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Guiding our Children's Hearts

Newsletter No.8 St Benedict's School Khandallah

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20 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome Nora Vincent (Room 3) and her family into our school community. We also welcome to Room 3, Mary Hanlon, sister of Ned, Bea, Kit and Posy.

Current School Roll and New Teacher Appointment Update

Our school roll as of Monday 19th March is 254 students. As a growing school, we are currently in the process of short-listing, interviewing and appointing a New Entrant teacher to commence Term 2. This is a roll-growth position and will be full-time, fixed term, ending on the last day of school – Friday 14th December 2018. Hopefully in the next newsletter I will be in a position to confirm to our current school community and those parents soon to join our school, news of the successfully appointed teacher.

Highly Successful Re-accreditation of our After School Care Programme

Last Thursday morning our *After School Care* programme was inspected by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). A Government employee ran thorough checks over our school's financial accounts and insurance, along with all related After School Care programme matters such as: policies and procedures, our enrolment form, the classroom itself, our systems and staff vetting and hiring procedures.

I am thrilled to share the following news with you. We received on the spot, what the Ministry of Social Development call, "A Green Light". Even more pleasing is the fact that our inspection was passed without a single recommendation. This is a huge accomplishment. Please do join me in congratulating the school's Board of Trustees for their support of this programme, and the After School Care programme staff, Manager: Tracey Smith, her Deputy: Cathy Woods and their reliable and experienced team, Emma McCullum, Leanne Smart, Coralie Wilkinson, Winnie Newenham and Janine O'Styke.

New Stage Backdrop for the School's Ampitheatre Area – Thank you Mrs Sam Walker (St Benedict's Parent and Local Artist)



There was an air of excitement during yesterday's 9:00am whole-school assembly as the new stage backdrop was revealed. Director of Religious Studies Mrs Jacqui Miranda opened the assembly with a whole school prayer and then the students were asked to recall all the improvements taking place around the playground. The students were then asked to imagine what their new stage backdrop would look like... responses ranged from wild guesses to more calculated predictions! As the students closed their eyes and counted back from 20 the sheets covering the new backdrop were removed and the audience were soon in absolute delight. What a great new stage area we have to practice Othello, King Lear, Hamlet, and Macbeth along with more modern

Key Dates

March	
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
10	Futsal Year 5-8
12	Futsal Year 3-4
13	Mufti day - HOK
29	Second Hand Uniform Sale – 11am - 12:30pm
13	Term 1 ends – 2:50pm
30	Term 2 begins
May	
2	Class Mass – Rooms 4 & 9
4	Futsal Tournament – Years 1 & 2
10	Swimming commences for Year 3-8

plays and nursery rhymes!!! Many thanks to St Benedict's parent and local artist Mrs Sam Walker who has added tremendous value to our stage area; you have exceeded expectations and we are grateful for your lasting contribution to our school. Thank you also to our budding Year 8 actors and actresses who read out snippets from plays/nursery rhymes to entertain the audience. Your works were appreciated by the students, staff and those parents who were able to stay on to witness this special occasion in the school's fine history. Further photos on the school's Blog.

Crofton Downs Mitre 10 and Khandallah New World – Working Bee Sponsorship



Students in Rooms 9 & 10 showed their appreciation to Khandallah New World Owner Mike Walshe and Crofton Downs Mitre 10 owner Brendan Hall by making cards for both. Mike supplied the sausages for the BBQ and Brendan provided many discounted and donated products for the recently held Working Bee. The students are really embracing their colourful new playground.

School Netball Results (St Ben's Jelly Beans, Gummy Bears and Rubies)



Last Friday afternoon three of our school's netball teams played at Samuel Marsden School in Karori. All three sides won their semi-finals convincingly and will now be in the finals this Friday. I was impressed of the skill and sportsmanship on show; well done girls and best wishes for your final. The Semi Final results were:

St Ben's Gummy Bears – coached by Jenny Trevelyan (Won 6-2)

St Ben's Jelly Beans – coached by Viv Collier (Won 11-4)

St Ben's Rubies – coached Ronnie Dinnan (Won 12-1)

Manuka Syndicate Scooter Skills Workshop; Mrs Anne Minto Reports:



Last Tuesday, Manuka Syndicate enjoyed an engaging and educational session with the Wellington City Council's Scooter Safety co-ordinator and a staff member from Kilbirnie Recreation Centre. They covered a number of useful safety skills with our students, and provided scooters and helmets for those who had none. The students had a wonderful time scootering around our courts, practising the skills covered (including safe stopping, watching out for sneaky driveways and helmet positioning!), and did lots of writing as a result!

