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Term 1 Week 8
16 March 2023

"I know just how you feel"

I've often heard the above (and far too often) from people who haven't stopped to find out just how I did feel and who have then gone on to tell me what I should be doing with my life. Yes, I have felt angry and hurt about their so-called 'care'. And I'm sure many reading this can recall similar experiences. The 'care' we have been offered either doesn't suit our need or is given insensitively. But then maybe I haven't expressed my need properly. It seems we all have a lot to learn about caring – both in expressing our needs and in giving and receiving care.

In Lent one of the traditional practices is 'almsgiving', that is the showing of practical compassion to those in need. The word 'compassion' comes from the Latin meaning 'feeling with'. With this practice we try to feel with people and offer a care that is appropriate to them – not to how we feel about their situation. It is good to send money to help those in need who are remote from us but the challenge of 'almsgiving' in Lent is primarily directed at us learning better ways of being compassionate to those around us who are in need and that is pretty well everyone. We are challenged to love like God. Over these weeks, take time to really listen to those around you, and even ask questions about how they really feel, what their deepest desires are, how they feel needy. Ask yourself these questions, and if needs be, ask for care for yourself.

Loving God, you know all our needs. Send us your Spirit of compassion to care for each other with the tenderness and wisdom that Jesus shows in his care. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Principal's Conference. During the three days we engaged with a series of scenarios encompassing compliance, governance, financial stewardship and educational accreditation. The sessions were led by the Brown Collective and involved Principals from across the Diocese participating in forums where we were able to learn and discuss these matters. I would like to thank our Catholic Education Director, Miss Leesa Jeffcoat for this valuable learning experience.

Thank you to Mrs Gabby Barker, Mrs Helen Langdon and the Year 3 & 5 teachers who have overseen our NAPLAN preparation in my absence. Our students have completed the Writing, Reading and Conventions of Language components during the past two days with Numeracy, the final component of testing occurring tomorrow. Congratulations to our students who have worked very well during this time.

This week we held our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. I thank those who attended for their time. Our Parents and Friends are a very important part of the St Benedict's community and I am very grateful for their support and enthusiasm. The members support our school in so many ways and ensure it is a place where all are welcome. Congratulations and thanks to our new committee members including:

President: Mrs Carmen Hunter
Vice President: Mrs Joanne Labor
Treasurer: Ms Cynthia Boulus
Secretary: Mrs Suzanne Kriedemann

Our P&F meet throughout the year and all families are welcome to attend.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 March. Please ensure you have booked a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Have a great week everyone.

Julie

Sports Representation

A number of St Benedict's student have been chosen to represent Capricornia and Rockhampton in a variety of sports over the past few weeks. We would like to congratulate the following students:

Brooklyn Taylor	U12 Capricornia Netball
Finlay Houghton	U12 Capricornia AFL
Zayden Elliott	U12 Rockhampton AFL
Taytum Chapman	U12 Rockhampton AFL
Jack Keen and Kona Legros	U10 Rockhampton Rugby League
Lachlan Fry and Vann Breingan	U11 Rockhampton Rugby League
Finlay Houghton	U12 Rockhampton Rugby League

We hope all of these students enjoy their representative experience at the next level.



(Absent from picture: Kona Legros)

Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who competed in our interschool cross country carnival. A number of our 10, 11 and 12 year old students will now compete at the Keppel Coast District Trials which will be held at Taranganba State School next Wednesday 22 March. Information will be emailed home to those student who have qualified to compete at the KCD carnival.

Parent Survey

Parents are asked to complete the following survey for Catholic School Parents Queensland.

CSPA Parent/Carer Survey on Classroom Disruption

Survey closes Friday 24th March, 2023

The issue of disruption in Australian school classrooms is seen by some to be disadvantaging students and contributing to poor literacy and numeracy results. Further, there are claims that classroom disruption is denying some students of their opportunities to learn, thereby preventing them from reaching their full educational, economic and social potential.

This is why the Australian Government is conducting an Inquiry into disruption in Australian school classrooms.

Classroom disruption is often characterised by on-going instances of disorderly conduct by students, and evident in classroom environments that are usually described as poorly disciplined.

