



The Good Samaritan

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4th November 2011

Term 4 Week 4

Reminder!

Calendar Dates

17 Oct— 11 Nov	HSC examination
7— 10 Nov	SC Examination
9 Nov	P & F Meeting 7pm (AGM)
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
14 Nov	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free
16 Nov	Yr 12 Formal - Rooty Hill RSL
23 Nov	Yr 10 Graduation Mass & Presentation
24 Nov	Yr 10 Dinner Dance
30 Nov	Yr 7 (2012) Orientation Day
3 - 6 Dec	SRC Camp Yrs 7—11
16 Dec	Assembly: Christmas Liturgy
19 Dec	Staff Development Day
20 Dec	Staff Development Day

P & F Association AGM

Come along to the next General Meeting of the Parents & Friends' Association, which is our AGM.

When: Wednesday, 9th November at 7pm

Where: BPC Administration Building

Hear about the new building project and other major happenings at the College.

A warm and friendly welcome is assured.

Drinks & nibbles available from 6:45pm.

Hope to see you there!

Jo McKay, President

Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A number of our families have, over the past two months, experienced the loss of close family members; this includes a number of members of our staff. All Saints and All Souls Day gave us an opportunity, as a community, to pray this week for those who have left this earthly life recently. We have also prayed for friends and family who left us long ago. We know that they have gone to begin a new life with the joy of the Lord. I hope that you have had, over the past week, time for at least a short period of prayer and reflection.

If you have been to the school since the holidays, you would have noticed that a number of demountable classrooms have been taken from the College, in preparation for our major building project. This work will be starting before the end of the year. This is a very exciting development, and we are all looking forward to the beginning of the work. Although we do not yet have a definite start date, we are hoping the building will be completed by August of next year.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Principal

Bede Polding Parents & Friends Committee

Term 3 201

Minutes in Brief



Guest Speaker – Steve Lans on the Thailand Trip 2010 - 2011

Steve showed slides from the last Thailand trip undertaken by 11 of our students. They spent 2 weeks volunteering in an orphanage and a week travelling around.

The orphanage is only 20 km from the Burmese border and houses 160 children - mainly from Burma - who are either orphans, have been sold into prostitution or otherwise rescued. The orphanage relies on volunteers to perform work and donate money for their upkeep.

They also met Burmese uni students who are smuggled into Thailand for 12 months to study subjects other than Burmese and Burmese history (the only subjects allowed in Burma). They risk death if caught and could not be photographed.

On their sightseeing week they visited numerous places including Hellfire Pass where they left poppies which had been donated by Richmond RSL (as well as a monetary donation). This has made a meaningful link between our students, deceased POWs and the RSL club.

This year we will have two trips to Vietnam and Thailand with a total of 18 students going and it was decided to increase the P&F donation to \$1,500 in view of the increased numbers of students.

Principal's Report - Kevin Jones

Kevin reported that the school had received a \$3 million grant from the Federal Government for a new building which will incorporate a new hospitality area and Year 12 common room. Plans of the new building were circulated.

Business Manager's Report – Paul Cruise

During the July holidays a further four classrooms were out-fitted with the digital delivery system funded by the P&F. Three installations to be completed in the October holidays.

The Polding Walk was a big success raising more than \$40,000. Thank you to the parent helpers on the day.

PRC Report

The PRC is planning a roadshow to local schools looking at 21st century learning as well as organising cluster meetings to enable people outside the usual meeting to attend.

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2011 – all parents warmly welcomed.

RE News

All Saints Day/All Souls Day Prayer

Students and staff members were invited to a prayer service last Wednesday, near the memorial fountain in the College top yard.



Prayers were said for specific intentions of those who attended, as well as for the repose of the souls of all who have died. Students were encouraged to pray for family members who had passed away, in remembrance of their earthly life and memories.

Year 10 Graduation Mass Committee



This group of students have now met with Father Walter twice, in preparation for their graduation celebration. Having established a theme, "A Fresh Start", the Music and Photography departments have already started working on aspects of the Mass. The committee has generated many ideas that will contribute to making the celebration a memorable occasion for the Year 10 students and their families.

Uniform Shop

Year 10 students will be fitted for their Blazer for 2012 on **Tuesday 15th November 2011**. A deposit of \$50 is payable so please ensure that this amount is paid on the day.

Please note that this will be a one off fitting day and any students absent will need to attend the uniform shop to be fitted and pay their deposit before the end of November 2011.

*Thank you
Jean Grundy
Uniform Shop*



Guide Dogs

On 20th November guide dogs will be holding its annual family fun day event "Wet Nose Day". Held at Parramatta Park on Sunday 20th November the event promises families the complete Guide Dog experience, while also helping to raise much needed funds for the Guide Dog cause.

