Dear Community

St Bede’s Feast Day activities were a big hit for staff and students. Our Feast Day Liturgy held on Tuesday was a lovely celebration. Thank you to all family and friends who joined with us and filled the church. Thank you to Mrs Monkhouse for her organisation as well as Fr. Dermid, Brother Brian and all students who assisted on the day. The behaviour of our students was exceptional. Seven students received the St. Bede’s Award for consistently demonstrating the qualities of St Bede. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten  Clare Tooth
Year 1         Patrick Clark
Year 2         Cate O’Rourke
Year 3         Eva
Year 4         Isabella Hindmarsh
Year 5         Orlando Throsby
Year 6         Scout Benning

Thank you to all parents who sent cupcakes to school on Monday as part of our Feast Day lunch. The children ate and ate some more! This is a lovely tradition and one I know the students love.

Each class has participated in a Spelling Bede this week to highlight St. Bede’s love of literacy and writing. Congratulations to these students for receiving a class award.

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As part of each school’s plans for school improvement, St Bede’s received a staffing allocation to enable a School Improvement Project to be undertaken during the 2015 school year. This enables schools to develop a defined annual improvement project, the results of which can be measured and evaluated. St Bede’s staff are closely analysing student assessment data to better inform our teaching, highlight areas of strength and areas to develop for a whole class, groups and individuals. The Project supports the use of evidence to support school-based decision-making. Importantly, the School Improvement Project is based on, and arises from, the school’s own assessment of its own needs through the Internal School Review (ISR) process.

Do you have a pre-schooler who is coming to St Bede’s next year? Sibling enrolments forms are also due at this time to ensure enrolment interviews are conducted in a timely manner and staffing is secured for the numbers attending St Bede’s in 2016. Please contact the school for clarification.
Thank you to Emma Hillsdon for her excellent coordination of the Biggest Morning Tea yesterday. There was a tremendous turn out for this worthy cause. Thank you to all those that baked, donated goods for the raffles and supported this initiative. Special mention must also be made of the Year 3 students who assisted with serving yesterday. They did a wonderful job as part of a Service unit for their Religious Education lessons under the watchful eye of their teachers Bec Edwards and Emma. (Please see children's report further on in newsletter for amount raised)

Don’t forget the school Trivia Night on Saturday starting at 6:30pm. This event is being coordinated by Kelly Bunn on behalf of the Community Council Social Committee. This is a BYO nibbles and drinks event with child minding available.

Yours In Christ
Gerard

Students are encouraged to bring their Rosary Beads to school each day but especially each Friday as we say tradition prayers as part of Peace Room. Thank you to the growing number of students who bring their beads to school and participate in saying the Rosary during May, the month of Mary.

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Reminder notices were sent home Week 5 —If you have not yet paid this terms fees or are experiencing difficulties in paying the fees please contact the office as a matter of urgency!!!!!!!

Happy Birthday: Drue, Scarlett, Jimmy and Horatio

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Kinder Awards from Week 5 for History/H.S.I.E—Charlotte McGrath & Oliver Soames
This term all students at St. Bede’s have been engaged in Physical Education lessons focussed on hand/eye coordination. Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 started the term using small plastic racquets, tennis balls and bouncy balls before moving onto the sport of ‘Soft-Crosse’ that the older classes commenced in week 1.

Thank you to Nick Fry and the Braidwood Tennis Club for donating their pre-loved tennis balls to the school. Tennis balls seem to vanish here at St. Bede’s as we think they are eaten by the Sports Shed gremlins. Thank you for this kind donation.

All junior, senior and oldies Redback tries this year will help raise money for Braidwood Life Centre. The Braidwood Community Bank will donate $3 for every try scored by the rugby club over the 2015 season.

CLAIM THE DATE: Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival—Friday 16 October 2015

St Bede’s Footy Tipping Comp..

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Bush Baroque
Sunday 31 May 2015 @2.30pm at the St Andrews Uniting Church 66 Monkittee St.
A concert of songs & instrumental dances from Renaissance times for Soprano, lute and a consort of 4 viols.
Tickets at the door $15 conc. $10 with refreshments afterwards.
Proceeds to Hartley Lifecare. Enquires: Anne Sanders 48422024 or Richard Milner 6236 9212

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). This Data Collection is taking place in Catholic, government and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools like ours give students the support they need.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place at the end of Term 2. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact Mrs Katie Tooth, the learning support teacher to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you can contact Mr Gerard Galvin, Principal, and request an information page for parents/carers. If you are still concerned you should complete the opt-out section of the information page and return to the principal. The opt-out letter will need to be completed, signed and returned to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/
Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that never was it know in any age,
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help,
or sought your intercession
was abandoned.
Inspired with confidence, therefore,
I fly to you,
O Virgin of Virgins,
My Mother.
To you do I come,
before you I stand sinful and sorrowful.
Do not, O Mother of Jesus,
despise my prayers,
but graciously hear and grant them.
Amen.

