Dear Parents,

Over the course of this term we continue to work not just to bring the term to a successful conclusion but also to finalise planning for next year. This planning started in the middle of the year. Our staff is constantly working strategically to improve the learning of our students.

Part of the process as the year closes is to welcome the new students who will join us next year in Year 7 at their Orientation Day. It is always a pleasure to see them in the Hall in a variety of different uniforms. Mrs Santos works hard with her team, to make sure that their first experience of the College is a positive one. They are very ably aided in this by our Peer Support Leaders from Year 10 who do wonderful work with our new students.

Congratulations to all our new SRC Representatives and their families. I am constantly encouraged not just by the quality of these students but also the quality of the students who nominate for these positions but who are unsuccessful. It is fair to say that we have an embarrassment of riches in this regard.

As we approach the start of the season of Advent this Sunday we pray that all our families come to this time of preparation with some peace in their hearts. We are only too aware of the difficulties that many in our community face.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
College Leadership Teams
~ Executive ~
Principal
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
Mr Marc Sluiter
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 Briffà
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

House Captains 2015
Gold: Brayden Kean
Lauren Russell
Red: Jackson Keir
Chloe Vella
Blue: Mitchell Gallen
Molly Hogan
Green: Dominic Tynan
Rebecka Troy

SRC Representatives 2015
The following students are the successful Student Councillors for 2015.
Congratulations!
Year 8:
Isabella Daley
Andrew Sultana
Year 9:
Maddison Muscat
Zachary McClifty
Year 10:
Jemma Gordon
Zac Vella
Year 11:
Claire Bellamy
Rebecca Xiberras
Rosalie Gagan
Callum Firth
Benjamin Johnson
Caleb De Vries
Charity Dinner

Thank you to the following local businesses for their support in our annual Charity dinner on Friday 29th August 2014.

Bligh Park

This dinner was a fundraising event for the International Student Volunteers who will be travelling to Thailand in January 2015 and the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen. The event raised $4000 and the money raised will assist communities in the marginalised areas of Thailand where our students will be volunteering their time during the January school holidays, as well as the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen which provides cooked meals to people in need in the Windsor area. The night was a huge success due to the support of not only the local businesses but also parents and students who made very generous donations of fresh produce and raffle prizes. Congratulations to Mrs Blundell, Miss Wall and the Years 11 and 12 Hospitality students who did an amazing job preparing and serving food and drinks and also the Thailand Vietnam Outreach group who all worked together to make the night a success.
Joshua Maltese of Year 11 took out a prestigious award at a presentation evening held at the University of Wollongong Engineering and Design Division. There were over 200 schools from across New South Wales who entered the competition this year each submitting their students’ best work. Joshua’s entry was judged against a number of criteria including creativity and innovation, quality of presentation and how well it demonstrates the Engineering principles and processes in the solution.

Joshua’s design portfolio and model of a fire resistant house was judged by the panel at the University to be the most well researched and documented submissions.

Michelle Royal, also of Year 11 and Jemma Brennan of Year 12 were also finalists and helped Bede Polding College to be named the winning overall school on the night.
Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone would like to thank Bede Polding College’s student leaders and accompanying teacher, Ms Danielle Green for attending the 2014 Senior Student Youth Leadership Encounter at NSW Parliament House on Wednesday 12th November, 2014.

This was a highly rewarding day for our 2015 College leaders Austin Sultana and Clair Pirotta. Throughout the day a variety of guest speakers spoke with our leaders offering their thoughts on leadership and what it means to make a difference in our community. After being introduced to Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone, the students learned about NSW Parliament House and what is involved in being a Member of Parliament. He shared his thoughts on leadership and how each individual can make a difference in society.

Following Mr Conolly’s presentation, the students were inspired by guest speakers The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and The Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. Both speakers shared their stories on how they entered politics as well as sharing their thoughts on what it means to be a leader.

Once the presentations were complete the leaders continued the day with a tour of NSW Parliament House followed by a visit to ‘Question Time’ in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. We listened to the ‘theatrical’ debates of members with a clear and particular focus on Western Sydney.

As the day concluded, our leaders were extremely positive about the experiences they had during the day and all that they learned about leadership.

Austin and Clair were a true credit to the College throughout the day and I am very proud of their involvement and positive approach to this day. Mr Conolly forwarded compliments to our leaders “for their courteous behaviour, attentiveness and manners shown on the day”.

