OPEN CLASSROOMS ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER FROM 10:15AM TILL 12:15PM

Dear Community

‘Who?’ That was the question many found themselves asking on 13 March 2013 following the announcement that Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio had been elected Pope. The election of the former Archbishop of Buenos Aires surprised many however once Pope Francis appeared on the balcony with that lovely smile, his simplicity and humility evident, the initial surprise soon gave way to certainty that this man is God’s choice. In two short years, Pope Francis is now well known and loved throughout the world.

[Taken from the Forward by Cardinal Vincent Nichols “The Church of Mercy” by Pope Francis]

Pope Francis declared on 11 April 2015 [Sunday of Divine Mercy] at St Peter’s, Rome that there be a Holy Year of Mercy commencing on December 8 this year. To inform us and to give food for the journey, Pope Francis has written a small book or Papal Bull entitled Misericordiae Vultus or The Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Over the coming months a small passage will be included in our newsletters. Please take time to read over the simple yet powerful document.

Holy Year of Mercy December 8 2015 till 20 November 2016

From The Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis

Misericordiae Vultus

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the “fullness of time” (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person[11] reveals the mercy of God.
Thank you to all those that supported the Book Fair and Parade yesterday. It was a celebration of literacy and displayed that our children do love reading and openly expressed the joy reading brings them. Thank you to all parents who toiled, sewed, glued and constructed some very imaginative costumes to make the day special for their child. Thank you to Mrs McGrath for coordinating the Book Fair and Parade with the help of Miss Ernst, Year 4 and Mrs Monkhouse. You have another year to think about next years parade!

National Literacy & Numeracy Week will be celebrated next week with St Bede’s holding open classrooms on Thursday September 3 from 10:15am till 12:15pm. This will allow visitors to see literacy in the morning and numeracy after recess. A cup of tea will be available over recess. Please claim the date and celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy week with us.

The paver initiative by the Community Council has been extended till next Thursday September 3. As part of the paving and garden improvement, we will also be installing aluminium bench seating. Families are welcome to donate a 2 metre seat at $295 each. The seat will include a small plaque with your family name. Please contact the school to express interest.

Yours in Christ

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Our Father’s Day celebrations will be held on Thursday September 3 and Friday September 4. Students are asked to bring $5 to school which will enable them to select a present for dad at the Father’s Day Stall. The cost also covers wrapping and a card. On Friday, we will start with our traditional BBQ breakfast from 7:45am before celebrating a special Father’s Day Liturgy in the hall at 9:00am.

We do require families to RSVP so we can cater for our growing numbers. In a change from previous years, we will not be requesting donations of bacon, eggs etc. With school enrolments now at 120, it can be a juggle ensuring we have enough for everyone. This year we will purchase enough food for all those that RSVP and request a gold coin donation on the day. All RSVPs will have ‘tickets’ sent home which we ask you to bring on the day. We will still accept late comers however we urge you to inform the school if you are attending so there is sufficient food.

Helpers are required from 7:00am on the day. Please use the return slip (on page 6) to express your assistance.
Catholic Corner

IDEAS OF PRAYER

Prayer is the lifting up the mind and heart of God.
Prayer is talking to God.
Prayer is putting your hand in God’s hand.
Prayer is resting in the Lord.
Prayer is enjoying the company of a friend.
Prayer is the most important communication we have.
Prayer is a last resort.
Prayer is wasting time gracefully.
Prayer is joy that mounts up to God in thanksgiving (Isaac the Syrian)
Prayer is a conversation with one whom you know loves you. (St Teresa of Avila)
Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living. (Rabbi Abraham Heschel)

On the first day of term 4, our teachers will complete professional learning deepening our knowledge of scripture. This day will lead by our CE consultant in Religious Education, Mrs Trish Ferlitsch. This day will include an extensive session on prayer and reflection.

I have included some thoughts on Prayer and its importance in family life and more importantly the life of your child. Teach a child to pray and you have given him or her, a most precious gift for life.

Prayer connects us with God. It puts us in touch with the very source of our being, the God who not only created us but who loves us, communicates with us and walks the journey of life with us as our invisible friend.

Prayer connects us with each other. It brings us together to express our faith in an all-knowing, all-loving, all-wise God who reveals to us the meaning of life’s mysteries and who shows us how to care for each other, to live together in harmony and to care for the earth.

Prayer is our life-line to the God of goodness, beauty and truth; the God who both comforts us and challenges us in our Christian living.

Prayer is an essential element of the religious education of children. Through prayer children are able to express and deepen their relationship with God. It is the task of parents and teachers to assist children in the development of their prayer life.

May peace be in your homes,

Ann

Happy Birthday: Madeline, Clare, Nelita and Thomas.

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.

Claim the Date:
The last day of Term 3, Friday 18 September, will be a uniform free day. Students are asked to make a confectionary donation. (i.e. a pack of lollies or block of chocolate.)

Remember the Father’s Day Activities next Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September—see page 2 for information and page 6 to RSVP to the BBQ Breakfast or if you are able to help.

COME ALONG DADS, Let’s Celebrate!

