Dear Community

Welcome to Week 2, Term 4. Yes, Term 4! I heard quite a number of staff say they found it amazing that three terms have already passed by. In next to no time we will be engaged in the various events that make up the end of the school year here at St Bede’s. I hope the students enjoyed a relaxing break and have returned focussed on finishing the year well. Term 4 always travels quickly with many events scheduled to celebrate the year, our leadership class as well as various Christmas events and gatherings. Please check the school website and this newsletter for calendar updates. The landing page on our website now has a school calendar which is updated regularly by staff.

Thank you to all those that welcomed me back this week after an extra week of leave. I was privileged to travel to Italy for two weeks with my daughter Abbie as part of St Clare’s College Canberra’s 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage. 23 young ladies aged between 14 and 18 along with three staff and eight adults including Monsignor John Woods made the pilgrimage starting in Venice then Padua, Sienna, Cinque Terra, Florence, Assisi and Rome.

A highlight for me and I believe many from the group was the visit to Assisi where both St Francis and St Clare lived in the late 1100s and early 1200s. These two saints are ‘giants’ in our church. Francis on one hand travelled spreading Jesus’ love, was in touch with nature and God’s creation including travelling to the Holy Lands and attempting to broker peace during the Crusades. Clare on the other hand rarely ventured outside the convent walls. People came to visit her as she was more contemplative and never travelled far if at all. Francis and Clare, through both action and contemplation and solitude, show us how God worked through them and can also work through each of us. Life is not ‘either or’. We are called to be active, to ‘walk the talk’ but sometimes we also need to be still, be energised and have time listen to what we are called to do.

With many highlights, I would like to mention just one. Our group was fortunate to have a private mass arranged at St Peter’s Basilica. Upon arrival we were ushered downstairs to a crypt where we celebrated a private mass with our group just near the tomb of St Peter himself. A wonderful experience however seeing Pope Francis from only metres away was not too bad an experience either.

Finally, October is the month of the Rosary The prayer of the Rosary isn’t recited as much as it once was but for many it is a contemplative prayer providing the chance to be still, allowing the events in the lives of Jesus and Mary to touch us and impact on us in ways we may not even be aware of. The following prayer focusses on the qualities Jesus’ mother possessed, qualities we are encouraged as followers of Jesus to make our own.

May St Bede continue to watch over our students and their families.

Yours In Christ

Gerard

Mission Statement

“A School with Heart”
Where we are inspiring, challenging and nurturing one another to:
……live from the heart, love from the heart, learn from the heart

Reminders

▲ School Fees were sent home on Wednesday and are due for payment before Friday 30 October.
▲ Uniform orders for next year need to be at Muttons before 20 November.
▲ The schools counsellor will be available for appointments in Term 4 on Tuesday 17 November 2015, please contact the office if you require an appointment with Hannah for your child.
▲ We are looking for volunteers for canteen for Term 4 and the fete in October.

Important Message

Application for Year 7 selective high school placements in 2017 can be made online between 13 October and 16 November 2015. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Term 4 App List Years K-6
Mrs Katie Smith from Catholic Education will work with teachers and classes next week using these apps.
- Book Creator
- QR Reader
- Google Drive
- Aurasma
- Tellagami
- iMovie

School Fees were sent home on Wednesday and are due for payment before Friday 30 October. As always any family who are unable to pay their fees by the due date are asked to please contact the office to make arrangements.

Book Club is due back to school by Friday 23 October—Please no late orders. Parents are now able to order online via the Loop and collect the books at school—see the order form for details. Every order earns free books for the school and books make great Christmas presents!!!!

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Calling all Kinder Parents,

You may recall that at the opening school liturgy this year, your child was welcomed to St Bede’s with a welcome badge. These are a wonderful memento and a tradition that is important to St Bede’s.

I would like to invite all present Kinder parents to a craft morning, where we will make the badges and the “Tea and Tissue” packs that will be presented to our new class of 2016 Kinders, next year at the opening School Liturgy early in 2016 and to their parents on the first day of 2016.

Please join me on Thursday, 12th November in the staff room at 9.30am and together we will make badges ready for 2016. I really appreciate the help and I feel it’s a lovely way to welcome our new students and their families.

Look forward to meeting you then,
Ann Monkhouse

This week extract from The Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis

4. I have chosen the date of 8 December because of its rich meaning in the recent history of the Church. In fact, I will open the Holy Door on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. The Church feels a great need to keep this event alive. With the Council, the Church entered a new phase of her history. The Council Fathers strongly perceived, as a true breath of the Holy Spirit, a need to talk about God to men and women of their time in a more accessible way. The walls which for too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way. It was a new phase of the same evangelization that had existed from the beginning. It was a fresh undertaking for all Christians to bear witness to their faith with greater enthusiasm and conviction. The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father’s love in the world.

We recall the poignant words of Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: “Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity…” The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all; patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children”.[2] Blessed Paul VI spoke in a similar vein at the closing of the Council: “We prefer to point out how charity has been the principal religious feature of this Council…”[3] With these sentiments of gratitude for everything the Church has received, purified and blessed… Another point we must stress is this: all this rich teaching is channelled in one direction, the service of mankind, of every condition, in every weakness and need”. [3]With these sentiments of gratitude for everything the Church has received, and with a sense of responsibility for the task that lies ahead, we shall cross the threshold of the Holy Door fully confident that the strength of the Risen Lord, who constantly supports us on our pilgrim way, will sustain us. May the Holy Spirit, who guides the steps of believers in cooperating with the work of salvation wrought by Christ, lead the way and support the People of God so that they may contemplate the face of mercy.[4]
St Bede’s is taking five teams to Boorowa tomorrow under the supervision of Ms Hillsdon, Mrs Clarke and Mr Galvin. Teams are Years 2-4 Netball, Years 5/6 Netball, Years 2/3 Touch, Yr 4 Touch and Yr 5/6 Touch.

