



DATE CLAIMERS

11/11 Remembrance Day
Assembly
29/11 Thanksgiving Mass &
Christmas Concert
1/12 Swimming Carnival
2/12 Last Day Term 4



THE GRAPEVINE



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Term 4 Week 6
10 November 2022

Ritual and Remembrance

Last week, we celebrated the Melbourne Cup. This week we have Remembrance Day. On both these days we have rituals that help us enter into the meaning of these events. Having lived in Melbourne for 18 years I can say that the Melbourne Cup is more than a horse race. It is one of the times that the serious city of Melbourne breaks out into exhilarating frivolity. Later this week we will honour our war dead by the solemn ritual of a minute's silence. Only silence can hold together honour for the dead and the conviction that we must work for peace in their name.

Rituals are very important in helping us express and understand the movements of our heart. Our heads want stimulation but our hearts grow deeper through repetition. Routine signs of love can actually deepen our relationships if we do them attentively. As something is done over and over, the memory adds layer upon layer of significance. Our children delight in family rituals as they tell them who they are as a family. Many of your children will now be looking towards the things "we" do at Christmas.

For Catholics, ritual prayer is very important. God is so great and mysterious that we can only go deeper into our hearts little by little. Regular prayer helps us in our relationship with God. Ritual prayers, like night prayer, with your children are a wonderful way for you to help them grow in God's love. Ritual prayer in our schools is central to our Catholic identity. But the greatest ritual of all is the Eucharist – the outstanding prayer where Jesus is present in our midst.

Loving Father, our hearts are so mysterious because they are made in your image. Send us your Spirit to appreciate the place of routine in our relationship with you and with each other. May Jesus, our brother, lead us into the ways of love. We ask this confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

Last Friday evening St Benedict's came alive as we hosted our Twilight Markets. The evening was a very enjoyable night, we were blessed with fantastic weather, a superb crowd, and rides were thoroughly enjoyed - feedback straight from the mouths of our students! I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time over the past months preparing for this event. Without the support of our parents and the community we would not be able to host our Markets.

A special mention must go to, Jeff Clark and his band of workers for their set up, the Year 1 multi-draw raffle committee who have worked tirelessly over the past three months collecting prizes, selling tickets and then wrapping and organising all of these for the draw. Mel Laverty, Karyn Boyd, Megan Tan-Hayes, Suzie Kriedemann and Emma Fry were instrumental in the successful organisation and running of the raffle. Sarah Vyke for manning our ride tickets. Our Curry House Chefs – Matt Williams and Meg Tan-Hayes and the BBQ staff. Our behind the scenes money ladies, Cynthia Boulus and Peta Tomkins. The staff of St Benedict's who organised the sweets and cakes, made earrings, ran the lucky dip and then turned around Saturday morning for clean up.

To our sponsors, Wren Plumbing, Birdy's Airconditioning, Stroud Homes and Keppel Coast Steel Frames and Mick's Meats, we are very grateful for your support of our school.



Have a great week.
Julie

Beach Activities

Next Friday our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in beach activities. They are permitted to come in swimwear with suitable shorts and school shirt over the top of this gear. Each child will be allocated a stinger suit which will be numbered. These are to be taken home, washed and brought back the following week to be worn for the second round of activities. The suit will then go home again, be washed and returned to school. Any suits not returned will be charged to parents. Our stinger suits are brand new, funded through our P&F Association, we thank the Parents and Friends for their support.

St Ursula's Orientation Visit

Please remember, those girls who are attending St Ursula's in 2023 have an orientation day scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 11 November.

Multi-Draw Raffle

Please note, the winners list/prize list for the multi-draw raffle is attached to this week's newsletter. If families can check this to see if they have any winning tickets, prizes need to be collected from the school office.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day on Friday, 11 November is a time for **Australians** to unite in solemn respect and remembrance for all those who served our nation and died as a result of war. This year, students will participate in a Remembrance Day prayer commemoration in their individual classrooms.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal



Each year St Benedict's prepares for the coming of the Christmas season by participating in the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. We ask our families to donate non-perishable food items and toys which are then passed onto Vinnies to make up packs for those who are less fortunate in our community.

