



# The Good Samaritan

## BEDE POLDING COLLEGE

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2nd November 2012

Term 4 Week 4

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

15 Oct - 8 Nov HSC Examinations

### November

- 6 Staff Meeting (9:30 start)
- 12 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
- 12 Yr 12 Formal Curzon Hall
- 14 P & F General Meeting
- 21 Yr 7 (2013) Orientation Day  
Parent Information Evening for Year 7 (2013)
- 27 Staff Meeting (9:30 start)

### December

- 5 Yr 10 Graduation Mass & Presentation
- 6 Yr 10 Dinner Dance

## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

From October 11 this year we have been part of the 'Year of Faith' as called for by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

The purpose of the year is to present us with an opportunity to seek a renewed sense of faith in the face of a crisis of faith that has affected many people and cultures. It is also linked to the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council which had such a profound effect upon our Church. I have included below a wonderful prayer that was used by Pope John XXIII at the beginning of the Council and was then prayed by all the Bishops at the beginning of every session. It has as much relevance to us now and reinforces the message that "the door of faith is always open for us".

We stand before you, Holy spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.  
Give us light and strength to know your will,  
to make it our own,  
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power,  
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:  
enable us to uphold the rights of others;  
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love  
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name  
may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,  
and earn the reward promised to  
good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

God bless.

Kevin Jones

1.7 Billion ways for the NSW Government to get it wrong in planning for our future.

Education is our common goal - fair funding for all.

Don't short change our future.

Funding cuts put State's future in jeopardy

## College Leadership Teams

~ Executive ~

*Principal*

Mr Kevin Jones

*Assistant Principals*

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

*Religious Education Coordinator*

Mrs Mary McGuinness

*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*

Ms Margarete Formanek / Assistant: Miss Carol Muscat

*English*

Ms Marsha Edwards / Assistant: Miss Hayley Lalor

*Human Society & Its Environment*

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

*Languages*

Mrs Felicity Mgaza

*Mathematics*

Mrs Nichole Padden

*PDHPE*

Ms Megan Bertenshaw

*VET & 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 Vince Le Breton

**Year 9** Miss Jenny Woods

**Year 10** Mr Stephen Godfrey

*Senior Coordinator*

Mr Marc Sluiter

Assistant: Mrs Kylie Kennedy

*Student Counsellor*

Mrs Sally Wardley

*Librarian*

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe



Thank you for your support with the World Youth Day Raffle.

You could be the lucky one who wins first prize – a Toyota Yaris! Don't forget tickets and money must be returned by 28th November 2012.



### Parent Representative Council - Term 4 General Meeting

Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese (PRC) are pleased to announce that the topic for its Term 4 General Meeting is: **To Tweet or not to Tweet: Facebook, Twitter - unlocking some mysteries that can open our learning journey.**

Our speaker is Paul Meldrum, Team Leader, Catholic Education Office, Parramatta. The meeting will be on **Monday 12 November 2012 at the Aengus Kavanagh Centre, Railway Street, Mt Druitt at 7pm.**

**All are welcome!**

# Social Justice at BPC

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you photographs that highlight some of the experiences that our students have had this year.

Stage 5 students visit the *Forgotten Australians* Exhibition at the National Museum and the Australia War Memorial in Canberra.





# Social Justice at BPC - Cont'd

Students from Years 8-10 visit the Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst



Year 11 students begin their partnership with Youth Off the Streets by visiting Eden Gardens and meeting Father Chris Riley.



his is what God asks of you,  
only this...  
To act justly,  
To love tenderly, and  
To walk humbly  
with your God.  
mīcah 6:8

Mrs Janette Wick  
Social Justice Coordinator

# Canteen Roster & News



## Week 3

### Monday 5th November

R Johnson, C Scopelliti

### Tuesday 6th November

N Kiany, W Chalmers

### Wednesday 7th November

J Buttigieg, M Durgali,

K Brett

### Thursday 8th November

H Krsticevic, R Smith

### Friday 9th November

N Brown, A Ryan

## Week 4

### Monday 12th November

Staff Development Day

### Tuesday 13th November

J Liso, L Edwards, B Gagan

### Wednesday 14th November

(HELPERS NEEDED!!)

