

A little humility, please

I am all over Covid even though it hasn't really altered my life dramatically. I know many have really suffered and have far more grounds to be over Covid than me. But I don't think Covid is over us yet. Why do I say this? Because pandemics historically take longer to work themselves out but then, I don't really know. In fact, there is an awful lot about Covid we don't really know. The best minds in the medical business will admit there is a lot we don't know. That is the ground on which they do research to learn more.

I belong to a large family and we have the full range of opinions regarding Covid: from people giving vaccinations, to antivaxxers, to even some who don't believe it exists (yes, conspiracy believers). If we are to hold together, we each need a little humility. Practically that means we each need to say, in our own way, 'I don't know' and we need to convey 'I respect you as a person even while I don't respect your opinion.' This can be tricky. This week my siblings and I are taking the opportunity to get together when it is not a funeral – yes, we have reached that age in life. And we have had to negotiate. For the immune compromised we are meeting outside...and rain is predicted. The spouse of the sibling who is not vaccinated has decided to catch up with friends that day. Yes, it hurt but that was the compromise.

We live in a society where people are readily asked their opinions, too often on topics they know nothing about. Saying 'I don't know. I need to learn more,' is rarely heard. I realised early in life that the true expert, the one with knowledge and experience, usually gives their opinion quietly, open to learn more from others. In fact, a saying I was proud to learn as a child was, 'The more I know I know, I know I know the less.' As Covid continues to roll on and hopefully not surprise us, let us all have a little humility, be willing to learn more, and above all, be kind. And recognise that as regards Covid, and everything else, only God knows.

Loving Father, you know how Covid has tried and tested us – especially within our families. Give us all some humility, to learn, to respect and to be kind. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

COVID Updates

St Benedict's wishes to advise you that, during the past week, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community. We regularly consult with the Catholic Education Office and relevant authorities, and continue to follow the advice of Queensland Health regarding cleaning requirements. Queensland Health has advised that no quarantine of students or staff is required.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms:

- Keep your child/children at home
- Seek a PCR or Rapid Antigen test where it is recommended and notify the school of positive results. Please be aware, a negative COVID test does not change the requirement to be symptom free to attend school.
- Follow the advice of Queensland Health

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, please remind your child/ren to:

- maintain good hand hygiene at all times
- cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow and dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.
- practice social distancing from others where possible
- wear masks when required

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

COVID Mandates and Changes

Face masks will not be required in schools, from 6:00pm on Friday, 4 March 2022. We thank our community for their support over the past weeks.

Cross Country

Mrs Paula Osborne will begin cross country training next Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March at 7:30am. Those children in **Year 4 and above** who wish to attend need to be at school dressed in appropriate clothing including shoes and socks. It is strongly suggested that students do not wear their school uniform but bring this to change into after training. Breakfast is not provided, however, students may bring a snack from home to have after training. *Younger siblings are not able to attend or be left at school while training is occurring.*



Our cross country carnival is scheduled for Friday 11 March beginning at 9:00am.

Prep Vision Screening

Prep students have the opportunity to participate in this clinic next Tuesday 1 April. All appointments/permissions should have been completed by parents. Please contact the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program on 1800 687 372 for further information.

Congratulations

Michaela and Wade on the birth of Hudson. All the best from the staff and students of St Benedict's.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal Deal

Tuesday 1 March is Shrove Tuesday, the day before the official beginning of Lent. During Lent Catholics abstain. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. From early Christian times, hermits practised abstinence. St Anthony and his followers, for example, abstained from all food except bread, salt and water. Therefore, Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up foods that weren't allowed during Lent, hence the day often being named pancake Tuesday.

At School we will mark this day with a tuckshop meal deal – A pancake stack and popper for \$5. Please order online as per normal tuckshop.

All money raised goes towards **Caritas Australia**.

Ash Wednesday

Following Shrove Tuesday, the St Benedict's community will mark the beginning of Lent by celebrating **Ash Wednesday Liturgies, 1 March**. Each class will participate in a liturgy in their classroom during the day. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting, which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at Mary Immaculate Church, Emu Park at 7:00am and Sacred Heart Church, Yeppoon at 9:00am.



