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.

Dear Parents,

This week our Year 9 students completed their Learning Surveys. Every year our teaching staff receive anonymous, collated feedback through this process about the effectiveness of the learning that occurs in their classes. I have listed a few of the statements below that the students are asked to either agree or disagree with in relation to each of their classes.

- I am involved in a variety of different learning activities in this subject.
- The behaviour of students in this class makes it easy for me to learn.
- My questions are answered in this class.
- I know what I need to work on in order to improve in this subject.

This process provides invaluable feedback to our teachers. Their openness to this feedback is a clear indication of their professional commitment to our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any concerns about your child's learning.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

Principal
Mr Kevin Jones

Assistant Principals
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

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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

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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 Lalor

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

St Matthew’s Hospitality Ministry Roster
Sunday 1st June 2014

Bede Polding will be providing morning tea for the congregation after the Sunday morning service on Sunday 1st June 2014.

Volunteers are needed from the school community to set up and cater for the morning tea as follows:

9.00 - 11.30 am - Meet in small hall
Bring a plate - even if you are unable to stay and help your donation would be appreciated.

RSVP if possible to:
Jette Paskin (paskin@westnet.com.au) or
Kim Cantin (chriscantin@tpg.com.au)

Note - you do not have to be a member of St Matthew’s or a Catholic to participate in this event.

Year 7 Enrolments 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.

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.
Bede Polding College is promoting the sale of the “Entertainment Membership” Books once again this year to support students of the College who are attending the 2016 World Youth Day (WYD) in Krakow.

The voucher books are packed with deals and promotions from the region and are the perfect gift for people who travel, eat, sleep and enjoy life. In short, everyone!!

If you are interested, please go to the link below. If you have any questions please contact Francis O’Callaghan.

Contact: Francis O’Callaghan Phone: 02 4577 6455
Email: focallaghan@parra.catholic.edu.au
Address: Rifle Range Rd, South Windsor NSW 2756

Sustainability

We hear the word 'sustainability' often these days, but what exactly does it mean?

Sustainability is the ability for something to be maintained for continued use. It’s about taking what we need to live now, without jeopardising the potential for people in the future to meet their needs.

If an activity is said to be sustainable, it should be able to continue forever. Living sustainably is about living within the means of our natural systems (environment) and ensuring that our lifestyle doesn’t harm other people (society and culture). It’s a big idea for all of us to try and understand. It’s really about thinking about where your food, clothes, energy and other products come from and deciding whether you should buy and consume these things.

A group of enthusiastic students, teachers and parents have come together to plan for the sustainability of our community. On Tuesday 6 May the Eco Group hosted a workshop at school that included parents, students, teachers and members of organisations such as Hawkesbury Council, University of Western Sydney and Hawkesbury Environment Network. After clarifying the meaning of sustainability in all its forms and creating a five year vision for the College, small groups designed projects that would help us to achieve this.

These projects included:

- Targeting the regeneration of our school’s natural environment and local area by planting trees. Our first step will be to collect seeds, germinate them and plant them. We hope to link the primary schools, Bede Polding College and Landcare groups together.
- Reduce water waste. This could include replacing the taps in the school with water efficient ones and looking at using more water tanks to provide the school with all of its water needs.
- Promote further energy efficiency strategies. This could include more solar panels, reducing use, offsetting emissions and implementation of energy saving devices.
- Integrating sustainability into the curriculum, including the possibility of project based learning.
- Strategies for zero wastage, including further promotion of recycling and composting. The Eco gardens will continue to serve as a model to the school as to how this can be achieved.
- Paper recycling will be ongoing.

Any student, parent or teachers who are interested in developing these ideas for our school are most welcome to join us. Please contact Mr Lans on 45 776 455 or slans@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Thanks Mr Lans.
A number of Year 9 students have been selected to represent the College at the launch of *Free the Children*, a Catholic Mission initiative that aims to highlight children held in detention. The launch will be held at the Queen Victoria Building, Sydney. The exhibition will feature a large cage that contains 1100 dolls, each with ID cards attached. These dolls represent the children locked in immigration detention onshore and offshore.

As a member of the BPC community we are seeking donations during Week 5 and Week 6 of large dolls that could be donated to Catholic Mission for the creation of the display at the QVB.

Please give your donations to Mr Briffa or Mrs Wick.

*Mrs Janette Wick*  
*Social Justice Coordinator*
BPC
Science
Quest

Congratulations to **Ellen Brown**, 10S6 who won the April Science Quest and was presented with a $20 iTunes Voucher plus Easter eggs.

**Answers to the April Quest**

1. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. 2. The equinox is the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length. 3. A full moon occurs approx. every 29.53 days. 4. The scientific (binomial) name of the Bilby is *Macrotis lagotis*. 5. The egg shells are almost entirely made of which Calcium carbonate. 6. The following animals are oviparous (egg laying): platypus and kookaburra (blue-tongue lizards do not lay eggs, they give birth to live young). 7. The main ingredient in Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate is full cream milk. 8. The part of the cacao plant that is used to make chocolate is the seeds/beans.

Entries for the Science Quest will close at 6 pm on **Monday 26th May**. All entries will go into a draw and one will be drawn out at random. The first entry drawn which has all of the answers correct will receive an iTunes voucher worth $20.

In order to enter you need to send an email with your answers to the email address below. Make sure that your answers are clearly set out.

Send your answers to… **bpsciencequest@gmail.com**

To be eligible for the prize, you must include your full name, your Science teacher’s name and homeroom.

**May Science Quest...Australian Science edition**

1. The youngest scientist to be awarded a Nobel Prize was an Australian. Who was it?
2. Who was the latest Australian Scientist to be awarded the Nobel Prize? Which area of science does he study?
3. Which Australian scientific body is represented by the logo on the right?
4. Which of the following were invented in Australia? Google maps, black box flight recorder, electronic pacemaker, Xerox photocopier, spray on skin.
5. What do the letters CSIRO stand for?
6. Howard Florey, born in Adelaide made a discovery which saved millions of lives around the world. What did he discover?
7. Which Australian invented the bionic ear?

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**Zone Cross Country—Friday 9th May at St Columba’s Catholic College**

Bede Polding took a team of athletes to participate in the challenge of cross country. The day started off by walking the track and taking in the view of the vast environment. Throughout the day the weather was warm and it gradually became hotter. The track was steep, rough, rocky and downhill which made it rather challenging for some.

Bede Polding College as a team was very successful, managing to place in the top ten in multiple events. A highlight of the day was two of Bede Polding’s students placing 1st and 2nd in the 16 years boys’ event. A mishap of the day was in the 15 years girls’ race as they didn’t hear the call and managed to miss their race. They then had to race in the 17 years girls’ and placed 9th, 11th and 18th. Overall the day was fun and a good experience.

*Mr O’Callaghan*
**Minutes of Meeting of the Bede Polding
Parents & Friends Executive Committee**

12th February 2014

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| Approval of Minutes  | The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved
|                      | Accepted: Jette Paskin  Seconded: Lisa Kean |
| Agenda for next Meeting | Tour of new covered area.  To have the coming P&F meeting in the library. Kerry Browncombe to talk about what services the library performs and how the students can utilise the library.
|                      | Kevin to talk about Plans for infrastructure within the school. Library mezzanine level and chapel.
|                      | Year 7’s have started with the mobile devices. Presentation of why and how the staff are approaching the changes. Getting the new students settled in and motivated.
|                      | Funds from the fundraising levy— Kevin to discuss The ‘Chromebook’ and the advantages of buying these instead of the laptops.
|                      | Subjects that the top HSC students have done.
|                      | Paul will talk about - Refurbishment of infrastructure within the school - old toilets/ covered area. The upcoming Polding walk |

| Business Arising     | Year 7 tours in Catholic schools week. 8 New staff members. – 5 Permanent. ACU students doing a course within the school. Wireless updated last year – speed is doing well.
|                      | Will need to start replacing laptops with other devices soon but will only be replaced as required. Fundraising - Money will not be spent at the same rate as the data projectors. Data projectors will still need to be updated/ serviced over time.
|                      | Bede signed an agreement with Google all students will be given an address and username.
|                      | May be able to use Android rather than an 'I' device. Staff trialling different apps in classes to see what works best in a class situation.
|                      | Aim is to develop material that is suited to the students and making it digital, rather than just transferring textbooks onto the laptops.
|                      | Agreed that P&F will fund the data projector for the library – approx $7000.
|                      | Looking forward to P&F meeting in term 2 - ask Janette Lans to show how the Chromebook works, also to show parents work that is being done with the mobile devices.
|                      | Kevin to plug the meeting at the Year 7 talk.
|                      | Treasury- Helen needs on line access and forms to be a signatory. Jill to stay a signatory until the end of this year.
|                      | Jill - P & F Balance $4800
|                      | Kevin to talk to Brett Collimore to do a talk for interested Year 12 parents about Uni.
|                      | Canteen – weren’t satisfied with last years management. New manager seems to be working very well. |

| Meeting Closed       | 7:58pm |
**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.

**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.