



# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

“Called To Bring Peace”

## Bede Polding College

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### Calendar Dates

#### FEBRUARY (TERM 1)

- 20 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
- 21 Yr 10 Information Night + Survey 7:00pm
- 24 Swimming Carnival
- 28 Yr 7 Information Night 7:00pm

#### MARCH

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 6—10 Catholic Schools Week
- 6 Years 8 & 9 Parent Information Night
- 8 School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Between 3:30 - 5:30pm
- 16 - 24 Year 12 Exams
- 21 Staff Meeting (9:30am late start)
- 27 - 31 Yr 12 Retreat
- 29 - 31 Years 7 & 9 Camp

#### APRIL

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

### Principal's Desk

Parents/Guardians

We have had a very positive start to the year. We have formally welcomed our new Year 7 students the most important students at our school this term. I would like to thank our Year 11 Peer Support leaders who have been an outstanding support for these students and staff over the past few weeks.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to share the following prayer in the next few days.

*Father of all mercies*

*We ask that you would bless  
the youngest of our learners,  
the most helpless and powerless of persons,  
with Your infinite and loving mercy,  
granting them the strength to learn, concentrate,  
and act in love towards  
their teachers and fellow students.*

*We also ask that You would watch over them,  
at home and at school  
and give them proper direction  
so that they may learn  
of Your wonderful virtues.*

*We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

<http://www.churchyear.net/prayer/prayerforschoolchildren.html>

God bless

Yr 7 Welcome Liturgy



Kevin

## College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

### *Principal*

Mr Kevin Jones

### *Assistant Principals*

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

### *Religious Education Coordinator*

Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

### *Case Management Coordinator*

Miss Hayley Lalor

### *School Secretary*

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 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

## 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.

## Year 7 Enrolments 2018

Enrolment forms for Year 7 2018 will be available from the office from **Monday 27 February 2017**. **All feeder schools will also have enrolment forms available from this date**. Completed applications can be lodged at the school office from **Thursday 9 March 2017**. Completed applications **MUST** be returned to the College **no later than Friday 26 May 2017**.

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 2018. **The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.**

School tours will be conducted during Catholic Schools Week (Monday 6 March to Friday 10 March 2017).

If you wish to come to a tour of the College on Wednesday 8 March from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, please call the office on 4577 6455 to express your interest.





# Star Spot

*This is the star of the week.*

*Congratulations to:*

*GEORGIA PORTELLI (8C3) who won the U15's girls Javelin at the NSW Junior and Youth Championships.*

*Well done - to this student*



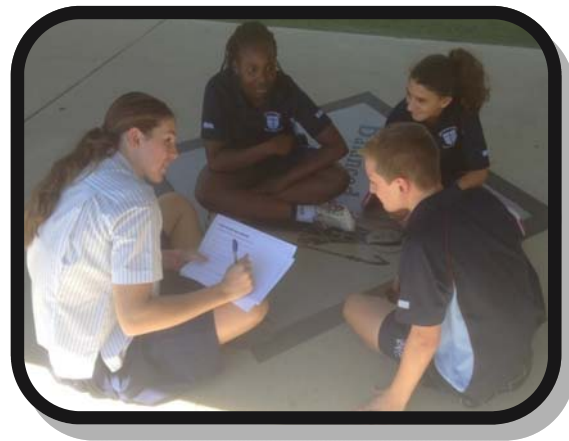
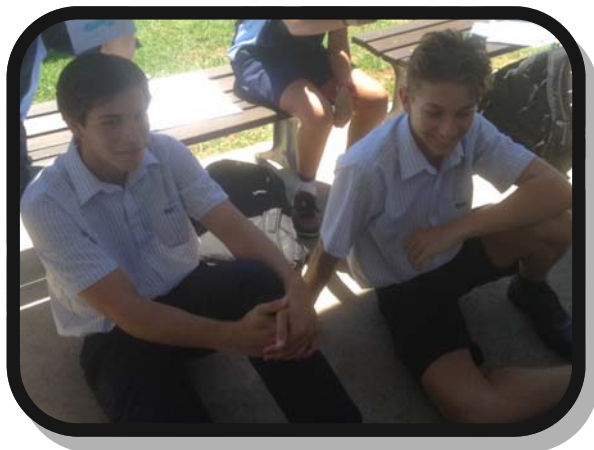


# Peer Support Session 1:

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February we began our Peer Support Program with Year 7 to help them transition into High School. A select group of Year 11 students have been trained to be Peer Support Leaders for this program. During sessions that will take place in Term 1 small groups of Year 7 students have been paired with a team of Year 11 Leaders who will be working together to develop strategies for problem solving, developing relationships, learning resilience and student wellbeing whilst settling our new Year 7 students into the Bede Polding community.

