Dear Community,

Saturday 24 October saw a wonderful spring day for the St Bede’s School to host their first fete in a number of decades. The Fete Committee convened several months ago however planning for the day picked up over the last three months under the guidance of Janine Hindmarsh and Kelly Bunn. The day was a real success with a huge turnout from the Braidwood community and not just school families. The fete had the feel of a traditional school event with face painting, sugary treats, baked goodies and the compulsory white elephant and plant stalls. There was a dance display by the local children from the Braidwood Dance Studio, merry-go-round, jumping castle, pony rides & carriage rides.

Thank you to all those that contributed to the success of the day by attending, donating goods for the various raffles, giving time to assist at a stall or even helping out with the rather shy cow on the now famous “Cow Pat Bingo”.

The Community Council is looking for new and interested parents to join this dedicated group from early next year. The Community Council meets twice a term providing support and guidance to the school in areas such as policy making, fees structures and building plans as well as grounds & maintenance, fundraising and the social aspects of the school. If you would like to know more, please speak with any member of the Council (see school website) or contact me at school.

Our Kindergarten class for 2016 visited yesterday for the first time. 21 new recruits spent two hours at school and were warmly welcomed by their new ‘Big Mates’ in Year 5 who will be a great support next year in their first year of big school. The second and third transition days will be held over the next two Wednesday commencing at 10.00am.

Have you installed this terms required apps? Sadly a number if students have not been able to utilize these apps which have been used this term. The iPads are a wonderful leaning tool however they can create extra work for teachers when students bring then to school without the required apps or not fully charged. Thank you for your support.

On Saturday 17 October the dedicated riders from Lifecycle rode through Braidwood to raise money and awareness. Our uniform free day tomorrow will raise money for this worthy charity as it aims to provide accommodation for NSW residents who require blood cancer treatment in the ACT.

Yours in Christ
Gerard

Dear Parents,

An urgent request for any volunteers to assist at MONA this weekend to serve Devonshire Tea at the Open Gardens event. If you are able to assist please contact Janine on 0428471160 or Samara on 0418465312. St Bede’s is collecting proceeds from the catering at the event that go to assisting our children’s learning. Even an hour or two is a great help!

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Sadly we have had no offers of help as yet…….

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Kinder

Head lice note

Whole School

Uniform Free day

IMPORTANT DATES!

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School Fees have been sent home and are due for payment by tomorrow.
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.

**Week 4**

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Hail Mary
Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.
Amen

Parish Administrator: Fr Troy Bobbin
Associate Priest: Fr Peter Day
Pastoral Associate: Br Brian Berg
Presbytery contact number: 48422444 or 0408 687 915
Parish Office hours: Thurs. 9 am—3 pm
Fr Peter will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation each Saturday from 5.00—5.30 pm

♦ The Book of Remembrance will be compiled again this year—if you would like to add a loved one to the list please speak with Br Brian.
♦ Vinnies Annual Garage sale is on again Saturday 7 November, and are still taking donations of goods.
♦ Weekday Mass Tuesdays @10am in the church.

Can you sing or play an instrument? The BCS Christmas Carols will be held on Friday December 4 in the Old Police Paddock commencing at 6.30pm. Please contact Miss Elisa Bryan, Drama/English teacher at Braidwood Central School elisa.bryan@dr.nsw.edu.au if you would like to perform

May Peace be in your homes, Ann

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

6. “It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and he manifests his omnipotence particularly in this way.”[5] Saint Thomas Aquinas’ words show that God’s mercy, rather than a sign of weakness, is the mark of his omnipotence. For this reason the liturgy, in one of its most ancient collects, has us pray: “O God, who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness …”[6] Throughout the history of humanity, God will always be the One who is present, close, provident, holy, and merciful.

“Patient and merciful.” These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God’s nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction. In a special way the Psalms bring to the fore the grandeur of his merciful action: “He forgives all your iniquity, he heals all your diseases, he redeems your life from the pit, he crowns you with steadfast love and mercy” (Ps 103:3-4). Another psalm, in an even more explicit way, attests to the concrete signs of his mercy: “He executes justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin” (Ps 146:7-9). Here are some other expressions of the Psalmist: “He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds... The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground” (Ps 147:3, 6). In short, the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as of that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that this is a “visceral” love. It gushes forth from the depths naturally, full of tenderness and compassion, indulgence and mercy.
Melbourne cup snails

It is time to start catching and training your snails for the St Bede’s Snail Melbourne Cup. With all this lovely rain, the snails are out in force. The idea is collect a snail, decorate it and bring it to school in a secure container on Melbourne Cup day.

