



# The Good Samaritan

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14th May 2010

Term 2 Week 4

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

19 May	P & F General Meeting
19 May	Athletics Carnival Field Events
21 May	Athletics Carnival
25 May	Yrs 7– 9 Parent Teacher interviews 3:30pm— 8:30pm
26 May	College Photo Day
27 & 28 May	Yr 10 Retreat
31 May	Yrs 7 & 8 Walkathon Mufti Day
1 June	Staff Meeting (9:30 start)
2 June	Yrs 9 & 10 Walkathon Mufti Day
3 June	Bede's Got Talent 6:30pm
4 June	Photo Back up day
11 June	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
18 June	Polding Walk

## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week our students in Year 7 and Year 9 have been completing the NAPLAN tests. There has been a lot of comment in the media over the past six months about these tests, much of it, in my view, is ill informed.

The most important piece of data that comes from the NAPLAN results for secondary schools relates to the amount of improvement demonstrated by students on key skills in literacy and numeracy between Year 7 and Year 9. As a school this is the data we focus on. We want to know, that as a result of our efforts, our students have improved with these skills in the last two years. This is not achieved by "teaching the test" but through a formal and structured plan aimed specifically at teaching, assessing and reporting on these skills. We know that when the vast majority of our students are able to demonstrate improvement that they are more likely to be happy here and so are their parents. This year will be the first year that NAPLAN results will present this information. We look forward to seeing how we are going.

God Bless

Kevin Jones  
Principal

### *A Reminder!*

#### **P & F General Meeting— Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

You are warmly invited to join us for the second P&F meeting for 2010 – it's a great way to find out what is happening in your school community.

The Digital Delivery System – how does it work? Be part of the hands-on demonstration being presented by one of the teaching staff.

Drinks and nibbles 6:45pm  
Meeting commences 7:00pm

Jette Paskin (Secretary)

### ANZAC CEREMONY



## College Leadership Teams

### ~ Executive ~

#### *Principal*

Mr Kevin Jones

#### *Assistant Principals*

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

#### *Religious Education Coordinator*

Mr Jim Gooley / Assistant: Mrs Mary McGuinness

#### *Business Manager*

Mr Paul Cruise

#### *Administration Coordinator*

Mrs Anita Meehan

### ~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

#### *Creative Arts*

Ms Margarete Formanek / Assistant: Miss Carol Muscat

#### *English*

Mrs Barbara Stanners / Assistant: Mr Patrick Loughlin

#### *Human Society & Its Environment*

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

#### *LOTE*

Mrs Felicity Mgaza

#### *LTST*

Ms Carol Peare

#### *Mathematics*

Mr M McCarney / Assistant: Mr Mal Hegarty

#### *PDHPE*

Ms Megan Bertenshaw

#### *Post Compulsory & Careers*

Mr Brett Collimore

#### *Science*

Mrs Jenelle Gavin

#### *Special Education*

Mrs Jan Trefoni

#### *Sports Coordinator*

Mr Dean Bertenshaw

#### *Technology & Applied Studies*

Mr Edward Gruppetta / Ms Katrina Leach

#### *Year Coordinators*

**Years 7** Mr Stephen Godfrey

**Year 8** Mr Vince Le Breton

**Year 9** Mr Marc Sluiter

**Year 10** Mrs Melinda Bowd

#### *Senior Coordinator*

Ms Jenny Woods

Assistant: Miss Belinda Pickert

#### *Student Counsellor*

Mrs Sally Wardley

#### *Librarian*

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

## School Fees Statement—Important

Term 2 School Fee Statements were issued several weeks ago. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact Cherie Stevens in our School Office.

## Bede Reads

**The Library is open from 8.00am - 4.00pm Monday-Friday.**

**The Library at Bede College is a vibrant place with a variety of resources for all our students to access.**

iBistro is the gateway to all our Library resources. Students can access these resources at home using the following URL. [www.studentnet.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.studentnet.parra.catholic.edu.au) Use your school log in and password details to access the catalogue and our e-resources databases. Don't know what e-resources are? These are on line articles and web-sites specifically designed to help you with your school work. Save time and effort using these resources rather than getting lost in the web. Need help! Talk to the Library staff.