### Thursday 15th November

L Donlan, K Harrison

### Friday 16th November

F Pride, J Kerrigan

## Canteen News

- \* New BBQ Chicken Pizza Slabs \$2.80
- \* Caesar Salads back on the menu—\$4 (must order)
- \* Fruit Salad Tubs \$3.00
- \* Watermelon Tubs \$2.00
- \* Just a reminder noodles from home can be filled with hot water, **BUT** they must have a lid on. Lids can be purchased for 20c from the canteen

If you can you help out on Wednesday's from 10am/2pm, please call Natalie on 4577 6243.

*Natalie Jones*  
(Canteen Manager)

## Bede Polding College Uniform Shop

### Trading Hours:

Tuesdays and Fridays during school terms 8.15am-2.15pm

### Extended Trading Hours 2012

Year 7 Orientation Day Wednesday 21st November 2012—8.15am-3.30pm

Saturday 8th December— 9.00am-1.00pm

### 2013 Extended Trading Hours

Monday 21st January 9am-3.30pm

Tuesday 22nd January 9am-3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd January 9am-3.30pm

Thursday 24th January 9am-3.30pm

Friday 25th January 9am-3.30pm

Monday 28th January Closed

Tuesday 29th January 8.15am-2.15pm

Wednesday 30th January 8.15am-2.15pm



Normal trading hours from Friday 1st February 2013 i.e.: Tuesdays & Fridays 8.15am-2.15pm



# Bede Polding Parents & Friends Committee

## Term 3 2012– Minutes in Brief

### Guest Speaker – Brett Windon

Brett Windon spoke about the Duke of Edinburgh program in general and specifically at Bede Polding. He showed a promo video which outlined all the general details about the Duke of Edinburgh program – the main attribute of the program is community service and involvement. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Australia this year and has 33,000 participants – the majority of which come from programs run through the schools.

Brett has been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh program since 1993. Bede Polding has been involved since 2003. It is offered to students from Year 10 onwards. All expeditions are arranged within Bede Polding making it cheaper for our students to participate. It is available to the students because the College supports and provides resources as needed. Over the 10 year involvement 24 staff have supported/are supporting this program. During that time 336 students completed the Bronze level, 167 students the silver level and 21 students the Gold level. Students attaining the Silver and Gold levels gain additional ATAR points and it is also well recognised by employers.

### Tour of New Building

Kevin Jones and Paul Cruise conducted a tour of the new building and its facilities.

### Principal's Report – Kevin Jones

Kevin spoke about:

- the new building and the benefit it has for our senior students
- lower suspension rates and drop in detention numbers, lower accident rates
- planning has commenced for 2013 for calendar, timetables etc
- issue during the HSC trials which caused students to resit one of the English papers.

### Business Manager's Report – Paul Cruise

Term 3 holidays will see the walkway between C and science blocks significantly widened – allowing for better student flow. Term 4 holidays will see the demountable classrooms painted the same colour as the new building.

The Polding Walk was a big success raising more than \$55,000 with a record 75 parent volunteers.

### PRC Report

The next PRC meeting will be held on 12 November. See the PRC website for further details.

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### AGM – 14 November 2012

**All parents and friends are welcome to attend – drinks from 6.45 pm, meeting commences 7 pm**

- ? Want to get involved and find out what happens around the school
- ? Can't come to daytime meetings
- ? Don't want to get involved in fundraising
- ? Joining a committee means a lot of time and extra work

- P&F meetings give you insight into what is happening around the school
- Four general meetings a year 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
- Fund raising levy charged with school fees. No additional fundraising activities undertaken. Help decide on what the fund raising levy should be used for around the school
- Committee meetings held two weeks prior to general meetings 7.00 pm – 7.30 pm. There is only nominal work involved for committee members i.e.

- \* President – leads the meetings
- \* Secretary – types minutes and newsletter inserts
- \* Treasurer – accounts and banking
- \* Vice President – leads meeting if president is absent
- \* Assistant secretary – takes minutes if secretary is absent
- \* PRC rep – attends PRC meetings once a term and reports back to P&F

All positions will be declared open – three members will be retiring as their children have finished Year 12

## 2013 Diocesan School Fees and the NSW Funding Cuts

Dear families,

As you know from July 2013, the NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell is planning to cut school education funding by \$1.7 billion and cap the level of funding to non-government schools over the next four years.

Additionally, the current funding model - which links state education expenditure to federal government funding - means for every \$1 of state funding lost we stand to lose \$3 dollars in federal funding (public schools stand to lose 30c in federal funding).

While there is still some uncertainty about the actual amount of the loss, we know this will have a substantial impact on the amount of government funding Catholic schools receive in the Diocese of Parramatta.

