Little Athletics Cancelled today due to wet weather.

Dear Community

Yesterday was Remembrance Day. This year marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Yesterday we remembered all soldiers who have fallen in all wars. It was also lovely to see many students wearing a red poppy. The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem “In Flanders Fields” written by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

Yesterday Yr 6 student Jorja Noye presented this poem to our school community at our school service at 9:00am and again at the community service which was held in the school hall due to the rain. St Bede’s now has a special carved stone bench near the flag pole which will act as a focus for all school ANZAC Day and remembrance services in the future.

Thank you to Mr Laffan for coordinating this bench with local stone artist Ian Maher. The bench was jointly paid for by the school, Community Council and a donation from the Braidwood RSL Sub Branch.

Yesterday a showcase was held in Canberra highlighting the various projects our system schools have been working on as part of the ‘Collaborating on Student Achievement’ or COSA Project. Ms Edwards presented our school display supported by Mrs Godwin and Mr Laffan. I received an email regarding our impressive display and presentation at the Showcase stating it was well prepared and presented an excellent account of our effective writing instruction journey, which was valued and appreciated by many. It was also noted that our inquiry is constantly developing and is based on evidence [student data] as well as incorporating our BYOD program. Well done team for representing our school yesterday.

This week has certainly been full of mixed emotions and I am very thankful for the supportive comments and acknowledgment of my time here at St Bede’s. The decision for me to move on has been made because of family reasons. As my children grow older, there has been an increased demand on time after school and more and more nights away from home for them and my wife Annette. We happily chose to live in Braidwood and do not regret the decision. My family have been a wonderful support and have never complained about the travel each day to Canberra for work and school while I spend the 5 minutes walking to St. Bede’s.

St Bede’s School is in a wonderful position and I am confident that the community is ready for the continued growth and guidance that a new leader will bring. I look forward to being able to meet with the successful applicant and highlight all our successes as a warm and welcoming community, our engaged parents, the enthusiastic staff and the beautiful children.

The position of Principal for St Bede’s has been advertised and will close on November 25. This will allow ample time for short-listing, interviews and for the successful applicant to meet the community before the end of the school year.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Rebecca Edwards who will be teaching at St Bede’s again next year. Bec applied for and was successful in gaining a full-time temporary position. Our class structures for 2016 are still being finalised and will be announced in the coming weeks. Bec’s teaching partner Ms Emma Hillsdon will still be teaching at St Bede’s however taking on various executive release roles as well as the Numeracy Intervention Program [NIP] teacher. A full list of teacher roles and responsibilities will also be available in the coming weeks once class structures are finalised.

Yours in Christ

Gerard
Dear Parents and Children,

As you have heard, Mr Galvin will be moving back to the big smoke next year and we are planning a farewell event on Tuesday the 15th of December. We have the thank you morning tea at 11.00am which will then be followed up with a BBQ lunch and an afternoon of sports. Parents and families are all welcome to attend to acknowledge Ged and his contribution to the St Bede’s community.

Yesterday, Mrs Bec Edwards represented our school at the Catholic Education Showcase in Canberra. Bec spoke of our school’s journey with writing and our focus on editing, spelling and publishing our stories, poems and information reports. It was titled ‘Inspiring a Kaleidoscope of Writers’. Many thanks to Pepper in Year 3 who came up with the idea of the title. Many thanks Bec for your professional presentation. Our school display shared stories, poems and resources by our children and many visiting teachers commented on the high standard of work and the evidence of effective instruction in the teaching of writing. Mrs Godwin and I also attended the day which is excellent Professional Development for staff as we see what other schools are achieving and how they are using student data to inform the teaching, learning and assessment cycle.

Our Director Mrs Moira Nadjeqi launched the ‘Principles of Pedagogy’ document at the showcase. These are the driving essence of where we are headed and demonstrate the quality of Catholic Education in our diocese. We look forward to unpacking and implementing these with the staff and students.

Julian
Assistant Principal

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**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

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**Awards Week 6 P.D.H.P.E**

Year 1 Awards from last week—H.S.I.E— Ben Blowes and Milly Coe

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In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

by John McCrae, May 1915

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 Cont…..

- Residents have access to 24 hour pastoral care delivered by qualified employees, volunteers, and live-in caretakers. Residents are seen daily and encouraged to live active, fulfilling lives within their community.

- We recognise that people need more than just a house and meals, but regular loving care and support, too—a home.

- We hope HOME is just the beginning of a national approach that encourages a cultural-shift in the care of people with chronic mental illness.

Community support

- HOME is a living example of an entire community—residents, local businesses, schools, philanthropic foundations, community groups, churches, government—standing up and doing their bit to make a real difference in the lives of local people living with mental illness.

- HOME is the story of a community willing to provide national leadership in the care of some of our nation’s most vulnerable citizens.
AFL Gala Day— Postponed until Friday 20 November

The AFL gala day will now be held at St Bede’s School on Friday 20 November and involve all classes from K-6. Our senior students will assist coordinate the various activities which will be a wonderful leadership opportunity. Each child will receive a free sausage sandwich however the canteen will still operate as normal. Please ensure you child has a water bottle and plenty of energy. Students wishing to purchase a football for $13 can bring money on the day.

Weet-Bix TRYathlon

Canberra Feb 14, 2016

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon consists of three activities - the swim leg, cycle leg and finally the run. They stage the event in age and gender groups of no more than 20-30 children at a time. That way each participant has room to move even though there will be others swimming and cycling near them. Each event has a limited capacity. This is the maximum number of participants they can safely fit into the transition area and on course. See the website for details on how to register.

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
WWW.kidsfirstaid.com.au

No childcare provided, young babies welcome at the course in parents care.

Learning to swim is great fun with Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program.

