

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL YEPPOON

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15 Feb – P&F Meeting 6.30pm via Zoom – All Welcome





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Term 1 Week 3 10 February 2022

Dear Families

Welcome back to our first 'official' week of school for 2022. We would like to thank our community for their support of all Covid expectations and practices this week, it has made the transition back to school a smooth and enjoyable one for all.

Today is my first day back at school after seven days in isolation due to being a close contact. In my absence Gabby Barker and Helen Langdon have steered the ship extremely well. I would like to thank them along with Jess McLuskie and Nicole Achilles, our very capable secretaries, for all of their work and communication.

This year we welcome Fr Andrew Hogan to our community. Fr Hogan has been appointed as Parish Priest for the Capricorn Coast while Fr Matthew is on leave to pursue further study in London and Wales. Fr Andrew will join us throughout the year as we celebrate together. Welcome Fr Andrew to St Benedict's, we hope you enjoy your time with us on the coast.

St Benedict spoke about hospitality and welcome, his motto is, 'Listen with the ear of your heart and welcome others as though they were Jesus himself.' To our new families and students, I hope your first week at St Benedict's has been an enjoyable one and that you have felt welcomed by staff and classmates. Our Benedictine community is one where we strive for Peace and Friendship. As we move forward in 2022 and face the many challenges that year will bring let us remember to be kind, patient and understanding towards each other.

All the best for the coming week.

Julie McLaughlin

Covid Absentees & Online/At Home Learning

During this term we are going to have many staff and student absences due to Covid related issues. Whenever a student or staff member tests positive to Covid we are required to report this to the Catholic Education Office, keep a record of the date the person has tested positive and the date they are due to return. If a member of the community tests positive a letter will be emailed to all families letting them know that this has occurred.

When children are absent from school, due to a positive test or when required to isolate, they will not be provided with school work. This period of absence is the same as any other time a child is absent due to illness. The only time we will provide work for students is when we are required to move to online or at home learning.

Long Service Leave – Mrs Upton

Mrs Sharon Upton is away for the remainder of this week and Monday next week on long service leave. She will return Tuesday 15 February. We thank Mrs Mellaney Corfield for teaching Year 1U during this time.

Bishop's Inservice Day

Bishop's Inservice Day is held every year enabling professional development to occur for all Catholic Staff. This day was scheduled for next Friday 18 February, however, due to the late start of the school year it has been postponed until the last Friday of this term – 1 April. This change of date has been noted in the school calendar.

Parents and Friends Meeting

We will host our first P&F Meeting next Tuesday 15 February beginning at 6:30pm *via Zoom*. We warmly welcome all parents who would like to be a part of this fantastic group. Our P&F are invaluable as they support our school with the funding of many projects, assist with hosting our very successful and popular Twilight Markets, host family nights and much more. If you would like to attend please email the office infosby@rok.catholic.edu.au to receive the zoom link for the meeting. Looking forward to 'seeing' you all there.

School Assemblies

We will not be hosting whole school assemblies in our undercover area until further notice. We will, however, continue to have our assemblies with students and teachers via zoom. This will include awards and birthdays. Thanks for your understanding.

Instrumental Music Program

Attached to our newsletter today is an expression of interest enrolment form for our Instrumental and Vocal Program for 2022. Please complete this form and return to the office as soon as possible if you are interested in your child participating.



Sacramental Program

Capricorn Coast Parish would like to invite those children who are baptised Catholics and in Year 4 and above to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022. An information letter and enrolment form will be sent home with students this week explaining the details for this program. If you do not receive one and your family is interested in participating in the Sacramental Program this year, please see Mrs Helen Langdon in the office.



<u>BEAKS TENNIS</u> ARE CONDUCTING Tennis Lessons from Monday through to Thursday from 3.30 pm 1 hour lessons at Yeppoon Tennis Club in Chrisney Street Cooee Bay. All beginners welcome <u>FREE tennis racquet</u> for all beginners. <u>FREE Tennis Racquet</u> for all attending lessons, For more information please do not hesitate to call *Beak's* Tennis Ph: 07 49 361 021 / Mob: 0419 026 963

