Dear Parents/Guardians

Our Staff Development Day on Monday provided us with an important opportunity to look at the developments that we are putting in place for 2014. This included presentations about our approaches in every class to improving students’ reading comprehension. This will be a significant focus for us for the next three years as we work to make sure that as many students as possible leave the College as proficient readers. You will hear much about this in the coming year.

I leave you with some wonderful words from the Holy Father, Pope Francis I
“Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each one of you is a child of God.”
June 16th, 2013

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
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

Years 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

CLASS OF 88
25 YEAR REUNION

Date:  Saturday, 23 November 2013
Time:  7:00pm
Venue:  Blacktown Workers Club
         55 Campbell Street, Blacktown
RSVP:  Monday, 4 November 2013
Cost:  $55 pp (not including drinks)
Open Bar Available
Partners Welcome

Tickets can be purchased at the Club, by phone
9830 0600 or online by going to
www.patronbase.com/
BlacktownWorkersClub/Productions

Then scroll down and ‘click’ on John Paul II
Dress:  Smart casual
For more information:
jpili1988reunion@gmail.com
**Post School Options Team... Seeking Mentors**

*Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta’s Post School Options Team provides one on one mentoring for secondary students. We are seeking new mentors who would like to give something back to their community and join this valuable and worthwhile program.*

The volunteer mentor hosts the student in the workplace for one day per week (May to September excluding school holidays). The mentor is both a personal and professional role model for the student. All mentors are offered free TAFE mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment ‘Mentoring in the Community’.

*Mentors can be from any industry, an individual in any trade area—clerical, administration, hairdressing and beauty or a large company setting eg Bunnings.*

Please consider this call for assistance so that the program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities.

Bede Polding College has participated in this worthwhile program offering our students a unique opportunity to obtain work experience under the guidance of a mentor. I am appealing to the Bede Polding College community to become involved in this worthwhile program. You may not be monitoring a Bede Polding College student, but you will be providing a fantastic opportunity to a young person from our area.

If you would be interested in becoming a mentor or finding out more information, please contact: Leoni Jeavons-Fellows, Coordinator Post School Options—0424 750 583

*Brett Collimore  
Careers Adviser (BPC)  
4577 6455*

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**Lost Property**

A number of lost articles are constantly being handed in at the student foyer. Most articles have no name marked on them which means they can’t be returned to their rightful owners. Any items of lost property that are not claimed by students from the Student Foyer before the end of Term 4 will be handed to the clothing pool. **Please note that there are also items such as jewellery & prescription glasses unclaimed.**

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**Bede Polding College Uniform Shop**

**New Trading Hours Starting Term 4 2013**

Tuesdays and Fridays during school terms  
8:00am-2:00pm

**Extended Trading Hours 2013**

Year 7 Orientation Day  
Wednesday 20th November  
8:00am – 3:30pm

Saturday 7th December  
9:00am – 1:00pm
GINGER BREAD HOUSES

Purchase a delicious high quality gingerbread house kit for only $25.00, they make a gorgeous centrepiece for the Christmas table or a fabulous gift idea. These kits are made by Gingerbread Folk in the Blue Mountains with a RRP of $36.50.

Each kit comes ready for you to assemble and contains - pre baked and cut to size gingerbread for 4 walls, a roof, and chimney, instruction sheet, ready-made egg free icing in a piping bag, presentation board, cellophane, and red ribbon (lollies not included).

This is a joint fundraising event for the Thailand / Vietnam Outreach group which supports orphanages and homes in Thailand and Vietnam and the Hawkesbury Community Kitchen Outreach group with $5.00 from the sale of each Gingerbread House kit going to support these charities.

Placing an order: Kits can be purchased by filling out the return slip below and returning it to the fees box in the student foyer by Monday 18th November 2013 (Monday Week 7). All orders must be accompanied by payment and placed in an envelope clearly labelled with student name, homeroom and event name (Gingerbread House Kit).

The expected delivery date for kits is Tuesday 10th December. Orders will be delivered to students at lunchtime to take home.

WORKSHOP: There are 2 workshops available on Tuesday 10th December for individuals wishing to build their house in a group environment. To attend a workshop, simply fill out the return slip below along with payment for the kit. Places in the workshops are limited to 30 and will require a gold coin donation (payable at the workshop). NB: Workshop places must be booked.

For further information please contact Mrs Lisa Cummins at the school on 4577 6455

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GINGER BREAD HOUSES - Order Form (please detach from above information)

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Workshop Options (Tues 10th December)
(please indicate number attending)

Afternoon Session 3:15 – 5:00pm
Evening Session 5:30 – 7:00pm
12th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip: 16 November

You can help to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013, a program of major works in St Patrick’s Cathedral precinct, while visiting more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza. Departs from 2 points: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills and Penrith Panthers. Cost includes bistro lunch: $50 adults, $40 concession, $20 children. **Bookings close 3 November.** For more information and to secure your seat on the coach contact Virginia Knight at the Diocesan Office tel (02) 8838 3412, vknights@parra.catholic.org.au

**Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 17 November**


**Christian Meditation: 17 November**

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict’s Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at ‘The Cottage’ guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

**Prayer and the Dark Night: 21 November**

An opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Church’s great teachers on prayer, with Fr John McCall OSA. In our growth in prayer we move through various stages. These transitional stages can be disturbing if we do not understand them. Time: 9.45am. The Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

**Faith at the Fiddler: 21 November**

Special guest Bishop Anthony Fisher OP – Reframing the debate on ‘same-sex marriage’. Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education, Parramatta. Details: Linda Ducksbury tel (02) 9840 5743, linda.ducksbury@parra.catholic.edu.au

**Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 22-24 November**

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Where: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

**Advent Journey: 1 December**

Young Men and Women aged 18-35 are invited to an Advent Journey on Sunday 1 December from 3-9pm. This event serves to help young adults make good use of Advent and prepare their hearts for the birth of Christ and entails a guided, meditative bushwalk, dinner and concludes with prayer and reflection in the Schoenstatt Shrine. Cost $25 includes dinner and other materials. Comfortable walking shoes for bush walking is essential. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com
### 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 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:
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.

DTS is a list of the tasks that are to be handed out to students on that date.