To give parents greater certainty for the 2013 school year and bearing in mind the financial pressures many families are facing, the Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Schools Council has recommended an average increase of 4.9% in tuition fees and the building levy.

**This increase will not make up the shortfall from the funding cuts but is necessary to help meet the rising educational costs for each child.**

### Diocesan tuition fees

In 2013, secondary tuition fees will be as follows:

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	\$563	\$422	\$281	
Years 9 & 10	\$623	\$467	\$311	
Years 11 & 12	\$797	\$597	\$398	

Sibling discounts, which benefit over 60% of families, will remain the same for 2013 (as above).

### Diocesan Building Levy

The building levy supports the capital works of all Catholic schools in the diocese and is payable per family. In 2013, the building levy will be increased by \$30 per annum to \$645 per family.

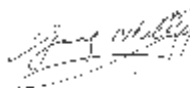
### Financial assistance

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 full or part 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.

**We are still working to convince the State Government to overturn the decision to cut school funding. You can help by contacting your local state and Federal MPs - see [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding) for more details.**

Yours sincerely



Greg Whitby  
Executive Director of Schools



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta



## Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding Website

[www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding website has been created in response to the NSW Liberal Government's plan to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding in New South Wales.

It is vital that we continue to oppose the NSW Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding. On this site, you will find resources including sample letters to MPs, slogans for school/parish talking signs and newsletter/bulletin items for inclusion in your local communication to raise awareness of this issue and lobby the NSW Government to overturn this decision. This site is a collaborative space for our school and parish communities to work together in opposing the state government's short-sighted education policy. You are encouraged to share your resources, thoughts and suggestions via this website.



**1.7 billion ways to get it wrong in planning for Australia's future**  
Posted on 22/10/2012 by gbwhitby

Welcome to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta School Funding website which has been created in response to the NSW Liberal Government's plan to cut \$1.7 billion from school education funding in New South Wales.

At a time when there is general agreement that we need to invest more into the education of our young people, it is mind boggling that the NSW Government plans to reduce funding to all schools in New South Wales by 3% and cap the level of funding to non-government schools over the next four years.

There is no more important investment in society than the one in education. Education is the cornerstone upon which the next generation of ideas and innovation will emerge. Schools are integral in shaping our future leaders, teachers, economists, inventors, scientists, doctors, nurses, accountants, mechanics and for the many jobs that haven't been

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Leadership positions available at St Mark's Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. For details visit [Loo/AquxW5Pj](#) Time ago 23 Hours  
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**Related News**

- Anger at government cutting school budget via Mt Druitt Standard
- Catholic schools funding under threat via Parramatta Advertiser
- NSW to slash \$1.7b from education funding via SMH
- O'Farrell takes axe to education via SMH
- Outrage at school funding cuts via

**Did you know...** Catholic schools in Parramatta educate 26% of the total school aged population and are one of the largest employers in western Sydney. We depend on the ongoing financial commitment of the state and federal governments to ensure we continue to provide high equity and high quality learning and teaching in our schools. Contact your state MP and Barry O'Farrell to oppose NSW school funding cuts.



# PDSSC 2012 SEASON 3 SPORT RESULTS

## BOYS 25th October

SPORT/TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSE/DRAW	SCORE
Ultimate Frisbee - Jnr	McCarthy	WIN	3-2
Oz Tag - Intermediate	OLOL	DRAW	5-5



## GIRLS 25th October



SPORT/TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSE/DRAW	SCORE
Ultimate Frisbee - Jnr	OLOL	LOSS	8-0
Oz Tag - Intermediate	Nagle	LOSS	3-5
Basketball - Junior	Nagle	LOSS	8-20
Basketball - Intermediate	Nagle	LOSS	11-13

## ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

### 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 day of assessment 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 teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for late submission of an assessment task
  - ◇ Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date **will immediately receive a Thursday detention** pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

#### Submission Instructions Years 7-9

- Submit the task by handing to your teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for late submission of an assessment task
  - ◇ Assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date **will immediately receive a Tuesday detention** pending a note from parents explaining the absence.

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS IN WEEK 5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov
12	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	
11					Construction Hospitality
10			Visual Arts		
9				FT A	FT B
8					
7					

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS IN WEEK 6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov
12					
11		Drama			
10					
9					
8					
7					

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS IN WEEK 7

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov
12					
11		French Beg French Cont Physics			
10					
9					
8					
7					

**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**