Dear Community,

Our school enrolment currently sits at 121 with an expected 132 students in 2016. With a difficult balance of student numbers in the senior classes we have decided upon the following class structures for next year.

The Yr 3/4 and Yr 4/5 class lists have not been finalised yet however decisions will be based on a number of factors including friendships, suitable working combinations, separation of siblings/relatives if required, teacher/student relationships and the desire to consolidate learning from the current school year with a familiar teacher. Miss Ernst and Ms Edwards have already commenced planning how they will be able to work together, collaborate with teaching programmes and lessons as well as allow for their various areas of expertise to benefit both classes. They have also planned school visits in Canberra for this year where schools have structured classes in similar ways.

Classes will be next door to each other to allow for greater collaboration between staff and students. Classes will not be sorted according to ‘ability’ or academic achievement. Therefore a Yr 4 child in the Yr 3/4 class will learn the same content and skills as a Yr 4 in the Yr 4/5 class. Both classes will have the opportunity to develop, grow and learn as individuals yet have every opportunity to work with students from other year levels.

Parents are welcome to write a letter addressed to me if they have any concerns or questions regarding these groupings however the final decision will ultimately be mine. This will be based on the needs of each individual as well as the entire group and the valued opinions and professional judgement of staff. Parents input however will certainly be considered. Parents are not able to nominate teachers. Please ensure that if you write a letter regarding the Yr 3/4 and 4/5 classes that it reaches me by Friday 27 November. A list of all staff roles will be confirmed in future newsletters.

I would like to thank the Braidwood Servicemen’s Club and Manager Michelle Griggs for the ongoing support of St. Bede’s School. The Club over many years has provided free ice for school stalls at the Braidwood Show, the school fete as well as tables and free auditorium hire for various school functions. Tomorrow Interest Groups commence and the Club has generously offered the Courtesy Bus free of charge to ferry students to the vet surgery and squash courts if it is raining or extreme heat is forecast like tomorrow. We are very fortunate to have a community minded club that is always willing to support various groups and our school.
Today I visited Home in Queanbeyan with Brother Brian and Year 6 students Miah, Jorja and Declan. Fr Peter invited us to share a meal with him and the residents of Home. Home is a community initiative providing a loving place for nineteen men and women with enduring mental illness who cannot live independently, or may be at risk of homelessness. The Mini Fete next Tuesday will raise money for Home. Please visit the website http://www.homeinqueanbeyan.org/ to know more about this wonderful initiative. The Yr 6 students will speak with their class and the school to inform us of their visit.

Yours in Christ

Gerard

Will your child have a sibling attending an archdiocesan secondary school in 2016?
If so you may be eligible for a discount on the CE Tuition fee, please speak with Lara. Application forms are available at the office.

Dear Parents and Children,

Please mark **Tuesday the 15th of December** to attend the Thank You Morning Tea followed by a ‘Big Bonza Barbeque’ to **farewell Mr Galvin** in true Braidwood style.

There will be a sausage sandwich provided for all the children and a BBQ and salad for the grown ups.

We are asking families to provide something to share. **K-2 families are asked to bring a slice/cake and classes 3-6 a salad if attending.**

**Steak, bread and sausages will be provided.**

The BBQ will follow on from the Morning Tea with proceedings beginning at 11.30 am and an early lunch from 12pm. We look forward to seeing you there,

Julian

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**Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Place**
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**Term 4 ✏️ 2015 Dates**
24 Nov. 2015 | End of Year Liturgy followed by Mini Fete *(Please note that this date has changed)* | 10:00 am | St Bede’s Church
26 Nov. 2015 | Kinder Parents: Tea & Tissue Pack making | 9:30 am | Staffroom
1 Dec. 2015 | Kids 1st Aid for parents | 5:00 pm | Library
8 Dec. 2015 | Year 6—Jamberoo | 6 am leave | Jamberoo
10 Dec. 2015 | Presentation Day | 11:00 am | School
14 Dec. 2015 | Swimming Fun Day | 1:00 pm | Pool
15 Dec. 2015 | Thank you Morning Tea | 11:00 am | School
15 Dec. 2015 | Farewell to Mr Galvin—BBQ + Sports afternoon | 1:00 pm | Staffroom
16 Dec. 2015 | Students last day of school | | |
28 January 2016 | Students return for Term 1 2016 | | |

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**Awards**

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Advent Calendar ideas

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<td>Give someone a “Just because” gift.</td>
<td>Show off your best smile all day.</td>
<td>Donate used books to a library.</td>
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<td>Email encouraging words to a friend.</td>
<td>Take dinner to another family.</td>
<td>Volunteer for a few hours this month.</td>
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<td>Tidy your bedroom without being asked.</td>
<td>Let someone skip ahead of you in line.</td>
<td>Introduce yourself to someone new.</td>
<td>Complete your brother’s or sister’s chores.</td>
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<td>Pick up the phone rather than emailing or texting.</td>
<td>Collect and donate unused clothes to Vinnies.</td>
<td>Send Thank you cards to people you admire.</td>
<td>Bake some biscuits and deliver them to a neighbour.</td>
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<td>Invite someone over for Christmas dinner.</td>
<td>Play with someone new on the playground today.</td>
<td>Feed the dog/cat without being asked.</td>
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Advent begins next Sunday, 29th November. It marks the beginning of a "new" year in the church and an important season where we prepare for the coming of Jesus. In the Peace Room we will celebrate Advent with an Advent wreath. An Advent wreath typically consists of greenery in the shape of a circle with four candles, three purple and one pink. Each candle has a specific meaning:

- Candle 1 (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophet’s candle.
- Candle 2 (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angel’s candle.
- Candle 3 (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherd’s candle.
- Candle 4 (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem’s candle.

