Dear Community

Our Years 4-6 travelled to the Australian War Memorial last Friday as part of the special project the students were involved in leading up to ANZAC Day this year. This was a wonderful experience for staff, students, grandparents and parents who attended. A special moment which I personally treasured was when our students stood side by side in a circle at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and announced their Braidwood ‘Digger’s’ name who they represented on ANZAC day. I could see the faces of AWM staff and other visitors who were visibly moved. Thank you to Miss Ernst for this memorable experience as well as Mrs Clarke and helpers Judy Coe, Chris Nelson, Rowan Clark, Janine Hindmarsh, Tracey Sykes and Rhonda Waters. Please look at the front page of the local paper.

Well done to our students in Years 3-6 who will participate in Singfest in Goulburn tomorrow night. There will then be a dinner break after the student rehearsal at 5:00pm where parents may take their children out for a meal or they can eat food which they have brought with them in the Hall. Children need to return to the Hall by 6.45pm dressed and ready as the performance begins at 7.00 pm. Parents are responsible for supervising children during the dinner break and taking their children home after the performance. Thank you to Mrs Bradley who has enabled our students to participate this year. Without her expertise we simply could not offer this unique experience. Thank you to the students for their enthusiasm and their teachers. I placed the following in our newsletter some weeks ago however I feel it is important to include once again.

In the current schooling environment there is an emphasis on data, whether it be NAPLAN or other results that attract the headlines. Whilst elements of that data are very important, there are other measures and opportunities that schools provide that are also important. The outcomes that Singfest or the K–2 performance produces (as well as other extra-curricular activities) will not make the headlines in educational measures, however the experiences the students and parents take away from such an opportunity are long lasting. To see the students and staff so dedicated to their role, their persistence in seeing the event through to the end, their desire to perform at their best, their commitment to each other as a member of a choir and the responsibility they undertake to develop their God given talent for the enjoyment of others (among other aspects) are all credible life-long attributes that reflect well on each of them.

Our Term 3 Assembly will be held next Thursday 17 September from 10:00am in the Hall. Kinder to Yr 2 will perform ‘Peter & the Wolf’ with Yrs 3-6 singing two songs from Singfest to conclude the assembly. All are warmly welcomed to attend.

Our first School Fete is on Saturday 24 October. To ensure a successful event, helpers are required from each class to supervise stalls, help with set up the afternoon before as well as pack up on the day. This will be a wonderful event with the help of each and every family. 30-60 minutes is not too much to ask for your child’s school. Offers of help have been very slow to come in thus far. Please watch the newsletter of upcoming fete newsletters for more information.

Yours in Christ

Gerard

Mrs Hannaford will enjoy some well-earned leave next week with Mrs Clarke teaching the Yr 5/6 class. Rumours she has won Lotto are incorrect!
Do you know how many Victoria Cross medals have been awarded to Australian soldiers? On Friday 4th September the Year Four, Five and Six students from St. Bede’s went to the Australian War Memorial to commemorate our work relating to the Braidwood World War One soldiers.

There were many galleries to visit. We went on both self-guided tours and the Anzac Legacy program with a guide. The self-guided tours were inspiring because we could see many different artefacts from Australia’s involvement in war. One of the places was the Red Gallery: an artefact was a cannon that had no springs and did not spin so it wasn’t very accurate. Most of us really liked the Anzac Legacy programs because the volunteers knew so much about the displays and could share this information like a story.

Everybody waited impatiently at the entrance to the Discovery Zone. The D-Zone has a lot of exhibits that we were allowed to touch. One highlight was the helicopter from the Vietnam conflict which we could sit inside. The model trenches made the war experience realistic especially when we could see what trench-foot looks like – it was sickening. We could walk through a submarine and we were told that people could only shower for thirty seconds. They really smelt, we were able to have a whiff – yuck! The Peace keeping room had an interactive display showing how water could be cleaned.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few reading tips to help your child experience continued success as a reader.

1. Read for at least ten minutes a night! This is simple but effective if the ten minutes are the best ten minutes of your child's day. Daily reading is all it takes. Remember, be patient and let them have a go. Focus on what they are doing well, not the errors.

2. Children must be in charge of their reading. In infants, this means they are holding the book so they can experience ownership of the reading. In both infants and primary they should be choosing their text.

3. In addition to hearing your child, read a novel to them. As examples, a classic story such as Roald Dahl or poetry by AB Paterson will entertain children and adults alike. Children learn new vocabulary and how language sounds when it is read. This helps them to have the necessary language to predict when they are reading.