Sport and Recreation delivers Royal Life Saving Society’s national Swim and Survive initiative and operates throughout regional NSW in communities where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Our classes offer multiple grades across preschool and school aged categories. Children progress through these skill grades dependent on their age and ability.

Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for eight or nine consecutive weekdays.

For more information on lessons near you, or to book, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

Does Braidwood want Scouts?
The question has been asked: Braidwood has a Scout Hall, why don’t we have Scouts? Do you want to know more about Scouts and Cub Scouts?

With the view to restarting Braidwood Scouts, a Community meeting will be held at the Serviceman’s Club at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November. All welcome.

The goal is to restart the Group and with this deliver the Scouting program for the benefit of our youth in the community. Of course, for this to happen it is essential to have the support of the community and the parents of our youth.

For more information please contact Laurie Joyce, Group Leader 4842 8144.

Call out to Singers, Dancers and Musicians

The 3rd Annual ‘Carols by Candlelight’ will be hosted by Braidwood Central School on Friday December 4, 6pm, on the BCS Police Paddock.

All local performers are invited to perform a carol of their choosing.

If you are interested in performing please contact Elisa Bryant:
Phone— 02 4842 2249
Email— elisa.bryant@det.nsw.edu.au

Call out to Singers, Dancers and Musicians

1st Braidwood Scout Group Information evening

Are you interested in Scouting? Scouting teaches social and leadership skills through challenge and outdoor adventure while having FUN.

Want to find out more?
Come to the Braidwood Serviceman’s Club
Tuesday evening 24th November at 7 pm

All welcome

Leaders and Committee members needed
For more information contact Laurie Joyce - 4842 8144.
**The 21st Airing of the Quilts**

Will take place on Saturday 28 November.
The quilters are inviting member 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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**Roll up your sleeves and give Blood !**

The Red Cross Mobile Blood Service will be visiting Braidwood on Monday 30 November 9.30 am—3.30 pm. To make an appointment phone 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

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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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**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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Happy Birthday: Arlo, Reggie, Charlotte, Jake & Harry

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"Summer school fun for kids at BRAG. Drawing, photography, music and yoga. From the 12th to the 21st of January 2016. More information to come soon."

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CatholicCare Canberra Goulburn have launched the Daniel Morcombes Foundation.

DanielMorcombe.com.au/APP

FREE Safety App

- GPS Location
- Safety Tips
- Note Filing
- Safety Videos
- Nearby Safe Locations

Suitable for:
- Medical Emergencies and Conditions
- Personal Accidents
- Schoolies or Sleepovers
- Overseas Travel (subject to coverage/exception)
- Travelling
- Car Breakdowns
- Shift Workers
- Tourists

Please join Kenny to celebrate the release of her first childrens picture book!

Book Reading: 10am
Date: 14th November
Braidwood Makers Market
At: The National Theatre

The book is available for purchase and signing at the market.

www.kerrymolan.com.au
Funny Fingers are no longer available at Canteen

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered for canteen—your time is appreciated—Please consider placing your name on the roster, we need volunteers for next week.

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ST BEDE’S FETE THANK YOU

Janine & I have so many people we wish to thank for helping make our school fete so very fun & successful & I hope I don’t leave anyone out. Everyone had a great time & it was so rewarding to see many faces from outside the St Bede’s community. Together we raised some needed funds of $8388 for our school & if we do hold another fete next year, we hope to see many more families get involved. The kids love it & it’s so important as a parent to be a part of their schooling life.

Of those who volunteered to be on our Fete Committee, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Ten heads are better than two & being able to draw on differing ideas, differing perspectives & unbridled enthusiasm was priceless. Thank you to each of you for helping turn our ideas into reality. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you to the amazing parents who manned stalls, made coffee, cooked the BBQ, & set-up & packed away on the day. You all contributed to lowering Janine & my stress levels!!! Without this wonderful handful of parents the day would never have been so successful. All of you went above & beyond & did a lot more than your allotted half hours. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Also to the parents who provided horse rides & carriage rides – thank you. Having Saddlecamp & Rosscommon Carriages there on the day was such a huge draw-card for the fete & the kids absolutely loved it. I managed to slip away & enjoy a carriage ride with the kids & it was a wonderful experience. So relaxing. Thank you for providing so much fun for people of all ages. Truly, thank you.

Another big thank you must go to our wonderful teaching staff & our gorgeous students who provided hours of fun & games in the ‘Kidszone’. Not only did this idea turn out to be a great little fundraiser in itself, it also allowed the kids to be responsible for their own area. The children decided on their activities, designed & planned how it would work & then executed their ideas on the day – with the staff not too far away! It gave them a sense of pride as they were able to claim ownership of that area. They had so much fun. I was told by one cheeky student that “No parents are allowed, unless they’re buying a ticket.” He’ll be Australia’s next entrepreneur worth millions!!! Well done kids, you were all fantastic.

Obviously another massive thank you goes to all the people & businesses who generously donated prizes for the raffles & items to include in the hampers. The Braidwood community comprises some very big-hearted people. Thankyou.

Thank you to our principal Mr Galvin, for letting us run with the idea originally & if it wasn’t for you & your insistence on running a ‘Cow-Pat Lotto’, I don’t think I would ever have known that latex gloves could be one metre long - & pink!!! They weren’t pink for long (yuk!!) & I’m not sure my life has benefitted from this knowledge but you learn something new every day so….. Thank you again Ged.

Please know that each of you involved is truly valued & respected & the easy spirit in which you gave of your time & support is so appreciated. THANK YOU.

Kelly Bunn & Janine Hindmarsh

True generosity is an offering; given freely & out of love. No strings attached. No expectations. Time & love are the most valuable possessions you can share.

Suze Oram