

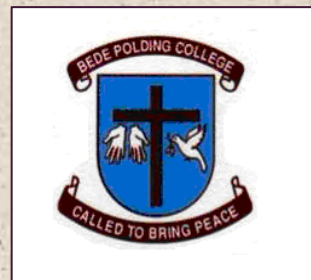


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Newsletter: 31st March 2017 Term 1 Week 9

Calendar Dates

APRIL

- 5 Stage 6 Parent Teacher Night 3:30 - 8:00pm
- 7 Term 1 ends

Term 2

- 24 Staff Development Day
- 25 ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
- 26 Term 2 starts—Pupils return

MAY

- 1 Yr 9 Parent Teacher Night 3:30 - 8:30pm
- 9 Staff Meeting (9:30am Late Start)
- 15 Yrs 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 8:30pm
- 26 Athletics Carnival
- 30 Staff Meeting (9:30am Late Start)
- 31 P & F General Meeting 7:00pm

Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians

This marks the end of an era with the last physical newsletter that will be sent home with students from Bede Polding. As of Term 2 the College will begin sending electronic newsletters through a smartphone app called Skoolbag. While the Skoolbag app will be the most convenient way to access the newsletters, they will continue to be available on the school website if required.

We encourage you to download the Skoolbag app as soon as possible to ensure that you continue to receive the College newsletters each fortnight. In addition to newsletters the Skoolbag app has a messaging capability that will allow the College to send important messages directly to your phone providing you with convenient and timely information. We will also be able to use the app to notify you of upcoming events occurring at the College.

The app is available for iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows Phone 8.1 and Windows 8.1 and 10 devices. It can be downloaded from the store for your chosen device. Instructions to download are included in this newsletter to guide you through the process (see page 2).

We believe that this will be a much more convenient way to communicate with you.

Thanks for your support this term.

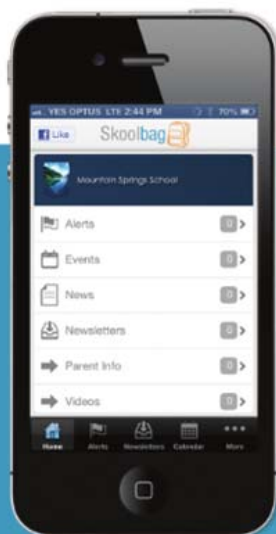
God Bless

Kevin Jones

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Bundanon Excursion



Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook!  Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

Principal

Mr Kevin Jones

Assistant Principals

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

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Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

Case Management Coordinator

Miss Hayley Lalor

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Mrs Lisa Casey

Business Manager

Mr Paul Cruise

Administration Coordinator

Mrs Anita Meehan

Learning Technologies Coordinator

Mr Bill Robson

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

Music

Mr Bradley Lee

Visual Arts

Miss Angela Rando

English

Ms Marsha Edwards/Assistant: Miss Angela McEearney

Human Society & Its Environment

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

Languages

Ms Felicity Lupton

Mathematics

Mrs Anni Brailey / Assistant: Mrs Mary Quinteros

PDHPE

Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell

Careers

Mr Brett Collimore

Science

Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

Sports Coordinator

Mr Dean Bertenshaw

Technology & Applied Studies

Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

Year 7 Mr Craig Adams

Year 8 Mr Jeremy Tuano

Year 9 Mr Nick Briffa

Year 10 Mr Matthew Marshall

Senior Coordinator

Miss Kristy Walsh

Social Justice Coordinator

Mrs Janette Wick

Home-School Liaison Coordinator

Miss Jenny Woods

Student Counsellors

Debbie Robinson/Sarah Kennedy

Librarian

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS RE: SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD

Please be aware that the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road are as follows:

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE DROP OFF/PICK UP

For safety reasons parents are asked NOT to drive onto the school grounds to drop off or pick up students before 9:30am and after 2:30pm. The **ONLY EXCEPTION** to this is for students with disabilities. Thank you

Year 10 Visual Arts/Photography & Digital Media

Bundanon/Riversdale Excursion

Participating in the Bundanon excursion was a truly eventful and personal trip. I participated in both Visual Arts and Photography workshops, in which I took a valuable lesson away.

On the first day, I chose to participate in the Visual Arts first workshop. In this workshop we walked down to the Shoalhaven River which is the same river that Arthur Boyd sat along to create his artworks. Using ink, water, a quill, paintbrush and paper, we observed the landscape to paint, splatter and explore ourselves as artists in such a quiet and peaceful environment. The end results were amazing and magnificent. We each focused on different areas and used our own imagination to apply different techniques.

The tour of Arthur Boyd's homestead was educational. The house exhibited some of his works as well as paintings and ceramics of his mother and father. What I really enjoyed was Boyd's studio. It was left in its original state when he passed and every colour was still as strong as it would have been back then.

After this both Art and Photography students got to meet Gina Kalabishis, an Australian artist who was staying at Bundanon trust. We were able to see her in action using pastels and charcoal on her unfinished artwork which was truly a one-off experience.