Danielle Green
SRC Coordinator
On Tuesday 4th November, Miss Agar and Mr Godfrey accompanied 30 Science enthusiasts from Year 9 to the Hawkesbury Science Festival. Hosted at the University of Western Sydney, the day took us through numerous fields of Science.

The expo explored more than just your ordinary Sciences; there was everything from Agriculture, Astronomy, Mega Fauna and Indigenous Sciences. However, it was the Reptile Science which was the crowd favourite.

The day was very insightful and also presented us with rare opportunities like holding snakes, sighting fossils and using a star lab. It was a great day had by all.

*Sharne Haskins Year 9 Scientist*

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**Sydney Science Experience** - For three days every January 120 CSIs converge at the University of Sydney with one task—to solve a murder. The theme to the Sydney Science Experience is based on forensics and all things related. They demonstrate through hands-on lectures and presentations the reality behind a lot of popular forensic television shows.

**Eligibility:** for students about to start Years 10 or 11
**Dates:** 14 - 16 January 2015
**For further information:** http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/experience/index.shtml
VOTE FOR US

Vote for Bede Polding College in the Richmond Marketplace Christmas Tree design competition. All decorations on our Christmas tree are edible and have been hand made by students in Year 10 Food Technology. Our entry can be viewed as part of a poster display in the Telstra store at Richmond Marketplace. First place in the High School category will win $1000, which we have planned to donate to the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen and International Student Volunteers if we win.

Last year our tree won first prize in the competition, we would love to take out first prize again this year. To vote for our Christmas Tree visit the Telstra store in Richmond Marketplace, view our amazing creations and vote electronically within the store. All individuals who place a vote go in the draw to win a voters prize.

Congratulations to the following students who made all of the fabulous Mr Men decorations:
Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

**TIME & DATE:**
Wednesday
10 Dec 2014
6.00-8.00pm

**VENUE:**
Bligh Park
Neighbourhood Centre
4 Sirius Road Bligh Park

**BOOK NOW ON:**
(02) 4560-4498
M: 0401 710 540
safety@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
Minutes of Meeting  
Bede Polding College  
Parents & Friends Committee

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| AGM                  | Meeting paused for AGM at 7:10 pm  
Meeting recommenced post AGM  7:28pm |
| Approval of Minutes  | The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
Accepted: Helen Jones Seconded: Bernadette Gagan |
| Business Arising     | Council has fixed the pathways out the front of the school. |
| Principal’s Report   | Kevin spoke about -  
Chromebooks – Thankful that the P&F voted to purchase Chromebooks with monies from fundraising levy. Only a small number of Chromebooks will be purchased to start with to ensure that they run efficiently.  
Charity presentation assembly. Each year group has a charity group which they support. Representatives from these charities attended assembly this week to be presented with a cheque from the funds the students have raised. Representatives were all extremely grateful and proud of the students’ achievements.  
Kevin expressed how proud he is of the teachers’ commitment to students and the culture that they are creating at Bede.  
Student Data 2014. Data has shown that detentions have dramatically reduced over the past four years, this is a positive result because expectations of the students hasn’t changed.  
Focus is on - Improved reading skills. |
| Business Manager’s Report | In brief Paul spoke about -  
School fees increase in 2015 approx 5%  
Fundraising Levy for 2014 raised $37,667  
Polding Walk funded awning between D and E block.  
Thank you function in December to all volunteers.  
Library mezzanine work progressing slowly. Expected to be finished by 2015  
Ceiling fan to be installed in hall. |
| Treasurer’s Report   | Balance $33,536, 2014 Fundraising levy still being collected. |
| President’s Report   | Jette – Thank you to the executive committee, Kevin and Paul for their time and commitment.  
P&F are grateful for all of our guest speakers this year. Jette has contacted the school liaison officer Ben Gillen asking if he will be our 1st guest speaker for 2015. Ben will speak about cyber bullying, inappropriate texting etc. |
| New Business         | St Matthew’s morning tea roster for 2015. Bede will provide morning tea on the 2nd August 2015  
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 |
| Meeting Closed       | Meeting closed 7:56 pm |
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Bede Polding College
Parents & Friends Committee
Wednesday 12th November 2014

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### Elections

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ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Recharging Mobile Devices:
All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

Illegal U Turn:
All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please do not make this turn.

Kevin Jones
Principal