

DATE CLAIMERS

9 May – Pie Drive Forms

Due Today

10-12 May – NAPLAN



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THE GRAPEVINE

How to give a gift, especially to Mum

Gifts can be tricky things. We all know stories of people giving gifts to spouses that really were something they themselves wanted. One husband finally stopped giving his wife power tools for her birthday, when she gave him a frilly nightdress for his! To truly give a gift, you need to understand what the person may truly want or need, you need to get 'inside the skin' as it were. Then such a gift goes straight to the heart.

We see this in the life of Jesus. One of the truly amazing things, I find, is that he lived our human life for 30 years before he began his preaching. Given that he came from God, you would have thought he would have come and just told us what to do. But no, he came experiencing all our stages of growth. By the time he began preaching he was a very mature age. When Jesus offers us guidance for life, we know he has been inside our skin.

Mother's Day is coming soon, and it is very easy for us to presume that we know what our mother would want – after all we have truly been inside her skin. We can presume too much. A good idea over the coming week would be to ponder on what mothers like and ask, "What does she really want?" We may be surprised to realise that it is not so much presents as presence.

Loving God, your Son Jesus experienced what it was to have a human mother, to know growth as a human person. Send us your Spirit that we may live in awe at the mystery of every person, especially our mother. We ask this in Jesus' name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

This Sunday we celebrate our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, aunties and all those women who care for us. We wish them a relaxing and joyful Mother's Day.



A Mother

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience.
And wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,

How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family,
Whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
And make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!

We pray:

Loving God,

*As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.*

Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened by your love.

Let the explain of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

May honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Amen.



Best wishes to all Mums for a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday!

We thank you for who you are and for all that you do regardless of what your own needs may be.

Julie

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Plan – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The assessments are undertaken nationwide every year in May. Please find below the schedule for St Benedict's.

- Tuesday 11 – Writing
- Wednesday 12 – Reading and Language Conventions
- Thursday 13 – Numeracy

Students in Year 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN program. Each school receives results that are beneficial to the school. The data assists in the identification of areas of strength and weaknesses in the delivery of curriculum at St Benedict's.

Please remember:

- **ALL students (Prep – Year 6)** need to be at school by 8:40am on these mornings
- Please ensure that all students have an early night (adequate sleep) before each test and a healthy breakfast - as per any school day

2022 Pie & Lamington Drive

St Benedict's P & F are running a pie drive and lamington drive in Term 2 through Keppel Pies. Forms are due back on **Monday, May 9.**

There are 2 delivery dates this year:

P-Year 2 – Wednesday 25 May

Year 3-6 – Friday 27 May



Rockhampton District Cross Country

Congratulations to Nate Laverty on his selection for Cross Country for Rockhampton District.

Nate will now compete at the Cap Trials – best of luck Nate.



Sacramental Program

The parent/child **Confirmation preparation information session** will be held on Sunday 15 May with registration from 3:30pm. This will be followed by an enrolment Mass at 5pm. Confirmation candidates will also be involved in Sunday 5pm Mass on the 22 May and 29 May.

Other Important dates:

Eucharist

- Sunday 5 June: Sacramental Preparation
 - 3:30pm Enrolment and Registration
 - 5 pm Mass
- Sunday 19 June: 5 pm Mass
- Sunday 17 July: 5pm Mass

Confirmation

The reception of the sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Michael McCarthy on **Friday 22 July at 6:30pm.**

First Communion

The reception of the sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at each of the Masses on the weekend of **23 & 24 July.**

Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey

Parents, you still have today and tomorrow to complete the survey. We have one class in the lead to win the pizza party. Help your child's class win the prize!

Please use the following link: www.ecsi.site/au/user/

- password **Ghj654**
- click **log in** then **new user** for your first access
- school entry code **zK6fC2**
- click **register in this group**

Save your **individual user code and password** in case you do not complete the survey in one session and need to log in again.

The surveys will take approximately 40 minutes to complete, so please allow this amount of time to undertake them. Computers will be available in learning support each morning if you would like to complete this at school.

When finished, please screenshot the last page which indicates you have fully completed the survey or your completion certificate. **The class with the most completed surveys will receive a free pizza party!** Evidence of completion can be emailed to the school or printed out and returned to school with your child.



Mother's Day Assembly

Year 2R will present our Mother's Day Assembly on Friday 6 May, with Year 2B hosting our morning tea. We invite all our mothers, grandmothers and friends of St Benedict's community to come along and celebrate this special day with us. We hope many of you are able to stay and enjoy our morning tea celebration.



Happy Birthday to

Olivia Boyd	08 May	06 Years
Nate Nipperess	07 May	07 Years
Kaden Beck	08 May	08 Years
Zara Neyland	03 May	08 Years
Jack Keen	08 May	09 Years
Vincent Thompson	05 May	11 Years

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly:



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Class	Student	Award Comment
PB	Alastair Parmenter	For your great weather reporting. You are a fabulous helping hand!
PE	Lennox Eria	For using your problem solving skills to identify the 2D shapes.
1E	Matilda Curcio	For your detailed information report on chameleons. Well done!!
1U	Marlee Beavan	For the very descriptive 'Who am I?' you wrote about your pirate. Amazing work Marlee!
2B	Brody Curtis	For your great choices of nouns and verbs to write an effective poem about the Rocky Nats. Well done Brody!
2R	Sophia Schlick	For your wonderful writing about the poppy symbol for ANZAC Day. Way to go!
3P	Creedence Duncan Savannah Hendricks	For your positive attitude and energy you bring to 3G. You approach every day with enthusiasm, cheerfulness and willingness to do your best. Great job Creedence. For the positivity you have shown for the start of term. We enjoy seeing you more involved in class discussions. Awesome job.
3S	Phoebe Labor	For your detailed science storyboard. The scientific words you used to describe the effect heat had on your candle melt was out of this world! Great effort Phoebe.
4B	Emily Barry	For your articulate, cohesive information paragraphs. You are a superstar!
4C	Jonah Wren Dylan Stoyel	For the amazing effort you have put into being Jesus for our Easter Liturgies. Way to go! For the way you have returned after the break. Asking clarifying questions to help you achieve your best. Keep it up!
5W	Brianna Gardner	Thank you for your wonderful work ethic. You have beautiful manners that you always use and are a lovely friend to others.
5G	Indie Broad	For the confident presentation of your HASS colonisation articles. You set a wonderful example for others to follow. Congratulations and well done Indie.
6D	Millie Hansell	For the enthusiasm you bring to learning about our government systems. Your questions are insightful and have sparked great discussions.
6M	Saebyn Xavier	For your thorough, independent research during word study. Your efforts investigating morphology of words this week was top notch. Well done, Saebyn!

What's Happening in 3S?

English

We all enjoyed reading *The Gruffalo*. The students used the story to identify the structure of a narrative and describe the main character.

<p style="text-align: center;">Identifying the structure</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character profile</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character profile</p>

Religion

We investigated the amount of time between Jesus' death and resurrection and the writing of the Gospels. The students were very interested in how old Jesus was when he began teaching.



Science - 'Melting Moments'

Last term we investigated matter and how it can change between solids, liquids and gases when heat is added or removed. We investigated this concept through fun, hands-on experiments.

<p style="text-align: center;">Ice Magic and melting ice cream</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Candle Melts - we could also smell the gas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chocolate Investigation Storyboard</p>