Mission Statement
“A School with Heart”
Where we are inspiring, challenging and nurturing one another to:
……live from the heart, love from the heart, learn from the heart

Dear Community

The theme of St Bede’s display at the Braidwood Show is a response to the ‘Principles of Pedagogy’, which are at the core of the art of teaching. The first is the premise that ‘everyone can learn’. Teachers and parents alike need to model and teach a growth mindset where with a bit of hard work, persistence and resilience we can achieve more. Carol Dweck writes of ‘a growth and fixed mindset’;

‘In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities’. For more information see; http://mindsetonline.com/changeyourmindset/firststeps/index.html accessed 2/3/2016

Should your child say ‘I’m just not good at that’, perhaps respond with a plan of how we could improve or work harder. Praising the effort to take on the challenge to achieve more will send a powerful message and help your child to think positively. This is key to learning and learning well.

We as parents and teachers can teach strategies to read or to solve problems but to learn concepts students need to experience them. For example learning a strategy to split two digit numbers into tens and ones for take away can be taught, but until a child has to apply the concept to buying an item at the supermarket they may not understand they can master this idea. Believing that your child can learn, and for them to also believe they can is essential for them to achieve.

Congratulations to our Northern Region representative swimmers for all achieving their personal best at such a high level. Their hard work and determination has served them well.

A special congratulations to Tyler and Bronte who were Baptised at St. Bede’s Church on Tuesday with Fr. Peter Day.

Have you returned your PIN forms yet?
These forms are now overdue. We would appreciate these being returned in the next week especially the ICT agreement otherwise the children will be unable to access ICT resources at school.

All the best,

Julian
As autumn arrives in many places there is a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God’s living things. “All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures.” And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi’s canonization that referred to her little cat!

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this:

“Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!

Amen.

Here at St Bede’s Parish we celebrate the blessing of the pets in Spring on the nearest Saturday to the 4th of October.
ANYONE FOR TENNIS??

Expressions of interest are sought for Tennis coaching for children ages 7 and up. Possibly on Sundays. To register your interest please contact Camilla on 0429 461 002.

Family Golf Day for Children and their Parents

**When:** Sunday March 13 2016
**Cost:** $20.00 including BBQ
**Time:** 10am
**Where:** Braidwood Golf Course

Form a team with your kids and play 6 holes under the guidance of one of the members of the Braidwood Golf Club. Beginners (adults and children) welcome. Finishes with a BBQ at 1pm. Registration essential—please contact Rod Coady 48422829 or mobile 0410 402 203

email: rodcoady@skymesh.com.au

**Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Place**
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5 March 2016 | Braidwood Show |  | 
7 March 2016 | Cyber Safety—Think U know Presentation (for parents) | 6:00 pm | School Library
10 March 2016 | Open Classrooms |  | School
12 March 2016 | First Reconciliation | 5:00 pm | St Bede’s Church
12 March 2016 | Catholic Schools Week—School Mass | 6:00 pm | St Bede’s Church
18 March 2016 | Athletics Carnival | TBA | Braidwood Rec ground
18—23 March | Easter Liturgies | 9:00 am | School Playground
23 March 2016 | Purple Day fundraiser |  | School
24 March 2016 | Stations of the Cross | 9:00 am | School Playground
24 March 2016 | Easter Hat Parade | 11:30 am | Start at school
24 March 2016 | Interim School Reports—sent home |  | 
25 March 2016 | Good Friday |  | 
28 March 2016 | Easter Monday |  | 
1 April 2016 | Cross Country | TBA | Braidwood Rec Ground
8 April 2016 | School Counsellor | 10 am onwards | School

Awards Week 6

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4 March        Natalie        Sarah J        Volunteer needed
11 March        Karen         Chris          Laura / Sarah S
18 March        **No Canteen**    **Athletics Carnival**     **No Canteen**
25 March        **No School**     **Good Friday**       Volunteer needed
1 April          Abby           Heidi           Volunteer needed
8 April          Karen         Chris

Trinity Uniforms
We have had a donation of Trinity Uniforms, mainly senior girls sizes. If anyone is interested in having a look at these please contact Lara at the office.

Canteen Roster—Term 1 2016
Thank you to all those parents and grandparents that have contributed to canteen this term!

With the cooler weather coming we are asking families for donations of boxes of tissues for their child/rens classrooms. These type of donations help keep school fees to a minimum. Thank you.....
### Library News

Library lesson times are:

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Please remind your child/children to return their library books on their Library days so they borrow and read more books!

Happy reading

Mrs McGrath

### School Fees

Parents are reminded that school fees are due for payment before Friday 11 March—any families who may experiencing difficulties are asked to contact the office. Thank you....

### Think U Know

Parent only information night about cyber safety and how to keep your children safe while using technology - for parents of all age children including High School.

**When:** Monday 7 March 2016

**Where:** St Bede’s School Library

**Time:** 6:00 pm

[www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

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**SHARE THESE CYBER SAFETY TIPS WITH YOUR CHILD:**

1. Don’t share too much information online—avoid sharing personal information such as your name, email, home address and school online—even when playing online games.
2. Have STRONG passwords or passphrases—make sure you have strong passwords which have at least eight characters including letters, numbers and special characters. It is also important to have different passwords for different accounts!
3. Know who your friends are—it is important to make sure that your online friends are people you know in real life, you trust and are people you actually want to talk to.
4. Stay private—make sure social networking profiles or online game profiles are set to ‘private’ or ‘friends only’.
5. Don’t click that link—avoid clicking on links in emails, they could be spam or scams.
6. Don’t be a keyboard warrior! If you wouldn’t say it to someone’s face, don’t say it online.
7. Think before you post—once it is on the internet it is there forever. Think about who might see it or where it might end up years into the future.

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**ThinkUKnow**

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between AFP, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank.

It aims to raise awareness among parents, carers and teachers of how young people are using technology.
# Community Council Happenings

## BRAIDWOOD SHOW DRINK STALLS ROSTER

5 March 16

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## Uniform Pool

We've been fortunate to have lots of quality uniform items donated recently so if you need something, just call or text Narelle (0425-218-201) or Lisa (0424-243-194) and we'll organise to meet you before or after school - or we can simply leave your item at the office for collection.

## Crunch & Sip—Tips

Some people love to crunch on a whole stick of celery, but generally kids prefer it cut up into sticks. A variety bag of vegetable sticks (e.g. celery, carrot, cucumber) is great for Crunch & Sip. Chewing on celery can help clean your teeth!

A small handful of baby spinach leaves teamed with another crunchy veg such as capsicum, carrot or cucumber is a great Crunch & Sip snack. It also helps your child meet their intake of green leafy veg that can sometimes be tough.