Kinder—year 4 AFL Day

The K—Yr 4 AFL day set down for next week has been rescheduled to a later date. Apologies for the inconvenience.

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.

Child Safety was revisited with a visit from the Daniel Morcombe foundation on Monday the 26th of October 2015. The children were reminded of ways to keep themselves safe by following the three R's. Recognise, React and Report. Recognise the early warning signs and how our body lets us know how we are feeling. If we feel unsafe we can react in a number of ways and the importance of our safety network of five adults we can report to. Parents are reminded to speak to their children about this network and that nothing is so awful we can’t tell someone about it.

Cyber safety is as important as safety in everyday life and it was alarming to find out that many children are connecting with unknown persons on line in gaming apps. Parents are asked to investigate who their children are communicating with and to delete any unknown persons from their contact lists within their online world. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has offered to provide a parent information night in early 2016 on the topic of cyber safety, here at St Bede’s.

The school fete was well received by all the children and their involvement in the Kids Zone gave them a great sense of ownership and inclusion on the day. The stalls were fun and inviting and there were many happy faces enjoying the activities. The shared roles of the Community Council and the School made for a successful and collaborative event for all.

In preparation for the Assessment and Reporting period teachers have had release to analyse data to inform teaching and learning needs within the classroom and in K-2 to meet with students individually to assess numeracy and literacy. This is valuable time for teachers and enables teachers to gain an informative snapshot of your child's growth and future needs. Please avoid any unnecessary absences at this important time of the year.

Julian Laffan
Assistant Principal
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

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.

Happy Birthday: Bally & Scarlett

Jamberoo

Yr 6 Jamberoo ‘Big Day Out’ is on Tuesday 8 December.
Cars will be required for transport as requested late last term. There will be more information coming home soon.

Thank you to Jason Hindmarsh for fixing the back gate as well as the front gates with the help of Darren Waters

Thank you to Melissa Cathro who recoded our kinder and Year 1 readers.

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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CatholicCare Canberra Goulburn are pleased to announce the expansion of services to their CHOICES program. They have launched Counselling & Therapy Services that include:

- Speech pathology—assessment & therapy
- Behaviour Management—assessment & support
- Counselling—individual, families as well as group education
- Psychological Assessments—Cognitive, ADHD & behaviour

Services can be provided to children and adults. For more information contact 1800 068 698
Or email choices@catholiccare.cg.org.au
## Canteen Roster—Term 4—2015

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

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**Community Council Happenings**

### Competition Winners

**Guess the weight of the fleece:** Richard Bunn with 5.1kg (5.1kg)

**Lolly Jar Guessing Competition:** Katie Tooth with 1728 (1710)

**Puzzle winners:**
- Harry Waters
- Jake Waters
- Molly MacPhail

**Cow Pat Bingo:**
- Ruth Pettit
- Noah Hilhorst

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### Raffle winners:

1st: Freya Job
2nd: Kerri Wells
3rd: Chloe Smith
4th: Wall Family
5th: Tim Lenehan
6th: Amber Taylor
7th: Karlene Blacker
8th: Levonne
9th: Sasha
10th: Cathy Ffrench
11th: Hilary Rossaw
12th: Louise Halligan
13th: Nathan Hindmarsh
14th: Trish Cooper
15th: James Royds

*Please collect from the school*

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The following is the profit made on each of the fete stalls—for some stalls it is still an estimate with some costs still to be taken into account.

- Cow pat lotto $500.00
- Chocolate Wheel $448.00
- Raffle $1365.00
- White Elephant $850.00
- Carriage Rides $536.00
- Jumping Castle $325.00
- Plant Stall $870.00
- Show Bags $180.00
- Kids Zone $578.00
- Pony Rides $311.00
- Cakes $1309.50
- Puzzle, Fleece, Lolly Jar $116.40
- Café $1000.00

Totaling approximately $8388.90

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The Community Council wishes to express its gratitude to the St. Bede’s Community for the attendance and helpers on the day of the fete. It was a successful big day out in Braidwood and the smiles on the children (and adults) faces and the amount raised made the day a great success.

Any suggestions for next year and feedback is greatly appreciated and we are asking that you send written comments. Please include your name so we can follow up on your ideas for next year. Please deliver your message to the front office via the classroom message bag or in person.

*Regards and thanks, St Bede’s Community School Council*