Dear Parents/Guardians

Many thanks to Fr John Watkins, an ex-student of the College, who came to celebrate Mass for our Year 7 students on Tuesday. Fr John has been very generous with his time in supporting the College. At the end of the Mass he blessed the Student Representative Council (SRC) Leadership badges for our new Year 7 representatives. Congratulations to Neena Lees and Benjamin Clarke.

I hope that many parents are able to attend the Parents and Friends Meeting on the 12th June starting at 7.00pm. During the meeting the Learning Support Team will facilitate a brief workshop on ipads and how these can be used to improve student literacy. There will be a demonstration of a number of applications specifically designed for this purpose. This should be very informative for parents.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Principal

### Calendar Dates

**Term 2: June:**
- 7: Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
- 10: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 12: P & F Meeting 7:00pm
- 13: SRC Trivia Night - Good Samaritan Hall
- 21: Polding Walk
- 25: Staff Meeting (Late start 9:30am)
- 26: Yrs 10 to 11 Parent Information Evening 5:30 - 7:30pm

### Applications for Leave

Exemption from Attendance forms for leave for holidays, sporting or family events are now available from the website or the school office. This form must be completed and sent to the Principal for approval. Leave of more than 20 days requires travel details to be attached.

Where a child is sick or needs to be away from school due to family situations, a simple note to the homeroom teacher is sufficient.
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
Ms Megan Bertenshaw

Careers
Mr Brett Collimore

Science
Mrs Jenelle Gavin / Assistant: Mr Nicholas Briffa

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 Stephen Godfrey
Year 9 Miss Hayley Lalor
Year 10 Miss Jenny Woods
Senior Coordinator
Mr Marc Sluiter
Assistant: Mrs Kylie Kennedy

Student Counsellors
Mrs Sally Wardley / Mrs Debbie Robinson

Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

Japanese Students Arriving Soon …

We are in cooperation with Bede Polding College arranging a study tour for 18 Japanese Students from your Sister School Aki Fuchu. They will require Host Families and we are hoping you can help.

* They are here to practice their English so knowledge of the Japanese Language is not necessary.
* There are no special food requirements.
* Host family payments of $35.00 per student per night are included. The requirement is 2 students per family.
* This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to experience another culture.
* Please express your interest at the earliest to allow us to finalise the program.

Dates:
Arriving: 22nd August 2013
Departing: 29th August 2013
Please contact our Coordinator for more Information:
Andrea Ryan on 4587 7063/0409 925 446

Walkathon

Fancy Dress Themes for the Walkathon

Year 7 - Gaming
Year 8 - Super Heroes
Year 9 - When I Grow Up
Year 10 - Around the World
Year 11 - The letter ‘T’
Year 12 - Childhood TV & Toys
Staff - The letters ‘B P C’
A group of sixteen students were selected to represent the College at the Australian Catholic University Social Justice Youth Forum. The forum was held at the Australian Catholic University, 40 Edward Street, North Sydney. The agenda for the day consisted of attendance at workshops and lectures on the following topics: Human Trafficking, Street Kids, The Millennium Development Goals, Care of the Earth, Educating Refugees and Homelessness in Australia. The keynote speaker was Mr Michael Perusco, CEO of St Vincent de Paul. This was the first time that students from BPC have attended the forum. Judging from the positive feedback collected from the attendees, the event was worthwhile and certainly one that we would like to involve our students in again.

Mrs Janette Wick
Social Justice Coordinator
Star Spot
This is the star of the week.

Congratulations to:

Jordan Maher (10S10) who will represent Australia in the World Karate Youth Cup in Greece at the end of June.

Well done - to this student

Important Notice to Parents

For safety reasons parents are asked NOT to drive onto the school premises to drop off or pick up students. The only exception to this is between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm. Please be vigilant about where you stop to drop off and pick up students. Police are patrolling the area so it is essential that parking regulations be followed.

Parents Representative Council
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Term 2 General Meeting

Guest Speaker

As part of our Term 2 General Meeting

The PRC welcomes

Greg Whitby

Executive Director of Schools, CEO Parramatta

Presenting

Parental Engagement in our technology rich Catholic schools

The important role of parental engagement in our technology rich schools and how our Catholic schools and CEO reinforce this vital role

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About Greg Whitby

Author of Educating Gen Wi-Fi, Greg Whitby is an innovative educator, with a passion to ensure schools meet the needs of today’s learners. For over two decades, Greg has been rethinking the nature of learning and teaching in a digital age. Working closely with school and system leader to build teacher capacity in order to improve the learning outcomes, he has forged global partnerships with leading educational thinkers such as Michael Fullan, Viviane Robinson, Helen Timperley and Lyn Sharratt.

Founding Chairman of CEnet and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian Institute of Management, Greg also received a Papal Knighthood in the Order of St Gregory the Great for his contribution to Catholic education.

