Dear Parents

Over the past few weeks we have been involved in the process of selecting our leaders for the Student Representative Council. Every year it seems that the nominations for these positions just get stronger and stronger. The depth and strength of the leadership in our College is reflected not only in the outstanding students who are elected but in the quality of those who miss out. Please find below the names of the successful nominees. Congratulations to them and their families. To those who, this year, were not successful we encourage and welcome their names on the ballot next year.

Kevin Jones

Year 12
Isabelle Bourke and William Chaffer (College Captains)
Maddison Maxwell, Molly May Cann, Jamon Windeyer, Mitchell Galea

Year 11 Girls
Claire Pirotta
Melise Clisby
Elyse Popplewell

Year 11 Boys
Joshua Maltese
Mitchell Gallen
Austin Sultana

Year 10
Isabelle Galea & Benjamin Johnson

Year 9
Bronte Rochester & Harry McClifty

Year 8
Isabelle Apap
Benjamin Clarke

From Catholic Education Office

Catholic Education Survey on School Communication

Complete our Catholic Education online survey on school communication & your school can win 5 new iPads
PLUS YOU COULD WIN ONE OF:
10 x $50 Visa Gift Cards
10 x $50 iTunes Gift Cards
20 x Double passes to Hoyts

See terms and conditions.
The survey is available via http://bit.ly/1fFjF8
Closes 6 December
**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

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

If your child is planning to leave Bede Polding at the end of 2013, please let the Year Coordinator know as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

There are a limited number of places available for Year 9 2014 at present.

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**Star Spot**

This is the star of the week.

Congratulations to: Cassidy Chidgey (9D13) who has been selected for the U14’s NSW State team for Indoor Soccer. Cassidy will be playing in the Nationals at Canberra to be held in January.

Well done - to this student

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**PLAY RUGBY UNION IN 2014!**

- U6- u7 tag- no tackling!
- Age specific modified rugby games
- Representative opportunities.

**Registration Fees 2014**

**CHEAPEST WINTER SPORT FEES IN THE HAWKESBURY!**

All fees include shorts, socks, referee fees and end of year presentation day.

New players will also receive a training shirt.

Returning players bringing a mate to register also get a free shirt!

2014 registration information and for further contacts see our website [http://hawkesbysrugby.net.com.au](http://hawkesbysrugby.net.com.au)

Or contact HVJRU president, Mal 0435551801

**U6 to U9** - $40 (boys & girls Saturday comp)

**U10 to U12** - $100 (boys & girls Sunday comp)

**U13 to U18** - $140 (boys only Sunday comp)

Third child in family – 50% off fees

**Orientation Night**

Thursday 13/2/14 Deerubbin Park, Windsor

Meet the coach, light training and try rugby.
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

Catholic Education Office
First Social Justice Expo

Join the Archdiocese of Sydney for their very first social justice expo, Faith in Action. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people (15-30 years) to learn about social justice programs and initiatives they can get involved with, meet other passionate young people, and be inspired to serve God in the mission for Justice and Peace!
It will be held Saturday 30 November from 10am – 4pm, at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney Broadway campus. Don’t miss out – register online at http://faithinaction2013.org/.
For more information, phone 9390 5935.

Bishop Office
Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response

Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philippines.
Please give generously to the Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7—13 who are above a healthy weight range. The program is run after school for a 10 week term and is FREE for eligible families.
For more information:
Ada Kwan, Health Promotion Officer –Go4Fun Ph: 4734 3305 Fax: 4734 3300
Email: ada.kwan@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au
For more information & Registration: www.go4fun.com.au
Minutes of Meeting Bede Polding College  
Parents & Friends Committee  
Wednesday 13 November 2013

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<td>Welcome</td>
<td>Jette Paskin – Thank you to Cathie Conolly for all her help on the P&amp;F committee.</td>
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<td>Kevin Jones</td>
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| AGM                     | Meeting paused for AGM 7:13 pm  
Meeting recommenced post AGM 7:33pm |

**AGM**
The new office bearers for 2014 are

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The position of PRC delegate was not filled. Should you have an interest in attending these meetings (held once a term at Mt Druitt or Blacktown) please contact Paul Cruise.

| Approval of Minutes | The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
Accepted: Helen Jones  
Seconded: Jette Paskin |
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**Principal’s Report**
Kevin spoke about:
- Staff focus on improving reading.
- Textbooks no longer used for years 7-10.
- Kevin will discuss his proposal for utilising the funds from the fundraising levy at next year's general meeting when we hope to have more parent attendance.

