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## Newsletter No.7 St Benedict's School Khandallah

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13 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome to Room 3, Rosie McMillan, sister of Coco. We hope you enjoyed your first day at school yesterday.

The first action-packed six weeks have flown by and according to our school website calendar; the remaining five weeks of Term 1 show no signs of letting up. This week's school news includes...

### It's a Big Week for the Kauri Syndicate Students and Teachers

Yesterday morning our Year 8 students left for their week-long camp to the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre in Tongariro Forest Park. Not to be outdone, our Year 7 students are also currently enjoying a week-long Education Outside of the Classroom week (EOTC). Please join me in wishing our Intermediate students from the Kauri Syndicate every success as they accomplish new challenges during these highly rewarding and character-building weeks.



### Netball Trials – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Mrs Sharon Gilhooly reports:

Our intermediate netballers had a good trial at the Nairnville courts on Sunday. Independent selectors said the players were all very close in terms of skill level, which made it hard to pick the teams. About half of the players are now away at the Year 8 camp so teams won't be named until after they're back. Could any intermediate parents who haven't paid their fees please do so and we can let the girls know as soon as they return. Good luck to Kate Nahu for a speedy recovery from her broken arm, suffered in a fall during the trials.

### Successful School Working Bee Report – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Please refer to the article later in this newsletter, which provides ample evidence of the staggering amount of work accomplished during last Sunday's highly successful Working Bee! Thank you to the 50+ helpers in attendance.

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

### Key Dates

March	
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
May	
2	Class Mass – Rooms 4 & 9
4	Futsal Tournament – Years 1 & 2

## **St Benedict's School - Student and Staff Section**

### **This Week's Epic Eddie Winners... Room 8**



Dear Mr Hinds, I would like to nominate my class for being hard working, kind and polite to each other. I am enjoying being their teacher. Each morning we have a lovely start to the day with our class prayers. They are definitely displaying the school's EPIC values. Please consider awarding Epic Eddie to Room 8 this week.

Many thanks and have a lovely day. Mrs Miranda.

### **This Week's Saint Benedict Award Winner...Coralie Wilkinson**



Congratulations to our Office Manager Coralie who was presented with the *St Benedict Award* in assembly by last week's winner Mr Hinds for always being polite, professional and committed to all things St Benedict's School. We find Coralie approachable and calm and always willing to help others in need. Well done Coralie 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**

No House Points update this week as our House Captains are either on the Year 8 Camp or the Year 7 EOTC week.

### **Student Voice – This week our mystery reporter asked the students if they had any aspirations they wanted to achieve when they are older...**

I would like to be a professional base guitar player (Luke - Room 11)

I would like to be a designer and animator (Josh C - Room 11)

I want to be either a professional lead guitarist or a skateboarder (Sam G - Room 11)

I want to be either an architect or a professional springboard diver (Santi - Room 11)

I would like to be either a scientist or an architect (Sam J - Room 11)



As of midday on Monday 12th March our school's solar panels had produced 9.2kWh of energy for the day. 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](http://www.st-benedicts.school.nz/?page_id=1639) to our school website where these notices are displayed.

### **Message from Father Doug**

Another school year begins in this awesome Catholic primary School. Again I have the privilege of being on the Board of Trustees as well as being St Benedict's School Chaplain. This is my fifth year in being the priest of the Onslow Faith Community and indeed the start of my fifth year in being ordained a priest. Yeah! Nearly off the 'L' plates.

This year I am very keen to offer to those parents who have not had their children baptised yet the opportunity to consider doing so. In looking to the future and their faith and educational journey continuing in a catholic school I encourage you to have your children baptised.

With every blessing, Fr Douglas Shepherd

# School Working Bee Report – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Firstly, praise God for the weather – what a superb day for action we were blessed with. And action there was, thank you so much to all parents and whānau in attendance for their commitment, expertise and general willingness to lend a hand. The improved appearance of our school grounds through the planting of shrubs and natives, internal and external painting, electrical work, new vegetable garden areas, a prayer area, and much staining of the decks and seating areas is clear for all to see. It really was a case of many hands make light work. The staff and students are just delighted with all outcomes and improvements. Standby for further playground additions and improvements throughout the course of the year as we continue to develop the school we're all so proud of.

