Dear Community

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Ann Monkhouse on receiving a contract extension in her role as Religious Education Coordinator at St Bede’s School. Earlier this term Ann participated in an appraisal where various members of our community were consulted via online survey, a very detailed self-reflection completed as well as a discussion and feedback session. Assistant Principals and Coordinators have an initial two year appointment followed two separate four year contracts. Each new contract requires an appraisal and allows the community to provide input into leadership positions in our schools along with making recommendations and commendations. Thank you to all that supported Ann in this process and once again, on behalf of all at St. Bede’s School, I congratulate Ann on her new contract.

Term School Fees 2016

The Community Council has recently met and approved the 2016 School Fees. See attached fee information.

CEO Tuition Fee $276 per family

This fee is set by the Catholic Education Office and is reviewed each year. All money received from the Tuition Fee is forwarded to the Catholic Education Office to pay staff salaries.

Maintenance Levy $116 per family

Money is utilised on the upkeep of buildings and grounds, electrical, plumbing and any maintenance that arises. It is also important to ensure money is set aside from this levy for large scale jobs such as painting, carpets and grounds.

Administration Levy $49.50 per family

Money is utilised on photocopier lease and maintenance, fax and phone costs. All office equipment is purchased and maintained with this levy. Others costs are the various consumables that we require to operate efficiently such as paper, certain cleaning products, first aid etc. Whole class resources may also be purchased with this levy as well as library items and ICT.

Resources Levy $37 per child

Student resources used mainly in the classroom such as exercise and text books, pens and pencils, glue sticks etc.

Operating Levy $37 per child

Money is utilised for various costs we incur. Significant costs are insurance, gas and electricity bills which are ever increasing. The cleaning contractor is also paid from these funds.

ICT Levy $20 per family

This levy was introduced in 2012 and is designed to ensure our students have access to the latest technology rather than relying on old equipment donated from other schools. This levy will build up over the coming years to ensure we have funds to access new technology for your child.

I would like to thank all families who ensure our fees are paid promptly and in full. We do rely on your support. If you are unsure about any issues concerning the fees, please call to make an appointment. Sadly 16 fee reminders from a total of 78 families have been sent for unpaid fees this term. As always, parents who experience financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school as soon as possible before the fees create stress or burden.
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, fee 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 members of the Council [see school website] or contact me.

The **canteen** is very important to our students and no doubt, many parents are relieved each Friday morning when they can write out a lunch order rather than scratching around for their child’s lunch. Any money raised by the canteen goes directly back to the school. Recent purchases that the canteen has paid for were $2000 worth of dictionaries and the wonderful blue mobile teaching units in every classroom. The canteen operates under the guidance of our Canteen Manager Mrs Janine Hindmarsh but is run each Friday by volunteers. At present, we have the same small number of helpers appearing on the roster each week in this newsletter. While not every parent [or other family member] can assist on a Friday, we do ask that every family contributes in some capacity to St Bede’s. Without extra assistance in the canteen, it will need to be closed on those Fridays where there is insufficient help.

Yesterday we welcomed our 2016 Kinder class for the second of their three transition days. Mrs Tooth looked after the group of students while Mr Laffan conducted a literacy session for their parents. The third and final transition day will be held next week.

**Yours in Christ**

Gerard

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Chris Nelson for replacing the broken bag hooks near the Hall with new colourful hooks! The area looks brighter already.

Kaye McCarron, James Cook, Robert Faulkner and friends for the landscape work on our new garden area near the back gate. This has made a huge difference to our school. Thanks to Mr Laffan for coordinating this on behalf of the Community Council Grounds Sub-Committee.

Janine Hindmarsh, Chauntelle Hindmarsh, Mrs MacDonald (Janine’s mum), Bec Bradley, Julian Laffan, Renee Nelson, Kelly Bunn, Isabella, Regan, Nathan, Samantha Davis, Scarlett and Hope, for their efforts in catering for the Braidwood Open Gardens last weekend. This is a huge effort especially one week after the fete. Thank you also to students who helped serve and wait throughout both days.

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### Important Dates!

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Catholic Corner

A Morning Prayer

Holy Spirit of God, grant that I may meet the coming day with spiritual tranquility.

Grant that in all things I may rely upon your holy will. In each hour of the day, reveal your will to me.

Whatever news may reach me this day, teach me to accept it with a calm soul, knowing that all is subject to your holy will.

Direct my thoughts and feelings in all my words and actions. In all unexpected occurrences, do not let me forget that all is your gift.

Grant that I may deal firmly and wisely with every member of my family and all who are in my care, neither embarrassing nor saddening anyone.

Give me the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring.

Direct my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to be patient, to forgive, and to love.

Amen

St Bede’s Parish News
Mass every Saturday 6pm

Parish Administrator: Fr Troy Bobbin
Associate Priest: Fr Peter Day
Pastoral Associate: Br Brian Berg

Presbytery contact number: 4842444 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

♦ Vinnies Annual Garage sale is on again Saturday 7 November, and are still taking donations of goods.
♦ Weekday Mass Tuesdays @10am in the church.

FREE Kids 1st Aid session for parents/carers of young children in Braidwood & surrounding NSW regions.

Tuesday 1st December 2015
St Bede’s Catholic School, Braidwood
School library
5:00-8:00pm
Light supper provided
RSVP ESSENTIAL—Alison 6124 3800

The funds raised this year by the Year 5/6 Mini Vinnies fete will go to Home in Queanbeyan.
Over the next few weeks we will be running a short description of what Home does and how the funds raised will help.
Home is run by Father Peter.

100% self funded

We are inspired by Jesus’ love and respect for the marginalised: a love that pays no regard to religious/political/social affiliation.

About HOME

♦ HOME provides a supportive, loving home for 19 men and women with mental illness (medium-high needs) who cannot live independently or are at risk of homelessness.

♦ HOME features 20 self-contained residential apartments—19 for permanent residents, and one for a live-in caretaker; there is also a five bedroom house on-site which is lived-in by a family who provide a back-up caretaking role.

♦ We seek to humbly and lovingly walk alongside each other, recognising that our dignity and our freedom are caught-up in the dignity and freedom of those we serve and love.

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Part 2 next week…….
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**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.

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**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

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**Crunch & Sip**

Strawberries are always a favourite with children due to their sweet taste. To keep them sweet and looking their best, remove them from their punnets, when you get home, and place them on a paper towel on a plate and cover it with cling wrap.

Cherry tomatoes are great for Crunch & Sip as they can be eaten without creating a mess. Don’t make the common mistake of placing them in the fridge, leave them at room temperature until they are very ripe, then place them in the fridge.

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**The 21st Airing of the Quilts**

**Will take place on Saturday 28 November.**

The quilters are inviting members of the Braidwood community to be part of this event — if you have quilts, old or new and would like to see them hanging in the main street or shop please contact Jenny Wallace 48422694 or Lesley Horn 48422348. All quilts will be treated with the utmost care and respect.

They are also looking for volunteers who would be interested in help hang the quilts on the Saturday morning @ 7am.

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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.bryant@dr.nsw.edu.au if you would like to perform.
**Crunch and Sip**

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