



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

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome to Room 3; Sarah Choi, Yohan Narag, Emma Sun and their families into our school community.

School Picnic Review – Friday 16 February

Those folk who happened to be perusing the Eastbourne area of Bishop Park on Google Earth between the hours of 10:00am – 11:30am last Friday could have been forgiven for misinterpreting the red hot spot as a meteorite speeding towards Wellington. But fear not parents, it was simply 250 students digging their way to sandcastle-mania. Being my first year at St Benedict's School I've never seen anything quite like it. Passers-by, not associated with our school community, must have wondered what was happening and perhaps incorrectly assumed that treasure was buried deep within the sand. I personally witnessed a cacophony of map reading and instruction shouting, dove-tailed with a hive of industry and sand flying from all directions. The end result - well about 60+ super sandcastle efforts consisting of, but not limited to - mermaids, buildings, racing track, castles, moats and half buried students!

Thank you to all parents and family members who were able to join us on the day; your support is indicative of our school spirit and embracing parents as partners. From swimming, to picnics, to sports and playground games; it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all. Thank you also to Coralie and Mrs Taylor for organising the day and to Mr Bath, Mrs Govind, Mrs Short and Mrs McGowan who all judged the sandcastle efforts with fairness and tact.

Ash Wednesday Mass Report – Wednesday 14 February

It was very pleasing to have 74 parents, grandparents and family members attend our Ash Wednesday Mass. Thank you to Father Doug and Mrs Miranda (our school's Director of Religious Studies) who, along with our student Catholic Character Team, helped oversee a meaningful Ash Wednesday Mass.

St Benedict's Working Bee – Sunday 11 March (10:00am – 3:00pm)

As part of our collective vision to enhance the school's grounds, we will be organising a Working Bee on Sunday 11 March from 10:00am – 3:00pm. For those new to St Benedict's School, we have a very active HoK Team (Help our Kids) led by Kez Dravitski and Erica Willoughby who are overseeing the signing up of roles and jobs. Please refer to the Working Bee advertisement later in this newsletter. Board Chairman Richard Uerata-Jennings, School Caretaker Mr Sokry Slayman and I will be gathering all necessary resources and prepping all identified areas for improvement, prior to the working bee so that we're ready to maximise the day! Your willingness to sign up and lend a hand to this Working Bee for the benefit of all St Benedict's students, will be greatly appreciated.

Goal Setting Interviews

Parent Interviews will take place on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 February. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code - **rr8h3** to book your interview with your child's / children's teacher. The booking site will be closed off on Monday 26 of February at noon.

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

Key Dates

February 2018

21	Class Mass – Rooms 3 & 8
21	Puppet show - Manuka Syndicate
22	Road Patrol refresher course
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
13	Mufti day - HOK

St Benedict's Student and Staff Section

This Week's Epic Eddie Winners... Room 6



Dear Mr Hinds, I would like to nominate Room 6 who have all shown two of our EPIC values when completing their self-portraits for art.

Perseverance – they took a long time ruling lines and colouring the back ground. It took us two weeks to complete.

Creativity - each face is so creative and resembles themselves. Fantastic effort by all, I am so proud of their portraits.

Kind regards, Mrs Govind.

This Week's Saint Benedict Award Winner... Mrs Short



Congratulations to Mrs Short who was presented with the *St Benedict Award* in assembly for leading the singing at Mass last week while playing the guitar – well done Mrs Short for being nominated by your fellow colleagues this week.

The highly sought-after *Saint Benedict Award* is given by staff to staff each week at assembly.

St Benedict's House Points Update

Week 3's House Point scores are as follows. Congratulations Ngatoto. Well done to Brigidine, who were awarded by Assembly hosts Room 11, as the 'best sitting house' throughout the assembly.

1st Ngatoto (691 points)
3rd Evans (565 points)

2nd Murphy (644 points)
4th Brigidine (534 points)

Student Voice – This week our mystery reporter asked the students what goes through their head as they walk in the school gates each day...

Luke C (Room 12) – I think about coming to the library to read and draw.

Kate N (Room 12) – I think, "Yay, I get to see my friends".

Luke W (Room 11) – I think about Mondays at Tech – yay yay!

Alex (Room 11) – If it's a Monday I think about Tech, assembly, my friends and the library!

Kate P (Room 11) – The first thing I think of is how much fun it is to play with my friends and how happy I am when I walk through the gates.

Emily (Room 12) – The first thing that comes in to my mind is "Yay, it's a Monday – Tech Day. I am happy that I also get to see my friends too. Awesome.

Flynn (Room 8) – I am happy that I can play with my friends.

Elliot (Room 11) – Yay, the library – I'm going to put my scooter away and then read.



Over the past seven days (Wednesday to Tuesday), our solar panels generated **107.1kWh of solar energy. Co2 saved – 19.9kgs 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

School Working Bee

Sunday 11 March – 10am to 3pm

(Postponement day is Sunday 25 March)

It's time to brighten up the school, do some repairs and build gardens.

