

# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

"Called To Bring Peace"

## Bede Polding College

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Newsletter: 24th May 2019 Week 4 Term 2



## CALENDAR

### Term 2

### May

**Wednesday 29th** College Photos

**Friday 31st** Athletics Carnival

### June

**Monday 10th** Queens Birthday  
Holiday- Public holiday

**Wednesday 12th** P&F Meeting 7pm

**Tuesday 25th** Polding Mass and  
Awards

**Friday 28th** Polding Walk



## PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Friends of the College,

### Trivia Night Success

Last night I had the absolute privilege of attending the Trivia night and what a night it was! The Hall was wonderfully decorated in a Western theme and was wonderfully supported by parents, students, alumni and staff. The atmosphere was electric. All monies raised will be donated to the San Miguel Family Centre. The SRC under the wonderful leadership of Mrs Vassallo needs to be congratulated and thanked for their tireless work. It was a huge success. Well done.

### Easter

Our season of Easter will soon culminate in the celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost as described in the Acts of the Apostles is the event where the Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles giving them the courage to 'proclaim to all nations', to begin their mission of spreading the good news. This challenge, to have the courage to be faith-filled, is just as relevant for us now. As Christians, we are called to be faithful and to spread the good news to proclaim the Gospel.

### College Debating

Our debating season has commenced in earnest and our teams have been doing exceptionally well. I thank all of our debaters, Ms Grosvenor, Ms Jamhour, Mrs McEneaney, Mrs Vassallo for the wonderful work they are doing with our debating teams. Tonight we debate away from home at Catherine McAuley College Westmead. Good luck!

## Understanding Anxiety in Children and Adolescents

I draw your attention to an excellent presentation being hosted by Chisholm Catholic Primary school on Monday evening.

The infographic is a colorful triangular graphic with a yellow left side and a red right side. At the top center, the title 'Understanding ANXIETY in Children and Adolescents' is written in large, bold letters. To the right of the title is a circular portrait of a smiling boy. Below the title, on the yellow side, are the speakers: Deb Robinson (School counsellor & Psychologist) and Monique Beglinger (School counsellor & Psychologist). Below them is the host: Chisholm Catholic Primary Working with The Chisholm Community Group. On the red side, the event details are listed: WHEN: Mon 27th May, 2019; TIME: 6 - 7PM (Prompt start at 6pm); WHERE: CHISHOLM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 30 Collith Ave, Bligh Park; COST: FREE! (with a note about tip sheets and resources); and WHO CAN ATTEND: ANY parent or caregiver of a student who receives a Catholic Education through the Diocese of Parramatta. A blue speech bubble in the center says 'CHILD MINDING WILL BE AVAILABLE BUT MUST BE BOOKED IN'. A blue arrow-shaped box on the right lists topics: 'What is anxiety?', 'What may be the signs of anxiety in your child?', 'What are strategies that can help children and teens?', and 'What support services are available?'. A cartoon girl is also depicted near the center.

**Understanding ANXIETY in Children and Adolescents**

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## Tell Them From Me Survey

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school. This will be an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Bede Polding College.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The College will share this survey with you soon.

We are called to bring peace.

Mark Compton

# From the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care

## **Bede Polding Awards**

Each year, the College presents Bede Polding Awards to 5 students in every Year Group. These awards are presented to students that have been nominated by their peers and staff for consistently displaying all or most of the qualities of John Bede Polding, our College Patron. Nominations are currently being received from students and staff.

These are arguably the most prestigious awards presented to any student in the College as they focus on qualities such as being Caring, Generous, Committed, Just, Compassionate, Faithful, Encouraging, Courageous and Thoughtful. These are all great human qualities as modelled by John Bede Polding and for a student to display most or all of these qualities for the majority of the time is truly deserving of recognition.

The awards will be presented to the recipients at a special Liturgy and Assembly in Week 9.

## **Athletics Carnival**

We have our annual College Athletics carnival taking place next Friday 31 May 2019. This is a compulsory school event that requires attendance by all students unless there is a very sound reason as to why they cannot attend school. Parents of students that are absent will be expected to provide the reason for their child's non-attendance on this day as is expected for any other school day.

Apart from the competition in events which allow many of our students to display their individual talents, It is a great community day which promotes school spirit where students and staff interact in a friendly and positive environment, bringing together students from all Year groups to strive for success in the spirit of sporting competition.

We expect that every student will attend this carnival and contribute in some way, whether by competing for their House group, cheering their peers on or helping out with staff in carrying out the number of tasks that need to be completed on a day such as this.

We wish all competitors and all House Leaders and groups every success as they strive for their personal best.

