



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

Newsletter No.5 St Benedict's School Khandallah

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Key Dates

February 2018	
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
13	Term 1 ends – 2:50pm
30	Term 2 begins

Reminder: Parking Safely and Legally Around the School

I would like to remind all our parents, caregivers and family members about parking safely and legally when dropping off and collecting your child(ren) from school.

Please be mindful of private driveways, bus stops, yellow lines and 'no parking/keep clear' road markings. It is important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road.

At the end of the school day please feel reassured that if you are running a little late or cannot find a safe place to park, your child(ren) will be waiting safely in the chalet near the bottom of the school path and if not collected the duty teacher will bring them back to the office and you will be contacted. It is not worth endangering the safety of others by parking illegally.

If the parking bays closest to the school are full, then for the safety of everyone, please consider parking a little further up or down the road and walking back to the two crossings outside the school's entrance, or alternatively doing a loop around the block.

Thank you in advance for respecting our neighbours, the road rules and above all, for not endangering our students by parking illegally during drop off and pick up times.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have several snippets of news to share with you. In no particular order, please enjoy the following updates and reviews. This newsletter really does sum up the 'hive of activity' inside our school on a weekly basis!

School Working Bee – Sunday 11 March (10:00am – 3:00pm)

Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who have already signed up for our Working Bee! Your willingness to sign up and lend a hand to this Working Bee for the benefit of all St Benedict's students is greatly appreciated. Please refer to the advertisement later in this newsletter.

St Benedict's School Blog – <http://stbensepicblog.blogspot.co.nz>

Our School Blog provides a further window into the happenings and goings-on of our school. The school's blog can be accessed by clicking on the above link, or through visiting the school's website.

Student, Parent and Teacher Goal Setting Meetings (Rooms 4-12)

A reminder for parents to please bring your child(ren) with you to school either this Wednesday or Thursday for the Term 1 Goal Setting meetings. This is an opportunity for goals to be discussed and set by the student, teacher and parents. If you missed the online sign up, please email Coralie in the school's office to schedule your appointment. We look forward to hosting you at school later this week.

Fonterra Milk for Schools – Let's Win a Ritchie McCaw Visit for our Students!

Calling for your support. Parents – let's see if we can win a visit from Ritchie McCaw on behalf of Fonterra Milk for Schools for our students. The more entries we place, the better our chances of winning! Simply click on this link below to register - many thanks in advance: www.richiesmilkrun.co.nz

Front Foyer – St Benedict Statue Erected

I am pleased to report that our statue of St Benedict has been erected in the school's front foyer. St Benedict has been erected at a height to symbolise the fact he is looking over us, and out for us, on a daily basis. Do take the time to view the statue of St Benedict in person – it is quite impressive. Please refer to our school blog for photos.

Manuka Athletics Day – Thursday 22nd March (9:30am - 1:30pm)

The Manuka Syndicate teachers and students are preparing for their Athletics Day on Thursday 22nd March from 9:30am - 1:30pm at Nairnville Park. Parents, family members, caregivers and siblings are all warmly invited to attend, support and enjoy this annual event. Please refer to the letter sent home from Manuka Syndicate Leader Mrs Anne Minto for further information.

Lost Property Location

Please note that all lost property is now housed in the corridor cubbies outside Rooms 3 & 4. Signs have been made above each cubbie to house the right item of lost property. Many thanks to Mrs Janine O'Styke who made the eye-catching signs. Photos on the school blog.

Year 3-8 Girls Futsal Report – Friday 23rd February. Mr Bath reports:

Last Friday we had 65 girls competing in the 2018 Girls Futsal Tournament at the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie. The students competed admirably against a number of schools across Wellington. The competitive spirit really heated up when they faced off against their classmates! Our students also had the chance to meet some of the NZ Football Ferns and to watch the opening match of the Women's Futsal National League. Congratulations to the students who won prizes for their great banners of support for the Capital Women's team. It was a great day all round and I would like to personally thank all parents who helped out on the day and those who came to support our students, it meant a lot! More photos on the school's blog.



Road Patrol Refresher Course – Thursday 22nd February. Mrs Taylor reports:

Constable Aaron Dann visited our school last Thursday to run a Road Patrol refresher course with our students who trained to be Road Patrollers at the end of last year. Congratulations to all students involved; you are currently carrying out the important role of road patrol for our school. This refresher course was the final stage in their training. Thank you for serving your school and community with diligence.



St Benedict's is now officially a Bronze Enviroschool Holder

Congratulations and many thanks to our Lead Enviroschool teacher Mrs Fiona Barnett and our keen group of Enviroschool students who in this week's assembly were awarded the Bronze Enviroschool award. Enviroschool guests Micheline and Arahia were on hand to present the award and celebrate with us the many sustainable, community, recycling and gardening opportunities we can embrace to move to the next level over time. We are excited about embracing this challenge.

Thank You Mrs Viv Collier for Your Service to Netball at St Benedict's School

After eight years of loyal and committed service to our school's Netball teams, Mrs Viv Collier is stepping down from all netball-related matters. Viv has been instrumental in our school's Netball success and will be sorely missed. In this week's assembly Viv was in attendance to be personally thanked. The students read out their memories of Viv, before presenting her with a signed card and gifts. Thank you Viv, and best wishes to Sharon Gilhooly and Fiona Murphy who have kindly agreed to take over the Netball portfolio at St Benedict's School.



With best wishes for a productive week to you all,
Michael Hinds
Principal – St Benedict's School

St Benedict's Student and Staff Section

This Week's Epic Eddie Winners... Room 7



Dear Mr Hinds

I feel compelled to nominate Room 7 for the EPIC Eddie award. Room 7 is full of kind, caring and considerate students who are living our school values everyday.