When you visit the library you will find some photographic work on display. The library is a great place to display students work and we hope to have more displays as the year unfolds.

The library has begun a technology adventure. A notice board screen has been installed allowing us to display a variety of media. We have created a reading survey for students in Years 7-10. The link is <http://bedereads.wikispaces.com> Please have a look at our wiki space, look for your Year group and follow the links.

Students are enjoying some new furniture acquisitions. Our bean bags are proving very popular in the reading corner as students read, discuss and communicate. Share with your friends and family your favourite books and authors. Younger brothers and sisters love a story. Borrow a picture book and read aloud to them. It is a lovely way to build special memories. Don't forget older people too sometimes struggle to read. Remember reading can be an adventure, a mystery, a journey, a quest, a new beginning, an inspiration or a challenge.

### G'Day USA Program - Opportunity for Students

An opportunity exists for students at school to take part in a Cultural Exchange trip to the United States of America for 20 days.

Destinations include: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. A feature of the tour is that the students spend 10 days living with an American family.

The cost is \$5,075 from Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane which includes the following: airfares, transfers, accommodation, breakfasts & admissions to attractions.

Please see Miss Pickert for more information or telephone EWT. There is a parent information evening on Monday 17th May 2010 in the Multi Purpose Area.

Toll Free 1800 337 930 or (03) 9882 8400

# Bede's Got Talent

Hi Everyone,

The SRC have been working very hard all term on the big SRC event, "Bede's Got Talent".

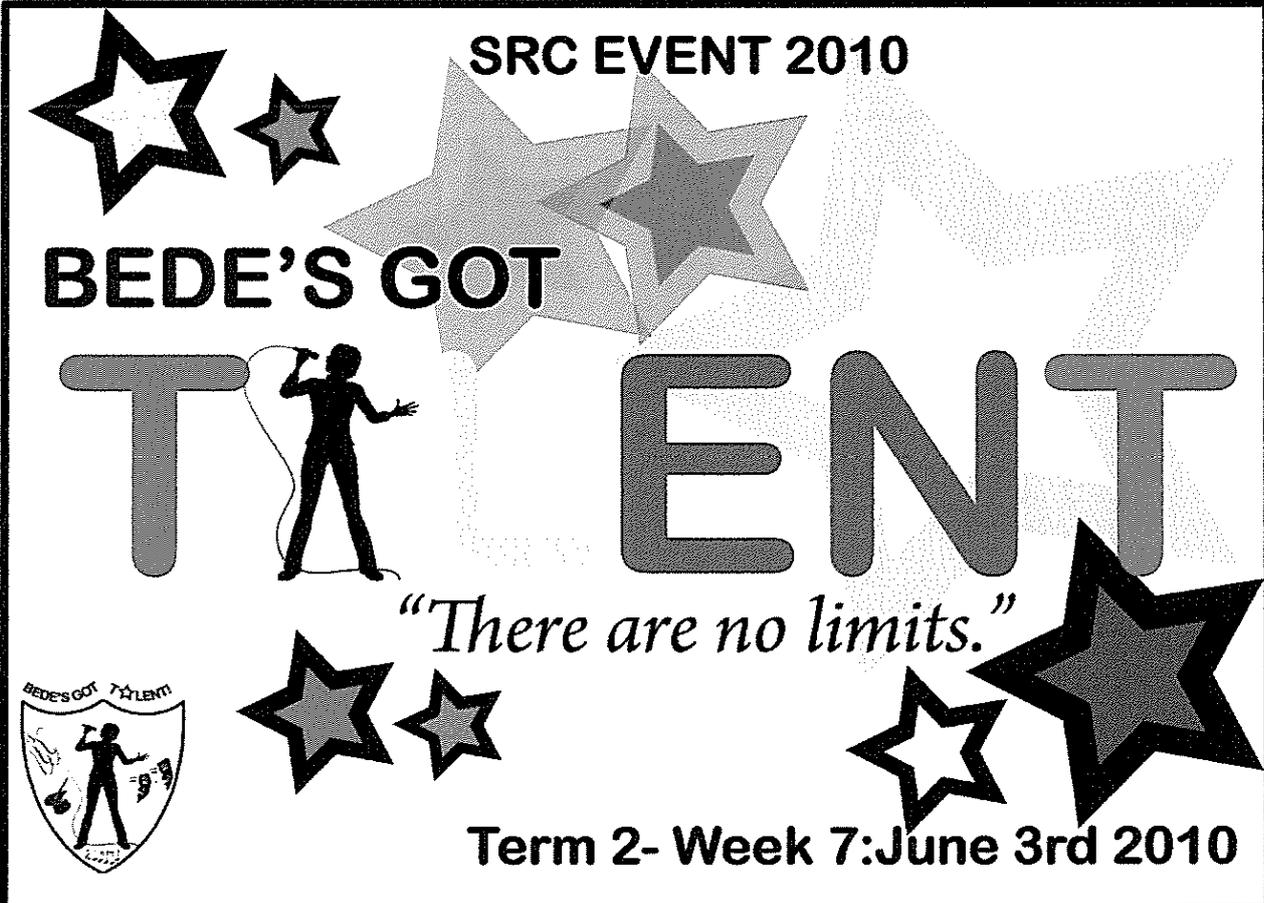
We want to encourage everyone to come along and support the event on Thursday 3rd June at 6:30pm.

