/ unable** to stay and help with supervision on the day.

I will **be collecting** my child/children from Bishop Park and transporting them home myself. Yes/No

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

LIBRARY HELP

We are looking for some wonderful parent helpers in the library. Parent Helpers help stamp and cover new books and classroom resources before they can be used by students, re-shelve books and tidy up the library shelves.

If you would like to help Janine out in the library at any time, please pop in and let Janine know or email her at librarian@st-benedicts.school.nz. Also this year we're considering doing an evening working bee once a term to cover books and give the library shelves a tidy up. If you can't help during the day but would be willing to help one evening please let Janine know.

LOST – Named hat belonging to Gabriella Clareburt, Room 6. Please check your child has been wearing their correct named hat. If found please return to Gabriella or the school office. Thank you.

HOK Notices

Help Our Kids (HOK) Meeting – THIS MONDAY

Our first HOK team meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 19 February** in the school staffroom.

We would love to hear ideas or feedback, with no pressure to join the team. Everyone is welcome!

Parent Representatives for 2018

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be class reps. The role includes being a contact person for HOK communications to parents, and suggesting social gatherings.

Still need volunteers for rooms 3, 5, 9, 11 and 12

If you would like to be a parent rep please email Kez at kezzy.drav@gmail.com

Coming Soon

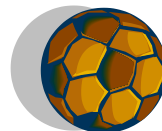
Working Bee at School - March

Quiz Night at 1841 - Sunday 8 April

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Mark this date in your diary now. More exciting details to come!

Sports Notices & Student Achievements



KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018:

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

FIRST DAY BACK

WEEKLY REFLECTION

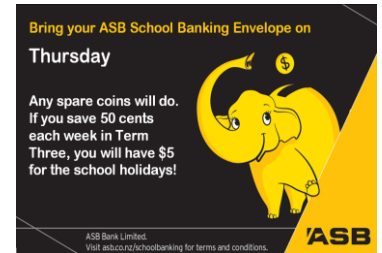
"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace." - Pope Francis

ASB SCHOOL BANKING

Has your child been registered for School Banking? If not please ask at the office for a form to sign up for their Head Start Saving Account.

Once your child has been registered they will receive a Kid's School Banking pack which will include a calculator, savings diary and deposit envelopes to help them get started.

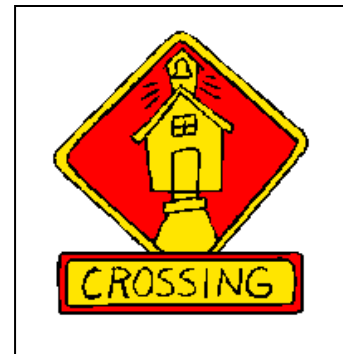
For easy and convenient banking for your child, the ASB has provided a Deposit Drop Box in the office area where your child can make their regular savings deposit. Emma McCallum



PARENT ROAD PATROL

Term 1		
Tuesday	13 Feb	Dinnan family (Jeannie-Mae)
Wednesday	14 Feb	Dmochowski family
Thursday	15 Feb	Nahu family
Friday	16 Feb	Dravitzki family

Monday	19 Feb	Drummond family
Tuesday	20 Feb	Dudley family
Wednesday	21 Feb	Duggan family
Thursday	22 Feb	Faraon family
Friday	23 Feb	Florance family



Parents: Please be present from 8:30-9:00am and again from 2:50-3:15pm



To order your Sushi Lunches for **WEDNESDAYS** via the Kindo Shop on your school website (or via www.ezlunch.co.nz)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Click here for all community notices - http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page_id=1639

HOK Sponsors

Thank you to businesses and individuals that sponsor and support St Benedict's School. We acknowledge and appreciate their support and ask that you use them when you can.

Locals Helping Locals



For any referral that leads to a direct sale, Wayne & Marina will donate \$500 to St Benedict's School: - Help our Kids (HOK) as part of our ongoing community support.

Please ensure the home owner mentions this when they contact us to discuss the sale of their home.

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