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| Treasurer’s Report       | See attached report. Balance $4365.23  
Fundraising levy still being collected. |
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<th>President’s Report</th>
<th>Jette: Welcome to the new committee members for 2014. Morning tea for St Matthews will be held twice a year. P&amp;F are asked to help. First morning tea is usually in March before the first general meeting. We will put a notice in the school newsletter.</th>
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| New Business             | Parent enquires:  
Newsletter can it be emailed to parents rather than having to look on line. New system will be going to be in place soon with emails and SMS capabilities. Still have parents that prefer a paper copy.  
Kevin to speak to Brett Collimore about information night for parents/ students in Years 11 and 12 about process of applying to University.  
Procedures in place for new students to the school.  
Cyber bully – Organise speaker to give information to parent / students regarding cyber bullying |
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| Meeting Closed           | Next meeting will be held on 5th March 2014 – 7:00pm  
Meeting closed 8:30pm |
The PRC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the representatives for our Catholic school for being part of our council and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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<td>Term 1</td>
<td>Annual General Meeting</td>
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<td>PRC Welcomes Remy Lowe, Academic Counsellor, Western Sydney Presenting Senior subjects and UAC selection guidance for year 10 to year 12 students. Parents and student to attend.</td>
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<td>PRC Welcomes Mrs Sue Welsh, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Leader of Systems Learning) and/or Mrs Mary Creenanne, Catholic Education Office Parramatta (Team Leader of Student Services Presenting Learning Difficulties - How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty? What do I do? What Support is available in our catholic schools?</td>
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<td>PRC Welcomes Michelle Nolan, Coordinator Healthy Weight Promotion Team (Healthy Children’s Initiative) Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District and/or Jenny Fisketti, Live Life Well @ School Coordinator, Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District Presenting Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating</td>
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TSFX Maximising ATAR Scores
HSC Summer School

“Summer School” lectures are to be held at the University of Sydney in January 2014.

The program offers students the opportunity to obtain a significant head start into the 2014 HSC syllabus. Each lecture will thoroughly review and then extend on the materials covered in Term 4 of 2013 as well as provide students with a comprehensive coverage of Term 1 - 2014 materials in advance of school. Having a solid understanding of course content in advance of covering materials at school will enable students to absorb more information in the classroom, resulting in less time being spent on homework, improved confidence and higher HSC marks. Students will also receive comprehensive notes that include all of the relevant theory, full worked examples, take home questions, as well as advance exposure to exam style questions and analytical/problem solving strategies so as to maximise mid-year examination scores.

Students who have attend “Summer School” in past years have strengthened understanding of course materials, decreased workloads and stress levels at school, increased confidence and motivation and greatly improved performance in tests, assignments and exams.

Please note that leaflets for the “Summer School” have been placed in student homeroom buckets for their attention.

Vote for us and you could win $500…………..

Vote for Bede Polding College in the Richmond Marketplace Christmas Tree design competition. All decorations on our Christmas tree are edible and have been hand made by students in Year 10 Food Technology. The students involved in making the decorations and decorating the tree were: Sara Saxon, Gabrielle Perkett, Bianca Mizzi, Ashlea Falzon, Heather Malone, Sarah Micallef, Emily Dimech, Rebeka Zarb, Chelsea Rowan, Danielle Bosque, Kate Ross, Angela Vella, Joanne Tabone, Lauren Zahra, Christina Senn.

First place in the High School category will win $1000, with second place receiving $500. The students have decided that they would like to donate any prize money to various charity groups that are supported by the school.

The trees will be displayed in Richmond Marketplace from the 16th November – 12th December outside the Telstra store. Fill in a voting slip available from the Telstra store in Richmond Marketplace and place it in the entry box. You can vote as many times as you like. Each time you vote you will go into the draw to win $500 prize money.

Unfortunately due to decorations being stolen from our tree, our entry has been moved into the Telstra store for viewing.
# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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

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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What to do to Leave School Early
Bring in a note from your parent/guardian addressed to the Homeroom teacher stating the time of leaving and the reason. This note must be signed by your Homeroom teacher during Homeroom period. When it is time for you to leave the school, take the note to the student foyer, where you will be issued with an “Early Leaver’s Note”.

Please note that this information is shown on page 18 of your student diary for future reference.