Dear Community

St. Bede’s hosted the Northern Region Public Speaking Competition yesterday. Representatives from other Northern Regions schools from Yass, Crookwell, Goulburn and Queanbeyan presented speeches to our students and guests. I know our student representatives did us proud. Congratulations to Regan Hindmarsh, Adelaide Wall, Fergus Tooth, Scarlett Bunn, Orlando Throsby, Alice Tooth, Jorja Noye and Claire Pettit who stepped in at the last minute for Darcy Lyons who was unwell on the day. Thank you to our parents who provided morning tea and to Mrs Hannaford and Mr Laffan for organising the day. We can all be very proud of the competition that we hosted.

Thank you also to our four expert adjudicators Dr Natasha Fijn, Ms Jane Magnus, Mrs Diana Stutterd and Dr Christine Wright.

Today all principals from the Northern Region as well as several staff from Catholic Education in Canberra met at St Bede’s for our regional meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to host this meeting and proudly display our school, our students and our town. The refurbished classrooms, new toilet block and gardens were commented on by many of our guests who have not seen the school in recent years. Once a term we gather to discuss various curriculum initiatives, professional development opportunities and regional events that are offered to staff and students.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It is a particularly important day now that Mary is Australia’s first saint. Our mass was a special time to reflect on an ordinary person who did great things in her life and inspired so many Australians and others around the world. Thanks to Fr Peter for celebrating the mass with us, Mrs Monkhouse for arranging the mass, to staff and students for their participation and parents who were able to attend.

Late last term I conducted interviews for our new Kindergarten class to commence in 2016 as well as students in other classes. While the majority of the conversation is about the child, I always mention a number of ways that parents can support their child and the school once their child starts their education at St. Bede’s. Many of you who have children in the younger classes will have had the same conversation with me. Special mention is always made of

♦ Parents being invited and welcomed to our liturgies and masses, no matter what faith background
♦ Attending scheduled meetings on time
♦ Wearing correct uniform
♦ Ensuring their child is present at school before the 8:55am bell
♦ Homework is complete and submitted on time
♦ School fees are up to date or there is communication with school if there are any concerns
♦ Parent support through class helpers, canteen, working bees, etc.
While initially parents are always supportive, over time, a number of the above points ‘drop off the radar’. I urge you to consider the many ways you can support St. Bede’s school and allow us to focus on your child and their development.

How does your child travel home each day and does the school know this? A growing number of children are collected from back gate however we are expecting them to travel on the bus. All changes to regular departures are asked to be phoned through to the office, before 2.30 pm, so that a message can go to your child. This is particularly relevant to sports trainings and Friday’s when our students head off in all directions without the school being informed.

The playground is not supervised in the afternoons. Only students whose parents are directly supervising their children are permitted to play on the equipment. Thank you to those that do supervise their children and ensure school rules regarding safe use of the equipment are enforced.

Yours in Christ

Gerard

Claim the Date!
Year 6 ‘Big Day Out’ to Jamberoo Tuesday December 8.

Happy Birthday:
Ellie & Hope

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
Any students participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge need to hand their reading log into Mrs McGrath no later than next Wednesday for validation.

MCYA - Maths Challenge for Young Australians
During Term two 8 students participated in the MCYA challenge. These students will receive an award tomorrow.

Ryan Blowes
Isabella Hindmarsh
Fergus Tooth
Nathan Hindmarsh
Alice Tooth
Jorja Noye
Miah Gunderson
Claire Pettit

Awards

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Isabella Halligan was a late addition to last week’s Maths awards—well done Isabella!
Catholic Corner

Lord,

May our homes and school always be happy peaceful places.

May we always be understanding, loving and considerate to one another.

Amen

St Bede’s Parish News
Mass every Sunday 10.15 am
Parish Administrator: Fr Troy Bobbin
Associate Priest: Fr Peter Day
Pastoral Associate: Br Brian
Presbytery contact number: 48422444 or 0408 687 915
Parish Office hours: Thurs. 9 am—3 pm

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.

School Fees
School fees have been sent out and are due for payment before 21 August 2015.
Any family who may be finding it difficult to meet their commitment to St Bede’s are asked to contact the office on 48422413 or email office.stbedesb@cg.catholic.edu.au

Excursion to Questacon
On Thursday the 30th of July, we went to Questacon. When we got off the bus, Year 3 sat on the big slug to eat lunch. It was noisy. Next we walked into Questacon and went to the toilets. Then we went to the taste show and I tried bacon jelly beans. It was gross. After that we got our tongues covered with blue food colouring. The blue colouring showed that we had more taste buds than adults. Theo licked me on my cheek. Yuck! Next we went to this kaleidoscope room where we saw a big moving ball full of colour. We also could take a photo of ourselves and I did a head stand on the carpet. The photo looked all colourful around me and my body was grey. We also went to a room where we wound an egg factory. Finally we went on the big slide which was fun too. Then we all went to the oval for a little bit of outside time before we went home on the bus.
By Tyler Hart—Year 3