As parents/carers you may be concerned about classroom disruption or have experienced this in your child's school - or perhaps this has not been an issue for you or your child. Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) is seeking your feedback to inform CSPA's submission to this inquiry.

Please complete the following short survey to ensure your valued voice contributes to the CSPA submission - your responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

It is easier if you focus on one of your children to answer the survey questions.

To go to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cspaclassroomdisruption>

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Caritas Third Week of Lent AUSTRALIA



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's

school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Watch a short film about Priscilla's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Project Compassion Fundraiser

This year we are holding a raffle to raise money to support Caritas Australia and their Project Compassion campaign. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs from families. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 31 March at approximately 2:15 pm. Tickets will be 20c and they will be for sale before school during the last week of term. Easter Egg donations can be left in the office.



Holy Week Liturgies

During the last week of school, classes will present Holy Week Liturgies. The students will retell the story of Jesus's life as we journey towards Easter. Liturgies will be held in the shed. A timetable of Stations is included below. Parents and friends of our St Benedict's community are invited to attend these liturgies.

Holy Thursday (4R) – Wednesday 29 March: 8:40am

Stations of the Cross (4B) – Thursday 30 March: 8:40am

Jesus's Death (5G) – Friday 31 March: 8:40am

Resurrection (5D) – Friday 31 March 2:00pm

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Edition 2 Book Club News have been sent home last week. All orders are due back at school by **Friday 17th March 2023**. **LOOP** orders will also close on this date also. If you submit a **LOOP** order after this date, Scholastic will charge a small fee for the items to be delivered to your home address.



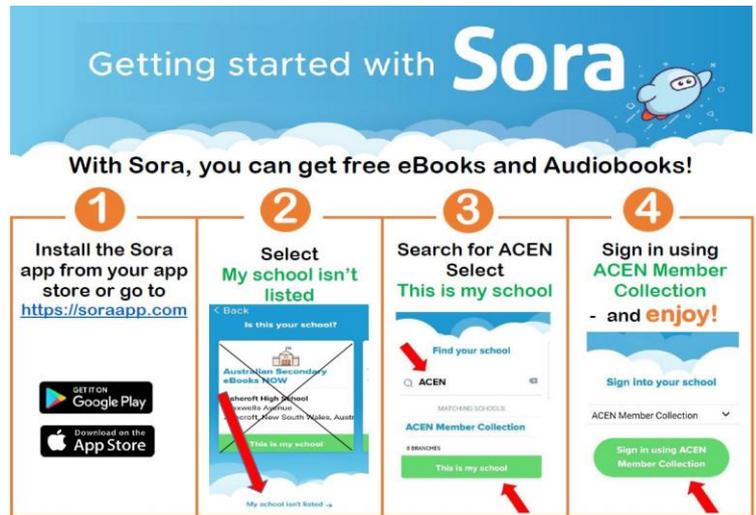
IMPORTANT

Please Note: There are now three (3) ways to pay for your Book Club order.

- 1. LOOP** - (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform) which is Option 1 on the Order Sheet, please **DO NOT** send your order sheet back to school.
- 2. Cash** - Please send your completed order forms back to school.
- 3. Cheque** – Please make cheques payable to "Scholastic" and send your completed order forms back to school.

If you have any queries or need help with your Book Club order, please see Mrs Dendle in the Library.

Thank you for supporting Book Club in 2023.



Tuckshop News

Thank you Maggie, Fiona, Jo and Sarah for your help this week.

Week 9 Tuesday Special - Bento Box (GF Option available)

The Bento box contains a ham sandwich, vege sticks and dip, cheese and biscuits and fruit.

Don't forget Friday Pie day. Orders must be in by 8:30am Thursday morning.

Tuckshop needs more volunteers. One or two mornings a term or even an hour here or there is a huge help. If you can make a sandwich, you can 'do' tuckshop. Tea, coffee and morning tea is supplied and I guarantee you'll have a fun morning. Pop down any Tuesday or Thursday morning or call/text me 0427 233 186.

Louise Hayes.