Entry tickets will be sold outside the SRC office during recess of Weeks 5 and 6. Cost per person is \$5.

We look forward to seeing you there on the night to see some of the wonderful talent at Bede Polding College.

From the SRC Team.

*Jessica Karam*



**SRC EVENT 2010**

**BEDE'S GOT**

**TENT**

*"There are no limits."*

**Term 2- Week 7: June 3rd 2010**



# **Bede Polding College**

## **Parents and Friends Association**

### **Term 1, 2010 - Minutes in Brief**

#### **Principal's Report – Kevin Jones**

- A mix of PCs and Macs have been received via the Building Education Revolution computer rollout and have been installed in secure banks in classrooms as well as the library benefiting all students. More computers expected in the June rollout. This is complemented by the addition of digital projectors in a number of classrooms.
- Parent Forum – approximate 45 parents attended. Issues raised include:
  - amount of homework set in addition to assessment tasks.
  - complaints – all complaints are registered and follow-up will be overviewed by Kevin.
  - marking and assessment – students to receive feedback in a timely manner.
  - communication in diaries – contents not to be discussed with anyone but the student.
- Safety and Relationship survey – 2009 Year 8 students surveyed on safety, students know what is expected, feel safe, majority feel confident approaching teachers if bullied, feel teachers care about them, students feel other students are being bullied in class but this result is significantly better than survey from November 2007.
- Detention survey – students on detention were surveyed, most understood why they were there, thought it was a fair punishment, were encouraged to improve their performance and know what to work on to avoid future detentions. Four percent of students are being case managed as usual detention strategies are not working for these students. Detention rates are decreasing for Term 1 2010 compared to last year.

#### **Business Manager's Report – Paul Cruise**

- January holiday project completed including painting of site buildings, tree lopping, new notice boards in all classrooms, new photocopiers purchased for admin building.
- Polding Walk on June 18 expected to raise \$40,000, the majority of which will be used towards the air conditioning of the library.

**Treasurer's Report -** Balance \$20,972.32 (which includes \$8,979 from Term 1 fundraising levy).

#### **President's Report – Jo McKay**

- P&F is to support staff in projects and initiatives for the school and fundraise to complete some of the projects. Projects generally for benefit of all students, however, have supported children going to Thailand as it is an outreach project.
- Decided to have only one speaker during the year - suggestions welcome from parent to choose this year's speaker.

