Uniform Free Day Tomorrow
Gold coin donation will go to helping the people in Nepal

Dear Community

Earthquake in Nepal
Year 1 student Pema Bajracharya and her family are appealing to the Braidwood community to dig deep for the people of Nepal. They are asking for your prayers, support and generosity during this difficult time for our family. Red Cross donation buckets will be available at the Braidwood Community Bank, at St Bede’s School and various other locations around town. There are also a variety of charities online providing support, a list of these can be found at http://www.abc.net.au/appeals/ if you’d like to donate. Any contributions large or small will be greatly appreciated and go a long way to helping those affected by this terrible natural disaster.

St Bede’s three week 2016 Enrolment Period commenced this week. Enrolment Packs including enrolment forms will be available at this time. An open session will be held next Monday 11 May from 12:00pm till 1:00pm. There will be short tours of the school by our Year 6 leaders and staff. Please inform those who may have children of primary age in 2016, especially, but not limited, to new Kindergarten enrolments. It is vital all those considering St. Bede’s for their child in 2016 make contact with the school and ensure forms are returned promptly and St Bede’s receives appropriate staffing for our enrolments.

Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be held in the school hall tomorrow at 12:30pm, followed by a picnic lunch in Ryrie Park. Br Brian has been invited to a special mass at Trinity Catholic College so I will be celebrating the liturgy with you. All mothers, grandmothers and family members are welcome to attend the celebrations. Please bring a picnic for your family. The stall will be held before recess with students asked to bring in $5.00 to purchase a gift for mum that will be wrapped by helpers with paper and cards donated by Muttons. Thank you to the Community Council for coordinating this.

The Working Bee was a great success last Friday with a greater than expected turn out. Over two truckloads of mulch were moved, gutters cleaned, sports shed ‘sorted’ and a range of smaller tasks ticked off before a BBQ to conclude. The school is looking great thanks to the efforts of students, staff and parents. The leaves are back however.

NAPLAN will be conducted in Years 3 and 5 next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have a child in these classes please ensure they are prompt to school and do not have cause to leave school for appointments etc. Please ask your child’s teacher for assessment times.

Please keep the Hannaford family in your prayers as Germaine’s eldest daughter Dominica marries Patrick this weekend.
I hope all the mothers, grandmothers and those that nurture and support the children in our care have a beautiful Sunday with family and friends.

Yours in Christ

Gerard

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**Reminders:**

- Do you remember to contact the school when your child’s departure arrangements change? Staff on after school duties are often looking for children only to find they have alternative arrangements however school has not been informed. Please call the school before 2:30 when plans change as a matter of courtesy.

- A growing number of students are wearing garments under their uniform e.g. t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, skins etc. however they are not wearing a school jumper, tracksuit top or blue jacket. If your child is cold, they are asked to wear a singlet or similar that does not detract from our distinct uniform. If your child is cold, please send them with more ‘layers’ in line with our Uniform Policy.

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**Term 2 2015 Dates**

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**Tips for NAPLAN**

A good night’s sleep and a full breakfast in the morning is very beneficial in helping with students’ concentration during the testing.

The best way to ensure that your child is not too nervous or apprehensive, is to take a positive view of the tests and reassure them that they just need to try their best.

These tests provide you with a snapshot of how your child is progressing in their schooling.

Remember, the best source of information about your child’s learning is their classroom teacher. Do not hesitate to contact them should you have any questions or concerns regarding their academic and social progress. Students will be provided with everything they require on the days of testing.

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**Awards**

**Week 3**

**English**

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Good luck to our Cross Country Squad who are competing at the Northern Region Carnival in Crookwell today. The Northern Region comprises Catholic schools from Queanbeyan, Yass, Crookwell, Goulburn and Braidwood. The Northern Region Public Speaking Competition will be held at St Bede’s later in the year.

**STOP PRESS:** At this point in time we have three students through to the next level. Congratulations Scout, Miah and Isabella.

**TWO FIRES FESTIVAL** will be held in Braidwood on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. A special feature of this year’s Festival is the Unveiling Ceremony for the Dhurga Rock, which acknowledges the Aboriginal people who lived in this area before the town of Braidwood was established. The Unveiling will be from 10-11.30am on Saturday 16th. St Bede’s students have been involved in the Dhurga Rock project, participating in workshops about indigenous culture, art and dance with Noel Butler and Trish Roberts. Their beautiful artwork from these workshops will be on display at the Festival. We invite students and their parents to come to the unveiling ceremony and join in the dancing led by Noel and Trish. We will have special red headbands for all children joining the dancing. Please see www.twofiresfestival.org.au for the full program, and we hope to see many St Bede’s families in Ryrie Park on Saturday morning!

You are invited to the opening of the Judith Wright Gardens on Sunday May 17 from 12 noon until 2.30 pm at Flood Creek at the end of Garvey Street. As part of the 2015 Two Fires Festival there will be tree plantings a celebration and naming of the Judith Wright Gardens and a hot lunch.