Room 9's Beautiful Prayer Quilt; The Room 9 Students Write:



We made a prayer quilt where we each decorated a square to contribute. This project involved many different techniques, skills, materials and colour. This included cross-stitching and felt tips! It took us one week to complete, and Mrs Short's friend Mary Jane Robiony-Rogers came to our class to sew them all together. We can't wait to use it for daily prayers.

Further photos on the school's Blog: <http://stbensepicblog.blogspot.co.nz>

Weetbix Kids TRYathlon – Kilbirnie Park, Sunday 18th March

Last Sunday at Kilbirnie Park no fewer than 38 St Benedict's School students participated in the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon. Some participated in a combined family or friend's team, while many completed the three-stage course individually. Congratulations to all our students for giving this a go; what an achievement. Many thanks to Viv Collier for organising and overseeing this annual event, to Mads Berry who was there bright and early to stake the school's flag and central gathering spot and to Neil O'Styke and Kate Twigg for taking the photos. Further photos on the school's Blog: <http://stbensepicblog.blogspot.co.nz>



Otari-Wilton's Bush Native Botanic Garden and Forest Reserve Enviro Day (Enviro Schools); Mrs Fiona Barnett Reports:



On Thursday 15 March, 12 keen Enviro Leaders from St Benedict's school headed off to learn more about an amazing botanical garden that is on our doorstep. The Enviro schools' facilitators and Wellington city council outdoor educators worked with us as we explored.

The areas of focus included looking closely at the variety of ferns on display, discovering the range of ways seeds are dispersed, with every student planting a kowhai seed. Teams assessed the water quality of the Kaiwharawhara stream and finally we walked into the bush to view the ancient rimu and learn about Rongoā, (traditional Māori medicine). A highlight was a close-up with a Karearea (a NZ Falcon). It was heard screeching close by and then zoomed past us along the streambed. All the

students' had a fantastic day learning more about the environment they live in and gaining a deeper appreciation of local habitats and how they can care for them. Many thanks to the parents in attendance; we are grateful for your support.

Otari Native Botanic Garden and Wilton's Bush Reserve is the only public botanic garden in New Zealand dedicated solely to native plants. The Garden is a unique plant sanctuary and forest reserve and includes 100ha of native forest and 5ha of plant collections.

Staff Professional Development Update, Mrs Cheryl Taylor Reports:

Last night the teaching staff attended a workshop facilitated by the Wellington Literacy Association at The Little Theatre in Lower Hutt. The workshop was led by Murray Gadd on the subject of *Effective Literacy- What's needed? What does it look like?* Murray Gadd is the New Zealand guru of literacy - Reading and Writing and presents to educators both nationally and internationally. At the workshop we were challenged to think about the critical features of an effective writing programme/lesson; explore these features through examples of good practice and reflect on our own practice as a result of this exploration.

Grace and blessings

Michael Hinds – Principal, St Benedict's School

PSW NORTHERN ZONE FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Over 120 of our students, across the Kowhai and Kauri Syndicates, have volunteered to represent our school in the upcoming Northern Zones Futsal Tournament. Due to the large number participating, we will need parent help supervising the teams.

Please keep an eye out for the paper form coming home if your child is participating, and let Mr Bath know if you are able to help on either of the competition dates noted below.

Venue: ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie
Dates: Tuesday 10th April for the Year 5/6 & Year 7/8 students
Thursday 12th April for the Year 3/4 students

St Benedict's School - Student and Staff Section

This Week's Epic Eddie Winners... Room 11



Tēnā koe Mr Hinds, I would like to nominate my class for the Epic Eddie award this week. A few weeks ago my students had to learn their Mihi off by heart and say it in front of the class. This was very difficult for some people as they find public speaking scary, even in their own language. The class were supportive of each other and they all succeeded. What a fine example of Room 11 demonstrating our school's values. Please consider awarding Epic Eddie to Room 11 this week. Many thanks, Ms Bolger.

This Week's Saint Benedict Award Winner... Winnie Newenham



Congratulations to Winnie Newenham who was presented with the *St Benedict Award* in assembly by last week's winner Coralie Wilkinson for her commitment to the students in her care. Winnie is always positive, caring and helpful and really does love her job. Well done Winnie 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

Due to no scores being counted last week, there were some bumper scores

this week! Week 6&7's House Point scores are as follows.

1st **Murphy (1621 points)**
3rd **Evans (1600 points)**

2nd **Ngatoto (1792 points)**
4th **Brigidine (1539 points)**

Student Voice – This week our mystery reporter asked the students what they like about their playground's new features...

I like the new red painted concrete tunnels because they have all been brightened up and because red is my favourite colour. (George – Room 10)

I like the fact that everything has been repainted because now it's bright. (Genevra – Room 10)

I like the new pencils on the driveway because they are very creative. (Connor – Room 10)

I like the colours on the stage because they are pretty and bright. (Grace – Room 5)

I like the new stage because you can play and sing on it. I am going to do that. (Liam – Room 5)

I like the stage because it you can sing on it and dance on it and I like doing that with my friends. And I like the stars. (Kenzie – Room 5)



We have a Champion High Jumper Introducing... Jeannie-Mae Dinnan

Congratulations and well done to Jeannie-Mae Dinnan who won a gold medal in the high jump event when attending the recent Wellington Junior Championships.