Happy Father’s Day
Braidwood Junior Soccer Club will be having their Presentation day on the 12th of September 2015 at the Braidwood Services Club starting from 11.30 onwards. After presentations lunch will follow out in the BBQ and play area.

All Boorowa carnival teams have been finalised and given to the teachers. Team coaches/managers will receive more information in the coming week. If you would like to have a training session, please contact Gerard at the school.

**Redback training cancelled for today.** The game tomorrow is still on at this stage.

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**Fruit & Veg Month - 24 August – 18 September**

**Crunch & Sip**

Help your child to ‘refuel’ and ‘rehydrate’ by packing a fruit or vegetable snack and a water bottle for the daily Crunch & Sip break at school.


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**Crunch & Sip**

Crunch & Sip does not have to be limited to school days. Encourage your children to crunch on fruit & vegetables and drink plenty of water over the weekend and during holidays. Don’t forget to join in! Be a positive role model by enjoying Crunch & Sip with your kids as you set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating habits.

Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.
Dear Mum and Dad,

This week I will be designing a paver with my name on it at school for the new garden area in front of the office. When I bring it home, please consider sending it back with the paperwork. It would be great to see as many families and children represented.

Thanks to the families who have already sent their paver in to school. It can be one for each child or one for the whole family!

Here is Cooper and Tom’s designs from Year 2 and they look great!

Please remember to let former families know that they can be a part of the garden too!

The children of St. Bede’s.

STOP PRESS: deadline extended until 3 September

Parents of Years 4-6

We have 3 spare seats for the AWM excursion bus next Friday. If you would like to join us, please call the school or send a message to your class teacher. First in best dressed. Helpers are also able to drive themselves and join us from 9:45am at the AWM. Parents will not be required to pay however when we have ‘free’ time, adults will be allocated a small group of St Bede’s students to supervise. Mr Galvin or Teachers will explain this further on the day.

Calling all interested helpers! We would like to relabel the readers in the junior classes. At present we use a number system and we would like to change the coding to colours and group similar ability books into colours rather than numbered labels. Please contact Gerard at the school or leave a message with Mrs Hewitt if you can assist. We will start with Kinder reading books to gauge how long this task may take.

St Bede’s School Pavers Fundraiser

Book Week Activities

“Books Light Up Our World”

What a fantastic celebration for Book Week we had at St Bede’s today. It was so exciting to see the many and varied characters participating in our Parade. I was also impressed to hear the authors of the books being mentioned as well. Thank you to all students and staff for participating in our Parade and making it such fun.

Thank you to Miss E for setting up the Hall and organising the lucky door prizes. Thank you to both Miss E and Mrs Monkhouse for commenting. Those ladies make the parade a lot of fun.

It was great to have Preschool visit us dressed up especially on such a wet day. A great adventure for them!!

A big thank you to Mrs Judy Coe, grandmother of Jono and Millie, for your help and support. The day run very smoothly with you here. We sold $2037.00 worth of books. From this we made $600.00 commission which we used to purchase 45 new books for the Library. We had 4 books donated thank you families. So we have 48 new books for the Library - yay!!

Thank you St Bede’s students and parents - a fantastic celebration.

Keep reading!!

Mrs McGrath
Literature has the power to move and engage us as people. Great authors take us to other places, other times, using real events and feelings to keep us captivated and sometimes leave us changed. The best writers don’t simplify the issues or the meaning in their stories. EB White (Charlotte’s Web), Roald Dahl (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Boy), and Michael Morpurgo (War Horse, The Butterfly Lion) didn’t write their stories just for children. They wrote stories that they thought were exciting, interesting and meaningful. A Roald Dahl book can make a child or an adult laugh and Michael Morpurgo can take the reader into how a character feels.

Seeing the children so inspired today as they become their book character is a great celebration of literature here at St. Bede’s. The development of their voice as writers, whether it be a diary, a narrative or a poem enables the children to reflect on the world around them and to respond in their own way.

Keep reading inspiring writers at home with your children. Reading books together, even just for ten minutes a day is the best way to develop your child’s spoken language and also their reading and writing.

Julian Laffan—Assistant Principal

Community Council Happenings

Canteen Roster—Term 3—2015

This week only: toasted cheese or ham and cheese sandwiches $2.50

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Closing date extended until 3 September

Why not leave a lasting memory of your families time at St Bede’s School. Paver orders are due back to school by Thursday 3 September. 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 walkway through Ryrie Park.

Uniform Pool
Please call Narelle (0425 218 201) or Lisa (0424 243 194) for any uniform pool enquiries.
Any families who have winter uniforms that they no longer need please consider donating to the uniform pool for other families to purchase. All the money raised goes to purchase items for the school and classrooms!

Fathers Day Breakfast

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, 4 September @ 7.45 am.
Breakfast Reply - Please do not send money in with this reply a donation will be asked for on the day—Thank you

The ___________________________ family will be attending the Father’s day Breakfast on Friday, 4 September.
We would require breakfast for _____ adults and _____ children.

☐ I can assist with cooking from 7.30am
☐ I can assist with serving from 7.30am

I will meet at the school at the nominated time. Name: __________________ contact: ____________________