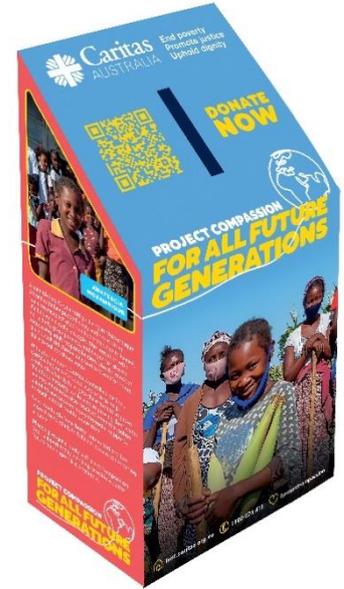
Sacramental Program

The Reconciliation parent and child Information session will be held this Sunday, 27 February from 3:30pm and will be followed by mass at 5:00pm which the candidates will be involved in. Please bring your child's baptismal certificate, enrolment form and payment to the church on Sunday if you have not already submitted this to the Parish Office. The Rite of Reconciliation will be held at 5:30pm 9 March.

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 allows 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 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and 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 your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each classroom has a Project Compassion money box, or you may donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au



Music Stars

Congratulations to Matilda Beaven for her wonderful song/rap composition.



Happy Birthday to

Ezra Kelly	24.02.22	05 Years
Naiya Kelly	23.02.22	07 Years
Archie Dietz	24.02.22	09 Years
Gabe Walsh	27.02.22	09 Years
Jeffrey Mekwan	27.02.22	11 Years

Assembly Awards

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



Class	Student	Award Comment
PB	Ryott Berrigan	For always helping during pack up time. You're a legend!
PE	Nate Cossens	For your beautiful singing each morning when we sing our sunshine song.
1E	Hannah Finlay	For your great ideas and 'can do' attitude to new problems. Hannah you are a rising star!
1U	Harlan Fry	For being a superstar listener in Year 1. You are always ready to learn. Great work, Harlan!
2B	Suri Othayoth Squire	For your outstanding effort in all classwork.
2R	Sophia List	For a wonderful effort finding words in our word hunt.
3P	Rave Guest	For your incredible start to the year. You have great ideas to share and complete activities with a positive attitude.
3S	Lochie Hollands	For contributing to class discussions during science lessons.
4B	Darcy Johnson	Your excellent start to the year. Well Done!
4C	Lachlan Fry	Your amazing start to Year 4. Your initiative and contributions to discussions are invaluable.
5W	William Breach	For your amazing daily Space facts.
5G	Noah Diefenbach	For the great ideas you had to persuade us to visit Venus and for your enthusiasm in publishing your work! Keep up this wonderful attitude to your learning Noah!
6D	Caleb Goslin	For the fantastic work you have been doing on place value in the hundred millions. Keep up the great work!
6M	Hannah Hooper	For extra diligence in completing all classwork to an excellent standard. Keep up the great work!

Discovery Day

Is your daughter eligible to enter Year 7 in 2023? St Ursula's College is hosting our annual Discovery Day on Thursday 10 March 2022. Current Year 6 girls are invited to join us for an introduction to Secondary School, where they can participate in exciting and informative activities. Registration is essential; limited places are available.

Further information is available to download from our website <https://stursulas.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Discovery-Day-2022.pdf>

To register your daughter for Discovery Day 2022, please complete our online Registration Form <https://forms.gle/3m32ZwE6Qxd8tfjM6>

If you have further queries, please contact our Business Development Officer, Natalie Salisbury via natalies@stursulas.qld.edu.au



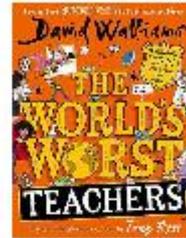
Year 4B

Mathematics



Maths Norms are how we think of ourselves as Maths learners. We have been learning about how we can grow our brains by taking risks, making mistakes and discussing our ideas.

The World's Worst Teachers



This is not a factual recount... but the book we have begun reading in Year 4. There are some questionable characters!

Geography

We have been learning about significant characteristics of South America and Africa and comparing them with Australia. Read an introductory paragraph about South America by a Year 4 superstar!



Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains

South America

By Emily Barry

Overview

South America is the fourth largest continent on Earth and is located in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. It has 12 different countries, some of which include Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina. A few of South America's many significant landforms include, the Andes Mountains, Guinea Highlands and the Amazon Basin. It is located East of Australia and it's surrounding oceans are the Atlantic Ocean (North of South America) and the Pacific Ocean (to the West).