Jeannie-Mae achieved first place and a personal best by jumping 1.25 metres!



Over the past seven days, our solar panels generated **135.9kWh of solar energy. Co2 saved – 26.4kgs 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>.

There are lots more photos on the school's Blog: <http://stbensepicblog.blogspot.co.nz/>

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.

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 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. We are looking for items/services for the quiz auctions and other events in 2018.

Contact Kate katetwigg@live.co.uk or ph 0277777212

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!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2018/2019

\$65 for deals around Wellington on restaurants (including Khandallah Trading Company and the Cashmere Lounge), cafes, take aways, tourist and educational hot spots, garden centres and more! Books for other locations also available.

Each book sold raises \$13 towards the landscaping and rebuilding of the upper play and bank area at St Benedicts School.

Digital memberships can be accessed from 2 phones. Let friends and family know also.

Order your copy now through the

link <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10422e1> (or visit the school office).

Any queries, please contact Nikki Mazur on 027241 2282 or email

nikki_oconnor@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/StBensHOK

DEVELOPMENTAL DYSPRAXIA/DCD - TALK FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The Dyspraxia Support Group is holding a presentation which will give an overview of Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD and share ideas and strategies teachers and parents can use to support children with Dyspraxia.

Date: 10 April 2018

Venue: Tawa College School Hall, Duncan Street, Tawa

Time: 7 pm to 8 pm and then time for questions

Cost: Gold coin donation

Please **RSVP** to Sue at dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 358 3249

For more information phone (03)358 3249 or Email dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz

St Benedict's Spring Fair 28th 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

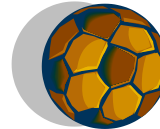
Plants - We welcome all plants, but flowering plants are very popular

If you are keen and able to assist please email stbenedictsfair@gmail.com 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 or phone 021 582 278.

Sports Notices & Student Achievements



FOOTBALL STARS

We wish to congratulate the following football players who we missed out last week that have also been chosen for Stream teams following their recent football trials.

Onslow Football Club Grade 13 – B Stream – Jacob Bailey, James Voller & Jigs Ibarra

CONGRATULATIONS to Nadia Khera who passed her 5th Kyu (Blue belt) Grading in the Martial Art of Karate-Do last weekend.

MARIST ST PAT'S REGISTRATION EVENING – TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2018 – SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 5:30PM



MSP Junior Rugby has built one of Wellington's proudest and most successful sports clubs.

The club is about children enjoying their sport and developing their skills in a fun, safe and family oriented environment. Come and check out our vibrant club culture with a strong family atmosphere offering:

- Little Rippas (age 2-4): for the smaller ones
- Rippa Rugby (under 6 & 7): non-tackle rugby
- Tackle Rugby (under 8 to 13): fun rugby for kids aged 8-13

Register online at www.msprugby.co.nz or come to a registration event we're holding in the School Library at 5:30pm next Tuesday 27th march 2018.

Free rugby ball and mouth-guard for registered players.

Not sure? Have Questions? Email us at mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page for more.

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

"First comes the fall, and then comes the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God."

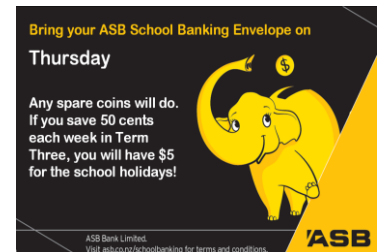
Julian of Norwich 1342-1416 (English Christian mystic and author of "Revelations of Divine Love")

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.

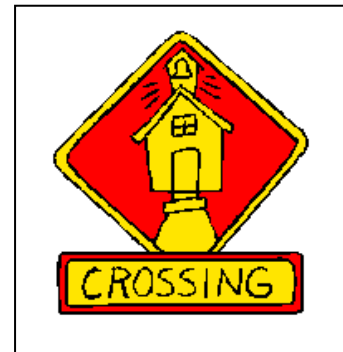
Once your child has been registered they will receive a Kid's School Banking pack which will include a calculator, savings diary and deposit envelopes to help them get started.

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 March	Johnson family
Wednesday	21 March	Jones family
Thursday	22 March	Kallarackel family
Friday	23 March	Keogh family
Monday	26 March	Khera family
Tuesday	27 March	Kinikinilau family
Wednesday	28 March	Lucas family
Thursday	29 March	Maitland family
Friday	30 March	Good Friday – School Closed



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

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

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Phone: 0272115077

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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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