Dear Community,

Our school has been a happy and vibrant place over the past week, with cheerful and settled children ready to take on the challenges and joys of the year. Our Kindergarten students are doing an amazing job of being school students! They have settled into the routines of school and are making new friends in class and on the playground. In this Year of Mercy, I am so pleased to be part of a community that shows love and care in action every day. This beautiful quote from Psalm 25 reminds us all of the constant love of an always merciful God:

“Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.”

Next Wednesday, February 10, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Church’s season of Lent. Lent is a time for discernment, reflection, prayer and preparation as we journey towards celebrating the great mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Students in Years 1 to 6 will be attending a Liturgy at St Bede’s Church beginning at 10.00am. You are very welcome to attend.

Some reminders:

♦ Next Wednesday is the final Rest Day for Kindergarten students, as Mrs Monkhouse continues her assessment of students. This is a highly beneficial 1:1 time for your child and their teacher as they begin their formal education.

♦ The safety of children is a constant concern. Please ensure your notify us in a timely manner of changes to your child’s routine for going home of an afternoon. With such a large number of buses, we ask that cars do not stop in front of the school gate. Please park further along the lane.

♦ Thank you to those who are making an appointment to meet with their child’s teacher, rather than catching them at line up or at 3:10pm.

♦ The Parent Information Night (PIN) is on next Wednesday, 10 February, beginning at 6.00pm in the school hall. There will be two opportunities for you to meet your children’s teachers and find out the most important elements of their educational focus in 2016. We ask that one or more parents from every family are present if at all possible.

♦ There will be a Welcome to New Parents BBQ on Thursday evening 18 February from 5pm. All families are invited to come along and enjoy a meal and the company of friends as well as welcoming those new to our school.

Each day is a new opportunity for me to build relationships with your children, the staff and yourselves. I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening at 6.00pm.

Have a lovely week.

Trish Ferlitsch
Due to school supply orders not arriving, Year 2 books will not be sent home for covering until they arrive.

Mr Laffan

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**Notes Home this Week**

Kinder, Year 1, 3, 4, 5

Head Lice note

**Awards Week 10 Good Term**

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

2016 is beginning with a splash! The swimming carnival is an early race to get us in the swim of things here at St. Bede’s and we welcome parents to come and enjoy this great event. School happenings are great opportunities to get to know one another and to be a part of the school community.

A very warm welcome to Mrs. Trish Ferlitsch. A number of families from all grades gathered to welcome Mrs. Ferlitsch in typical Braidwood style. Trish brings motivation and passion for literacy and numeracy, and how to lead our school in meeting the individual needs of your child. The staff are looking forward to the year ahead, a new chapter in the story of St. Bede’s Primary school. Mrs. Ferlitsch is getting to know all the children and their personal journeys through her time in classes and through careful analysis of student and school data.

Kindergarten children have been meeting Mrs. Monkhouse and Mrs. Tooth for Kindergarten assessments. These assessments are indicative of the philosophy of St Bede’s. We as teachers seek to find out what your child knows and how we can better cater to each child and their learning needs.

Term 1 is all about getting to know your child as we believe that assessment informs teaching and learning. Children are all on a continuum of learning and this data assists us to best prepare for the term ahead. Everyone has the right to learn, and everyone can learn. Positive relationships are at the heart of effective teaching. Similarly, we seek to build your engagement with the school by being involved in the school community. This is proven to increase student engagement and learning and we look forward to working with all families in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Julian

God of new beginnings,
We give you thanks for bringing us to this day,
Where we begin a new year at St Bede’s school.
This year enable us to grow in love and understanding as we ‘tell the good news.’
Bless in a special way, all our children, staff and families and those new to our community, especially our new principal, Mrs Ferlitsch.
Send your spirit upon all of us,
so that together we may grow to be a community of love.
This we pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen

St Bede’s Parish News
Mass every Saturday 6pm
Parish Administrator: Fr Troy Bobbin
Associate Priest: Fr Peter Day
Pastoral Associate: Br Brian Berg
Presbytery contact number: 48422444 or 0408 687 915
New email address: braidwood@cg.org.au
Parish Office hours: Thursday 9 am—3 pm
Fr Peter will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation each Saturday from 5.00—5.30 pm

Happy Birthday: Marcus, Baden, Mariah, Mia, Lachlan, Blake, Alfie, Zach, Alex, Michelle, Chase, Orlando, Patrick, Pippi & Jeremy
**Swimming Carnival this Friday!**
The swimming carnival will commence tomorrow from 10.30am for competitive swimmers. As the weather looks like it will be cooler than hoped for, please remember to bring your school tracksuit and an extra towel to keep warm. Don't forget to wear a splash of blue or red to support your house!