God bless,

Harry Fernandez

# Learning & Teaching Report

Rodney Howard Assistant Principal Learning & Teaching



[lakemurraycommunitychurch.org](http://lakemurraycommunitychurch.org)

## NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 and 9 have completed their NAPLAN tests over the past 2 weeks. We had very few issues with the technology, we now look forward to the results so we can look at the strengths and challenges for each child in the areas of literacy and numeracy and to work on improving each students in these areas.

## Reports

Over the next few weeks teachers will be completing subject reports for each student, reporting on their performance in relation the report criteria. They will also be assessment on their management of behaviour, time, resources, participation and responsibility.

These links will give you access to the report criteria for each year and the management criteria.

Please click below:

[Year 7](#)[Year 8](#)[Year 9](#)[Year 10](#)[Management](#)

# Religious Education

Can you believe it is already Week 4, Term 2! Where is the time going? Here is an update of the religious life of the college in 2019 so far:

## 2019 Formation Action Plan Goal

Our 2019 Formation Action Plan Goal is for staff and students to gain an increased understanding of the College's patron: John Bede Polding, as a role model for faith in action and that his qualities are demonstrated in our interactions with students and each other. The major focus is on linking of these qualities to the Catholic Social Teachings (CST's). The CST's include the 'why' behind the actions that John Bede Polding demonstrated throughout his life. The Catholic Social teachings have been developing throughout the Church for the last two hundred years and has always tried to find an equilibrium between respect for human liberty including the right to private property and subsidiarity, and concern for the whole society, including the weakest and poorest in relation to the corporal works of mercy that Jesus teaches (Mt 25:31-46).



## John Bede Polding Awards

The students all have the opportunity to nominate each other to receive a John Bede Polding award, which is one of the most prestigious awards that can be received at Bede Polding College and is given to five students in each year group per year. **The students that receive the award at our Polding Mass in Week 9 this term will be adjudged to be the ones that consistently display all or most of the qualities of John Bede Polding in their daily life at the College.** The qualities of John Bede Polding include Faithful, Compassionate, Just, Encouraging, Committed, Generous, Courageous, Thoughtful and Caring. The nominations process are underway so encourage your child to nominate a person via the Google Form in the Daily Notices whom they think demonstrates the qualities consistently!



## SWAG (Students Walking Alongside God)

SWAG was on again last Thursday during sports! The theme was ***That's a lot of fish!*** in relation to the Gospel reading on Sunday 5th May. SWAG is an opportunity for the Years 7-10 students to actively participate in their own faith formation through various activities, challenges, music, videos, food and positive social interactions all relating to the weekly Gospel. SWAG leaders from Years 11-12 assist in the preparation, organisation and running of each of the SWAG session, which provides them with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and grow in their own faith. I would like to thank Mr Brendan Lazaroo for organising the SWAG session last week.



## Windsor Weekly Mass – Year 9

I am very pleased to announce that one RE class each week from Year 9 will be attending Mass at Windsor Parish on Thursday mornings this term which began on Thursday 16th May, Week 3. The Mass provides a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience Church, reception of the Eucharist with their Religion class, interaction with the community and time to reflect on their relationship with self, others and God. Fr Robert has kindly moved the usual 9:00am mass to 9:15am, which provides time for the students and RE teacher to arrive to school at normal time, attend Mass and be back at school ready for Period 2 at 10:00am. Below are some pictures of 9D11 attending Mass last week with Mrs Cutajar, Mr Aure, Mr Rodricks-Testa and Mr Compton.



## 160 Year Celebration of St Monica's Richmond Parish

St Monica's Catholic Parish of Richmond celebrated 160 years of Parish life, faith and community on Sunday 19th May. Bishop Vincent Long celebrated Mass with Parish Priest Fr Clifford and others. Our BPC students were invited to assist in the Mass by welcoming guests and parishioners, serving at the altar and helping to organise hospitality to celebrate after the Mass. What a wonderful historic occasion that BPC are blessed to participate in!



Joshua Rodricks-Testa

*Religious Education Coordinator*



### ***From the Business Manager***

*There are several important School Fee matters that I have to bring to your attention:*

*Firstly, the signatories on enrolment forms are jointly and severally responsible for payment of school fees.*

*Secondly, you are required to notify the Principal in writing with 10 week's notice before a student leaves school - otherwise a full term's fees will be payable.*

*If you have any questions about these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

***Paul Cruise (Business Manager)***

# WALK-A-THON



## 2019 Polding Walk

Planning is going well for the Polding Walk to be held on Friday, 28th June (Week 9). Letters outlining details of the day, have been issued to all students before the end of Term 1. Students have been given their blue sponsorship cards and should start getting sponsors signed up. Special letters for attracting business sponsors are available at the Student Foyer. There are some great prizes and incentives on offer (including gift vouchers and a day at Wet 'N Wild) 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 and return it to school as soon as possible. This year we are hoping to raise around \$50,000 through the Polding Walk and that money will benefit students by air-conditioning the school Hall. Also 10% of the total amount raised will be distributed to the Year Group charities .



