Dear Parents,

It was my great pleasure to host the final of the third annual Year 7 Spelling Bee this week. Every student in Year 7 takes part in the competition and over three rounds the field was narrowed down to just six students. These students competed for first prize in front of the whole Year group and the Year 7 Pastoral Team. The competition during the final was fierce and it was three rounds before any of these excellent spellers were knocked out. After seven rounds we were finally able to find a winner but the tension had been high.

I would like to commend all Year 7 students on being a very appreciative audience.

Congratulations to the winner Ashleigh Ryan (7D5)

God Bless

Kevin Jones

PS: Do not forget the Polding Walk is on Next Tuesday 11th August
College Leadership Teams

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Mr Kevin Jones

Assistant Principals
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

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
Ms Felicity Lupton

Mathematics
Mrs Nichole Padden / Assistant: Mrs Shiela Fernandez

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 Grupetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

Year 7  Mrs Dianne Santos
Year 8  Miss Hayley Lalor
Year 9  Miss Kristy Walsh
Year 10 Mr Nick Briffa

Senior Coordinator
Mr Stephen Godfrey
Assistant: Miss Rhiannon Marsh

Social Justice Coordinator
Mrs Janette Wick

Home-School Liaison Coordinator
Miss Jenny Woods

Student Counsellor
Ms Zoe Sweeney

Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

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Tuesday 1 September 2015
4:00pm – 5:30pm  Equity Group Session
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The perfect opportunity for students and job-seekers to talk with potential employers and training providers.

If you’re interested in being an exhibitor, contact us at brett.carter18@tafensw.edu.au or call us on 9208 9506

Brought to you by:
Year 12 Creative Arts & TAS Evening

Friday 21st August
6pm—8pm

Featuring:
Year 12 Drama & Music
Visual Arts
Design & Technology
Industrial Technology—Timber

Catering by
Year 10 Food Technology

~ All Welcome ~
St Matthews Parish Morning Tea

On Sunday 2 August parents from Bede Polding College hosted morning tea at St Matthews Parish after Mass. Our efforts were greatly appreciated by Father Arthur and the congregation and we received a lot of positive feedback. They all enjoyed a variety of cakes, slices, sandwiches and biscuits.

Volunteers on the day were Kim Cantin, Craig and Jette Paskin.

A further thanks goes to Kim Cantin, Brenda Wilson, Rachael Johnson, Danielle Lewis and Jette Paskin for food contributions to the morning.

Jette Paskin
P&F President

P & F General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the Parents & Friends' Association will be held on Wednesday 19th August commencing at 7pm.

The guest speaker for this meeting is Mrs Jeanette Lans (Learning Technologies Coordinator) who will conduct an inter-active demonstration of the Acer Chromebook devices that are being funded by the P. & F. Association this year.

Please come along to the meeting - a warm and friendly welcome is assured.
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.

Reminder: Entertainment Book Make Your Order

Entertainment books are still for sale place order at:

Through Bede Polding College contact Mrs Santos on:
Email: dsantos@parra.catholic.edu.au
Tel: 4577 6455 (BPC)
### ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

#### ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 5

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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.