



# The Good Samaritan

**BEDE POLDING COLLEGE**

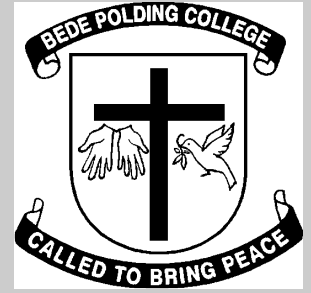
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23rd August 2013

Term 3 Week 6

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

### Term 3:

Aug 22 - 29	Aki Fuchu Visit
Aug 28	Yr 7 (2014) Contract signing 7:00pm Uniform Shop open: 5:30 - 7:00pm & 8:00pm - 9:00pm
<b>September</b>	
10	Staff Meeting (Late start 9:30am)
17	Yr 12 Farewell Assembly & Graduation Mass
20	Term 3 ends

## Principal's Desk

Parents/Guardians,

I thought I would share with you a quote from our Holy Father, Pope Francis;

"Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each one of you is a child of God."

It is always important to remember that as much as possible we are an inclusive Church. Our own College community which is 75% Catholic has within it students, parents and staff that are from a variety of religious traditions. Some would describe themselves as having no religion. We ask all these people to be accepting and respectful of the faith and supportive of our ethos. As our Pope says "each one of you is a child of God."

On the first day of Term 4 the staff of the College will join with the staff of our three Catholic feeder schools, Chisholm, St Matthew's and St Monica's. The purpose of these days is to improve staff understanding of our faith and its significance. It is important that we all share this understanding so that we can be a truly Catholic community.

We are half way through this term already.

God Bless

Kevin Jones

## Creative Arts & WAS Evening



Friday 23rd August  
6:00pm - 8:30pm



Featuring:

Year 12 Drama & Music

Visual Arts

Design & Technology

Timber



Catering by Year 11 Hospitality

~ All welcome ~

## College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

### *Principal*

Mr Kevin Jones

### *Assistant Principals*

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

### *Religious Education Coordinator*

Mrs Mary McGuinness / 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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE Applications for Leave

Exemption from Attendance forms for leave for holidays, sporting or family events are now available from the website or the school office. This form must be completed and sent to the Principal for approval. Leave of more than 20 days requires travel details to be attached. Please send the completed form **well in advance** of the leave dates.

Where a child is sick or needs to be away from school due to family situations, a simple note to the homeroom teacher is sufficient.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:



A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . .

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Weekend date: 6 – 8 September at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

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Tel: 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)

Information: website [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## Star Spot



*These are the stars of the week.*

*Congratulations to:*

**Jaycee McLaughlin (10S1)** who has been selected to represent Australia at the 2013 World Karate Championships in Spain in November. This event is the most prestige event in the Karate fraternity and is regarded as the highest level that can be achieved.

**Jordan Brown (8C5)** who won the Medibank Junior Tennis Development Series (MJDS) at Nepean. He has won various MJDS throughout the year and he is now a favourite to win the U14's Champion of Champions later this year.

*Well done - to this student*

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING  
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National Locksmiths	PO Box 7333	South Penrith NSW	1300 897 170
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Perfecto Quality Foods Pty Ltd	56 Edward Street	Riverstone NSW	9627 5888
Residential & Strata Security Services			0438 611 864
Ridgecom Installations	C/- PO Box 2153	Carlingford Court NSW	0412 400 958
Rod Hanckel Earth Drilling	265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road	Pitt Town NSW	0408 242 595
Sinclair Components Pty Ltd	10 Speedwell Place	South Windsor NSW	4577 4061
Vermont Sands Pty Ltd	19 Wellesley Street	Pitt Town NSW	4572 3151
Windsor Glass & Glazing	Unit 3/171 Macquarie Street	Windsor NSW	4587 7455