An Excursion to Questacon
On Thursday 30th of July year 3 went to Questacon on a bus for an excursion.
Firstly we got on the bus it was the worst ride of my life. It was so hot at the back of bus I thought I was going to burn to smithereens. Next we got off the bus and ran to the big slug to relax and eat recess before we headed off to the galleries. When we were in Questacon we went to a show about taste. Tyler ate a bacon jelly bean and Adelaide had orange juice with toothpaste. We all got our tongues sprayed blue. After that we had a toilet brake and split into groups. Our group went to a lightning room where there was a big ball that moved around and a lightning display. The lightning in the display was man made. It made a huge crashing noise when it went off every 15 minutes. Later we went to a big drop room where we did free fall. It was very hard to hold onto an iron bar 5 metres above the ground. The lady would count 1, 2, 3 then you would let go and drop. You only hit the slide when you were 2 metres down the slide. It was very scary. Next we boarded the bus and travelled home. On the way home Harry W and I played a game where we went through the whole alphabet finding words that start with that letter. It was amazing. I had a very fun day full of excitement at Questacon and felt happy.
Angus MacPhail—Year 3
This term all classes are participating in soccer sessions. I am encouraging all students to try and use the inside of their foot to pass and to try using their ‘other’ foot as well when they can. Perhaps you can have a family game of soccer this weekend and help them to develop their skills?

Redback ‘Daddy Long Legs’ Golden Oldies have a game on Saturday 12 September against the Viking Thor Heads from Canberra. All over 35 dads are welcome to play. Watch the local newspaper for more information or see Mr Galvin.

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### IMPORTANT DATES!

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### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

#### Whole School

**Library News**

**Books Light Up Our World**

Our Book Week activities will be celebrated on Wednesday 26 August, Week 7.

Our Book parade will be in the Hall and will begin at 9.30am.

All children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and participate in our Book Parade.

The Book Fair will run on this day in the Library and will be open from 8.30 – 9.30 and 11.00-1.30pm.

Please come and join us to celebrate reading and books.

Reminder- please return any books that are overdue.

Happy reading

**Mrs McGrath**

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**Daffodil Fair Children’s Drawing Competition**

Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc). This makes the app even more accessible then before to your parent and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.
National Science Week runs from 15-23 August 2015. The theme this year is "Making Waves - the science of light". It is based on the International Year of Light. Our book week theme is also connected - "Books Light up Our World". For the next couple of weeks I challenge students to try a couple of experiments on light and check out how light works. Using the power of your eyes, bend a straw sitting in half a glass of water without even touching it! It sounds like magic but it’s really another amazing scientific principle at work.

What you’ll need:
A glass half filled with water
• A straw
• 2 eyes (preferably yours)

Instructions:
1. Look at the straw from the top and bottom of the glass.
2. Look at the straw from the side of the glass, focus on the point where the straw enters the water. What is strange about what you see?

What’s happening?
Our eyes are using light to see various objects all the time, but when this light travels through different mediums (such as water and air) it changes direction slightly. Light refracts (or bends) when it passes from water to air. The straw looks bent because you are seeing the bottom part through the water and air but the top part through the air only.

Happy experimenting!!!
Mrs McGrath

Dear children,

I am writing to you to let you know how impressed the adjudicators were with the standard of your public speaking at our school level. The ideas, presentation and pacing of speeches were impressive from year 2 through to year 6. Overall the confidence and effort of our students was impressive.

The Northern Region level saw our students compete against a high standard of speeches and I congratulate all our students for speaking and also for being such a great audience.

Thanks also to our adjudicators, Ms Jane Magnus, Dr Natasha Fijn, Dr Christine Wright and Mrs Diana Stutterd. Having adjudicators who speak publicly in their careers gives our students an excellent perspective and feedback on their speeches and what makes a great speaker.

Some words on public speaking,

A good speech is like a pencil; it has to have a point (Unknown)

All the great speakers were bad speakers at first -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Julian—Assistant Principal

For more information on packing a healthy lunchbox visit www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Canteen

Canteen Roster—Term 3—2015

Please consider placing your name on the canteen roster

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Order forms for pavers went home last week and are a great way to leave a lasting impression on the school. The order forms need to be returned by 20 August. Payment must accompany the order. To get an idea of how these will look we have 2 sample pavers in the front office, or see the paved walk way through Ryrie Park.

The wood raffle raised $480.00—thank you to those Kinder parents who worked on the stall.

St. Bede's School Fete

The school fete, to be held on 24th October, is fast approaching. As this is the school’s major fundraiser for the year, parental involvement is essential for its success. The committee has allocated stalls to each class & are as follows:-

- Kindy – Fairy Floss, Popcorn & Snow Cone Machines
- Year 1 – Plant Stall & White Elephant Stall
- Year 2 – Showbags
- Year 3 – Raffles, Chocolate Wheel & Cow Pat Lotto
- Year 4 – Fudge, Cake & Confectionary Stall
- Year 5/6 – BBQ, Tea/Coffee, Scones etc (Café)

Rosters - each shift will be 30 minutes and the rosters are in the front office. Please see Lara in the main office to allocate your time or email office.stbedesb@cg.catholic.edu.au

Please remember, this day will benefit our children so we need everyone’s help.

Thank you.

St Bede’s Fete Committee.