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02 December 2022

The Opportunity of Change

Things change and now, with the end of the year, we have one of the regular changes of life. Some children, and even some teachers, will be changing schools, others changing levels. There are all sorts of reactions to change: from excitement at the new to fear of the unknown. For our children, change is the stuff of life.

But what about us adults? What can it mean to us? The English saint, John Henry Newman, said, *"To grow is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often"*. Some people want change for the sake of change, others don't want any at any cost, yet change offers us possibility: we can become better people, or we can become worse. We can be open to life or we can close down on life. God's desire for us is to be fully alive, according to the style of our unique personality. When a change comes upon us, instead of just going with the flow, or reacting against it, we can stop and ask ourselves, how can I become more full of life in this new situation. Pray for God's spirit to guide your imagination to see the different scenarios and when you choose your response, let the Spirit be the wind beneath your wings.

Loving Father, give us the wisdom, joy and creativity of your Spirit when we encounter the changes of life. With Jesus our brother, at our side, may we face all situations confident in your love. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

I cannot believe we have now arrived at the end of another year and what a fantastic one it has been. We have had the pleasure of many new families join our Benedictine Community this year and we will welcome a number of new faces to our school in 2023.

A very big thank you to all our staff who work tirelessly to provide an exceptional educational experience for all our children. To the students of St Benedict's, thank you for your energy and enthusiasm, your smiles and friendly faces, they make our community a better place. Thank you to all parents, families and carers who have contributed to our school community. Without your ongoing support we cannot provide our children with the caring community they currently enjoy.

I would especially like to thank our Parents and Friends Association and School Board members. They give freely of their time which is truly appreciated.

As we begin our holiday period, I would like to wish all our families a very happy and holy

Christmas season. We pray you enjoy the company of each other, friends and family as we celebrate, this beautiful time in our church year, the birth of Jesus Christ.



Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass

On Tuesday morning we gathered as a community to celebrate our final mass for 2022. We gave thanks for the year and said goodbye to our Year 6 students. We wish these students all the best as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey and hope they remember their time at St Benedict's with great joy. Thank you to Mrs Helen Langdon, Mrs Julienne Morrison and Miss Kirstin Daniels for preparing our celebration. A special thanks to Fr Andrew Hogan who presided at mass and for supporting our school throughout 2022. We wish Fr Andrew all the best in the future as leaves the Capricorn Coast when Fr Matthew returns in January.

Christmas Carols Concert

We concluded our end of year celebrations with the story of the Birth of Jesus, presented differently, by a very grumpy sheep! The children presented this very special story with great enthusiasm and beautiful singing. Thanks to Mrs Helen Langdon and our students for the time spent preparing this presentation. And of course, our Year 6 students performed their end of year dance – what a spectacular it was with pumping music, superb rhythm and amazing acrobatics! Well done to our Year 6 classes.

Music

A special thank you to Mrs Tink Boyd who has given so much of her time over the past term assisting in the preparation and presentation of our Mass and Carols evening. These performances would not be possible without Tink's expertise, we are very grateful for all her time and energy. We hope you enjoy a well earned break Mrs Boyd.

We look forward to all returning in 2023 safe and well rested.

Julie

St Benedict's Staff 2022

| St Benedict's Teaching and Support Staff 2023 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Prep Echidnas | Mrs Kate Peers |
| Prep Bilbies | Miss Madeline Ryan |
| Year 1E | Mrs Anne Effenev |
| Year 1U | Mrs Sharon Upton |
| Year 2M | Mrs Julienne Morrison |
| Year 2C | Mrs Paula Christensen |
| Year 3H | Mrs Lynda Harth |
| Year 3N | Mrs Linda Halson |
| Year 4B | Mrs Kathryn Blyde |
| Year 4R | Mrs Emily Rowlands |
| Year 5D | Miss Kirstin Daniels |
| Year 5G | Mrs Margaret Gould |
| Year 6C | Mrs Michelle Clifton |
| Year 6B | Mr Owen Beavan |
| Physical Education | Mrs Paula Osborne |
| Music and Drama | Mrs Ursula Boyd |
| Career Assistance Teacher | Miss Ashton Hudson |
| Learning Support Staff | Mrs Natalie Pobar |
| | Mrs Tahnee Sanne |
| | Mrs Joan Rayner |
| | Mrs Tracey Hayes |
| | Mrs Katrina Kidd |
| | Mrs Joanne Gray |
| School Counsellor | Mrs Kelly McKenna |
| Principal | Mrs Julie McLaughlin |
| Assistant Principal Religious Education | Mrs Helen Langdon |

