Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the year. We welcomed our new Year 7 students at a special College Assembly last Tuesday. It was great to see them acknowledged and recognised as significant members of the community as Fr Walter led us in blessing them and praying for their future.

We look forward to a very successful 2014. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any of your concerns. I am sure that I will see many of you at Information Nights over the coming weeks.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Star Spot

This is the star of the week.
Congratulations to:

Renee Beneke (Yr 12) has been awarded a Local Sporting Champions Grant from Louise Markus’ office (Federal Member of Macquarie) as a result of her being named to the ENSW National Interschool Equestrian team. This team competed in Western Australia last September.

Renee placed 5th overall in the Showjumping at this event and 9th in the Showman, representing NSW and Bede Polding College in Perth.

Well done - to this student
Are you up for a Science Challenge?
One iTunes voucher worth $20 to be won each month.

In the Newsletter each month there will be a variety of Science Questions. You might need to do independent research to answer some of the questions. The first student to answer these questions correctly will be the winner. In order to win you need to send an email with your answers to the email address below. Make sure that your answers are clearly set out. The winner (and answers) of each month’s Science Challenge will be announced in the following Newsletter.

Send your answers to… bpcsciencechallenge@gmail.com
To be eligible for the prize, you must include your full name, Science teacher’s name and homeroom.

February Challenge

1. Diamonds are made of which element?
2. Who invented dynamite?
3. How many wings do dragonflies have?
4. Does sound travel faster in water or in air?
5. Which state is the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) located?
6. Which blood cells carry oxygen in the blood?
7. Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
8. Ichthyology is branch of science. What does an ichthyologist study?
9. True or false: Airports at high altitudes need longer runways than airports at sea level.
10. This substance with chemical formula C_{10}H_{14}N_{2} is poisonous and is used as an insecticide, yet millions of humans worldwide consume it daily, voluntarily. What is it called?
It’s just around the corner, this year’s Student Representative Council (SRC) event is coming fast and it’s bound to be spectacular.

We would like to invite you, our V.I.P. guests, to join us on our red carpet event for a night to celebrate the ‘giltz’ and ‘glamour’ of ‘Hollywood Through the Ages’. All the celebrities are out and have reserved the 8th of May to come down and join us in this night of nights that is sure to go down in history as the best trivia night that the school has ever held.

This amazing event is going to be held right here at Bede Polding College, in the ‘Good Samaritan Hall’, starting the night with a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm. The doors will open at 6:00pm sharp, with the first round starting at 6:30pm.

The night will have questions varying from sport to science and will be a fun-filled night of entertainment and joy. Throughout the night there will be food and treats being sold, with all proceeds on the night going to the non for profit, San Miguel Family Centre. Also on the night there will be raffles and prizes to be won, all donated from businesses from the Hawkesbury.

So don’t wait, please find your year’s SRC representatives and ask for forms to get started. Tables are $50 dollars each (eight to ten people per table). Help us make a difference to people’s lives.
The new School Representative Council embarked on their annual SRC camp. The camp’s aim is to bring together the student leaders and provide an opportunity for them to get to know the people they will be working alongside for the year to come, as well as plan for the coming year.

This year’s theme ‘Called to Bring Peace’ was chosen by Mrs Blundell to create a better understanding of what our school motto means to us and our community, so that we can represent it better ourselves. Questions like; What is peace? How is it represented? Who shows peace? And what would the world be like without peace? All these questions were reflected on as groups. Our first activity was to walk around the Merroo Christian Centre and to take photographs of ‘peace’. We then came back and shared our findings with the rest of the group.

The theme of peace continued throughout the three day camp and our growth and development was physically represented in what we called our ‘Peace Garden’. As a group we created a ‘Garden’ out of coloured paper. We each designed and made our stems, leaves and flowers and added to the garden throughout the camp activities. Individual and group activities were centered on leadership, goal setting, team building, decision making and planning for 2014. The garden started with simply dirt and seeds and then as time passed the garden grew. The seeds in the garden symbolized us; that from a seed we grow into our own flower and in this we can be ‘called to bring peace’ in all areas of our lives.

Each year on camp our major group activity is to plan the camp liturgy. This year we planned our liturgy around the idea of ‘peace’. The liturgy provided us with an opportunity to plan and organise our first event as a group. It allowed us to demonstrate and develop our leadership qualities to be used in our role as a student representative. Throughout the camp, as a group we created strong bonds and allowed ourselves to identify our weakness and strengths, and allowed time for us to reflect on how we might work through these throughout the coming year.

After planning and completing the liturgy we focused our attention on the two most important up-coming events facilitated by the SRC. The first being the ANZAC Ceremony. We needed to decide on a theme, organise the structure, guests, technology as well as decorations. This year the SRC decided upon the theme of ‘Medical Staff’ and their role within the war.

The second event that needed to be planned was the annual SRC event. After much debate and negotiation it was agreed that our event would again be a trivia night. Our hope is that it out does any previous event organised by the SRC, or in fact any event held at the school! (Keep an ear out for more information) this year’s theme…. ‘Hollywood through the Ages’

The SRC camp was a huge success. It brought us closer, allowed us to each reflect on our role as a peace maker and develop our qualities as a leader, as well as providing us with an opportunity to start the necessary planning of the Anzac Day and Major Fundraising Event. A special thanks to Mrs Blundell and Mr Fernandez for helping us achieve these goals and for organizing such a great experience.

William Chaffer
School Captain
EXPLANATION OF FEES & LEVIES FOR 2014

A. SUMMARY OF FEES PAYABLE

To give parents greater certainty for the 2014 school year and bearing in mind the financial pressures many families are facing, the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools Council approved an average increase of 5.8% in diocesan tuition fees for 2014 in line with inflation.

