Dear Parents,

What a privilege it was to be involved at the Sustainability Visioning Workshop with our some of our students and their parents on Tuesday night. Our responsibility for the stewardship of all God's creation is a fundamental Catholic social teaching. Listening to our students who clearly have a very passionate commitment to the environment and the College's place in that environment was inspiring. The process run by Zhan Patterson involving parents, students and staff was very effective. We were also joined by Jen Dollin from the University of Western Sydney, Sophie Barrett from the Hawkesbury Council and John Street, the Chairman of the Hawkesbury Environment Network.

The success of the evening was really a result of the concerted work that Mr Steve Lans has done in this area with the Eco group over many years.

Congratulations to Steve and all the students involved.

God Bless

Kevin Jones

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS RE SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD**

**Please be aware that conditions have changed with the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road. These changes are:**

1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading "NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED" to warn motorists of this change.

2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.
College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

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Mr Kevin Jones

Assistant Principals
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Francis O’Callaghan

Social Justice Coordinator
Mrs Janette Wick

Business Manager
Mr Paul Cruise

Administration Coordinator
Mrs Anita Meehan

Learning Technologies Coordinator
Mrs Jeanette Lans

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

Creative Arts
Miss Carol Muscat / Assistant: Angela Rando

English
Ms Marsha Edwards / Assistant: Mrs Jeanette Lans

Human Society & Its Environment
Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

Languages
Mrs Felicity Mgaza

Mathematics
Mrs Nichole Padden

PDHPE
Ms Megan Bertenshaw

Careers
Mr Brett Collimore

Science
Mrs Jenelle Gavin / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

Special Education
Mrs Jan Trefoni

Sports Coordinator
Mr Dean Bertenshaw

Technology & Applied Studies
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

Year 7  Mrs Dominique Bruce
Year 8  Ms Kristy Walsh
Year 9  Mr Nicholas Briffa
Year 10 Miss Hayley Lalar

Senior Coordinator
Mr Stephen Godfrey
Assistant: Miss Rhiannon Marsh

Home-School Liaison Coordinator
Miss Jenny Woods

Student Counsellor
Mrs Sally Wardley

Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

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Year 7 Enrollments 2015

A reminder that completed Enrolment forms for Year 7 2015 MUST be returned to the College no later than Friday 30 May 2014.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2015.

The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.

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SISTER SCHOOL Japanese Students

Arriving Soon

Global Student International Network (GSIN) are cooperating with Bede Polding College to arrange a study tour for 32 Japanese Students from Aki Fuchu High School.

Host Families will be required and we are hoping you can help.

They are here to practice their English so no knowledge of the Japanese Language is necessary.

There are no special food requirements.

Host Family Payments of $35.00 per Student per night are included.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to experience another culture.

Dates:
Arriving 21st August 2014
Departing 27th August 2014

Please contact (GSIN) Coordinator urgently for more information:

Name: Andrea Ryan
Telephone: 4587 7063
Mobile: 0409 925 446
BPC Canteen News

New Items added to Canteen Menu

- Chicken & Corn Rolls       $2.00
- Meat Balls, Salsa & Cheese Hot Rolls  $4.00
- Stir Fry Chicken Noodles   $3.50

Noodle Cups

Due to safety concerns, hot noodles cups will no longer be sold at the Canteen. In addition, Canteen staff are no longer able to fill noodle cups for students.

Easter Liturgy
2014 Polding Walk

Planning is well underway for the Polding Walk to be held on Friday, 20th June (Week 8). Letters outlining details of events on the day, were issued to all students before the end of Term 1. Students have been given their green sponsorship cards and by now should have started getting sponsors signed up. Special letters for attracting business sponsors are available at the Student Foyer. There are some great prizes and incentives on offer for those students who raise the most money. If parents are interested in volunteering to help on the day, please complete the response slip on the letter and return it to school as soon as possible. This year we are hoping to raise around $50,000 through the Polding Walk and that money will benefit students by providing covered walkways near D Block, B Block & E Block.

Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

You are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, extrication techniques for road crashes (cutting up vehicles) hop aboard a fire truck, learn about becoming a fire fighter and get an information bag while chatting with fire fighters about fire safety and what they do.

Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so come along and learn as much as you can.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter – click on this link - 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

Star Spot

These are the stars of the week.
Congratulations to:

*Ebony Fiddling (Year 8)* who was awarded a Highly Commended for her Ceramic Form at the Sydney Royal Arts & Craft Show.

*N Naomi Borg (10S5)* successfully made the PDSSSC Netball Team.

Well done - to these students
Parents of students in Years 8 and 10 are invited to participate in a survey on Catholic identity and Religious Education in Catholic schools. The survey has been commissioned by the NSW/ACT Bishops. Schools from selected parishes across NSW have been chosen for this survey, including Bede Polding College. In addition to parents of students attending the schools of the parish being offered the opportunity to complete the survey, a number of parishioners without children currently at school will also be invited to complete the survey.

Given the importance to all Catholic schools of Catholic Identity, Mission, Evangelisation and Religious Education, the NSW/ACT Bishops have asked the Catholic Education Commission NSW to supply to you the link to an online questionnaire with this invitation to participate. All participants’ data is de-identified, which means no-one will know how you have answered any of the survey questions. No-one will even know the school your child attends. The survey process itself protects the identity of all participants.

If, upon reading the survey, you choose not to participate, there will be no negative consequences. You can stop taking part in the survey any time you like and it will not affect you in any way. However, the NSW/ACT Bishops value parents’ opinions in this vital area of Catholic schooling and will be most grateful for your voluntary participation.

In summary, your participation in the NSW/ACT Bishops’ Survey of Crossroads Outcomes is voluntary and, should you participate, your anonymity is assured and your survey responses will remain confidential.

The link to the survey and instructions for parents of students in Year 8 or Year 10 is:


You are asked to ensure that you have completed the online survey by Thursday 22nd May 2014.
What will you read? The Bede College Library has an extensive range of fact and fiction in a variety of formats. There are books for every reader just waiting to be borrowed.

We know that having reading role models and reading together for at least 10 minutes a day is a critically important factor in any child’s learning and literacy development.

The 2014 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge is now well and truly underway. Several students have already reached the halfway point and others are close behind. There is still time to sign up. Students can register until July 31st 2014. Students in years K-9 have the opportunity to participate in the Premier’s reading challenge to read 20 books by the end of August. The lists are divided up between the grades. Our students can read from both the 7-9 and 5-6 lists. With over 70,000 titles on the lists there is something for everyone. Check out the reading lists at the website below.


Not sure what to read? This year the Fiction collection is now shelved by Genre. Just like the video store you can find shelves of Adventure, Mystery, Horror and Suspense. Prefer the Supernatural, Fantasy or Science Fiction? Perhaps you like History or Animal stories, Humour and Friendship, we have it all.

Still don’t know where to start, what about the Short Story Collection or the Quick Picks shelf. The Library Staff provides suggestions too. Do you have a favourite film? Maybe the film came from a book, or play.

There are lots of starting points when choosing books to read.

National Family Reading Month during May provides an opportunity to share books together. Younger children love being read to but so do older children. Sharing books with younger siblings helps build relationships. Reading to older students, sharing the first chapters of a new novel together or even the editorial in a newspaper of magazine provides opportunities for discussion and conversation.

Reviews for teen reading can be found at these websites. Check out what is going on. Enter the competitions. Get involved. How many minutes will your family read during May?

# 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 7—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
  - For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

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ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY