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28/10 World Teachers Day
Assembly & Morning Tea
4/11 Twilight Markets



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What 'more than enough' can teach us

I come from a family of hoarders and am presently going through a decluttering phase. It is not easy. Often when I try to throw out something I think of the 'what might happen and how could I use this?' options and end in a state of paralysis...and the object is just moved somewhere else. But earlier this week I had a breakthrough. I read this aphorism: *You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.* This comes at my dilemma from a completely different angle. It makes me think of what 'more than enough' is doing to my life. Basically too much clogs up my life and stops me from doing what really would give me life.

This is partly why Jesus warns us so vehemently about the dangers of riches. He is not being a spoil sport: he is wanting to free us up and liberate us into a fuller life. The pursuit of and care for too many things stifles us. If we stop and start thinking what too much looks like, we actually are drawn into a mindset that lets us ask, 'What do I realistically need for me and my loved ones to live a good life?'

We do want more...and we will always want more: we are made in the image and likeness of God. That is the world's greatest drive for exuberance. We will not be happy if we allow our possessions to stifle that. The only thing that can let that exuberance have free range is love, both of God and of each other.

Loving God, let me see what is enough for me and let me find my true riches and security in loving as Jesus loved. I ask this in his name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Families

Next week we will host our 2023 Prep students for their orientation morning. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning the newest members of our St Benedict's community will spend the morning in the Bilby and Echidna classrooms with our current Preps as their mentors. While this is occurring members of the leadership team will meet with parents in the school library. We hope they all enjoy their orientation at St Benedict's and we look forward to them joining us in 2023.

This week I have had the pleasure of attending the final mass for St Ursula's College and the awards evening at St Brendan's College. Both ceremonies were wonderful celebrations with the many accomplishments of the Year 12 cohort being recognised. It is very touching to see so many of our former St Benedict's students excelling and achieving in so many areas. Congratulations to all of these students and we wish the Year 12 students all the best as they embark on their final exams.

Have a great week.
Julie

Twilight Markets

Our markets are approaching very quickly and we are still needing support for some of the activities. Please see your class teacher if you are able to assist in any way.

Rides Tickets

This year we have Bill's Amusements hosting our rides at the Twilight Markets. Unlimited ride tickets are available for purchase online using the link below, or you can scan the QR code. We will have paper tickets available outside the school office from next Monday 24 October.



Rides included are Dodgems, Crazy Wave, Super Slide, King Flyer, Teacups, Merry Go Round, Paw Patrol Inflatable & Bluey Inflatable

To secure your pre-sale \$30 armband for St Benedict's School Twilight Markets simply purchase your ticket here. Regular price \$35. So hurry as sale ends 3rd November 12pm!

CLICK ON THIS LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR TICKETS

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDIPW>



Road Works – Pacific Heights Road

Parents please be aware that Pacific Heights Road will be closed from Thursday 27 October to Saturday 29 October. This will mean all families will need to access the school from Panorama Drive/Lacey's Road during this time. This will cause some traffic delays – we ask you to be patient during this time.

World Teachers' Day Assembly

Friday November 28 Year 1E will celebrate World Teachers' Day at assembly. Year 4B will host morning tea afterwards. We invite our St Benedict's community to attend this event.

Australian Catholics Survey

Catholics in Australia are invited to contribute to a study working to collect data about their beliefs and how they think and feel about being Catholic. The study aims to explore the views of ordinary Catholics on social-moral issues, Church leadership, schooling and other relevant issues.

The link to the survey is https://notredame.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bdyxQ0e3lvj5qOa

Confirmation of Enrolment 2023

Please return the Confirmation of Enrolment - 2023 form if you have not already done so. It is essential this form be completed and returned to ensure a place at St Benedict's in 2023 and to ensure you will receive discounts if you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Socktober

Last week we enjoyed a fantastic tropical Friday. Students came dressed in tropical dress and crazy socks to raise money for Mission Australia. Thank you to year 5W for presenting an informative and prayerful assembly about the role of Catholic Mission who support those in need all around the world. Thankyou also to Brianna Gardner and her classmates who designed posters and advertised the day. We raised \$490 to support projects in Ethiopia. We thank our families for their ongoing support of all we do.





Happy Birthday to

Raine Barry	17 October	06 Years
Ava Dingle	21 October	06 Years
Boston Hurley	19 October	08 Years
Brody Curtis	21 October	08 Years
Oliver Gould	22 October	08 Years
Sebastian Gould	22 October	08 Years
Rhys Spencer	18 October	09 Years
Taj Ryan	19 October	09 Years
William Matos	23 October	10 Years
Lachlan O'Keeffe	19 October	11 Years
Thys van Rooyen	23 October	11 Years

SEEKING DONATIONS

Year 2 Cake Stall

Volunteers are on duty Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before school with cake and sweet boxes for you to fill. Alternatively, boxes will be available at the office at other times. If you are time poor, maybe Grandma might consider making that family favourite.

Donations due Friday 4th November - Learning Support Room



5G Using Their Brains

Religion: We have been drawing connections between social gatherings, the Jesus' Last Supper with His friends and the Eucharistic Mass celebrated in the Catholic Church. There are so many similarities! It's good to know that we are all welcome to attend mass.



HASS: The Australian Gold Rush is a fascinating story in our history. It led to the Eureka Rebellion which was a huge part of the beginning of democracy in our country. We're working together on a stop motion movie about the Eureka Stockade. It's so much fun!



Science: Were you aware that plants can adapt, over time, to survive in harsh conditions like the Australian desert? Our experiment proved that plants transpire water through their leaves. Cacti have sharp pointy leaves to protect themselves from predators and make sure their water doesn't evaporate from their leaves. Clever hey?

Maths: Treasure hunters beware! We're working on a tricky hunt using map co-ordinates and directional language to challenge each other to find a treasure in our own school grounds!



Noah, Jayla, Max, and Audrey working on their treasure hunt



Noah is an expert naming 3D shapes and their properties.