#### **Annual Project**

- Projects for consideration included:
  - Specialist university trainers to teach staff to enhance learning for Special Education children.
  - Upgrading of kitchen equipment including ovens.
  - Digital delivery systems including data projectors, speakers, audio equipment, DVD screen @ \$4000 per classroom. Combined with rollout of laptops will enhance student learning.
- Motion carried by a majority that the P&F support the funding of the digital delivery system.

#### **PRC Report – Hamilton Frail**

- Hamilton elected President for this year. Aim of PRC is to develop active P&F committees in schools. "You Can Learn" group is being promoted to schools for students with learning difficulties.

#### **New Business**

- Increase in Year 10 students not participating in PDHPE. Kevin will raise this with co-ordinator.
- Japanese exchange students – Kevin will ensure that details are in upcoming newsletters.
- Special guest to be invited for Term 3 meeting - suggestions welcome.

**The next meeting will be held May 19th 2010 – come along and have your say – all parents warmly welcomed**

# Downie Trophy Cricket Report

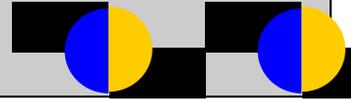
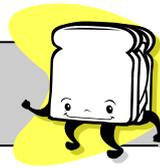
The Downie Trophy is one of the oldest and most prestigious competitions in CCC. To win it and become State Champions is an absolutely outstanding effort. Here is a quick summary of how the boys won it. The first game was against Casula where they were bowled out for 65 (D McKay 3-8). We lost no wickets in winning the game. Next up was Xaviour. This time we batted first and scored 6-400 (M Gooley 82). Xavier were bowled out for 104 in reply (H Cole 3-15). Holy Cross, Ryde were also beaten after they scored 102 (D McKay 5-24) and we lost 4 wickets in chasing them down (L O'Hare 55no). The quarter final saw us up against St Greg's, Campbelltown who scored 130 after a late surge by the lower order (S Green 3-17). This game became extremely close and we passed their total with 2 wickets remaining (M Gooley 41). The semi final saw us host Mater Dei from Wagga and they batted first scoring 218 (D McKay 5-42). We then produced our best batting display of the competition by scoring 1-218 off 35 overs (D McKay 102no, L O'Hare 75no). The final was against Maitland and we batted first to score 213 (D McKay 78, D Magner 50). Scott Heaney then produced an excellent spell of bowling to keep the visitors to 169 (S Heaney 4-22). It was a superb all round team performance with all players contributing to a fantastic campaign. Well done boys in becoming the first Bede Polding team to ever win this competition!

*Mr M Sluiter*

## BPC CRICKET TEAM—WINNERS OF THE DOWNIE TROPHY COMPETITION



# Canteen Roster & News



**Week 5**

**Monday 17th May**  
S Gauchi, L Azzopardi, T Baker

**Tuesday 18th May**  
C Kersten, C Hepburn, K Accary

**Wednesday 19th May**  
A O'Brien, S Walton (HELP NEEDED)

**Thursday 20th May**  
S Azzopardi, L Mitchell (HELP NEEDED)

**Friday 21st May**  
N Kiany, N Brown, McCarthy  
**(EXTRA HELP NEEDED—ATHLETICS CARNIVAL)**

**Week 6**

**Monday 24th May**  
F Peare, J Lee, J Rigg

**Tuesday 25th May**  
T Baker, J Houston, G McCarthy

**Wednesday 26th May**  
J Bourke, S Cohen (HELP NEEDED)

**Thursday 27th May**  
L Donlan, D Gallo, K Milgate

**Friday 28th May**  
S Makkonen, L Wilshire (HELP NEEDED)

**Canteen News**

- New Mini Hash Browns (Breakfast only) \$1.00
- Hot chocolate served in the morning will warm you up \$1.50.
- New Nacho's lunch time only must be ordered \$4.00.
- Soup of the day (homemade) and roll \$3.50.
- Helpers are needed during this term if you can help out please call Natalie on 4577 6243.