When we arrived at Riversdale to stay at the beautiful architectural building designed by Glen Murcutt, where we would stay the night, free time was spent exploring the rooms and surrounding area. The next day I partook in the Photography workshop which was called 'Photography with Skulls'. A basic name but was the literal truth. Using Wombat, Cow and other dead animal skulls and skeletal pieces we explored a small creek area. Photographers were taken out of their comfort zone to pick up and place skulls in the natural environment; whether it be in the water, on rocks and vines. We explored different shutter speeds, aperture levels and camera angles to capture various shots. The surreal material, mixed in with such a wondrous environment, was purely individual and inspiring. When we had completed this task, photography students were then given time back around the building to use both the skulls and precious stones and other glittery objects. Many wandered down to the river to take photos.

Overall, the excursion was amazing. Everyone took a lot of personal techniques and experiences away to develop their artistic and photographic practice.

Mollie Tuckerman



PDSSSC Swimming

Congratulations to the following swimmers on representing the College at the recent PDSSSC Swimming carnival:

Travis Hargrave, Kelsie Francis, Colby Hedges, Dylan McKenzie, Jesse Falconer, Emily Ferris, Sylvia Taylor, Amy Dawson, Emma Bracks, Nathan Fleetwood, Lachlan Beattie, Sharntelle Lloyd, Lachlan Faint, Kane McNamara, Mitchell Masonwells, and Alissa Van-Klooster.

Thank you to all our parents for their support and particularly to Alissa Van-Klooster and her family for six years representing the College at this level.

Results included:

<i>Lachlan Beattie:</i>	2nd 200m breaststroke
<i>Colby Hedges:</i>	3rd 100 breaststroke, 1st 50m breaststroke
<i>15-16 boys relay:</i>	2nd
<i>Jesse Falconer:</i>	1st 50m freestyle, 1st 50m fly, 2nd 100m freestyle, 1st 50m backstroke
<i>Kane McNamara:</i>	2nd 50 fly, 3rd 50m breaststroke, 2nd 100m freestyle, 2nd 50m backstroke
<i>Sylvia Taylor:</i>	1st 50m breaststroke
<i>Travis Hargraves:</i>	3rd 50m backstroke
<i>Kelsey Francis:</i>	3rd 100m freestyle

Manager: *Ms Manuel*



Alissa Van-Klooster

Semiti is the Director of the People's Community Network, supported by Caritas Australia, which helps empower landless people in Fiji. This network brings together people living in informal settlements to advocate to improve their access to education, housing and employment. People are living and working as neighbours, in solidarity, and the community is growing stronger and more resilient.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help communities in informal settlements in Fiji to work together for a brighter future. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



The Integrated Community Development Program in the Philippines offers Aloma the skills to lead her vulnerable community as they work together to protect their environment and develop resilience to extreme weather events.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help communities in coastal areas of the Philippines to care for their environment and develop resilience to disasters.



Thank you!

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The Caritas Australia team would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.



Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2017. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

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Peer Support: Session 4

The last of the formal sessions for Peer Support happened on Monday 13th of March. There was much excitement, yet sadness that the program is coming to its conclusion. Once again it was a pleasure to walk about the school during the session and I continue to be impressed with the leadership ability of our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. The whole program will officially conclude in week 10 with a Liturgy, BBQ and activities afternoon for both Year 7 and the Leaders to enjoy.

Kindly

*Mrs Kimberley Baker
Peer Support Coordinator*



Peer Support: Session 4 (con't)



Student Reflection

On Monday the 13th of March 2017, Year 7 participated in their last Peer Support session. During the session we focused on improving challenges that are associated with relationships. Our core focus was to acknowledge the concerns and difficulties that impact our communication in relationships. We then demonstrated how our words, actions and responses can affect our communication through playing a number of different games. The Year 7's learnt that it is critical to address and overcome challenges that occur in relationships to strengthen and improve them.

Overall, the Year 7 students learnt many important skills throughout the course of Peer Support this term helping them settle in, break the ice with their peers and staying organised at school. It was great to see their smooth transition from primary school to high school as this was a major step and challenge. Year 7's addressed concerns that they have and the Year 11 leaders were able to provide assistance which empowered their confidence at school. Many sessions were filled with laughter and lots of fun but most importantly knowledge and guidance that is needed throughout their high school education.

We have enjoyed working with the Year 7 students and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

By Alex Cauchi
Year 11 Peer Support Leader



Peer Support: Session 4 (con't)





Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program

Earlier this year, the Minister for Health announced the inclusion of the meningococcal ACWY vaccine in the NSW School Vaccination Program. In 2017, this vaccine will be offered to all Year 11 and 12 students.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but serious illness that can present as meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) or septicaemia (blood poisoning) and may be caused by one of several serogroups (or types), including A, B, C, W and Y. Use of meningococcal C vaccine on the National Immunisation Program has almost eradicated meningococcal C disease in Australia.

Meningococcal W has emerged as a significant cause of invasive meningococcal disease with the number of cases almost tripling in NSW in 2016 compared to 2015. Evidence from Australia and overseas suggest that meningococcal disease caused by serotype W is significantly more severe than the other serotypes currently circulating in Australia. More information about meningococcal disease is available here:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Meningococcal_disease.aspx.

NSW Health immunisation nurses will be attending Bede Polding College on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians at the beginning of Term 2. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.