The draws have been changed and updated several times so I recommend parents check the St Joseph’s website tonight for up-to-date times. The day commences with round 1 at 9:00am sharp however some teams may not play till later. Games commence promptly every 20 minutes with the last round starting at 3:00pm.

I would recommend arriving no later than 8:15am if you would like a parking space near the fields. The school marquee will be set up in a central position similar to previous years. Students have been asked to bring extra water, snacks, lunch as well as full and neat Sport Uniform with school hat. Hats are to be worn at all times other than game time.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to manage or coach teams on the day. Please ensure teams are ready to play at the allocated court or field at least 5 minutes before game time.

Drive safe.

Batemans Bay Rugby Union

5 week “Twilight Rugby 10-a-side competition”

Under 9’s, 11’s, 13’s & 15’s Friday evenings

Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay

Time; 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Dates; Friday 30th Oct, 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov

Cost; only $10 per player covers the 5 weeks

Teams; Milton, Braidwood, Batemans Bay, Broulee, Narooma,

Registration & games; Friday 30th Oct

Little Athletics

Little Athletics commences today at the Rec Ground. A flyer went home on Tuesday. This is a wonderful initiative and one where the skills will remain with the children for many years.

Interest Groups

Calling all interested parents in offering an interest group on four consecutive Friday afternoons from Friday the 20th of November starting at 1.50pm and ending at 3.05pm. We are seeking parents to run a small group activity. (Please note that parents are required to complete a working with children volunteer declaration prior to the commencement of the groups). Parents run their group but teachers are responsible for the children.

In the past we have had skipping, netball, cake decorating, cartooning, to name a few. Teachers also run a group which will include visiting the Vet, Extreme Sport, Tennis, Dance and Make your own colouring in book and more! Year 6 receive first preference as an acknowledgement of their end of Primary School.

Please let Mr Laffan know if you can offer a group.
Do you drive your child to the bus stop????

If so, you may be eligible for a government rebate. Please see the flyer below with contact details for more information.

Find out if you’re eligible for the PVC subsidy at transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you’re not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

Can’t get online?
Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

Learn to swim with the department of Sport and Recreation. Holiday lessons are on again this year. The pamphlets should have gone home with your child today.

Trinity Catholic College will be hosting an Information Evening for Year 5 and Year 6 students and their families on Thursday 15th October 2015 | 5pm - 8pm.

Tours & Displays commence at 5pm from the Main Quad (there will be four tours operated: 5pm, 5:30pm, 6pm and 6:30pm).

An Information Session will be held at 7:15pm in the McAuley Centre for all parents and prospective students.

For more information, contact Teresa Shepherd at the College on 4824 1207.

We look forward to meeting you!

Urgent

Does your child need a new uniform???

If so Len Mutton & Co are ordering uniforms for next year, all orders but particularly any sports uniform orders must be placed at Muttons before Friday 20 November.

This will be the last order before school starts in 2016.

Mr John Barilaro MP is inviting all Primary School students to participate in his annual Christmas Card Competition.

This year’s theme is “A very white Christmas” and entries should have the Child’s name, age and school clearly marked on the back of each entry. Entries can be sent directly to Mr Barilaro at P.O Box 998 Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or dropped at the school no later than Tuesday 10 November 2015.

First prize is a $100 gift voucher, second prize a $50 gift voucher and Third a $25 gift voucher.

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Defensive Driver Course on November 21 for Braidwood P-Platers

Did you know that 80% of accidents could have been avoided if the driver was more aware! In the hope of providing young drivers with the skills to remain safe on the roads, APEX Braidwood is coordinating a Defensive Driver Course for P-Platers who live in the Braidwood area. Apex with the support of the Braidwood Community Bank, Braidwood LIONS, the Lodge of Truth and the Transport Industries Skills Centre based in Sutton, the 8 hour course will be run at centre in Sutton on Saturday November 21 and will be free of charge. Please contact Nick Fry at the Braidwood Community Bank or Ged Galvin at St. Bede’s School. Registrations close late October for the November 21 course.
**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

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**Community Council Happenings**

A reminder that the fete is nearly upon us, if you haven’t done already please consider giving us some time on the day.

**Plant Stall:** Plants can be delivered to the school (outside Kindergarten room) before school on Friday 16 October, or from 2pm on Friday 23 October. If these times do not suit, please call Belinda Royds 0422 089 540 to make alternate arrangements.

**Wanted for Fete:** Plants, Plastic bags (old shopping bags are ideal for taking plants home), please try bake a cakes, items for White Elephant stall (included preloved CD’s—no electrical items please), remember to send in your raffle tickets and to repurchase your Cow Pat Bingo tickets- (These are selling fast).

**Uniform Pool**

The uniform pool will be open on each of the Kinder transition days (Wednesdays—28 Oct, 4 Nov & 11 Nov.) from 10am for a short time—Please call Narelle (0425 218 201) or Lisa (0424 243 194) for any uniform pool enquiries. Also the we grateful accept any uniforms that your child may have out grown.

**Canteen Roster—Term 4—2015**

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

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