4. Should your child be independent as a reader, still take time to listen to them and to discuss the book they are reading. What they are choosing to read tells you a lot about their interests and what they are thinking and might help you find a new author.

5. Have great literature in your home. In Year 2 you will find children reading Australian classics like 'The Magic Pudding', funny stories such as 'The 65 Storey Tree House' and even historical fiction such as the 'My Story' books. The children recommend books to one another. Some are from home and some are from....

6. Join and use the local town library. There is a great wealth of books here at school, but the town library is another excellent resource.

All the best and happy reading! If you need help to make reading at home an enjoyable experience please feel welcome to ask for some tips.

Julian Laffan
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to Mrs Daniel who has won the St Bede’s Tipping Competition again! After a slow start Mrs D slowly caught up to the front runners who must have got a little nervous as the season went on. The competition is on each year and is open to all in our community.

Braidwood Junior Soccer Club—Presentation day on the 12 of September 2015 starting 11.30 onwards.

St Bede’s Footy Tipping Comp..

Top 10...

1. Senior 119
2. Braidwood Raiders 118
3. BA 117
4. Blazin’ Raisin 112
5. Yeomans Bunnies 112
6. Poppy Jim 112
7. J Clarke 112
8. Mrs T 110
9. Braidwood Cowboy 108
10. Louise Halligan 108

Library News

Just a reminder – please return all overdue Library books to the Library by next week.

Don’t forget to read in the holidays!!!

Happy Reading

Mrs McGrath

iPad reminders

Sadly we have had two iPads damaged over recent weeks while at school. While I would like to think these were accidents, can I ask you to speak with your child about the following?

✓ Where does your child place their iPad when packing bags in the afternoon?
✓ Is it in the outside pocket or in the middle and larger pocket?
✓ Does the screen face towards some type of protection e.g. school jumper?
✓ Does it have a protective case?

St Bede’s celebrated Book Week with a fun Book Parade and a very successful Book Fair. Here are a selection of book characters visiting St Bede’s to celebrate Literacy at our school.
**Bits and Pieces**

**SINGFEST UPDATE:**
Singfest for Years 3-6 will be held in the Hall at Trinity Catholic College Goulburn on Friday, September 11. Bus transport to Goulburn is being provided – one way only. We will leave St Bede's at 12.30 pm after an early lunch. All schools will practice from 2.00 until 5.00. There will then be a dinner break. Parents may take their children out for a meal or they can eat food which they have brought with them in the Hall. Children need to return to the Hall by 6.45pm as the performance begins at 7.00 pm. Parents are responsible for supervising children during the dinner break and

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**Shoctopus**

- poems to grip you!
- Harry Laing’s new collection of illustrated poems for 6-12 yr olds.
- Shoctopus is available at a special price of $15 at the Office and Harry will be happy to sign copies.

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**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

**Years 3—6**

**REMINDER to all parents**
If your child is having a play afternoon at a friend’s house, it is imperative to not only contact the school but also the bus company if you expect your child to go on a bus that is not your usual service. The Nerriga bus is full to capacity so parents would have to transport their child as no extras can be transported on this service.

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**Uniform Free Day** Friday 18 September. Wear your favourite footy colours or just your favourite colours! A donation of a bag of lollies or chocolate that will be used at the school fete early next term!

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**Crunch & Sip Snippets**
Did you know that prunes are dried plums? Choose plums over prunes as they have less sugar and pop them in your shopping basket over February & March when they are at their best. They are sure to be a hit for Crunch & Sip with their juicy, burst of flavour.

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**Term 3 Assembly**

**K-2 ‘Peter & the Wolf’**

**Yrs 3-6 Two songs from Singfest**

**THURSDAY**

**17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**10AM**

**SCHOOL HALL**
A big thank you to all those parents who have volunteered in Canteen this term.

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Please consider placing your name on the roster for Term 4.

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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!

Dear Families
The St Bede’s school fete on Saturday 24 October is getting closer and we will need lots of volunteers to help all of the stalls run smoothly. Please fill out the form below and return to your child’s class – each year group is hosting one stall for the day. We will try to accommodate everyone’s preferences.

Which stall will you help make a success??

- Kindy – fairy floss, popcorn & snow cone machine
- Year 1 – Plant stall & white elephant stall
- Year 2 – showbags
- Year 3 – ‘raffles’, chocolate wheel and ‘cow pat lotto’
- Year 4 – fudge, cake and confectionary stall
- Year 5/6 – Café: BBQ, tea, coffee, scones etc.

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Your Preferred time(s)

Your name and contact number or email please: ________________________________