Guide Dogs:
2-4 Thomas Street,
Chatswood
Tel: 9412 9305
dcutlack@guidedogs.com.au



Social Justice at BPC



Last week was Children's week. On Wednesday 26 October, I had the pleasure of attending the NSW Commission for Children and Young People's Middle Years Seminar in Sydney. The seminar was the third in a series of seminars that focussed on those important 'middle years' of childhood, ages 9-14. This seminar sought to explore the contemporary risks to middle childhood, real or perceived. Key note speaker, Tim Gill, (UK) delivered an insightful presentation with the theme: No Fear: Growing Up in a Risk Averse Society. Tim explored the play experiences of youth today compared with youth of past generations. Research into play has highlighted the great differences between the types of play that we as adults spent many happy hours engaged in, and that of our children. What are the factors that stop our children from enjoying the same experiences of play that we have so many fond memories of? What are our fears for our children? Have we culturally entrenched a fear of risk or danger with activities that were once carefree? The research certainly points to many factors. Tim recalled the experience of one family in Britain who over four generations of living in one area, saw the play area surrounding the family home decrease from a six kilometre radius for the great grandfather through to the front gate of the property for the great grandson. Traffic calming programs are seen as a positive step forward. The quieting of our suburban streets from traffic hazards seems an obvious, yet expensive measure. This seminar (and the preceding two seminars in the series) were live streamed on the internet and will soon be available online. Please take a moment to visit the Commission's website –

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/kids/ourwork/middleyears/seminar3.cfm> and Tim Gill's website - <http://rethinkingchildhood.com/>

*Mrs Janette Wick
Social Justice Coordinator*



Canteen Roster & News



Week 5

Monday 7th November

T Divall, L Culican

Tuesday 8th November

J Houston, G McCarthy,
S Tricker

Wednesday 9th November

T Winters, J Bourke

Thursday 10th November

L Donlan, K Milgate,
M Waterhouse, D Gallo

Friday 11th November

L Mackey
(HELPERS NEEDED)

Week 6

Monday 14th November

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 15th November

L Edwards, J Liso, C Magazzu

Wednesday 16th November

N Pace (HELP NEEDED)

Thursday 17th November

L Turner, K Drury, K Harrison

Friday 18th November

R Johnson, S Kennedy

Canteen News

- * New to the menu - Perfect bites for \$2.00 on sale at recess & lunch.
- * Fruit salad & watermelon now available.
- * New roster for 2012 is in the process of being done - more help is needed—all days! If you can help out or would like to give canteen a try—please call Natalie on 4577 6243—it would be very much appreciated.

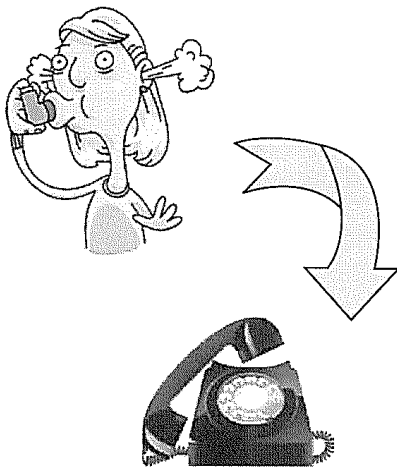
*Natalie Jones
(Canteen Manager)*

Berg Shield Cricket Report

The Berg Shield team from Bede Polding played All Saints Liverpool at Benson's Lane on Friday 28th October in the second round of the Knock-out competition. Unfortunately we lost the toss, but were sent into bat. Openers Jarrod Brett (69 runs) and Levi Tynan (55 runs) set the foundation for a competitive total with a partnership of 126 runs. At the end of our 30 over's we finished with a total of 175 runs.

All Saints struggled to get runs on the board, with our fine bowling attack. Jack Attenborough finishing with 1 wicket for 1 run after 4 overs, Levi with 2 wickets for 10 runs after 5 overs and Jarod Gorman the stand-out with 3 wickets for 2 runs after 3 overs. All Saints were all out for 34 runs, giving us a very convincing win. Well done boys.
Report By: Jack Barham (Captain)

Asthma Information Line



Did you know Asthma Foundation NSW has an information line? Call our trained professionals if you require any information or resources on asthma. Call 1800 645 130 during business hours or email