This increase is necessary to help meet the rising educational costs for each child.

Sibling discounts, which benefit over 60% of families, will remain the same for 2014.

The Diocesan Building Levy which supports capital works of all Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese, will be increased by $24 per annum.

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- Sibling reduction applies for 2nd and consecutive children for School Fees
- The Building Levy, Maintenance and P & F Fundraising Levy are family based fees and are billed to the eldest child in the family.
- The Resource Fee and Sport Fee are per student. No sibling discount applies for these school based fees.
- Elective fees for years 9 to 12 will be billed in term 2 and range from $15 to $200.
- Years 11 & 12 Sport Fee includes swimming and athletics carnivals and sundry examination costs.
- *Year 7 enrolment fee of $100 has been credited against the Camp for 2014
B. **SCHOOL FEES**

These fees are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed on to the Catholic Education Office. Specifically, proceeds from these fees are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which cover around 80% of the running costs of schools) for the payment of teachers’ salaries, as well as general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. School Fees will be apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

C. **RESOURCE FEE**

This fee helps meet the costs of administration of the school and the provision of resources for use by students and includes:

- Paper, printing, stationery and mailing costs
- School newsletter and other school publications
- Resources/equipment acquired by the school for use by teachers and students (e.g. Library, video network, various equipment and curriculum resources)
- School diary for each student
- Computer resources and internet access provided for use by the students
- Provision of careers’ advice and resources to students
- Implementation of school-based Pastoral Care programs for students
- Careers’ Market attendance costs for all Year 10 & Year 12 students
- Australasian Schools’ Competition costs for various subjects & year groups
- Aquatic Program costs for all Year 7 & Year 9 students’ PDHPE course
- Retreat for Year 10 students & RYDA/Pastoral Day for Year 11 students
- Various subject workbooks and protective goggles
- Combination locks for Year 7 students’ lockers
- English text books for Years 7-10

The Resource Fee will be apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

D. **DIOCESAN BUILDING LEVY**

This levy is paid by the first child attending a systemic school in the Diocese of Parramatta. It is collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and is paid directly into the **Parramatta Diocesan School Building Levy Fund**. This Fund is used to support building projects for all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Diocesan Building Levy is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

Please note that sibling reductions for the Building Levy only apply to those children attending Systemic Catholic Schools in the Dioceses of Parramatta, Sydney, Wollongong and Broken Bay and St. Dominic’s at Kingswood.
E. **MAINTENANCE FEE**

This fee is directed towards the costs associated with the general running, maintenance and development of the school campus. For example, it will contribute towards the cost of replacement classroom furniture and the acquisition of student lockers.

The Maintenance Fee is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

F. **SPORT FEE**

This fee covers the costs associated with transporting students to and from various venues as well as the actual costs associated with individual sporting activities such as golf, tennis, squash, ten pin bowling, ice skating, indoor climbing, replacement of sporting equipment etc. It also covers costs associated with school swimming and athletics carnivals as well as sundry examination costs.

G. **SUBJECT FEES**

Subject Fees are charged for Year 9-12 students' 'elective' subjects and are based on specific costs associated with individual courses. Please note that costs vary from subject to subject and range from $15 to $200. These are shown on the Term 2 Fee Statement.

H. **PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING LEVY**

A Fundraising Levy applies for 2013 as the sole means of fundraising for the Parents & Friends' Association. The cost of the levy is $45 and is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3. It is charged per family.

I. **RETREATS, CAMPS, EXCURSIONS**

Please note that costs associated with students' attending subject excursions, retreats, pastoral days, school camps and other school-approved excursions for whole Year Groups have been included in the Fee Statement. However activities for smaller subject groups are additional to the fees already outlined.
FEE PAYMENT DATES

Accounts for fees are issued in equal installments (*) in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Fee billing dates for 2013 are as follows:

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* Note the exception to this is elective subject fees for Year 9-12 students which are billed in Term 2 only.

Parents are requested to pay fees within 30 days of the date shown on the account.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment can be made via the following means:

- **Cash** - to be paid at front office.
- **Cheque or Money Order** - by mail or through payment at front office.
- **Credit Card** - payment at the front office or by phoning the school with credit card details.
- **Debit Card** - payment at the front office using EFTPOS.
- **POSTbillpay or BPAY** - payment as indicated on the Statement.
- **Centrelink** - payment deduction organised through the Business Manager.

When fees or other payments are sent via students, these should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked with the student’s name, class and purpose of payment. This envelope should be deposited in the Fees Box located in the Student Foyer as soon as the student arrives at school. Excursion payments and notes should be handed to the teacher concerned.

Application can be made, to pay fees on an instalment basis. Requests for instalment payment arrangements must be first discussed with the College’s Business Manager, Mr. Paul Cruise (4577-6455).

If parents are experiencing difficulties, (either of a temporary or continuing nature), in meeting their financial commitments with respect to school fees - they must contact Mr. Cruise to arrange an interview with either him or the Principal, so that a mutually acceptable arrangement can be agreed upon. This matter will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

It is important that families experiencing or expecting financial difficulty, please contact the school early in Term 1 or it will be taken that all fees will be paid by the due date.
# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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**A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS**

**Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12**
- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

**Submission Instructions Year 10**
- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday detention pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

**Submission Instructions Year 7 — 9**
- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Tuesday detention pending a note from the parents explaining the absence.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.

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DTS is a list of the tasks that are to be handed out to students on that date.