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| Assistant Principal Curriculum | Mrs Gabrielle Barker |
| Finance Secretary | Mrs Jessica McLuskie |
| Administration Secretary | Mrs Catherine McWhinney |
| IT Consultant | Mr Michael Gould |
| Tuckshop Convenor | Mrs Louise Hayes |
| Library Assistant | Mrs Christie Dendle |
| Teacher Assistants | Miss Samantha Holden |
| | Mrs Jane Watson |
| | Mrs Kerry O'Hanlon |
| | Mrs Nicole Achilles (WPHS Officer) |
| | Mrs Tanya Burnett |
| | Mrs Shannon Browne |
| | Mrs Emma Querro |
| | Mrs Leesa Louis |
| | Mr Joseph McMaster |
| | Mr Paul Grant |
| Grounds | Mr Gavin Bennett |
| | Mr Paul Grant |
| | Mr Jeffery Clark |

Merry Christmas from St Benedict's Staff



Music News

Earlier in the term we celebrated the benefits of singing for our Mental Health. All classes then chose "feel good" songs so we could make up a class list of songs that they enjoyed singing and dancing to. It has taken me longer than I thought to go through the songs so at this moment I am only publishing Grs 4,5 and 6 (Grade 6 were given a bookmark to take home with their songs on it). These lists are attached to the newsletter.

I have to the best of my ability checked for inappropriate language and content and then if the video clip was not approved by rok.catholic.edu.au then it didn't make the list either. Parent also please look through and remove any choices that you don't approve of before handing on to your children. I am hoping that this is just another way that we can give children a coping mechanism when things are not going right for them.....sing a song or two to make them feel better. Preps to 3 lists will be issued next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the year. Although it went very quickly, it has been a great year and I have enjoyed teaching your children.

Wishing you happy and holy Christmas

Ursula Boyd

Prep Wet Day

Yesterday our Prep students enjoyed some water fun as they participated in their annual 'wet day'. They were treated to a range of activities including water slides, water sprays, mud play and bubble blowing. We heard some great stories of our Prep teachers joining in and 'sliding' down the mound with great delight.



Rugby League World Cup Medal

This week we were privileged to have a 'visit' from Harry Grant's winning World Cup jersey and medal. Harry is still enjoying a holiday, however, Mr Grant was able to bring the medal to school for the students to view. Thanks to Harry for allowing this to happen. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!



St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to our school community who have once again given so generously to our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We presented over 10 hampers a cheque for \$1800 to our Vinnies representatives today. We hope this Benedictine Hospitality enables others to have a joyous Christmas season.

Sacramental Program 2023

This week a letter from the Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish has been sent home with all Year 3 students giving information about the Sacramental Program in 2023.

This letter is also attached to the newsletter for families who have students in other grades who would like to participate in this Program.

Rotary Donation

Thank you to the local Rotary club who this week kindly donated books to all our Prep students.



Christmas Vigil Mass

Each year the Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish invites children to dress up in a Nativity costume and come along to Christmas Mass. This will be held on Saturday 24 December at Sacred Heart Church, commencing with carols at 7:00pm.

Diocesan Ignite Summer Camp

Summer Camp is four massive days of fun, friends and getting closer to Jesus! It is about kicking off the year on a massive high with your friends and finding your place within God's love. Summer Camp is run by Ignite Youth from Brisbane and is open to all students who will be high school age (Year 7 to 12) in 2023. You can find out more information about Summer Camp online at

<https://igniteyouth.com/summercamp>

Please see the attached letter from Michael Otto for further information.

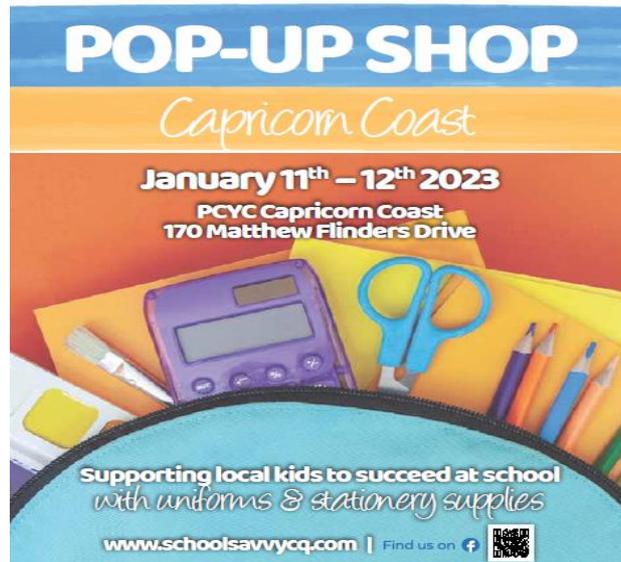


The Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish
CHRISTMAS MASSTIMES
The Nativity of the Lord
Saturday 24 December 2022
4:30pm Carols Mary Immaculate Emu Park
5:00pm Mass Mary Immaculate Emu Park
7:00pm Carols Sacred Heart Lammermoor
7:30pm Mass Sacred Heart Lammermoor
Sunday 25 December 2022
9:00am Mass Sacred Heart Lammermoor



