

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION?

Becoming involved with Bede Polding Parents & Friends Association provides many benefits for the students, the parents and the College. By attending meetings you will "get the facts" first hand and learn "what is happening at the College and more importantly, why it is happening."

All parents will be welcomed when they attend the Bede Polding P&F Association meetings; take the opportunity to share your thoughts concerns and wisdom with the other parents at our meetings.

The P. & F. Association, through the Parent Representative Council ("PRC") for the Diocese of Parramatta, has contact with the Catholic Education Office and the Bishop.

Kevin Jones, College Principal, has many times welcomed closer contact between the College and the parents. At our meetings he has said: *"if you have any concerns about anything happening at the College please contact the relevant teachers, or the principal. The College is keen to quickly resolve any concerns parents might have."*

I encourage you to take an active interest in the affairs of the College.

Jette Paskin
President
Parents & Friends Association.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AIMS:

The Association Shall:

Actively promote the interest and public image of Bede Polding College South Windsor in particular and Catholic Education generally by bringing together parents, pupils and teaching staff in a spirit of collaboration and close co-operation.

Provide a forum for discussion on education and pastoral matters.

Promote activities to raise funds which assist and support the College to acquire teaching resources and keep buildings and grounds in good order.

Provide opportunities for the College, parents, staff and other parishioners to come together to celebrate and socialize so as to build a strong and harmonious community spirit.

Assist in maintenance and improvement of amenities, resources and facilities of the College.

The Parents and Friends' Association is a very important forum at the College. The Association provides an invaluable avenue of communication from parents to the College Executive as well as providing significant tangible support for school improvements.

Kevin Jones
Principal

PLANING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

At our 2012 Annual General Meeting it was decided to continue to fund the installation of audio visual equipment for classrooms. This project will be completed in 2013.

We will be inviting guest speakers to our meetings to provide information on matters of current interest and concern to parents.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

Thanks to the Fundraising levy, we have provided many assets for the College, including:

Air Conditioning of classrooms in the College - a project completed over two years and costing the P&F Assoc. over \$70k.

Laptop computers with charging & storage trolleys.

Large shade structures for the playgrounds.

Lockers for the students - so they do not have to carry all of their lesson materials with them all day.

Rubber floor coverings and stage curtains for the drama class rooms.

Tables and chairs for the art classrooms, these tables have special durable tops for art work.

ORGANISATION

The committee for the year 2013 consists of the following office bearers.

President	Jette Paskin
Vice President	Cathie Conolly
Secretary	Kim Cantin
Assistant Secretary	Jill Clarke
Treasurer	Jill Clarke
Media / Newsletter	Kim Cantin

Members of the Parents & Friends Association are welcome to contact the Association through the President Jette Paskin or Paul Cruise Business Manager at the College.

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Meetings are held once per term in the Staff Room at the College, we assemble at 6.45pm for drinks and nibbles with our meetings starting at 7.00 pm. We aim to finish by 8.30pm.

Term 1	Wednesday 20-02-2013 Wednesday 6-03-2013	Executive Meeting General Meeting
Term 2	Wednesday 22-05-2013 Wednesday 5-6-2013	Executive Meeting General Meeting
Term 3	Wednesday 7-08-2013 Wednesday 21-08-2013	Executive Meeting General Meeting
Term 4	Wednesday 30-10-2013 Wednesday 13-11-2013	Executive Meeting Annual General Meeting