A big thank you to my helpers on the Athletics Carnival, your time is appreciated.

*Natalie Jones*  
(Canteen Manager)

**Project Compassion 2010**

Thank you to the students and families who gave generously to the College collection during Lent. A cheque for over \$2,500 has been forwarded to Caritas Australia. Students have been made aware of the types of programs Caritas runs and the nature of the individual projects the money funds. Well done to all those involved, particularly students and teachers who went to special efforts to raise funds.

*Mr Jim Gooley*

**Polding Walk— 6 Weeks to Go—18th June**

The countdown is on to our 2010 Polding Walk and planning is well underway. If you would like to assist on the day at a check point, helping with lunch or walking—please return the response slip below:

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MR CRUISE—STUDENT FOYER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick (I can help with)**

Check point

Walking

Lunch

**Star Spot**

*These are the stars of this week. Congratulations to:*

*The following students received a "Highly Commended" for their art work at the Bowen Mountain Community Arts Festival 2010:*

- Hamish Lamond (7D7) for his painting.
- Zoe Tsambouris (9D14) for her photograph
- Bradley Blewitt (10CR2) for his picture
- Brittany Tynan (11B9) for her print making

*Well done - to these students*



# Debating

## Week 2

Week two of debating saw our College Representatives travel to Loreto College at Normanhurst. Our six teams travelled by the school bus which was ably driven by Mr Fernandez.

The junior debating teams grappled with the concept of technology in education whilst the senior teams dealt with the controversial topic of Australia's role as a leader in the world.

All teams have improved since the first round and on the night our Year 11 and Year 8 teams were successful.

We thank Mr Fernandez for his role as bus driver and the many parents from our school who came to the debates.

## Week 3

Round three of debating saw us travel to Redfield College at Dural. We travelled by minibus to Redfield and the bus was ably driven by Mr Keith Round.

The topic for the junior debates centred around music.

Years 7 & 8— That all children should learn a musical instrument.

Years 9 & 10— That music shapes our personal identity.

For the seniors they had to debate the topic:

That McDonalds is a better meal than a home cooked meal (obviously a challenging topic).

On the night our Year 10 team won.

We thank Mr Round for driving the bus on the night and of course, the many parents who came to support our teams.

This week and next we are hosting the debates. Any students who can help on these nights to act as chair persons, timekeepers or ushers are to see Ms Tyrrell. Thank you.

## Campion College Challenge

On Thursday 6th May two teams from our senior school travelled to Toongabbie to take part in the annual Campion College Challenge. This event hosts schools from all over Sydney.

This challenge focuses on answering trivia questions based on Literature, Science, Religion, History and Pop Culture.

The two teams comprised of students from Years 11 and 12.

Team A: Elliot Ryan, Shanice Vella, Kuhan Ramachandra and Alex Michael

Team B: Gemma Thompson, Wendy Mansell and Sarah Marokakis

On the night both of our teams performed admirably. The competition was very close and our teams narrowly missed out progressing to the second round.

*Mrs Tyrrell*

## ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

5A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	17 May	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May
	SOR1 Physics				ATHLETICS CAR-NIVAL
	Geography				
	Science	IST	Commerce	Textile Tech Visual Arts	
	Drama (A&B)	Music Visual Arts			
	Science (in class during the week)				

6B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	CFS			Biology	Eng Adv & St
	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
		Aust Geography Aust History IT Multimedia			
	Graphics Tech			Visual Arts	

7A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Food Tech PDHPE		DT
	Visual Arts	Biology Drama Physics	A History Chemistry IPT PVD Senior Science	English Ext 1	Business St Eng Adv & Std Hospitality
	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
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**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.