Please give generously to this very worthwhile cause. All donations can be left in the office under our Christmas Tree.

Uniform Donations Needed for School Savvy

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about whether you have school uniforms that you won't be reusing next year.

Offering children and families a cost-effective alternative to getting back-to-school ready with the right uniforms and stationery supplies, School Savvy pop-up shops will be opening their doors from January 9, 2023.

Uniform donations from all schools are now being accepted and encouraged. For a current list of convenient donation points in your area, visit www.catholiccarecq.com/donationpoints.

Access to education is a fundamental human right and financial strain should never be a barrier for any child. Make a difference in a child's life by donating to School Savvy CQ.



Happy Birthday to

Abigail Kriedemann	07 November	09 Years
Mali Owens	08 November	09 Years
Timothy Jensen	11 November	09 Years
Georgia Bent	13 November	11 Years
Abigail Galdal	08 November	12 Years
Sophie Sonter	12 November	12 Years

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly: Week 5, Term 4, 2022



Class	Student	Award Comment
PB	Indi Guest	For your amazing writing about 'the best part of you'. I think your heart is the best part of you too.
	Ivy Kerlin	For the wonderful writing about Mrs Wishy Washy's tub. I have never seen a moose in a tub.
PE	Marlowe Harper	For being such a kind and caring buddy to our kindy friends at our orientation mornings. Thank You!
1E	Harrison Fitch	For his wonderful work concentrating and completing his reading and writing rotations. You are a star!
	Georgia Mitchell	For her great understanding of the many different features of good and bad characters. Super work Georgia!
1U	Kate Ruch	For the amazing descriptive sentences you wrote about your chosen animal. Keep up the great work, Kate!
	Sebastian Johnston	For the super speedy working out you did when finding the missing addend! You are a mathematics star!
2B	Jordan Hoskin	For your insightful problem solving of sharing questions. Well done Jordan!
3S	Oscar Carvey	For your improved confidence and perseverance across all learning areas. Well done.
3P	Parker Orr	For the way you have worked during Mathematics this week. It is great to see you challenge yourself. Keep it up!
	Riley Williams	For the determination you have shown when solving number patterns. You are a pattern detective!!
4B	Thea Osborne	For the way you showcase your learning in class discussions and independent work.
4C	Aria Locke	For having the courage to deliver her Religion oral in front of the whole class. Well Done!
5G	Lane Perry	For being a hard working student, being cooperative and sensible in group projects and being a kind and welcoming class member.
5W	Georgia Bent	Modelling beautiful manners at all times. Your 'pleases' and thankyou's are appreciated.
	Lachlan O'Keefe	Showing excellent manners and for consistently completing your homework.
	Hayden Wiese	For your consistent homework and enthusiasm towards your Eureka Stockade Stop Motion Project!
6D	Jack Robertson	For your persuasive pitch and entertaining ad you presented to the class. You highlighted the key elements of your product and made us feel ALIVE!
6M	Hunta Breingan	For your persuasive advertisement for the product you created. I wish there was a product that improved sporting ability like Chocolate Crunch.

Year 2 Media Arts

In Science this term we have been learning about the stages in the water cycle. We have created mixed media artworks to represent the water cycle which will now become interactive exhibits! We have added split pin 'buttons' which can be connected to the Makey Makey device which then connects to the computer. We are creating coding in Scratch so that when you press on the start button and any of the water cycle labels you will hear our recorded voices explaining that part of the water cycle to you. Please visit the library before school from Week 8 onwards to interact with our awesome posters.



We will also be creating talking books in the Shadow Puppet app explaining how we use water, why it is important and how you can conserve this precious resource. Here are some water-saving tips as researched by Year 2:

-  Run full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher.
-  Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.
-  Time your showers.
-  Have showers instead of baths.
-  Tip water from water bottles and pet bowls onto grass and gardens.
-  Sweep patios and driveways instead of hosing.
-  Use a water bottle at school instead of the bubblers.
-  Use buckets of water when cleaning your car.