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Bligh Park Butchery	Shop 6, Colonial Drive	Bligh Park NSW	4572 6513
C B Electrical	10 Barkly Drive	Windsor Downs NSW	0409 666 471
Dave Ashworth – Spraypainter	161 Vincent Road	Cranebrook NSW	0419 413 348
Hawkesbury Tyres & More	51 March Street	Richmond NSW	4578 7720
Farm Services NSW Pty Ltd	89 Fairy Road	South Windsor NSW	0418 302 040
Hawkesbury Valley Environmental Pest Specialist	31 Bosworth Street	Richmond NSW	4578 3891
John Hall Lawyers Pty Ltd	44 Lennox Street	Richmond NSW	4588 5955
Lennox Automotive Repairs	53 March Street	Richmond NSW	4578 3683
Nate Custom Trucks	66 Canoona Avenue	Windsor Downs NSW	0458 742 290
On The Go Cleaning Services	15 Water Gum Drive	Jordan Springs NSW	0431 970 164
Pitt Town Quality Meats	Shop 9/ 77 Bathurst Street	Pitt Town NSW	4572 3725
PremiAir Hire	26 Clay Place	Eastern Creek NSW	8818 1111
PremiAir Racing	26 Clay Place	Eastern Creek NSW	8818 1111
Riverbank Kitchens and Cabinets	Unit 6/5 Ti-Tree Place	Wilberforce NSW	4575 1718
Sciberras Farm Fresh Produce	364 Kurmond Road	Freemans Reach NSW	0417 442 741
The Grill on George	2/70-72 George Street	Windsor NSW	4587 9347
Trentino's On George	Shop 3/89 George Street	Windsor NSW	4587 7419
Zorans Shoes	141 Windsor Street	Richmond NSW	4578 4332

<b>Polding Walk Bronze Sponsors</b>			
Abuzz Electrical	5 Pawson Place	South Windsor NSW	0410 309 802
Antique Bloom	5 Pawson Place	South Windsor NSW	0402 948 127
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Circus Leura Pty Ltd/Baker & George	Shop 1/89 George Street	Windsor NSW	0417 023 479
Craft 4 Kids	6 Pawson Place	South Windsor NSW	0409 925 446
Davcon Earthmoving Pty Ltd	148 Carrington Road	Londonderry NSW	0409 302 966
Freemans Reach Service Centre	442 Kurmond Road	Freemans Reach NSW	4579 6062
Hawkesbury Sheet Metal	Unit 2/119 Fairey Rd	Windsor South NSW	4577 5335
Kaszazz	6 Pawson Place	South Windsor NSW	4587 7063
Keeping Count Bookkeepers	PO Box 983	Windsor NSW	0416 294 660
P & R Fire Services	24 Garling Road	Kings Park NSW	0414 597 907
President Turf Supplies	33 Wilberforce Road	Wilberforce NSW	0414 404 392
Windsor Machining & Maintenance	Unit 3, 12 Walker Street	South Windsor NSW	4577 3300

## Catholic schools funding agreement and 2014 Diocesan Secondary Fees

Dear families,

### School Funding Agreement Signed

On 23 July, the National Catholic Education Commission signed the Australian Government's Better Schools Plan (otherwise known as Gonski) on behalf of all Australian Catholic systemic schools. We are now confident this agreement will ensure no Catholic school is worse off under the new arrangements and that Catholic education systems will maintain their autonomy and ability to distribute funds according to local need. These arrangements will progressively deliver increased Commonwealth funding to the Catholic sector and will ensure greater clarity for our system and schools to plan ahead.

### Upcoming Federal Election

This agreement is, of course, dependent on the outcome of the next federal election and whether the Federal Coalition will support the plan, if elected. I would encourage you to contact your local federal Liberal Member of Parliament (if you have one in your electorate) or the Opposition Education Spokesman, Christopher Pyne, to ask for their support of the Better Schools Plan.

### 2014 Diocesan Tuition Fees

Despite not knowing the outcome of the election we would like to give parents certainty for the 2014 school year. Bearing in mind the educational inflation rate of 5.8% and the financial pressures facing families, the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools Council has approved the **increase of secondary tuition fees by 5.8% in line with inflation**. This increase is necessary to help meet the rising educational costs for each child. Sibling discounts, which benefit over 60% of families, will remain the same for 2014.

TUITION FEES PAID IN TERMS 1, 2, & 3	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	
	100%	75%	50%	No tuition fee payable for 4th or subsequent children
Years 7 & 8	\$595	\$446	\$297	
Years 9 & 10	\$660	\$495	\$330	
Years 11 & 12	\$844	\$633	\$422	

### Diocesan Building Levy

The building levy supports the capital works of all Catholic schools in the diocese and is payable per family. In 2014, the building levy will be increased by \$24 per annum to \$669 per family.