*Mrs Tooth and Miss Ernst*

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**Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon (World Record)**

*Sunday 14th February 2016*

On **February 14th 2016** the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra come alive with hundreds of Weet-Bix Kids! TRYathletes will swim, ride and run

For information go to: **Website** - [www.triathlonact.com.au](http://www.triathlonact.com.au)

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**Library News**

Welcome to Library for 2016.

All students have had one lesson in Library and are keen to read and borrow books. As a Librarian I enjoy watching children becoming excited about a book and sharing their reading with others.

*Library times for 2016 are: -*

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Can all students bring a library bag for borrowing please? Every student will borrow a book next week to start their Library borrowing record for the year.

Any overdue books will be accepted without question!!!!

How many books did you read in the holidays? Mrs McGrath read 3!!! Can you better that??!!

*Happy Reading*

*Mrs McGrath*

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**PANCAKES!!! PANCAKES!!! PANCAKES!!!**

Next Tuesday is Pancake Tuesday!

Traditionally this is the day when we empty our pantry in preparation for fasting in Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Today, the emphasis is on the good we can do in the world and how we can be a better person in our daily lives and towards other people. To celebrate St Bede’s has pancakes for little lunch on Tuesday, 9 February. They are 50c each with choice of topping. All money raised will go to our ongoing projects to help those in need.

Any pancake makers are welcome to provide a plate of pancakes to sell on this day.

*Thank you*

*Ann*
Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February 2016. This is a good time to discuss the safe use of internet with your children. All classes will be take part in an internet safety activity in the library next week.

You Think U Know
Parent information night about cyber safety and how to keep your children safe while using technology - for parents 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)

FIND YOUR MUSIC CLASSES AT ST BEDES

YEAR 3 to 6 CHOIR starts on February 4th for an 8 week term.
Thursdays in the hall from 1.15 to 1.45pm. Bookings essential.

YEAR K to 2 CHOIR Expressions of interest are currently open with a view to start in Term 2.
Both groups will use voice, movement, percussion and other instruments and work towards a performance each term.
For more info or to book call Merrilyn on 48421276 or email merrilyn@findyourmusic.com.au

DRUM TUITION

Interested in Learning to play the Drums??
- Mon and Tues afternoons available
- Located in Braidwood
- Current WWC Provided
- Established Player

Contact Tim
Ph/Txt 0403 412 248
Email timmy-g@outlook.com or Fb facebok.com/timmydrumz

Kinder News:
A photo of our new Kinder Children will be appearing in the Braidwood Times on Wednesday 10 February. Kinder parents are also reminded that there will be no school for Kinder on Wednesday 10 February.

Thank You. Mrs Monkhouse

The simplest way...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

**Apple and date muffins**

**Ingredients:**
- 3 apples, chopped
- 1 cup boiling water
- 200g dates, chopped
- 50g butter
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups wholemeal flour

**Method:**
Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overheat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

For more information visit [www.eattitobeatit.com.au](http://www.eattitobeatit.com.au) or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

The simplest way...to serve dinner in a flash.

A stir fry is a quick and easy dinner, perfect on school nights for busy families.

And it includes a range of colourful, healthy vegetables.

Pick and choose your favourite combination of sliced fresh veg – capsicum, zucchini, sugar snap peas, green beans, bok choy, celery, mushroom, onion, carrot and cabbage work well. Go vegetarian, or add sliced lean chicken, pork or beef.

Mix 2 tsp reduced salt soy sauce, 1 tbsp honey, 3 tbsp water and 2 tsp cornflour in a jug for the sauce.

Prepare noodles according to packet directions.

Cook veg in a hot pan or wok, add sauce and stir to thicken. Remove from heat and serve over noodles.

For more information visit [www.eattitobeatit.com.au](http://www.eattitobeatit.com.au) or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit
Urgent Help Required Please

St Bede’s Community Council has been invited to assist with ticket entry sales at the Braidwood Races again this year on Saturday 13 February.

We urgently require some volunteers to work on the gate over the day with parents and child to assist in collecting a gold coin donation.

Please see the roster below for times – We will require more helpers from 12.30pm until 2 pm. Thank you.

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