Happy Birthday to

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|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Dallas Simmons | 20.12.22 | 06 Years |
| Eden Bradshaw | 28.11.22 | 06 Years |
| Millie Tonks | 20.12.22 | 06 Years |
| Elizabeth Canavan | 26.12.22 | 06 Years |
| Theo Burnett | 29.12.22 | 06 Years |
| Kara Quigley | 09.12.22 | 07 Years |
| Marlee Beavan | 10.12.22 | 07 Years |
| Sebastian Johnston | 10.12.22 | 07 Years |
| William Smith | 12.12.22 | 07 Years |
| James Kriedemann | 21.12.22 | 07 Years |
| Violet Whitehouse | 30.11.22 | 09 Years |
| Quentin Osborne | 04.12.22 | 09 Years |
| April Aley | 29.12.22 | 09 Years |
| Quade Duffy | 26.12.22 | 09 Years |
| Josie Curran | 30.12.22 | 09 Years |
| Audra Tan Hayes | 01.12.22 | 10 Years |
| Sabella Plane | 01.12.22 | 10 Years |
| Charlotte Whitehead | 15.12.22 | 10 Years |
| Imogen Patison | 24.12.22 | 10 Years |
| Ruby McLuskie | 27.12.22 | 10 Years |
| Skylah Gleeson | 03.12.22 | 11 Years |
| Mason List | 05.12.22 | 11 Years |
| Charlie O'Brien | 22.12.22 | 11 Years |
| Mace Blackburn | 27.12.22 | 11 Years |
| Mason Tulk | 30.12.22 | 11 Years |
| Lincon Collier | 29.11.22 | 12 Years |
| Sebastian van Wyk | 15.12.22 | 12 Years |
| Willa Osborne | 16.12.22 | 12 Years |
| Hendrix Henderson | 31.12.22 | 12 Years |



We are now processing STAS (School Transport Assistance Scheme) school bus pass applications for the 2023 school year.

Parents/Carers will need to apply for a new school bus pass if their students are -

- Starting at a new school in 2023
- OR
- Moving into Year 7 at their current school in 2023
- OR
- Residing at a new address in 2023

Parents/Carers will not need to apply for a school bus pass if their students are already bus pass holders and are (a) staying at the same school and (b) residing at the same address.

Parents/Carers can apply for STAS online here www.qld.gov.au/schooltransportassistance

- } One Form
- } Up to Five Children
- } Any Device

Additional Information

Please contact STASDigital.Helpdesk@tmr.qld.gov.au or 1300 119 289 for technical assistance with your online application.

Please visit our websites below for school bus service information.

Youngs Bus Service <https://youngsbusservice.com.au/timetables/school-bus-services/>

Phone: 07 4922 3813 Email: info.youngs@cdcbus.com.au

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with awards at our last assembly: Week 8, Term 4, 2022



| Class | Student | Award Comment |
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| PB | Matthew Hutchinson | For always being a kind and reliable friend. Your peers are lucky to have someone like you in their class. |
| PE | Ashton Picoto | For your wonderful patience when colouring in your nativity picture. Well done Ashton |
| PE | Veda Wren | For your enthusiastic participation in all activities in Prep. Congratulations Veda. |
| 1E | Flynn Siladi | For his wonderful effort and skill at PE. Your batting, catching and movement are spot on! Super Effort Flynn! |
| 1E | Carter Fry | For his super number talks. You think, you share and then you rethink! Great problem solving Carter! |
| 1U | Zack Ward | For your wonderful reading. You use great expression to tell a story. You are a reader star, Zack! |
| | Darcy Ferry | For your great problem solving in Mathematics. You have discovered many different ways to solve a problem. Way to go, Darcy! |
| 2B | Suri Othayoth Squire | For working so hard to read with fluency and expression. It is a joy to listen to you read Suri! |
| 2R | Graciana Williams | For your wonderful thinking about the Lucky Ducks game in Mathematics. Well done! |
| 3S | Jarrod Bolton | For your efforts to write a retell about the birth of Jesus. Keep up the great work! |
| 4B | Jack Keen & Will Matos | For your consistent progress each week and perfect score for our weekly division check-ins. Outstanding! |
| 4C | Xavier Stathooles | Congratulations on your new PB for your division check-in. Hard work and perseverance really does pay off. |
| 5W | Taytum Chapman | For confidently seeking assistance when needed and having a respectful attitude at all times. |
| | Lucy Morgan | For always showing kindness to class peers, your smile cheers those around you! |
| | Claudette Hurley | For consistently demonstrating 'helpfulness' to all those around you in and out of class. |
| | Sofia Brown | For having excellent manners when addressing teachers, your pleases and thank you are music to our ears! |



With summer just around the corner, Surfing Australia is gearing up to launch the 12th season of SurfGroms with support from naming partner, Woolworths. This September the season kicks off with new “Come Try Days” in selected regions, where kids can head to participating Surf Schools for an opportunity to try the Woolworths SurfGroms program for free before signing up to the full program.

Woolworths SurfGroms offers five separate skill levels nationally. The two distinct age categories are MiniGroms (5-8 years old) and SuperGroms (9-12 years old).

Woolworths SurfGroms is presented by Rip Curl and supported by Bugs Softboards, Cluey Learning and Sport Aus

Book now at www.surfgroms.com Vacancies available during the School Holidays.