Dear Parents/Guardians,

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2011. Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD succeeds Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. He and his family came to Australia as refugees in 1980.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals in Australia in 2005.

I know you will join with me in praying for our new Bishop as he begins his pastoral work here in our Diocese. Bishop Vincent has worked in western Sydney previously as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville.

I can't finish without congratulating the Student Representative Council on their outstanding work in organising the Trivia Night which was held last week. Over four hundred people attended. Well done to all involved. Money raised is donated to the San Miguel Family Centre.

God Bless

Kevin Jones

A reminder that Year 7 2017 enrolment applications are due to the College office by Friday 27 May 2016.
College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~
Principal
Mr Kevin Jones
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Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez
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Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

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Mr Paul Cruise
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Mr Brett Collimore
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Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon
Languages
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Careers
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Science
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Mrs Jan Trefoni
Sports Coordinator
Mr Dean Bertenshaw
Technology & Applied Studies
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators
Year 7: Mrs Dianne Santos
Year 8: Miss Hayley Lalor
Year 9: Miss Jessica Whitney
Year 10: Mr Nick Briffa
Senior Coordinator
Miss Kristy Walsh

Social Justice Coordinator
Mrs Janette Wick
Home-School Liaison Coordinator
Miss Jenny Woods
Student Counsellor
Esther Gounder
Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Browncombe

Polding Walk 2016
Themes:

Year 7:
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Year 8:
Internet Sensations!

Year 9:
Throughout the Decades

Year 10:
Childhood Memories

Year 11:
A Tropical Escape

Year 12:
Flashback Friday
Peer Support:  End of Program Celebration

The Peer Support Program ended on Thursday the 7th of April with a Liturgy, BBQ and games afternoon run by the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. It was a wonderful afternoon and a fitting end to the time Year 7 have spent with their Peer Leaders. All the Year 11 Leaders are to be congratulated on their efforts during the term, they have been excellent role models throughout the program.

Kindly
Mrs Kimberley Baker
Peer Support Leader
Peer Support: End of Program Celebration (con’t)
Peer Support: End of Program Celebration (con’t)
Bede Reads Library News

Here's an update on what’s happening in your Library:

**Term 1**
Year 7 were welcomed to the Bede College Library with a tour of the Library by library staff and the presentation of a Bede Reads gift pack to encourage them in their reading journey at Bede. Reading is really important and all students need to continually improve their reading skills. The Library staff run a number of programs each year to encourage students to find new treasures to read from our collection.

February saw the year kick off with our **Library Lovers month**. Once again our Paper Bag lucky dip presided over by Bede’s own Big Ted proved popular. Students grab a lucky dip bag and borrow the book without knowing what the story is about until they begin reading. They discover authors that they may not have come across or a new series that they may then read further.

The **March Madness Competition** was held during March. Students needed to read a book title starting with “M”. This proved to be quite challenging for some of the 25 students who signed up, as they searched the shelves for the titles. A total of 58 books, and a total of 14,417 pages were read. Thirteen prize winners were drawn, with a selection of Itune cards, books and headphones awarded. All participating students each received a Merit Award for the effort and enthusiasm. Well done!

**Term 2**
The **Read More in May competition promotion** is currently running, to encourage students to read more. Students need to **Read 3 Books across 3 different genres** to enter the prize draw during May. With over 25 different genres ranging from Adventure to War stories in our Library collection, and at different reading levels, there’s sure to be something for everyone. Many authors write several different genre forms and students can discover new genres to experiment with in their reading. We look forward to seeing more gems uncovered by our readers during May.

Library Staff
**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON 1ST JUNE**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by Advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before the photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

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**Uniform Shop**

Please note that Sport Socks are available for purchase from the Uniform shop.

All students must wear the correct college sports socks.

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**Maths Workshop**

Does your child need extra help with their Maths?

Please join us for some extra Maths help! Mondays at Lunchtime in D11.

Bring your lunch with you.

*Mrs Padden  
Maths Coordinator*
IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCEs

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.

Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence - the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return.

In your reply please include the following details:
Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), reason for absence.
Example:
Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold.
Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child's attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4577 6455.
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### 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.