I look forward to keeping you informed over the course of the term with student reflections and photographs of the sessions outlined in our program.

*Kindly  
Mrs Kimberley Baker  
Peer Support Coordinator*



## Year 11 Peer Support Leader Reflection By Katie Gurney

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of February, Year 7 had their first peer support session with their Year 11 peer mentors. In each group, we all focused on introducing ourselves and how to deal with challenges. Each group engaged in icebreakers to encourage students to talk to different people, whom they would not usually talk to. Additionally, we played games such as handball and red light, green light. These activities helped the Year 7's to gain confidence in a group of people from their homeroom. We looked at how these activities related to real life by discussing how teamwork was important. It was a fun session, where everyone had learnt something about their peers. We also looked at how challenges may seem quite big due to emotions and lack of sleep. Our group discussed solutions to dealing with challenges such as breaking the challenge down into smaller challenges to make it easier to deal with. Through the first session, Year 7 were able to learn about their peers and how to cope with challenges. I can't wait for the next session.

# Peer Support Session 1: (Con't)





## EXPLANATION OF FEES & LEVIES FOR 2017

### A. SUMMARY OF FEES PAYABLE

To give parents greater certainty for the 2017 school year and bearing in mind the financial pressures many families are facing, the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools Council approved a modest increase of 3% in diocesan school fees for 2017 that is *less than* the 3.3% CPI increase for the same period.

This increase is necessary to help meet the rising educational costs for each child and ensure that we can maintain our current service levels. Specifically it will mean the continued funding of important initiatives to improve student learning including literacy & numeracy programs; increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural & emotional needs; upgrading learning spaces, technology & infrastructure; and building new schools & expanding existing schools to cater for new places.

Sibling discounts, which benefit over 60% of families, will remain the same for 2017.

The Diocesan Building Levy enables the Diocese, through their capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard. The Diocesan Building Levy will be increased by \$21 per family in 2017.

YEAR	RESOURCE	SPORT	P & F LEVY	MAINT. FEE	SCHOOL FEES	BUILDING LEVY	SUB TOTAL	CAMPS/ Excursions	TOTAL
7	\$ 444	\$ 273	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,028	\$ 756	\$ 3,705	\$ 408	\$ 4,113
8	\$ 756	\$ 273	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,028	\$ 756	\$ 4,017	\$ 96	\$ 4,113
9	\$ 699	\$ 273	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,250	\$ 756	\$ 4,182	\$ 342	\$ 4,524
10	\$ 699	\$ 273	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,250	\$ 756	\$ 4,182	\$ 99	\$ 4,281
11	\$ 645	\$ 48	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,874	\$ 756	\$ 4,527	\$ 108	\$ 4,635
12	\$ 456	\$ 48	\$ 45	\$ 159	\$ 2,874	\$ 756	\$ 4,338	\$ 267	\$ 4,605

- \* Sibling reduction applies for 2nd and consecutive children for School Fees
- \* The Building Levy, Maintenance and P & F Levy are family based fees and are billed to the eldest child in the family
- \* The Resource Fee and Sport Fee are per student. No sibling discount applies for these school based fees.
- \* Yrs 11 & 12 Sport Fee includes swimming & athletics carnivals & sundry examination costs
- \* Year 7 enrolment fee of \$300 has been credited against the Resource fee for 2017

### **B. SCHOOL FEES**

These fees are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed on to the Catholic Education Office. Specifically, proceeds from these fees are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which cover around 80% of the running costs of schools) for the payment of teachers' salaries, as well as general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. School Fees will be apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

### **C. RESOURCE FEE**

This fee helps meet the costs of administration of the school and the provision of resources for use by students and includes:-

- Paper, printing, stationery and mailing costs
- School newsletter and other school publications
- Resources/equipment acquired by the school for use by teachers and students (eg. Library, video network, various equipment and curriculum resources)
- School diary for each student
- Computer resources and internet access provided for use by the students
- Provision of careers' advice and resources to students
- Implementation of school-based Pastoral Care programs for students
- Careers' Market attendance costs for all Year 10 & Year 12 students
- Australasian Schools' Competition costs for various subjects & year groups
- Aquatic Program costs for all Year 7 & Year 9 students' PDHPE course.
- Retreat for Year 10 students & RYDA/Pastoral Day for Year 11 students
- Various subject workbooks and protective goggles
- Combination locks for Year 7 students' lockers
- English text books for Years 7-10
- Elective Subject Fees for Year 9 to 12

The Resource Fee is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3.