INTEGRITY

We have been discussing the word and its various meanings in class. Having the integrity to say 'I did my very best' is what we focus on in Room 7 and the team are nailing it as evidenced by the work on our class Passports that look superb.

EMPATHY

Last week I was filled with pride to overhear a Room 7 student say, "I care for everyone in my class and school." "Me too" was the response. The prayers that the children have said regarding the damage caused by Cyclone Gita is further evidence to empathy, Room 7 demonstrates on a consistent basis.

In addition, that's what Room 7s all about. Truly an EPIC group that I am blessed to work with everyday.
Kia ora, Mr Bath

This Week's Saint Benedict Award Winner...

Mrs McGowan

Congratulations to Mrs McGowan who was presented with the *St Benedict Award* in assembly for being so positive and for being willing to pray for those in need – well done Mrs McGowan 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 4's House Point scores are as follows.

1st Ngatoto (992 points)
3rd Brigidine (887 points)

2nd Evans (909 points)
4th Murphy (865 points)



Over the past seven days (Tuesday to Monday), our solar panels generated **100.1kWh of solar energy. Co2 saved – 17.3kgs 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 is 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**

HOK Notices

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

See details above

2018 School Directory

It's that time of year again when we update the directory that all families will receive by the end of Term 1.

The School Directory contains contact details for all our families, as well as room lists with all students' names. You can include as much or as little contact information as you like.

We are requesting ALL families to submit the following online form, even if your details remain the same as last year.

Click on this link to access the form: <https://goo.gl/ziJ2sM>

Please submit the online form by 11 March, thanks.

Quiz Night at 1841 - Sunday 8 April

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

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH NEWLANDS

Will be reopening for worship and fellowship on Sunday the 4th of March 2018. You are welcome to join us for Holy Mass at 12 noon, followed by a shared lunch. Fr. Doug will be leading this service with the support of the St Andrews church choir".

SANDCASTLE COMPETITION – School Picnic

Everyone gathered around excitedly as we talked among ourselves, discussing the plans for our sandcastle. We twitched with excitement.

"Let's go!" called Mr. Bath.

My group stood up and began to follow the rest of the school. When we got to the beach, we decided a spot so we started walking toward the less crowded section. We chose a spot beside the water and began to unload our supplies. Taking our shovels, we started to spoon out bits of the rocky sand, and slammed them into the buckets.

I started to craft the bear outline, but it was no use. It kept collapsing. "Ugh," I groaned in frustration.

"What's wrong?" asked Anna as she looked up from the sand.

"It won't stick together," I replied, trying to stick the sand together by slapping it.

"Try adding more water," Luke added in. I did as he suggested, but it was still falling apart.

"We have a slight problem..." I sighed.

"What? What's wrong?" asked Luke, his voice trembling with panic.

"Well looks like we're going to have to change the plan last-minute..." I replied.

We all sighed in sync.

"What about a volcano?" suggested Luke.

"It seems to be the only other option..." replied Anna.

"True, let's do it!" I added in. So we all started piling buckets upon buckets of rocky sand into a giant blob. Anna began to pat the mountain down with her spade. I stuck my spade into the top of the sand hill and flung sand gently over to the side, creating a hole for some seaweed I had found earlier for 'lava.' "Should we make a moat around it?" asked Anna.

"Yes!" exclaimed Luke excitedly.

"Sure, why not?" I added in my opinion quietly.

Anna took her shovel away from the volcano and began to dig a deep moat around it. I continued to shape the volcano with my spade.

"Guys, this isn't working," Luke sighed in frustration. "Should we just give up?" he added.

"No! We can't give up now!" replied Anna in confusion.

I kept quiet, agreeing with Luke in my head.

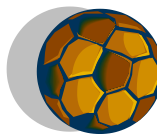
"Let's at least finish it, it'll only take a few minutes" Anna added, continuing to dig. She stood up and moments later came back with a few rocks. She crouched down again as she carefully placed them into the side of the volcano. I gently placed the string of seaweed into the hole I had created. I looked over at Luke, he was still digging the moat.

After a while we had decided it wasn't going to work so we just sat on the soft sand a little further up. We talked to the judges when they came around and told them about our 'beautiful creation.' We named it 'the Volcano of Alc!'

We didn't win a prize, but that didn't matter, we knew we weren't going to anyway. We just had a good laugh about it while eating our lunch afterwards.

Ciara Windley
Year 8

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

"All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."

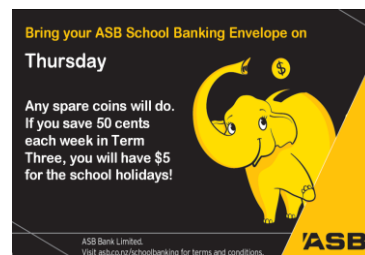
Julian of Norwich 1342-1416 (English Christian mystic and author of "Revelations of Divine Love")

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.

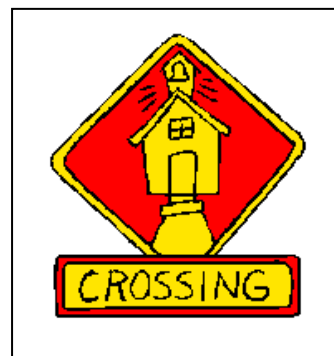
For easy and convenient banking for your child, the ASB has provided a Deposit Drop Box in the office area where your child can make their regular savings deposit. Emma McCallum



PARENT ROAD PATROL

Term 1		
Tuesday	27 Feb	Flynn family
Wednesday	28 Feb	Foskett family
Thursday	01 March	Gardner family
Friday	02 March	Garrity family

Monday	05 March	Gilhooly family
Tuesday	06 March	Glynan family
Wednesday	07 March	Gomes da Costa family
Thursday	08 March	Guevara family
Friday	09 March	Hastings 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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