Christmas at Valley Heights

- * Bring the kids & mingle with Santa
 - * Bring the camera
 - * Free photos with Santa
 - * Small gift for the kids
- See Santa arrive by steam tram (11am & 2pm).
Ride the tram with Santa.
Come for morning or afternoon tea.
Standard admission charges apply.
Sundays 27th November &
11th December
Phone: 4751 4638
www.infoblueMountains.net.au/locodepot

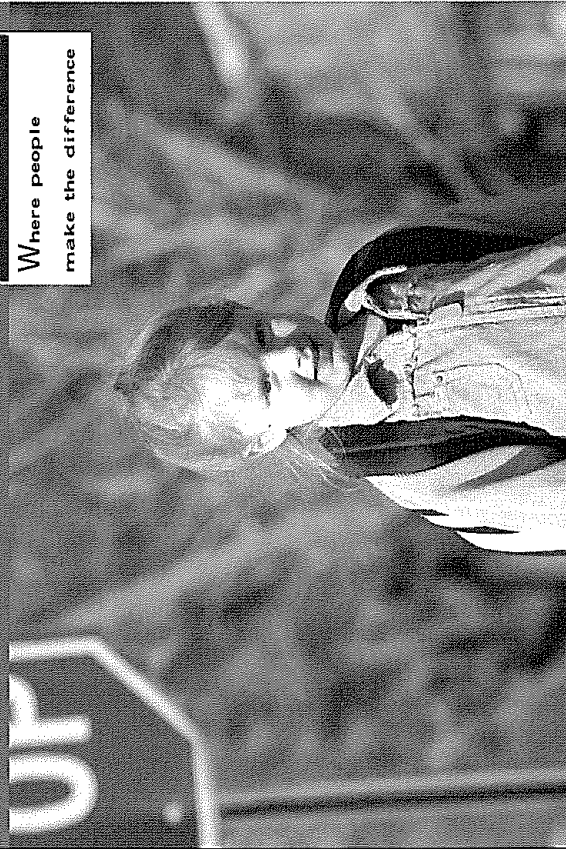


HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

Obey parking signs in
School Zones at all times



Where people
make the difference



The Hawkesbury City Council's
compliance officers will
be enforcing parking
regulations at your school

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with speeding and parking offences in School Zones



No Parking

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty \$147 &
2 demerit points



No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

Penalty \$265 &
2 demerit points



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Penalty \$265 &
2 demerit points

Double parking

\$265 & 2 demerit points

Stop on path or nature strip

\$147 & 2 demerit points

Stop on/near marked pedestrian/children's crossing

\$353 & 2 demerit points

Stop across driveway

\$147 & 2 demerit points

Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) of dividing line

\$206

Please help keep our kids safe around schools

Fines current as of September 2011

Fines and demerit points are subject to change

Check the RTA website for details: www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Eden Sweeney—1st Place Creative Writing Award—Short Story Competition

“The Letter”

The letter sat on the table, crisp and unopened, taunting me with its hidden secrets and concealed truths. It had been sitting there for three hours, untouched and avoided as I sporadically glanced at it from across the room. The letter looked like any other within the expanse of bills and statements that I had received today, yet it was not. I had never before received a letter addressed with such immaculately printed script that came attached with an ominous feeling of dread and despair. It was undeniably not from a bank or any other frivolous organisation. This letter was sent from the army.

In 1914, disregarding my pleas and his own better judgement my husband enlisted himself into the Australian Army, whose forces were on the cusp of involvement in ‘The Great War’. His only incentive for having done so was the influence of his friends and the general public’s conformist attitude. Unfortunately, the only means to nurse his wounded pride for not enlisting sooner was in the form of joining an organisation that believed that murder was the answer to some irrelevant predicament and in some perverse way would create peace.

The weeks leading up to his deployment were filled with angry silences and awkward pauses. The day he abandoned me for Egypt was one of the worst of my life.

The cold winter’s air chilled the throng of people, both soldiers and civilians alike, who had assembled awaiting the train’s arrival to the platform. Many were taking this last opportunity to articulate their heartfelt goodbye’s in anticipation of the regiment’s impending departure.

A dark haired woman stood several paces away from her tall husband, who was dressed in his flawless military uniform, in an effort to appear aloof and uncaring but failing miserably. The concern and distress were evident on her pinched face. The man approached his wife and delicately laid a hand on her stiff shoulder.

The woman looked up expectantly and raised an eyebrow as if asking a question. The man pulled her in for a tight hug just as a whistle commandingly reverberated throughout the station as a signal for the soldiers to begin to board the now present train.

“Do you really have to go”, the woman sighed dolefully.

“You know I do”, he replied somewhat imploringly. With one final goodbye the man began to head for the rapidly filling train. As he reached the steps he turned around for one last glimpse of his wife. She raised her hand to wave as she smiled sadly, the whistle echoed again and the man disappeared within the mass of infantry.