### **D. DIOCESAN BUILDING LEVY**

This levy is paid by the first child attending a systemic school in the Diocese of Parramatta. It is collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and is paid **directly** into the **Parramatta Diocesan School Building Levy Fund**. This Fund is used to support building projects for all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Diocesan Building Levy is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

Please note that sibling reductions for the Building Levy only apply to those children attending Systemic Catholic Schools in the Dioceses of Parramatta, Sydney, Wollongong and Broken Bay and St. Dominic's College at Kingswood.

***E. MAINTENANCE FEE***

This fee is directed towards the costs associated with the general running, maintenance and development of the school campus. For example, it will contribute towards the cost of replacement classroom furniture and the acquisition of student lockers.

The Maintenance Fee is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3 and is charged per family.

***F. SPORT FEE***

This fee covers the costs associated with transporting students to and from various venues as well as the actual costs associated with individual sporting activities such as golf, tennis, squash, ten pin bowling, ice skating, indoor climbing, replacement of sporting equipment etc.. It also covers costs associated with school swimming and athletics carnivals as well as sundry examination costs.

***G. PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING LEVY***

A Fundraising Levy applies for 2017 as the sole means of fundraising for the Parents & Friends' Association. The cost of the levy is \$45 and is apportioned across Terms 1, 2 & 3. It is charged per family.

***H. RETREATS, CAMPS, EXCURSIONS***

Please note that costs associated with students' attending subject excursions, retreats, pastoral days, school camps and other school-approved excursions for whole Year Groups have been included in the Fee Statement. However activities for smaller subject groups are additional to the fees already outlined.



<b>FEE PAYMENT DATES</b>
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Accounts for fees are issued in equal installments (\*) in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Fee billing dates for 2017 are as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Statement Date</b>
1.	7 February 2017
2.	1 May 2017
3.	24 July 2017

Parents are requested to pay fees within 30 days of the date shown on the account.

<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b>
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Payment can be made via the following means:

- *Cash* - to be paid at front office.
- *Cheque or Money Order* - by mail or through payment at front office.
- *Credit Card* - payment at the front office or by phoning the school with credit card details.
- *Debit Card* - payment at the front office using EFTPOS.
- *POSTbillpay or BPAY* - payment as indicated on the Statement.
- *Centrelink* - payment deduction organised through the Business Manager.

When fees or other payments are sent via students, these should be sealed in an envelope, clearly marked with the student's name, class and purpose of payment. This envelope should be deposited in the Fees Box located in the Student Foyer as soon after the student arrives at school. Excursion payments and notes should be handed to the teacher concerned.

All families are offered a Flexible Payment Plan to pay school fees off. To avail of this payment option, simply complete the forms supplied with your 2017 School Fee Statement and return it to the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta for processing.

If parents are experiencing difficulties, (either of a temporary or continuing nature), in meeting their financial commitments with respect to school fees - they must contact the College's Business Manager Mr. Paul Cruise to arrange an interview with either him so that a mutually acceptable arrangement can be agreed upon. This matter will be treated with **absolute confidentiality**.

It is important that families experiencing or expecting financial difficulty, please contact the Mr Cruise early in Term 1 or it will be taken that all fees will be paid by the due date.

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 4

4B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb
1	2	ATD	<b>Staff Development Day</b>				<b>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b>
1	1	ATD					
1	0	ATD			IST (IC)		
9		ATD					
8		ATD					
7		ATD					
				Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 5

5A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar
1	2	ATD			English Adv (S)	Drama (IC) P4/5	
					English Std (S)		
1	1	ATD					
1	0	ATD					
9		ATD					
8		ATD					
7		ATD					

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 6

6B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar
1	2	ATD	Catholic St (S)		History Extension (S)	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
1	1	ATD				Biology (IC) P4/5	
1	0	ATD		PDM (S)	Food Tech (S)		Geography (S)
9		ATD					
8		ATD					
7		ATD					

### 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 7—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
  - ◆ For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

In 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.