Dear Parents

Parents and Friends AGM
This very important meeting will be held this coming Wednesday at 7:00pm here in the Staff lunchroom.

During this meeting we will have a guest speaker, Sally Wardley, who will be giving a 45 minute presentation on "Parenting Adolescents". Sally used to be the counsellor at Bede and she is currently the Manager of the Behaviour Team at Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese. This will be a very informative and useful presentation for all parents.

I would encourage as many people as possible to be present.

Date Change
There will be a change in arrangements at the end of the year. I apologise for the late notice in regard to this but as a result of some significant changes that we need to make in the College staffroom we will not be able to offer classes to students on Friday, 16th December. If necessary we will be providing supervision for students who need to come to school. Your understanding about this change is much appreciated.

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: Jessica Attard

School Secretary
Mrs Lisa Casey

Business Manager
Mr Paul Cruise

Administration Coordinator
Mr Brett Collimore

Learning Technologies Coordinator
Mr Bill Robson

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

Creative Arts
Ms Nicola Eccleston / Miss Angela Rando

English
Ms Marsha Edwards/Assistant: Miss Angela McEnearney

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 / Assistant: Liam Campbell

Careers
Mr Brett Collimore

Science
Mr Stephen Godfrey / 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 Dianne Santos
Year 8 Mr Matthew Marshall
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

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.

Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place
This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

Kevin Jones (Principal)

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.

Noodle Cups
Due to safety concerns, hot noodles cups are no longer sold at the Canteen. In addition, canteen staff are no longer able to fill noodle cups for students.
Australian Geography Competition

Geography develops our understanding of the relationship between people and place - our interactions with the environment.

Our Senior Geography students tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2016 Australian Geography Competition.

65,000 students from 670 schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition.

The best students in this competition will represent Australia in the 2017 International Geography Olympiad to be held in Belgrade, Serbia.

Our Year 11 students achieved great results performing at a very high level. We have 5 students who achieved a High Distinction.

A Distinction was achieved by being in the top 10% of the competition. The following students have achieved a Distinction:

- Annalise Brouwer
- Nick Bruzzese
- Jacob Camilleri
- Kyle Ellison
- Emily Marshall

A High Distinction was achieved by being in the top 5% of the competition. The following students have achieved a High Distinction:

- Charlotte Fitzsimons
- Sam Tilden

Congratulations to all these students on their achievement.

Mr Brett Windon
HSIE Coordinator
Star Spot

This is the star of the week.
Congratulations to:

Karla Foody (7D8) who on the 15th & 16th October represented NSW in power boat racing in the prestigious Gold Coast Liquid Lightning event in Queensland. Karla races a 15hp Wing Boat in the J3 class, reaching speeds of up to 80km/h. In a very competitive field, with some very tight racing Karla managed to be consistent enough to win the event. (Karla is pictured below racing her Wing Boat and with her award and dad - (her crew chief).

Well done - to this student
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.
**ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR**

**ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 7**

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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.