## Year 8 Visual Arts- Artist in Residence Program- Johnny Romeo



On Wednesday 15th May, Johnny Romeo, our Artist in Residence, met with our Year 8 students. Johnny discussed his practice, including points on his influences, artmaking process and the diverse range of commissions he has completed both in Australia and internationally. After Johnny's presentation, students began to brainstorm ideas for their own body of work based on significant popular culture figures, both real and fictional, to comment on issues of importance or interest to them. Whilst working on these ideas, Johnny mentored students and provided feedback on how these ideas could be developed.

Johnny will visit again in Week 6 when Year 8 will have a studio workshop to paint their artworks.

Some reflections on the incursion :-

Johnny Romeo was interesting to listen to and helpful to get ideas across to me in how to develop an artwork with more meaning. My favourite part of the incursion was when we got to hear how large his artworks are, and to see the photos of his artworks in houses (instagram images). I am looking forward to Romeo coming back and telling us how his trip to Singapore went, and I'm interested in how my artwork is going to turn out.

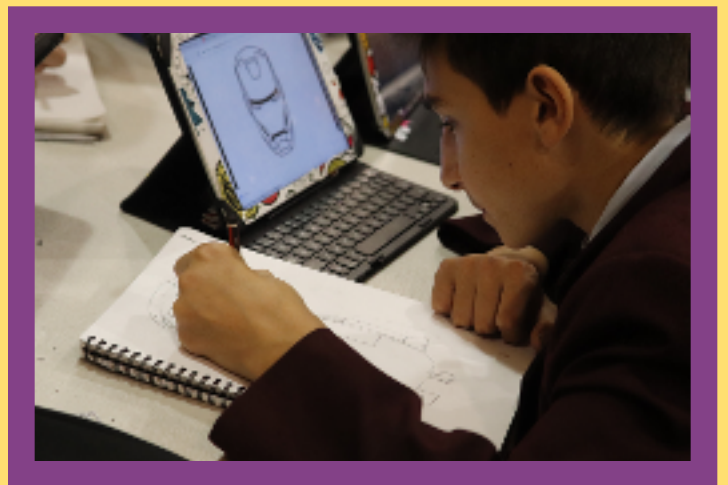
Jessica

Wednesday's Art incursion was a lot of fun. Johnny was super supportive of all of our ideas. As he explained his story and connections he makes through his art I realised how amazing he is as a person, and how good he is at what he does.

Zak

The things I enjoyed about Johnny coming to visit was the fact that he interacted with the students, and explained how to do our artworks.

Marianna





# Music Scholarship Program

During Term 2, The Music Department is offering free instrument lessons. The free lessons constitute a scholarship and will allow your child to develop their musical skills under the careful guidance of guided expert tutors and industry professionals.

## What's Involved?

- Three free music lessons to start you off
- Free instrument hire
- A place in the **Concert Band** or **Jazz Band**

## Why your child should get lessons

- Music participation correlates with higher reading, language, and maths skills, in addition to other measures of academic achievement and creativity.
- Music study can actually help below average learners to improve reading and language skills.
- Learning an instrument when young is a lifelong skill which can be enjoyed at many levels.
- Band members learn teamwork and how to organise their time efficiently, which in turn carries over onto all other areas of their school life.
- Best of all time spent participating in Music instruction is not detrimental to academic performance multiple studies show no compromise in academic performances for students excused from class to study instrumental music once a week.

## What instruments does this apply to?

- Woodwind flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone
- Brass Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone Horn Tuba.
- Percussion: 2 Percussionists will learn all instruments from the percussion family, including Snare Drum, Timpani, Bongos, Tambourine, Mallet Percussion EG (Glockenspiel) For more information contact Bradley Lee (Music Coordinator) [Blee6@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Blee6@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## How to apply:

1. Click the link: <https://forms.gle/5AhSBw61yVv4QtNU8>
2. Register your interest
3. A music teacher will contact you

Please click  
the link here

**29**  
MAY

For  
parents &  
carers of  
TEENAGERS

## Understanding your TEEN MANAGING SCHOOL PRESSURES & SOCIAL NETWORKING

**Castle Hill Library**

**6.00pm - 7.30pm**

Presenters include a representative from NSW Police and a school counsellor who will talk about how to support your teen through high school and how to navigate the digital world safely to protect your child from cyber bullying.

**FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLINE**

**Positive Vibes Foundation**

[www.thehills.nsw.gov.au](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au)



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We have re launched our social media platform.  
 Please like us on Facebook.

Facebook

Please find below a copy of all staff email addresses.

Staff email address

## Complaints

Complaints, where possible, are to be resolved closest to the source of the complaint. Complaints will be addressed professionally, competently and in a timely manner applying principles of natural justice and confidentiality.