Happy Birthday to

Delilah Tichel	16 March	05 Years
Arthur Cagney	17 March	06 Years
Matilda Beavan	14 March	09 Years
Ella Laverty	18 March	10 Years
Mackenzie Thorley	19 March	10 Years
Koby Owens	15 March	11 Years

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly: Week 7 Term 1 2023



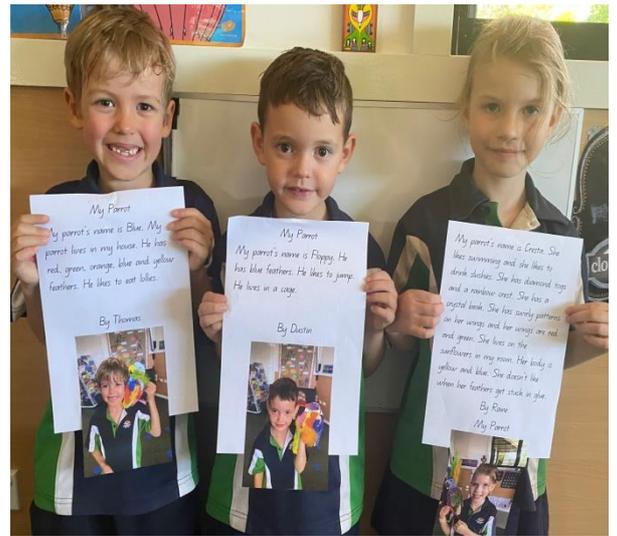
Class	Student	Award Comment
PE	Stella Nielsen	For the beautiful artwork you produce and the effort you put in. You're amazing
PB	Slayter Breingan	For your amazing retell about the birth of Jesus. You are always listening and ready to learn. Keep being you!
1E	Bella Burkett	For her great thinking and sharing during Number Talks. You are a ten frames wizard! Super Work Bella!
1U	Flynn Owens	For your amazing explanation of how you found many answers to the number problem. You are a math superstar!
2C	Riley Sonter	For your amazing mental maths calculations during our history lessons. You are a maths magician.
2M	Nevaeh Bacon	For always having a positive attitude towards learning and applying your best effort to challenging tasks!
3H	Lola Murphy	For your amazing artistic talents. Your warm/cool coloured sun and moon was incredible.
3N	Suri Othayoth Squire	For the detail and dedication you put into your homework each week!
4B	Rhys Spencer	For your outstanding effort to use the text to correctly answer questions about rainforests. Well done Rhys!
4R	Lillian Palmer	For your dedication to all learning tasks and your helpfulness in organising our classroom. Way to go!
5G	William Mattos	For your attentive listening, always trying your best and for including others in group work. Way to go William!
5D	Dexter Semple	For creating a persuasive letter convincing us why everyone needs a pet. Keep up the hard work!
6B	William Breach	For the leadership qualities you have consistently demonstrated this year and the way you overcame challenges at camp! Well done!
6C	Adorabella Williams	For your excellent display of leadership skills on camp. You persevered, supported your peers and led by example. You are a great leader!

1U News



In HaSS we have been learning about past, present and future. We discussed many different time words we could use like now, then, yesterday, today and tomorrow. We have begun to bring in items from home to fill our memory box with things from before we were born, when we were a baby, when we were a toddler and now as a Year 1 student.

Ahh me hearties! In English we have been learning about Pirates! We have read pirate stories, written letters to One-eyed Duncan and his pet crocodile Smiles, wrote a Who am I? describing a pirate and its features and made our own parrot and described what it looked like. We have also had time for reading, learning our sounds of the week and show and tell.



Math talks are a big hit in Year 1! We get to work with our turn and talk partner on a math task and together we can solve the problem. We love sharing our thinking with the class too! We have also been learning how to count in 1s, 5s and 10s to 100, add two numbers together and place numbers to 20 on a number line.



Joseph and Mary came to visit our Year 1 classrooms last week to teach us all about what life was like as a Jewish person in the time of Jesus. We learnt what Jesus and Joseph did during the day and watched Mary working hard to prepare a meal and clean the house.