A special mention and thank you to Board Chair Richard Uerata-Jennings and our HoK Co-Leaders Erica Willoughby and Kez Dravitzki; all three put in so much planning, preparation and organisation to enable this Working Bee to be so successful.

Thank you to the following parents and family members who so willingly signed up to give their time – for those who turned up on the day to help, if we missed your name, please do accept our humble apologies.

Sarah Flutey	Vicky Jones	Aidan Cassidy
Mads Berry	Ruth Burns	Anne-Marie Cassidy
Lara Hastings	Erica Willoughby	Shane Venn
Carl Hastings	Shane Dinnan	Viv Collier
Itayi Ravando	Jeff Willoughby	Shayne Nahu
Julie Hartwich	Ray Sai	Kez Dravitzki
Joel Vera	Aidan Boyle	Greg Dobson
Milly Hanlon	Gareth Coulter	Dean McDougall
Scott McMillan	Anthony Tuck	Richard Uerata-Jennings
Jane Dimen	Rebecca Tuck	Shane Nahu
Santi Dimen	Robyn Wishart	Andrew Bates
Phil Peet	Marie Pugh	Fiona Barnett
Phil Peet's father	Kevin Pugh	Cheryl Taylor
Tim Flynn	Anna McDougall	Emma McCullum
Praba Subra	Francis Faraon	Coralie Wilkinson
Neil O'Styke	Francis Novillia	Kate Twigg
Anne Minto	Stuart Maitland	Lidia Fourie
Nicole Haake	Darren Houston	Joe Fourie

## During the five hour Working Bee, the following jobs were completed:

- BBQ cooked
- Painting of interior front entrance door
- Painting of interior library doors
- Metal fencing
- Planter boxes painted
- Concrete pad laid
- Trellis erected
- Vertical vegetable garden erected
- Two vegetable gardens assembled and filled
- All concrete cylinders painted and planted
- Two decks stained
- Amphitheatre seating stained
- All edges, tops and walkways stained
- Stairs fixed
- Rotten timber replaced
- Metal pipes and poles primed and painted
- Prayer area constructed
- Picnic tables stained
- Soil on field removed
- New fence built
- School's Values' pencils erected



Please do enjoy the collage of photos that were taken during last Sunday's Working Bee.





## HOCKEY SKILLS

In Term 1, classes have been enjoying the Small Sticks in Schools Programme. Some of the children in Room 7 have written how these skills have helped them.

Jayden taught us lots of hockey skills. I like hockey because we get to play lots of games and learn new skills. My favourite game is number hockey because when the coach calls a number you get to run and play real hockey. I like playing with the people who know how to play.

By Denny Sai

Hockey is a really cool sport because you get to play with the hockey sticks and do dribbles like the Indian Dribble. Also the hockey coach is called The World Champion - Jayden!! He is a world MASTER at hockey SKILLS! He can do the skills better than us.

By Blaire Apu'ula

I love hockey because we are awesome! We love playing the game Rob the Nest together. I like our teacher, Jayden, because he can do awesome skills and he is friendly too. Everyone enjoys playing hockey. It is really special.

By Aaron Siby

## HOK Notices

### Quiz Night at 1841 Bar & Restaurant – 7pm, Sunday 8 April

Join us for a fun night of prizes, raffles, auction items, finger food and more!  
Tickets now on sale - \$20 each, Tables of 4-6 available.

Any queries please contact Marina – [marina.scoble@mikepero.com](mailto:marina.scoble@mikepero.com) or 021-279-5444

### Help For HOK – Donations

Is your family or business able to donate anything to our fundraising efforts this year, nothing is too small. Let's help make 2018 our biggest and most successful year yet.

Contact Kate [kateetwigg@live.co.uk](mailto:kateetwigg@live.co.uk) or ph 0277777212; Marina [marina.scoble@mikepero.com](mailto:marina.scoble@mikepero.com)

### **IMPORTANT - 2018 School Directory**

Thanks to the families who have submitted their information.