If you would like to view our Complaints Policy please click



# STUDENT LEARNING DEVICE EXPECTATIONS



Thank you for your support in regards to the change of the Student Learning Device Policy this year.

It is an expectation that your child comes to the College with their device charged every day. If for any reason this cannot occur please contact the College. Students can be issued with Management Record Forms (MRF) for not having a learning device present in class or if they are using their device inappropriately.

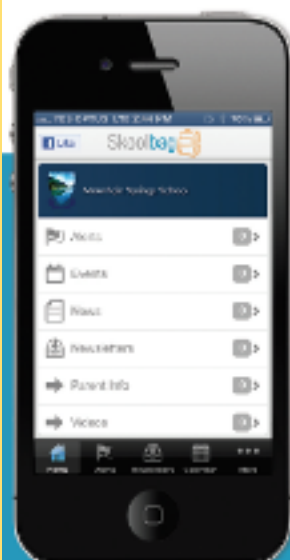
If your child's device is in for repair or is in the transition of being replaced there are Google Chromebooks available for short term loans in the Library. Please write a note in your child's diary and direct them to the Library.

For more information on Bede Polding College's approved Learning Devices please go the '[Student Learning Device Portal](#)' available through the College Website.





Bede Polding Uniform Price List					
Junior Girls			Senior Girls		
Summer			Summer		
Summer Dress	\$60.00		Navy Blue Skirt	\$60.00	
Sky Anklets	\$ 6.00		Short Sleeve Blouse	\$35.00	
Winter			Winter		
Junior Girls Blazer	\$150.00		Senior Girls Blazer	\$150.00	
Winter Skirt	\$ 51.00		Navy Scarf	\$15.00	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$ 27.00		Navy Stockings	\$ 8.00	
Maroon Tie	\$ 15.00		White Anklets	\$ 6.00	
Black Stockings	\$ 8.00				
Junior Boys			Senior Boys		
Summer			Summer		
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$27.00		Striped Shirt	\$35.00	
Navy Shorts	\$40.00		Navy Shorts	\$40.00	
Navy Trousers	\$46.00		Navy Trousers	\$46.00	
Navy Socks	\$ 6.00		Navy Socks	\$ 6.00	
Winter			Winter		
College Blazer	\$150.00		College Blazer	\$150.00	
Navy Striped Tie	\$ 15.00		Navy Tie	\$ 15.00	
Junior Unisex			Senior Unisex		
Maroon Jumper	10-16	\$66.00	Navy Jumper	10-16	\$66.00
	18-22	\$70.00		18-22	\$70.00
	24-26	\$77.00		24-26	\$77.00
	28-30	\$84.00		28-30	\$84.00
Sports Uniform			Accessories		
College Polo	\$40.00		School Bag	\$70.00	
College Shorts	\$30.00		Belt (Black)	\$13.00	
Sports Cap	\$13.00		Aprons	\$10.00	
Sports Socks	\$ 8.00		Safety Goggles	\$ 6.00	
Tracksuit Top	\$75.00		Drawstring Bag	\$ 5.00	
Tracksuit Pants	\$45.00		Navy Umbrella	\$12.00	
			Calculator	\$26.00	
			Cooking Hat	\$ 5.00	
			Year 7 Book Pack	\$40.00	
			Year 8 Book Pack	\$40.00	
			Maroon Gloves	\$ 5.00	
			A4 Art Diary	\$ 8.00	
			11x14 Art Diary	\$12.00	
			A4 Visual Journal	\$14.00	
			2 Piece Brush Set	\$ 8.00	
			Year 9 Art Pack	\$40.00	
Terms of Trade: Cash, cheque, Mastercard, Visa and EFTPOS accepted.					



# 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).
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Google play

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return. On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages. Thank you for your patience.

Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence -the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return. In your SMS reply please include the following details: Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), **reason for absence**. Examples: Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold. Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment **PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE REASON FOR ABSENCE**. We are still receiving replies without providing a reason for absence. In these cases it is still an unexplained absence and will remain outstanding. Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies. **The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child's attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4560 2900**





# IMPORTANT NOTICES:

## Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place

This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

## 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.

## Recharging Mobile Devices:

All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

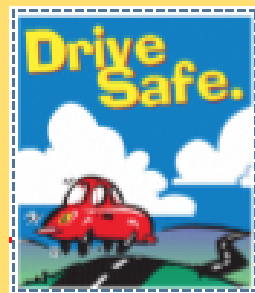
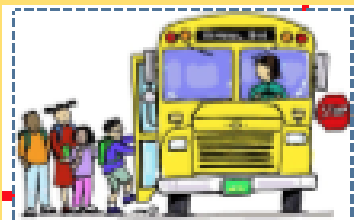


# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

## 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 FOR 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