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**THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The Biggest Morning Tea was on Wednesday 27th of May. It was hosted by Year 3 who did a fantastic job.

Thank you to everyone, as with your help we raised $776.95 for those people and families affected by cancer.

Everyone made a lovely cupcake and lots of people went into the amazing raffle. Thank you to Mandy and DI for judging the cupcakes and assisting with the raffle.

Our guests ate fantastic food.

I loved how everyone was smiling and said thank you to Year 3. It made me feel so glad to see everybody having fun and laughing.

By Eva Pieper

P.S. Please see Pepper’s fantastic graph to show how much money was raised.

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**St Bede’s Parish News**

Mass every Sunday 10am

First Eucharist will be Sunday 14 June @ 10 am
Presbytery contact number 48422444

**St Vincent de Paul Society – Braidwood Conference**

Our contact number is 0435 856 541 and office hours are:
Fridays: 11am – 1pm located at the back of the Presbytery.

**Engraved Pavers**

The Community Council will be sending home an order form in the coming week to purchase engraved pavers to assist landscape the garden area near the toilet block. Families will have the opportunity to purchase a named or messaged paver that will serve as a permanent reminder of your time here at St. Bede’s.
Trivia Night

Have you organised your table and friends for the Trivia Night?

When: Saturday 30 May
Time: 6.30pm
Where: School Hall
Cost: No Charge— Just bring your own drinks + a plate to share with your table

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 book your table or to be placed on a table please contact Kelly Bunn (0403 326 747).

Some Trivial Facts

- The first colour of Coca-Cola was green.
- Flutterby was the original name of the butterfly.
- Tom Sawyer was the first novel written on a typewriter.

Mathematics at St Bede’s

'Concepts are experienced and strategies are taught'. This brings to mind those experiences children have in seeing Mathematics in the real world (such as a playground walk) and then being guided through the hands on and independent activities in the classroom. This is used as a basis for our teaching and un-packs a model known as the Gradual Release of Responsibility. It begins with an emphasis on teacher instruction and then moves to a shared experience, such as a whole class experience, then to a guided activity (student does and teacher helps) to an independent application of the concept. The teaching of a strategy is one part of learning and the children really own a concept when they can apply it on their own or show someone else. Perhaps ask your child to teach you something they learnt about in Mathematics recently. It is when we have to deconstruct our knowledge we can truly reflect and learn concretely. The staff are developing an agreed practice and additional resourcing for Maths over the coming year in conjunction with the new Australian Curriculum/ Board of Studies Maths Curriculum. This sharing of approaches and classroom application is important for children to learn effectively as they move from class to class.

At St Bede’s are asking how we as teachers can make Mathematics experiences have real meaning for students and aim to embed this into our programs. It is great to see children exploring mathematical concepts. Kindergarten have been comparing the weight of items, Year Three measured time with the melting of an ice cube, and Year 2 were exploring volume and capacity in the sandpit. These examples are of experiences of concepts is where the fractions, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division come to life.

Julian Laffan
Assistant Principal

A Message from our CatholicCare Counsellor

My name is Hannah Turner and I am the new counsellor for St Bede’s Primary. I am a Psychologist and have worked with the CatholicCare Student and Family Counselling Program for just over three years. I will be at St Bede’s two days per term. My two dates for term two are Thursday 30th April and Monday 1st June. I am available to talk about any issues that might be affecting your child/ren at home and/or at school. I am very happy for you to drop in for a chat on the days I am here or you can leave a message with your child/ren’s teacher or Mr Galvin. I do require parents’ or guardians’ consent to work with students and require consent from both parents/guardians when there has been a separation or divorce and both parents/guardians remain involved in the child/ren’s care.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

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Julian Laffan
Assistant Principal
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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**Uniform Pool—Uniforms wanted**

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).

**School Fete—2015**

Date: Saturday October 24 2015  
Where: School Grounds

St Bede’s Community Council are seeking parents to form a fete committee. If you are interested in helping please contact either Janine Hindmarsh (0428 471 160) or Kelly Bunn (0403 326 747).

- ☑ I have an idea to do ________________________and am willing to help this happen
- ☑ I am willing to be on the Fete Committee.
- ☑ I am willing to help with Year________________ class activity

Family Name:________________________________________

Contact Number:___________________________

We look forward to hearing your ideas.