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## THE GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 5  
23 February 2023

What do you want?

I am sure I have written on this question before but will do so again. It is that important. So important that these are the first words said by Jesus in the Gospel of John: *What do you want?* And like the disciples who heard that question, we fumble with the answer. We want so much, we get confused, distracted, swayed by others' opinion, and doing things that are not necessarily bad but distract us from what is really important to us.

We begin Lent this week and this is the time the Church gives us to seriously consider what we are on about. We are called to deny ourselves...but what for? Denial is worse than useless if it goes nowhere. For example, you may spend too much time on the internet. But if some of that time was spent with your spouse or children, there is a real chance your relationships would deepen. But this won't be easy. We know it is easier to follow the clicks and 'For You' suggestions than to engage with another person in ordinary conversation. That is where self-denial comes in.

As we ask ourselves what is really important, we can see where we need to change, and this can feel overwhelming. We all have ingrained habits that we despair of changing. First we need to ask, why we want to change, and then ask God to give us the wisdom and imagination to work out how we could change. This is the Church's 40-day challenge to allow God to change our lives and help us become the people we really want to be.

*Loving God, you know I get overwhelmed by all the things I want. In this Lent, let me see what is truly important and give me the wisdom and strength to embrace these. I ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

We find ourselves halfway through our term this week with excellent learning taking place across the school. Our Prep students have settled into the routine of school extremely well. They are engaging in a variety of rich learning activities including planning, designing, problem solving, role playing and [singing](#) (click on the link).

At St Benedict's we highly value the concepts of play and investigation,



these are central to our program. These tools enable our students to develop rich language, practical mathematical knowledge and an understanding of how to interact and negotiate with fellow classmates. Their play develops their oral language, a vital step as they move towards becoming competent speakers, readers and writers. I would like to thank our wonderful Prep teachers and teacher assistants for their gentle guidance and patience as they create these learning experiences. Please enjoy the photos and video clip.









## Tuckshop

Thank you Maggie, Bec and Sarah for your help in tuckshop this week.

Week 6 Tuesday Special is a bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo wrap.

Tuckshop can only function with the help of volunteers, so consider making 2023 your year to start helping in tuckshop. Tuckshop is very easy and lots of fun. Coffee and cake is always provided (Tuckshop calories don't count). Call or text 0427 233 186 or come in any Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Louise Hayes.

## Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students, Mrs Michelle Clifton, Mr Owen Beavan and a number of our staff will head off for their Leadership Camp next Monday. The week is action packed with students participating in day excursions to the Art Gallery and St Vincent DePaul on Monday and Tuesday with the rest of the week being overnight at the Cooe Bay Recreational Camp. We hope they enjoy their time together. Parents if you have any queries with regard to camp please contact your class teacher.

## Shrove Tuesday

We had a busy Shrove Tuesday at St Benedict's. There were pancakes galore at lunch time. Thank you to Mrs Louise Hayes, our tuckshop coordinator, who prepared hundreds of pancakes to feed the students. The funds raised will be donated to Caritas Australia to support Project Compassion.

## Project Compassion Launch

Emmaus College, North Rockhampton hosted the Project Compassion Launch for 2023. Mrs Helen Langdon along with representatives from Year 6 attended the event. During the launch they were commissioned and given the task of sharing with their schools the message of Caritas Australia and their efforts to reach out and help people in need around the world. On Ash Wednesday they will introduce the project to the students, explaining how the fundraising efforts will make a difference to the lives of people who are less fortunate than them. Thanks to Emmaus College and Mrs Helen Langdon who organised the visit.



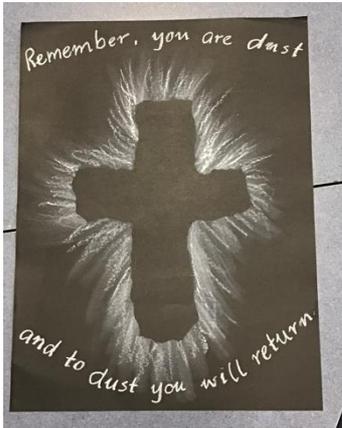
## Project Compassion



This week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2023 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today, extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion. Project Compassion boxes can be found in the school office and each classroom for donations, or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at:

[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday liturgies in all classrooms. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent. It is a season of prayer, fasting and doing good works. We prayed together that we would see the challenges faced by so many around the world and respond to this with compassion and generosity.