**From our Counsellor —Hannah Turner from Catholic Care**

**Separation Anxiety**
Separation anxiety is the fear of being separated from a parent or carer, and is sometimes accompanied by stranger anxiety, or wariness and distress around unfamiliar people. These anxieties are a normal part of your child’s early development.
By the time children reach preschool and school age, they will generally be comfortable leaving their parent or carer, particularly in situations with familiar environments and people, although new situations may still cause some initial anxiety.
If your child is still experiencing regular and significant anxiety upon separating from you, they may need extra support.

Part two next week—Helpful ideas to cope with separation anxiety.

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Thank you to Michelle and Nelita for Kindergarten’s special visitor

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**TRINITY CATHOLIC COLLEGE GOUldburn**

**Enrolling now for 2016**

If you have not enrolled your child at Trinity Catholic College for next year please contact Teresa Shepherd for enquiries or an enrolment pack on 4824 1207 or email: Teresa.Shepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au

Interviews have now commenced
Mother’s Day Prayer

I love you, Mom. I love your aliveness, your joy in living, your understanding, your giving.

And what I love best of all is that you love me.

God of all Mothers, thank you for my mom!

- by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

From the book Friend Jesus: Prayers for Children

Mrs Godwin and myself have just completed a Professional Development course focusing on positive partnerships. This course was designed to help teachers foster affirmative partnerships within our school; student to student, teacher to student, teacher to parent. This is something I feel St Bede’s does well, however there is always improvement possible and Mrs Godwin and I will work with Mr Galvin to implement some of the strategies discussed over the four days.

The preparation for First Eucharist begins at Mass this Sunday, and will continue for four weeks. Nathan Hindmarsh, Albert Hazell and Fred Sykes will make this journey together, culminating in the reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday, 14 June at 10am.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating our Mothers with a Liturgy at 12.30pm, Picnic in Ryrie Park at 1pm and a Mother’s Day stall at 10.45am, where children will have an opportunity to purchase a gift for their MUM. All mothers, grandmothers and people who are like mothers are welcome to join us in the celebrations.

May peace be in your homes, Ann

May is the month of Mary.

To honour the mother of Jesus this month children are encouraged to say the Rosary. All children are given a set of Rosary beads when they join the St Bede’s community. Rosary Beads are now for sale at the office for any child who has misplaced or broken their set. Plastic beads are $1 and more sturdy metal sets are $7.
School Fee invoices have been sent out this week and Term 2 Fee’s are due for payment before Friday 15 May.

Trivia Night

As last year was such a success we have decided to hold another trivia night.

Get your thinking caps on, prepare for battle & look forward to a evening full of laughs. You can organize a team or simply join a table on the night. Like last year, baby-sitting will be available for all Primary school—age children.

To get an idea of numbers, please RSVP to Kelly Bunn (0403 326 747).

We’ll see you on Saturday May 30 @6.30pm.

BYOD

I have recently become aware of a facility, which allows the adult to limit use of the iPads to one app at a time and also sets a time limit. At the expiry of the time limit the iPad screen blocks further use until a passcode is added. I find this invaluable in the Kinder classroom and can see the benefits of this in homes. I am certainly willing to share this information if parents are interested and could hold a parent session on a Thursday or an afternoon after school. If you are interested please contact me at school or mention your interest to Lara at the office.

Thanks

Ann

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Wednesday 27 May at 10.30 am

Thank you to all those who have sent in goodies for our hamper raffle prize, it is starting to look good. If you have anything that you would like to add to the hamper, whether it is food, wine or a small gift, we would greatly appreciate it. The raffle will be drawn on the morning of the morning tea, but tickets will be available to buy at the front office before the big day.

All the proceeds raised on and before the day go to the Cancer Council foundation.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Emma Hillsdon

BRRR.... IT COLD OUT THERE!!

NOW IN STOCK AT LEN MUTTON & CO

Pure Wool school jumpers, Polar fleece beanies with school logo & Navy gloves

Uniform Pool

There has been a rush on uniform pool items and stock is running low. Jumpers, ties, girls’ winter tunics and boys navy pants are particularly scarce. If you have any surplus items, they’d be very gratefully received...just drop them at the office.

And if you’d like to have a look at what is available, call Narelle (0425 218 201) or Lisa (0424 243 194)

Thank you to George Hobart for fixing the Year 1 bookshelf.
Please consider giving up a few hours of your time on a Friday to help in canteen. It has been decided this year that canteen will not run unless there are at least 2 volunteers.

**Note:** Please clearly mark on a lunch bag your child’s name, class and order. Please provide correct money if possible. For hygiene purposes please wrap the money in foil or Glad Wrap and place in lunch bag.

### Canteen Roster Term 2—2015

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**Dear Parents**

St Bedes is having a street stall on Thursday 21 May, starting at 9am. Donations of baked goods, jams, pickles etc. would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school on Thursday morning in the canteen. If anyone could spare an hour to work on the stall your time would be greatly appreciated. Please place your name below in allocated spot and return to the front office or phone Janine Hindmarsh on 0428 471 160.

**Many thanks St Bedes Community Council**

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