Many Advent wreaths also include a Christ candle in the middle of the wreath.

Another way to celebrate Advent is to create an Advent calendar. It is hoped that families at St Bede’s will celebrate Advent in their homes in this way. With today’s newsletter, each family will receive the ideas for such calendar. Perhaps families might make an overlay with little doors cut out so that each day reveals a new challenge. Another way to use these ideas is to cut them up and have a “lucky dip” each morning to discover that day’s challenge. Some families may just prefer to place the calendar on the fridge and read each day as it comes.

Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and will give them day-to-day activities to make that endless month of December go by more quickly, however as adults we want it as SLOW as possible!!

May Peace be in your homes,
Ann

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: 48422444 or 0408 687 915
New email address: braidwood@cg.org.au
Parish Office hours: Thursday 9 am—3 pm
Fr Peter will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation each Saturday from 5.00—5.30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS
¢ Women’s Advent Breakfast—12 December
¢ 20 December—Krawarree Carols Service @ Gundillion Hall 7:00 pm
¢ Weekday Mass Tuesdays @10am in the church.

Thank You to The Braidwood Servicemen’s club for their community spirited offer to lend the courtesy bus to transport our children to the Vet’s surgery and Squash groups for interest groups.
THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
To assist Archbishop Christopher in furthering the mission and ministry of Catholic schools of the Archdiocese, you are invited to forward an expression of interest in one of the following CEC positions for 2016, noting that the Commission meets of an eight times per year (this may change):

♦ Chair, Catholic Education Commission.
   Experience and expertise in the chairing of meetings and an understanding of the Mission of Catholic Education are essential.

♦ Member, with experience and expertise in the financial area

♦ Member, with experience and expertise in the legal area.

A one page CV including a reference from your Parish Priest is to be sent to:

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Email: archbishop@cg.org.au

Closing Date: 4 December 2015

For further enquiries please contact Cathy Moffitt on 6201 9811

K-3 Water Awareness

K-3 Water Awareness lessons commence Monday 30 November [Wk 9]. Lessons times are as follows:

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Single Entry with a school group is $4.00 and must be paid on the day unless you have a season pass. You are asked to pay daily to your class teacher or provide Season Pool Pass Number to your child’s teacher if you have not already done so.

| 11:30 | Kindergarten change into swimmers and walk to pool |
| 12:00 | Kinder lesson |
| 12:30 | Year 1 lesson |
| 2:00 | Year 2 and 3 lessons |

Lunch

Interest Groups start tomorrow. Thank you to Mr Laffan, staff and parents who offered to host a sports or interest group. If you are not sure how these groups operate, or may want to visit your child's group with a view to helping next year, please see your child's teacher.

The Vet Care and Squash groups will use the Club courtesy Bus if it is particularly hot or raining. These groups received a permission note today as we will definitely use the bus tomorrow. Students are not required to pay but please ensure notes are returned to the supervising teacher tomorrow morning.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Whole School: Announcement: Mr Galvin’s Resignation
Year 1: Headlice note
Year 1: Interest Groups
Whole School: Parent Satisfaction Survey
Years 4—6: Swimming Fun day
Year 6: Jamberoo Water Park Consent Form
Extreme Sport Interest Group: Consent Form
Year 5/6: Headlice note
**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 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.

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**“The Fabric of Braidwood” Photo Competition**

The Braidwood Times and the Braidwood community Bank will be holding “The Fabric of Braidwood” photo competition in conjunction with the Festival of Braidwood and the 21st Airing of the Quilts. The competition will be held on Saturday November 28, with three categories:

- 14 and under photo—illustration “The Fabric of Braidwood”
- 15 and over photo—illustrating “The Fabric of Braidwood”
- Airing of the Quilts Photo

1st prize in each category is a $200 Braidwood Community Bank account. For more information or for an entry form please see Lara in the office the Bendigo Bank.

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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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**Braidwood Central School Presents**

**Carols By Candlelight**

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

Participation in the program is subject to funding constraints, and if you’re interested, please contact Elisa.

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**Happy Birthday: Noah & Tate**

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You're invited to the launch of Robyn Goodwin's new book—Bella Blue Heelers Wacky Dream.

Tea and Tissues pack making will continue next Thursday @ 9.30 am in the staffroom. Any Kinder parents who are able to help please speak with Mrs Monkhouse. All welcome!!! Thank you to Mel and Kelly for their help this week.

Gundillian Community Hall Christmas Party

When: Saturday December 19
Time: Starts 1.30pm with Santa arriving @4:00 pm & BBQ from 5:00 pm—Please bring a plate (cakes, Slices Etc…)
Cost: $6.00 per person
Contact: Di Izzard on 48475095 with name of children 10 years and under by Monday 30 November.
Enquiries: Jason & Janine Hindmarsh 0428 471 160
Chauntelle Hindmarsh 0427 637 492
Games for the children—raffle and competitions for young and old.

Community Council Happenings

Uniform Pool

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

No Canteen tomorrow due to a lack of volunteers!!!

Please consider placing your name on the roster.

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