## Sacramental Program

There is a parent information night for the 2023 Sacramental Program at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 1 March commencing at 6:00pm. The program has been updated and has undergone significant changes. It is expected that all parents wishing for their child/ren to receive their Sacraments this year will attend this night. A copy of the letter, which was sent home last week, is attached to this newsletter.

Please **bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate** to the evening as this will be required to enrol your child in the program. The cost of the program this year is \$45, which can be paid in cash or by direct debit (parish banking details will be available at the information evening).

Sacramental sessions will begin in Term 2. Should you have any queries, please contact the parish office on 4933 6171 or Helen Langdon on 4994 8220.



### Happy Birthday to

Chloe Mitford	23 February	05 Years
Jeda Mekwan	20 February	06 Years
Ezra Kelly	24 February	06 Years
Naiya Kelly	23 February	08 Years
Archie Dietz	24 February	10 Years

### Wizard of Oz Musical

The Yeppoon Choral Society is producing "The Wizard of Oz" and invites all interested children and adults to audition for both principal roles and general ensemble parts. This is a community production and we encourage anyone with a love of live performance and story telling to get involved. First timers are very welcome.

The directors are Mrs Kate Ellis and Mrs Tink Boyd. They will be supported by a team of talented singing coaches, choreographers, music conductor and musicians, and costume fairies. Further information is available on the Yeppoon Choral Society website and Facebook page.

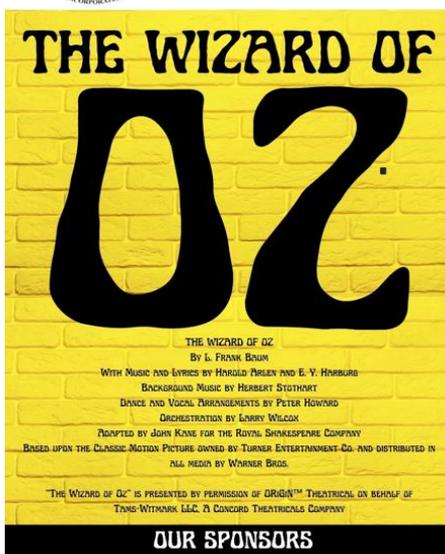
Auditions are on the 10th & 11th of March, and can be booked via [humanitix.com](http://humanitix.com).

The performances will take place Friday 25th August, Saturday 26th August and Sunday 27th August.

If you need more inspiration, The Yeppoon Cinema is hosting a Wizard of Oz sing-a-long movie event on March 4th. Tickets available on [humanitix.com](http://humanitix.com).



For more info:  
[yeppoonchoral.org](http://yeppoonchoral.org)



**YEPPON TOWN HALL**

# Year 4 Benedictine Retreat Day

Year 4 students were lucky enough to experience their first retreat day led by Mrs Williams and Mrs Langdon. They explored the life of St Benedict and his rule of living, which is the focus for our year level. Discussions centred on being present and responding to others. Students made artworks expressing their hopes for the world, their school, their class and themselves. These will be displayed in the library. They also made a badge with their 'take home message' to share with others.



*I liked making the artworks because I liked painting them. We wrote on the paper strips our message to help the world. (Creedence)*  
*We learned a lot about St Benedict's story and that he made different communities all by himself. When he went to Rome the people were very selfish and couldn't trust each other so he didn't like it there. He decided to make his own community in the mountains. (George)*  
*St Benedict tried to make a community with other people and they lived and worked together. (Violet)*  
*I learned that you should respect other, be kind to others and make sure you use your hands for good works. (Rita)*