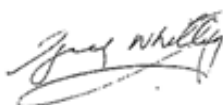
### Financial assistance

We can help assist families experiencing financial hardship through the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund, the Byallawa Co-contribution scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and fee concessions. Families can apply for a scholarship at the time of enrolment in a primary or secondary school by speaking with the principal of their chosen school. For families with children already enrolled in Catholic schools, principals have the discretion to defer or reduce fees if a family is experiencing financial hardship. The process is confidential and will not disadvantage students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding fee changes for next year, please contact your school office for further clarification. If, at any time, you experience financial difficulty please arrange to speak confidentially with your school principal.

For the latest information on school funding arrangements visit our blog [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)

Yours sincerely



Greg Whitby  
Executive Director of Schools



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching

## Year 7 Spelling Bee

This term all Year 7 have been participating in Spelling Bee. All students were issued with a combined list of words from their Subject Specific Terminology for each subject. For the first round all students participated in homeroom by writing the words read out by their homeroom teacher on an answer sheet. There were 20 words and 79 students progressed to the second round. These 79 students repeated this process with a different and harder set of words in Round 2 and 13 students progressed to Round 3. These students were:

Jordan Pucher, Tayla Muscat, Katie Gurney, Aaron Miller, Nicholas Parker, Anthony Scopelliti, Sacha Street, Natalia Hutchen, Chloe MacKenzie, Erin Shearer, Ryan Carroll, Jayden Debono and Alison Hibbert.

Again this round was pen and paper, with 20 different and harder words. The final will be held during the form meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September where the students will spell words out loud in front of their peers until we have a winner.

The following students are to be congratulated on reaching the final:

Katie Gurney (D7), Chloe MacKenzie (D8), Nicholas Parker (D7), Anthony Scopelliti (D7), Sacha Street (D7).

Final results will appear in the next newsletter.



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## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office



6 August 2013

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As a matter of urgency, I write in what may truly be a defining time in our national identity.

As our government begins enforcing a new offshore detention policy we are compelled, I believe, to reflect seriously on how these policies reflect on us – Catholic Australian people – and if in fact we wish our representatives to act in this way on our behalf.

*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 1 John 3:17*

The new resettlement arrangements with Papua New Guinea are based on the premise that it is wrong for people fleeing from persecution to seek asylum in Australia. This is fundamentally untrue. The policy also asks the people of Papua New Guinea to not only show a level of generosity far beyond their economic means, but also to welcome these refugees in a way that we ourselves are not willing to do. This action is demeaning to everyone involved.

We have the duty as members of one human family to help those who arrive on our shores seeking asylum and strive with all our resources to assist them no matter how inconvenient this may prove to be.

Pope Francis recently said: "The 'other' is no longer a brother or sister to be loved, but simply someone who disturbs my life and my comfort. In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business."

I implore you to mark the 99<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and make clear that you are not indifferent to the plight of others. An outstanding resource, *MIGRATIONS: Pilgrimage of Faith and Hope*, has been especially designed to assist you and your community mark the week leading up to this date. You may have already received this resource but if not, I ask you to view it online at [www.acmro.catholic.org.au](http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au)

There are a number of ways by which your community can get involved in the spirit of this World Day. Please, I urge you to take personal action and lead and inspire others in your community to do the same. You may choose to use the resource in the following ways:

- Pray for 'Faith and Hope', use the homily ideas and prayer petitions available in the resource
- Provide your community with clear and accurate information
- Promote Catholic Social Teaching on Mandatory Immigration Detention
- Get involved in the End Child Detention campaign

Hope is a major force of motivation driving refugees to endure and continue their journey. In faith they look to us as people who can fulfil their legitimate hopes. In this Year of Faith, we note that people who are migrants/refugees place their faith and hope in us; pray that we will be inspired to fully live our Christian commitment and open our hearts and allow the love of God to abide in us.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Rev Gerard Hanna DD  
Delegate for Migrants and Refugees  
Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 7

7A		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug
	12	ATD		VET Construction		
	11	ATD	Drama (P1-3) English Studies	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
	10	ATD		PASS	Aust Geography Aust History	
	9	ATD	English			
	8	ATD				
	7	ATD				

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 8

8B		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2 Sep	3 Sep	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep
	12	ATD				
	11	ATD	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams
	10	ATD	Music		Music	
	9	ATD		Agriculture		Music
	8	ATD	PDHPE (in class during the week) Visual Art			
	7	ATD				

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 9

9A		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		9 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep
	12	ATD				
	11	ATD	Exams	Exams	Exams	
	10	ATD	Textile Tech	History El		
	9	ATD	Visual Art			
	8	ATD	English (1 <sup>st</sup> lesson during week)			
	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 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.

#### **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.

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