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 <https://goo.gl/ziJ2sM> , even if your details remain the same as last year or you wish to be on the class list only.**

**Please submit the online form THIS WEEK!**

[www.facebook.com/StBensHOK](https://www.facebook.com/StBensHOK)

# St Benedict's Spring Fair 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 11am-2pm

**Mufti day** - The last day of Term 1 is a mufti day for the fair. Please bring a gold coin donation.

**Helpers** - Are you interested in being involved with the fair on the committee or co-ordinating a stall?

**Coordinators needed** - **toys, books, craft, preloved clothes and white elephant**

**Can you help with . . .**

**Homemade preserves** to sell at the café if you are jam/preserve maker

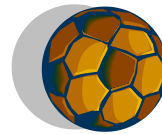
**Plants** - We welcome all plants, but flowering plants are very popular

If you are keen and able to assist please email [stbenedictsfair@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsfair@gmail.com) or Kim 021 216 8564.

**Craft!** Do you have a passion to make crafts? Are you handy with a glue gun? A sewing machine? Knitting needles? Or just generally artistic! Would you be willing to make some items for our craft stall? **We are currently looking for volunteers to start making items.** It is never too early to start stockpiling your crafts or donating supplies.

**The fair craft group will be meeting on Wednesday 21 March at 7.15 pm at 32 Izard Road.** If you are keen to join us please email [elizabeth.lucas@outlook.com](mailto:elizabeth.lucas@outlook.com) or phone 021 582 278.

## Sports Notices & Student Achievements



**We wish to congratulate the following football players for getting into their respective Stream teams following their recent football trials**

**A Stream:** Santi Marull (Wgtn United), Jamie Wildash-Chan (Onslow), Caleb Byrne (Wests Ole), Max McAllum (Onslow), Sam Jones, Emily Humphrey (Wests Ole), Isaac Willoughby (Onslow)

**B Stream:** Sean Dimen (Onslow), Annabel Tuck (Onslow)

**C Stream:** Daniel Barber (Onslow), Tommy Soria (Onslow)

### MINIBALL AND BASKETBALL

**It is time to register for Miniball and Basketball**

To register your child/ren for Terms 2 & 3 please complete the attached information and return to the school office with payment of \$80 (cash, cheque, or eftpos). Registration and payment needs to be received no later than Thursday 29 March 2018.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

*"The greatest honor we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."*

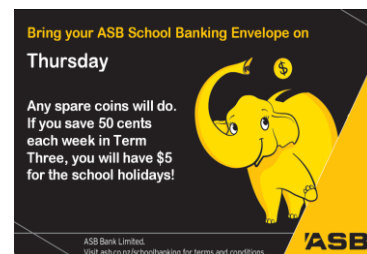
*Julian of Norwich 1342-1416 (English Christian mystic and author of "Revelations of Divine Love")*

## 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.

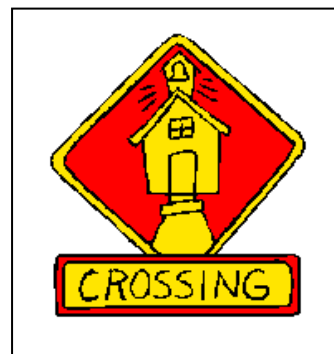
For easy and convenient banking for your child, the ASB has provided a Deposit Drop Box in the office area where your child can make their regular savings deposit. Emma McCallum



## PARENT ROAD PATROL

Term 1		
Tuesday	13 March	Howard family
Wednesday	14 March	Flutey family
Thursday	15 March	Ibarra family
Friday	16 March	Jetly family

Monday	19 March	John family
Tuesday	20 March	Johnson family
Wednesday	21 March	Jones family
Thursday	22 March	Kallarackel family
Friday	23 March	Keogh family



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

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## 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](mailto:admin@musicacademy.co.nz)

online: [www.musicacademy.co.nz](http://www.musicacademy.co.nz)

## 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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