“Goodbye”, she whispered tearfully as the loneliness began to creep in.

It had been four long years since my husband had left, yet not a day went by that I didn’t think of him. Of his location, of what he was doing, how he was feeling. Was he unharmed or injured? Dead or alive? Those were the unanswerable questions that kept me awake at night as I pondered all of the possible scenarios in my mind whilst tossing and turning. My palpable anxiety increased everyday that I went without a response, transforming into a taut ball in the pit of my stomach that twinged whenever I thought of him and was only ever alleviated by the tersely scrawled letters I infrequently received from my husband. Such correspondence was few and far between and the ever escalating time between letters grew with each new one which left my imagination to its own ingenious devices.

Continuing my daily routine as usual provided a welcome distraction from the niggling suspicion ever present in my mind since the arrival of the letter that my world was about to come crashing down around me like a flimsy derelict building. A notion that I was not prepared to deal with yet.

Eventually, resigned to my fate I faced the daunting letter that was perched innocently on the table. It was with trembling fingers that I finally picked up its pristine paper and broke the seal that was restraining its unbidden words.

As I started to read the neatly typed note earth shattering phrases drew my reluctant attention. Madam...painful duty...notifying the death...deepest sympathy...your loss...cause of death...shot...Western Front, France...soldier’s effects...

He was dead. Gone. My world collapsed around me with a resounding boom.

Mathematics Competition Results for 2011

Students from Bede Polding College achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of NSW Mathematics International Competitions and Assessments for Schools this year. This competition provides extensive independent evaluations of students' skills, knowledge and understandings in the core learning areas.

Below are the students whose achievements were outstanding and were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction. The Certificates of Distinction are to be presented at the next School Assembly and the Credits will be presented at each of the relevant Form Meetings.

Distinctions:

Caleb De Vries – Year 7

Michael Tilden – Year 8

Jamon Windeyer – Year 9

Joshua Simpson – Year 10

Adrian Saliba – Year 11

Credits

Year 7

Callum Firth, Jennifer Goedde, Jackson Hayek, Renee Jury, Liam Kelleher, Lachlan Roach, Jordan Su, Jared Vermeer.

Year 8

Reece Adorini, Lauren Brouwer, Maddison Felder, Jason Galea, Aiden Harris, Jackson Keir, Hamish Lamond, Elisabeth McCallum, Andrew Portelli, Jessicca Smith.

Year 9

Eduardo Concepcion, Nicholas Fernandez, Mitchell Galea, Mollie Gorman, Emily Myers, Jade Vos.

Year 10

Nicholas Axiak, Jake Bayssari, Courtney Burdekin, Jessica Lai, Shae Swift, Adam Yuen, Michael Zahra.

Year 11

Domenic Basso, Jason Corcoran, Joseph Sawaya, Brendan Sweeney, Bradley Vos, Cameron Vos.

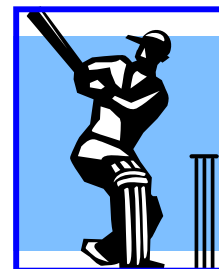
All students from Bede Polding are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Mrs Nichole Padden

Mathematics Coordinator

Representative Sport Results Thurs 20th Oct

SPORT (BOYS)	OPPOSITION	SCORE
AFL - Junior	St Claire	55-19 win
AFL - Intermediate		Forfeit win
CRICKET - Junior	McCarthy	BPC—5/126 win McC—5/81
CRICKET - Intermediate	McCarthy	BPC—3/92 win McC—3/71



SPORT (GIRLS)	OPPOSITION	SCORE
BASKETBALL Junior	St Claire	12-12 Draw
BASKETBALL Intermediate	St Claire	34-16 win
CRICKET Intermediate	McCarthy	4/46 v 0/57 loss

ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

5A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov
		DTS	11 Legal Studies 11 VET Hosp		11 Geography 11 IT Graphics 11 PDHPE	11 Agriculture	11 Chemistry 11 Earth & Env Science 11 IT Timber 11 Studies of Religion
	11	ATD					VET Construction VET Hosp
	10	ATD	School Certificate Exams	School Certificate Exams	School Certificate Exams	School Certificate Exams	
	9	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

6B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov
		DTS	Staff Develop- ment Day	11 Drama 11 English Stud- ies	11 English Adv 11 English Std		
	11	ATD			Design & Tech	Food Technology	
	10	ATD					
	9	ATD		Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

7A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
	11	ATD					
	10	ATD					
	9	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free		
	8	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
	7	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free

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