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THE GRAPEVINE

Term 1 Week 2
3 February 2022

Dear Families

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022. A special welcome to our new students and families who are joining St Benedict's for the first time. We are very excited to have you as a part of our Benedictine community. I hope you had a restful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

'*The Grapevine*', is published each Thursday on the SkoolBag app. Our newsletter is the most comprehensive means of getting information to our school community. Please read and note events and news about what is happening at St Benedict's. You will need to download the app and type in *St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Yeppoon*. Other important information and reminders will be uploaded to our FaceBook page as well as the app during the year. The newsletter is also available on our new website which was launched last week.



Get the app

Click on the link to view this site. <https://www.sbyrok.catholic.edu.au/>

Commencement of the School Year – Important Information

We have had interesting start to the school year and we thank our families for their patience and understanding over the past two weeks. On Monday we look forward to welcoming all students back to school. We ask you to note the following guidelines which have been put in place to ensure the safety of our community.

- As we have staggered the drop off of school equipment this week we are asking parents, unless absolutely necessary, to drop and go over the coming weeks ***unless you are a parent of a Prep or Year 1 child***
- ***Prep Bilbies are asked to enter via the oval door of their classroom***
- ***Prep Echidnas are asked to enter via the office door of their classroom***
- When entering the school we ask parents to wear a mask and maintain social distancing
- Parents are unable to enter classrooms at any time
- We will not have any public assemblies or performances in the coming weeks, however, we will participate in zoom assemblies with our students on Monday and Friday.

A letter will be sent to all families tomorrow outlining our general expectations which are in line directives from Catholic Education to ensure we comply with all mandatory regulations required by Queensland Health.

School Information

School Arrival, Attendance and Absences

School commences at 8.40 and all students are required at school before 8.40am. Please endeavour to have your child at school ready for our 8.40am start. This allows your child to be settled and ready to commence their learning, not worry about arriving to the room late and not disturb learning that has already commenced.

- All students who arrive at school after the morning bell (8.40am) need to sign in through the school office.
- Parents who have a child absent from school are required to notify the school by 9.00am. You can use the absentee form on our School App (preferred option) phone the office (4930 2744), or email (info@sbyrok.catholic.edu.au) the school.
- Parents who have a student absent from school without any explanation or notification will receive an SMS advising them and asking them to contact the school.

Some reminders:

- The supervised area after school is in the Multi-Purpose Area (undercover shed). All students waiting for parents/carers/buses must wait at this location.
- Students are not permitted on the playground after school unless they are supervised by their parent/carer.
- Students are not permitted at school before 8.00am.
- No students are permitted on the playground before school.
- Parents/Carers/Other adults are not permitted to use the student toilets. The multi-purpose toilet (adult and wheelchair accessibility) on the back of the toilet block (school classroom side of block) must be used by adults and younger siblings. Please note: there are baby change facilities in this toilet.

These procedures ensure the safety and well-being of all children and families.

A Special Prep Welcome

In order to provide a welcoming and relaxing start to 2022 we invited our new Prep students to experience 'Prep for a Day'. Each day this week four or five new Preppies attended, met their teacher and had a personalised school tour. We hope they enjoyed their time and can't wait until they join us as a cohort. Here are a few photos with more to come next week.





Prep Enrolments 2023

In the coming weeks we will begin our Prep interviews for 2023 with all new families. All current families are asked to complete an online enrolment form as soon as possible. All new families to St Benedict's are also asked to complete an online enrolment form so an enrolment interview can be arranged. If you have any queries please contact the school office on 4930 2744

Parent Teacher Evenings

We will be hosting Parent Teacher evenings for all year levels in Week 4, Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February. This year, due to COVID restrictions we will be providing these via ZOOM.

- Teachers will send a ZOOM invitation and link to your email address. This is a time to ensure all email addresses are up to date.

Time	Monday 14 Feb	Tuesday 15 Feb	Wednesday 16 Feb
5:00	Year 4 & 5	Year 2	Prep & Year 1
5:40	Year 6	Year 3	

Visit by Registered Nurse for Free Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening checks for common eye conditions that may impact your child's ability to see and therefore impact their learning and development.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school **on Tuesday 1 March** to conduct vision screening for children in their prep year. Your child does not need a Medicare card in order to participate in screening. If you wish to have your prep child participate in this free vision screening program, please complete a consent form by **Thursday 24 February**.

Please click on the following link to access the Online Consent Form and Parent Information

Letter: <https://visionscreening.health.qld.gov.au/ParentalConsent/2211P4PI>. Alternatively you can scan the QR code below:



Please note: The consent form link will close on **Thursday, 24 February 2022**.

Parents do not need to be present for screening, however if you would like to be, please contact the school to arrange this.

If your child's vision is screened, you will be advised of the results in writing. If a vision concern is found, you will receive a phone call from the nurse to discuss referral to an eye health professional for further assessment. If a vision concern is identified and your child requires glasses, eligible health care card holders may be assisted with free basic glasses through the Spectacle Supply Scheme.

Participation in vision screening is not compulsory. If you do not wish for your child to participate in screening, please complete the consent form and indicate that you wish to decline screening.

If you have any questions, please contact the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program on 1800 687 372.