With options of **morning** (10am-12.30pm), **afternoon** (12.30pm-3pm) or **all day**.

Paint – doors, planter boxes, concrete pipes and metal fences

Stain – decks, picnic tables, amphitheatre seating, railings and edges

Build – vegetable gardens, repairing steps and erecting vertical pallet gardens

Dig holes, move dirt, plant and concrete.

Please look at the list of tasks attached to this email, and sign up on the form by the school office or email Erica on erica@studio41.co.nz



**Free BBQ
Sausages
for Lunch**

Message from Regional Public Health

Regional Public Health has noted an increase in the number of gastro illnesses caused by the bug cryptosporidium. This has been especially for children using the Raumati splash pad. The splash pad has closed for cleaning.

It usually takes 7 days (sometimes from 1 to 12) for symptoms to show after you have been infected. The symptoms are usually watery diarrhoea and stomach cramps and usually get better on their own in a few days. It is important to stay home and drink plenty of fluids while ill. If you are worried about the symptoms you can see your family doctor or call Healthline 0800 611 116.

People with crypto are still infectious after the diarrhoea stops. To stop other people getting sick, stay away from school or preschool until 48 hours with no diarrhoea. Good hand washing and drying is very important to stop the bug spreading.

It is also important not to use swimming pools (including splash pads) for two weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. The bug can spread easily in pools.

More information about crypto and preventing spread in swimming pools is available at:

<http://www.rph.org.nz/publichealthtopics/recreationalwater/resources>

<http://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/recreational-water/safe-swimming.pdf>

SCHOOL PICNIC



HOK Notices

Working Bee: Sunday 11 March 10am-3pm (pp 25 March)

Come along and brighten up the school, and have a FREE sausage for lunch.

Sign up at the school office, or email Erica at erica@studio41.co.nz

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 5, 11 and 12

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

Quiz Night at 1841 - Sunday 8 April

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

www.facebook.com/StBensHOK



Netsafe Parent Evening @ Crofton Downs Primary School

Walking the Tightrope

The balancing act between the social and the safe online – ways we can support our children and young people as they navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Parents of Northern Suburb's schools are invited to attend a Netsafe Evening at Crofton Downs Primary School on March 7th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

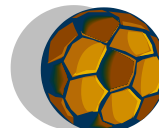
Netsafe is an independent, non-profit New Zealand organisation focused on online safety. Netsafe provides specialist support for schools, educators and school communities around digital citizenship, responding to online incidents and other online safety issues.

No need to reserve a place, simply turn up.

Date, Time and Location of Netsafe Workshop:

Wednesday 7th March. 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
Crofton Downs Primary School
Chartwell Drive, Crofton Downs
Wellington, 6035

Sports Notices & Student Achievements



NETBALL

It is time to register for Winter Netball!!

If your child is interested in playing, please complete the attached form and hand into the office ASAP. Or contact Sharon Gilhooly or Fiona Murphy – See attachment.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

"Pray, even if you feel nothing, see nothing. For when you are dry, empty, sick or weak, at such a time is your prayer most pleasing to God, even though you may find little joy in it. This is true of all believing prayer."

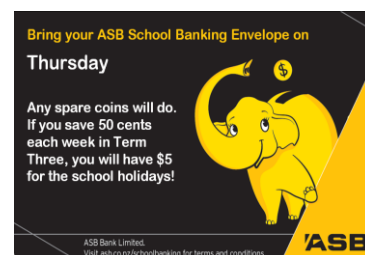
Julian of Norwich 1342-1416 (English Christian mystic and author of "Revelations of Divine Love")

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.

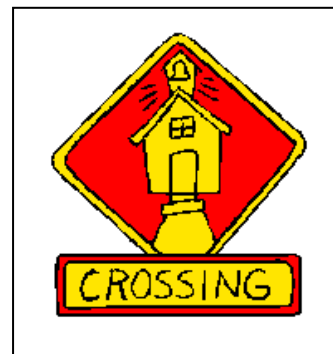
For easy and convenient banking for your child, the ASB has provided a Deposit Drop Box in the office area where your child can make their regular savings deposit. Emma McCallum



PARENT ROAD PATROL

Term 1		
Tuesday	20 Feb	Dudley family
Wednesday	21 Feb	Duggan family
Thursday	22 Feb	Faraon family
Friday	23 Feb	Florance family

Monday	26 Feb	Flutey family
Tuesday	27 Feb	Flynn family
Wednesday	28 Feb	Foskett family
Thursday	01 March	Gardner family
Friday	02 March	Garrity 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)

MUSIC LESSONS

Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at this school.

The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome!

The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 23 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place.

Phone: 0272115077

email: admin@musicacademy.co.nz

online: www.musicacademy.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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