



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

Newsletter No.2 St Benedict's School Khandallah

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Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome Cian Smith (Rm 3) and his family into our school community. We also welcome Sylvia Twigg (Rm 3), sister of Charlie. We hope you enjoyed your first day at school this week.

Week Two continues to see the school swing into action with a variety of extra-curricular activities, sports, library book borrowing and coaching all taking place which contributes to the holistic development of our students.

I have been impressed with the student's manners and willingness to greet me and wish me a good day as I make my rounds around the classrooms, corridors and playgrounds. The students have also been rather understanding in the playground when my off spinners haven't spun and my basketball shots have hit nothing but fresh air! This morning I nearly pulled a hamstring in a mad dash to the fence and back – racing against 15 boys, I placed a creditable 15th.

I know I speak on behalf of the staff when I say we're all looking forward to hosting you at the Meet the Teacher Evening tomorrow night from 7:00pm onwards. This is a great opportunity for all parents to hear first-hand about your child(ren's) school, including all our initiatives, the step-up approach across the three syndicates as well as an opportunity to view the classrooms and meet the teachers.

In keeping with the school's tradition of celebrating student success outside of school, parents are encouraged to let either their child's class teacher or Coralie in the school's office (office@st-benedicts.school.nz) know of any awards, certificates and achievements that our students have won so we can celebrate with them as a school.

I look forward to meeting many of you at 7:00pm tomorrow evening at the Meet the Teacher event.

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

Key Dates

February 2018

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
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

Who is Epic Eddie?



Epic Eddie (pictured) encapsulates our school's values. Epic Eddie is awarded once a week during Monday's whole-school assembly to a class who has displayed and modelled the school's four EPIC values – Empathy, Perseverance, Integrity and Creativity. I wonder which class will be awarded Epic Eddie next Monday 12th February?

If this photo promoting Epic Eddie is anything to go by, then I think the weekly award will be hotly contested. It was pleasing to see the students flock to be in the same photo as Epic Eddie on Monday.

The St Benedict's House System

Upon arrival to St Benedict's, students are allocated a place in one of four house groups. We aim to keep siblings in the same house for ease.

Murphy (green). In memory of Father Murphy who passed away while serving as a priest of our parish.

Brigidine (blue). The Religious order that founded our school.

Ngatoto (red). The site of the first Catholic church to be built in the Khandallah parish.

Evans (yellow). The first priest appointed to the Khandallah parish.

Our House group system gives all students a sense of belonging throughout their time at St Benedict's School. We promote positive competition through a variety of activities while promoting a positive mind-set and positive behaviour throughout our school. Each week students can earn House Points for positive behaviour and for making contributions towards all school-related studies and initiatives such as our EPIC values.

Next Monday's first whole-school assembly will reveal which House has taken an early lead. At the end of the year, the winning House will receive the much-coveted House trophy.

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

St Ben's makes school fun because the teachers are really nice and so are our classmates. Our favourite subject is art! Luke (Room 11), Tommy (Room 12) and Sam (Room 11).

We like St Benedict's because you learn something new every day and you make new friends. Alice, Isabelle, Charlie and Molly (all Room 7).

We like the sports that we do, our teachers and the playground. Aminette (Room 9) and Angel (Room 10).



Over the past seven days (Wednesday - Tuesday), our solar panels generated **107.1kWh of solar energy. Over the past 12 months we have generated 4605kWh of energy.** 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.

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 shelf 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.

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.

HOK Notices

Parent Representatives for 2018

Thanks to the volunteers for Rooms 7 and 4. Many more classes to go... 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 in setting 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

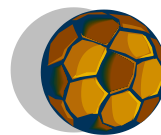
Help Our Kids (HOK) Meeting

Our first HOK team meeting will be held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 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 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 adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

FIRST DAY BACK



WEEKLY REFLECTION - Forgiveness

"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."

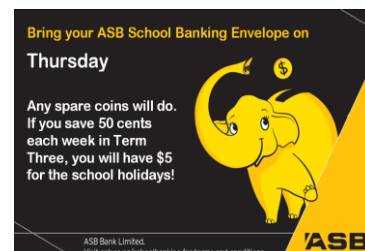
Paul Boese - author

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.

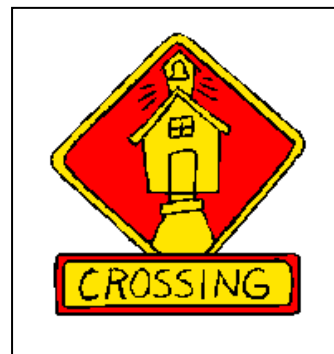
For easy and convenient banking for your child, the ASB has provided a Deposit Drop Box in the office area where your child can make their regular savings deposit. Emma McCallum



PARENT ROAD PATROL

Term 1		
Tuesday	06 Feb	Waitangi Day – School closed
Wednesday	07 Feb	Diamond family
Thursday	08 Feb	Dias family
Friday	09 Feb	Dimen family

Monday	12 Feb	Dinnan family (George)
Tuesday	13 Feb	Dinnan family (Jeannie-Mae)
Wednesday	14 Feb	Dmochowski family
Thursday	15 Feb	Nahu family
Friday	16 Feb	Dravitzki 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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