



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

## Newsletter No. 1 St Benedict's School Khandallah

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31 January 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the following new students and their families; Ella Campbell, Josh Chambers, Xavier Crookston, Samuel Dobson, Elliot Faulkner, Jaden and Taylin Fourie, Ned, Posy, Kit and Bea Hanlon, Zac and Anna Hinds, Georgia Horne, Jillian and Johann Jimeno, Ella Kraus, Reuben Leilua, Niamh McDonald, Elliott McIntosh, Melanie, Jessica and Lucy Robinson, Leila Steele, Nikolaos Vera, James Voller, Neala Wicomb and welcome back to the Musker family, Ben and Lucas. We also welcome into our New Entrant classroom; Leah Abro, sister of Melia, Natasha Khera, sister of Nadia, Emmanuel Siby, brother of Shania and Aaron, and Shannon Vickery, sister of Dylan.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wishart and Garrity families as they come to terms with the passing of Cathy Garrity, Great Grandmother of Lara, Daisy, Liam and Chelsea.

Today the heartbeat of our school skipped in – our students. The sounds and sights of students conversing in the playgrounds, corridors and classrooms was a delight to all St Benedict's teachers and staff.

This morning's whole-school assembly was well attended by our supportive parent body; it provided an opportunity to welcome the students back to school, while introducing the teachers and staff to the students. All students were encouraged to work hard and make the most of the opportunities that they have.

I am reliably informed of the legendary support that our parent body continuously give throughout the school year. Whether your contribution be financial, through giving time, helping with homework, attending our functions, by providing resources or offering your car for educational visits – I thank you. We simply could not do it without you.

On a personal note, I am delighted to be the new Principal of St Benedict's School. This is a well-established school, with a committed and high functioning staff. I have been impressed with the professionalism and dedication that your children's teachers and staff have shown to get our school ready for our student's first day

To the parents I have had the privilege of meeting already - thank you for your warm welcome and best wishes. I look forward to meeting all parents and parish members throughout the first term of school.

With warm regards and blessings,  
Michael Hinds  
Principal – St Benedict's School

### Key Dates

February 2018	
01 & 02	Cricket skills begin – whole school
<b>06</b>	<b>Waitangi Day – School closed</b>
7	Hockey skills begin
12	Technology begins – Year 7 & 8
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
<b>30</b>	<b>Good Friday – School closed</b>
April	
<b>2</b>	<b>Easter Monday – School closed</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday – School closed</b>
4-6	Year 6 camp
11 & 12	Parent Interviews

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](http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page_id=1639) to our school website where these notices are displayed.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Please attend the parent information evening if you are interested in your child/ren participating in the St Bens-based 2018 First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion programme. This will begin at 7.00pm on Monday, 12 February in the St Benedict's church foyer. For information prior to the information evening, please contact the parish office or Mike and Claire on [mike-clare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mike-clare@xtra.co.nz).

### Message from The Archdiocese of Wellington:

This years dues for each primary student is \$485. Attendance Dues are the compulsory property and insurance fee which you legally commit to pay when you enrol your child(ren) in a Catholic school. The money collected from Attendance Dues are used to then pay for the costs of new school classrooms, gymnasiums and other buildings, pay off existing mortgages and pay for the insurance on all school property.

You will receive your first invoice in February and payment in full is due by **30 April 2018**. If you are unable to pay the full amount you can make an arrangement to pay over the year in regular instalments. Please contact the Archdiocese Attendance dues team to set up a payment plan or to discuss your situation if you are experiencing genuine and undue hardship.

**Phoning:** 0800 462 725

**Emailing:** [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**Texting:** 021 08907902

Please note our banking details are: Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues, Westpac bank account 03 0518 0000400 00, payment reference should be your dues account no.

## HOK Notices

Welcome back to school

### Parent Representatives for 2018

We are looking for volunteers to be the parent rep for their child's class. The main aspects of this role include:

- Creating a contact list for all the parents in the class (we will assist you set this up)
- Being the contact person for HOK committee communications to parents
- Suggesting parents social gatherings

If you would like to be a parent rep please email Kez at [kezzy.drav@gmail.com](mailto:kezzy.drav@gmail.com)

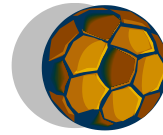
### Help Our Kids (HOK) Meeting

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

- ✓ Do you have new fundraising ideas?
- ✓ Are you a great organiser?
- ✓ Interesting in meeting with parents from other classes?

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

# Sports Notices & Student Achievements



## KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:

### KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018:

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

**“Back to School Sports” (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday 3.05pm – 4.05pm;** Come and try **Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.** Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play.

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes

visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

## WEEKLY REFLECTION - Forgiveness

*“Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.”*

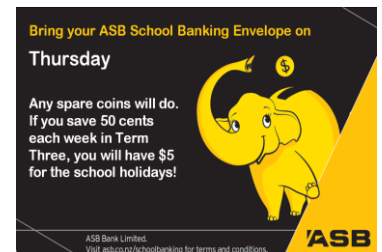
*Paul Boese - author*

## 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.

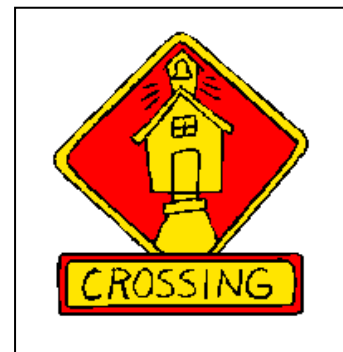
Once your child has been registered they will receive a Kid's School Banking pack which will include a calculator, savings diary and deposit envelopes to help them get started.

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		
Wednesday	31 Jan	Clareburt family
Thursday	01 Feb	Collier family
Friday	02 Feb	Craig family
Monday	05 Feb	Coulter family
Tuesday	<b>06 Feb</b>	<b>Waitangi Day – School closed</b>
Wednesday	07 Feb	Diamond family
Thursday	08 Feb	Dias family
Friday	09 Feb	Dimen 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](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)) Lunch orders will begin on Wednesday 7 February 2018

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Click here for all community notices - [http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page\\_id=1639](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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