The PRC has been very fortunate to be able to welcome Greg Whitby at our Term 2 General Meeting to present to our parent body – Parental Engagement in our Technology Rich Catholic schools.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Available for sale.
You can go to the link below and order now.
Use the Link below:
If you require any further information please contact Mrs Santos at the College.
Parent Connect Group
FREE GROUP FOR DADS & MUMS OF CHILDREN AGED 0–8YRS WITH FREE CHILDCARE

This facilitated group is for parents in the Hawkesbury caring for children aged 0-8yrs who have limited contact with other parents or are new to the Hawkesbury. The group strives to break isolation and be a vehicle for developing friendships through meeting regularly to share common experiences and gain information that strengthens participants capacity to parent effectively. The group will operate in the centre from 10am -12noon fortnightly on Mondays during school terms with free childcare provided through Hawkesbury Community Outreach. Through the group participants will:

- Enjoy uninterrupted parent to parent adult company
- Give children an opportunity to play with other children without parents present
- Build relationships that sustain parents outside group time
- Plan and enjoy discussions and activities of interest to parents
- Learn information relevant to parenting and local services

Dates the group will operate in
Term 2, 2013 on MONDAYS:
May 6th, May 20th, June 3rd and June 17th
10am-12noon

To register and book childcare please call Carol on 4588 3504
or email:

familysupport@rcsi.ngo.org.au

Tools For Parents
FREE WORKSHOPS & GROUPS FOR DADS & MUMS / PRIMARY CAREERS OF CHILDREN 0 – 12 YRS WITH FREE CHILDCARE

Bookings - call 4588 3502 Mon – Thursday
or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

Be A Great Dad!
Wednesday 12th June 2013
6.30–9pm

In this workshop Dads will gain skills in connecting effectively with their children, gain understanding of the importance of their role as fathers, knowledge about the importance of developing a joint parenting approach with their partner, skills on how to communicate effectively with their kids and age appropriate activities for Dads and kids.

This is a project offered by
Richmond Community Services Inc.
and all activities are held at:
The Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market Street
Richmond NSW 2753

Bookings - call 4588 3502 Mon – Thursday
or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au

The project is funded by the Australian Government for continuation of the ‘Tools for Parents’ project until June 2014 - to provide free workshops and ongoing courses designed to help parents / primary carers of children 0-12 years develop better relationships between themselves and with their children - and to enhance parenting skills. Richmond Community Services Inc. purchases group and workshop facilitation from Relationships Australia and childcare services from Hawkesbury Community Outreach Mobile Ministries Service for the project and is delighted to offer them free to participants.
Tackling Sibling Rivalry
Wednesday 5th June 2013
10am – 12.30pm
A chance for parents to gain skills and knowledge to overcome the factors affecting sibling rivalry, recognise myths relating to siblings and develop strategies to minimise conflict within the family.

This is a project offered by Richmond Community Services Inc. and all activities are held at:
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WORKSHOP / GROUP | DATE(S) | TIME(S)
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Making Step Families Work | WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY, 2013 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Helping The Anxious Child | WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2013 | 6.30PM – 9PM
Managing Challenging Behaviours in Kids | 3rd, 10th, 17th, AUGUST, 2013 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Toddler Tantrums and Training | WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 | 6.30PM – 9PM
Aggression In Kids – Help for Parents | WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2013 | 6.30PM – 9PM
Couples Communication | 3rd, 9th, 16th NOVEMBER, 2013 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Tools to help Babies Flourish | WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2013 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Talking and Listening with Your Kids | WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2014 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Conflict Resolution for Couples | 3rd, 10th, 17th MARCH, 2014 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Beating Bullying | WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH, 2014 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Loss and Grief - Supporting Your Kids | WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL, 2014 | 6.30PM – 9PM
Helping Kids Deal with Anger | WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY, 2014 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Managing Challenging Behaviour | 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24TH MARCH, 2014 | 10AM – 12.30PM
Be A Great Dad | WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY, 2014 | 6.30PM – 9PM

and all activities are held at:
Richmond Community Services Inc., The Neighbourhood Centre
20 West Market Street, Richmond NSW 2753
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2013 Polding Walk is Getting Closer

Planning is well underway for the Polding Walk to be held on Friday, 21st June (Week 8). There are some great prizes on offer for those students who raise the most money. If parents are interested in volunteering to help on the day, please complete the response slip on the letter received and return it to school as soon as possible. This year we are hoping to raise around $45,000 through the Polding Walk and that money will benefit students by providing a covered walkway between the Science and C Blocks—as well as supporting some local charities.

Note:
Just a reminder that Walkathon Tallies take place during Homeroom every Wednesday.

Roll Up! Roll Up!

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, may I have your attention please?

Something BIG is coming to Bede this year; something Marvelous, something Spectacular, something that will blow you out of the water so please remain calm because ‘Bede’s Big Top’ is coming to town.

This Year the amazingly talented SRC have decided to name the yearly Event ‘Bede’s Big Top’ with a circus theme, that’s right! There will be clowns, balloons and circus food; a whole night of trivia, games, prizes and more.

So dust off your clown suits, paint your faces and come join in on the fun. (Lions must be on leashes.) There will be more advertising and information displayed in the coming weeks.

The Event will be held at Bede Polding College,
The Good Samaritan Hall,
Thursday the 13th of June.
Keep the evening free!
### ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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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 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
  - Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday detention pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

### Submission Instructions Year 7 — 9
- 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
  - Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Tuesday detention pending a note from the parents explaining the absence.

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