Dear Parents,

I would like to focus on three very special events in this newsletter.

Firstly, the outstanding success of the College Musical “Beauty and the Beast”. Nearly a thousand people came to see the performances over the three nights. Congratulations to all the students and staff who were involved. The value of such a success just cannot be overestimated, it has a very lasting effect on the whole College community.

Secondly, our Social Justice assembly provided the opportunity for our staff and students to gain some very important insights by listening to Mr Phil Glendenning. Phil gave a moving speech about some of his experiences of the plight of refugees and his travels in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This was followed by outlines of the significant charity and social justice work that our students are involved in both locally, nationally and overseas.

Thirdly, I would like to congratulate all our students on their behaviour during the Blessing and Opening of our new building on Wednesday. The Very Reverend Fr Peter Williams, Vicar General led the blessing ceremony representing Bishop Anthony. All of our invited guests including, Mr Kevin Conolly, the State member for Riverstone, and Mrs Louise Markus, the Federal Member for Macquarie, were very impressed with the College and, most importantly, our students. Congratulations in particular to our Hospitality students who produced a wonderful morning tea which was appreciated by all of our guests. Thanks to members of our Student Representative Council who carried out a number of functions during the morning.

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

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**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

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**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’**
Year 7 Enrolments 2014

Enrolment forms for Year 7 2014 are now available from the office. All feeder schools have enrolment forms available. Completed applications MUST be returned to the College no later than Friday 31 May 2013.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2014. The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.

PDSSSC Cross Country

Friday 10th May saw a cool but clear day for the running of the PDSSSC Cross Country. Forty-two Bede Polding students travelled to St Columba’s High School, Springwood to compete in the carnival. The students were all fantastic ambassadors for the College and displayed great competitive spirit.

Special congratulation to:

Jack Harrison 1st place 15 years Boys
Will Jansen 2nd place 15 years Boys
Mitchell Gallen 2nd place 16 years Boys
Melise Clisby 3rd place 15 years Girls
Melissa Bartlett 4th place 17 years Girls.

We wish these students the best of luck when they compete in the NSW CCC Carnival at Eastern Creek.
Castle Hill Show was a very successful experience for the College and our cattle and sheep. Altogether we took four cattle and six sheep with a team of students to help wash, clip, and prepare the animals ready to be shown. Our cattle consisted of an Angus X Red Poll heifer - “Gina”, an Angus X Limousine steer - “Big Henry”, a Square Meater steer - “Little Henry” and a Red Poll steer - “Germany”. All competed in classes throughout the day being judged on their presentation, fat cover and look of rib and rump, yet all an estimate on how the animal will cut up and perform as a carcass. Gina, Big Henry and Germany did not all place, yet the smallest of the lot was awarded with Champion Lightweight steer of the day. This meant beating all lightweight competition on the day.

The School Paraders were also another great success gaining ribbons left, right and center. The paraders are judged on how the student handles and presents their cow. The heats were competitive and full, with some exceeding 20. Some student results include Molly Hogan and Brandon Pedzik making the top 20 on the day out of 100 students. Michael McLaren received 3rd place in the 12-13 year group and Dylan Camilleri received a highly commended.

The sheep received numerous places in their meat classes. Our lamb “Ziglet” received first place! Numerous students entered the fleece and meat sheep judging where they determine the best to worst fleece or sheep. However, only one student made it into the top five to speak about their choice. This was Angus Gorman (Yr 8). He came second overall and made it into the finals for Sydney Royal. However, he was too young to compete!!

Many thanks to the parents who helped on the day!! Altogether the Show was very successful and left us to move onto the big guns of showing - The Sydney Royal Easter Show.

By Alex Romano

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is a phenomenal show for leisure but it is a greatly prestigious show for exhibiting animals. Again we took four cattle, the same four we took to Castle Hill. Yet unlike Castle Hill Show, only four students attended, Mrs Evans accompanied Brandon Pedzik (Yr 11), Molly Hogan (Yr 10), Kate Paskin (Yr 10), myself - Alex Romano (Yr 12) and also an ex student Georgia Leva (who has half ownership to Big Henry). We stayed at this Show for three nights and three days. This time Gina, Little Henry and Germany did not place, but Big Henry placed 7th in a class of 60.

We received a notice to attend a presentation after school where they would announce the carcass results. Big Henry took out the Reserve Champion Trade Steer ribbon and also received a Silver medal for his carcass. He scored 90%!

Molly Hogan entered the School Paraders class and came second in her class, which is an enormous achievement for her and the school. All the shows we attend give us a great insight into where our beef actually comes from and allows us to get a hands on experience into an important industry for our country.

By Alex Romano
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.
The Bede Polding College

Disney

Beauty and the Beast
Debating Update

The six Bede Polding Debating teams head into Round 6 of the competition this Friday night. It is also the final round of the competition.

Our College teams will be competing against the students from McCarthy College, Emu Plains. These debates will be held at our school and spectators are most welcome to attend.

Since the last update, our teams have competed in two rounds of competition. In Round 4 (10th May) we travelled to Wahroonga to compete against the students from St Leo’s. The topic for the evening was Sport. We thank our bus driver for the evening Mr Joe Burke, for taxiing us to the school.

In Round 5 (17th May) the lads from St Dominic’s came to our College to tackle debates centred upon the topic of Government. Caramel slice was back on the menu for the evening, so the Bede students were very happy with this.

After this week of competition there will be elimination rounds taking place and then semi finals. Whether we have teams progressing through to these, is yet to be seen.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children so far and for the staff who have so generously given up their time to support the students.

Maryanne Grosvenor

Blessing & Opening of New Building - E Block
# 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.

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