



The Good Samaritan

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13th August 2010

Term 3 Week 4



Calendar Dates

2 - 16 Aug	Yr 12 Trial HSC
18 Aug	P & F General Meeting
20 Aug	PDSSSC Athletics Carnival
21 - 29 Aug	Aki Fuchu HS Visit
24 Aug	Staff Meeting (9:30 start)
27 Aug	Yr 12 Creative Arts Night 6pm
31 Aug	Yr 7 2011 Contract Signing 7:00pm Good Samaritan Hall
2 Sept	National Literacy & Numeracy Day for Years 7—10
3 Sept	Sports Photo Day
6 - 15 Sept	Yr 11 Exams
14 - 17 Sept	Yr 10 Exams
14th Sept	Staff Meeting (9:30 start)
21 Sept	Yr 12 Farewell Assembly & Graduation Mass
24 Sept	Term 3 ends

Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

All of our students are actively being encouraged in every course to learn key subject specific terminology. We know that if they are to achieve their best academically that they need to understand these terms and be able to use these in a variety of contexts.

Your son/daughter would have been given a list of these terms in all of their courses. If they are in Years 7-9 you would have received, via the post, a "Learning Resource Booklet" that included these terms for Semester 2. One way that all parents can help their children to improve their academic performance is to check their understanding of the meanings of these terms. You can also check how well they can spell these words.

I hope that you find these suggestions helpful.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Principal

Catholic School Parents Forum
Learning for today's world

Wednesday 1 September 2010

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS:

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/news---events/calendar-of-events/calendar-of-events.aspx/catholic-schools-parent-forum--learning-for-today-s-world.aspx>

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

Mrs Jeanette Lans

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 / Mrs Lisa Cummins

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

A Reminder!

P&F General Meeting - Wednesday 18 August

You are warmly invited to join us for the next P&F meeting - come along and find out what is happening at the school.

Drinks and nibbles 6.45 pm

Meeting commences 7.00 pm

Jette Paskin

Secretary

Star Spot



This is the star of this week.

Congratulations to:

- **Ellese Gallen (10S3)** who won a Silver Medal at the NSW All Schools Cross Country.

Well done - to this student

LIVING IN THE HAWKESBURY & HAVING TROUBLE GETTING AROUND TO ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS?

HAWKESBURY YOUTH TRANSPORT

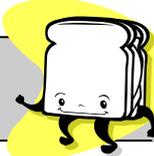
IF YOU ARE AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 18 YEARS OLD, ARE A YOUNG PARENT OR YOUNG PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AGED UP TO 25, LIVE IN THE HAWKESBURY AND ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING AROUND TO ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS, **LOOK NO FURTHER!**

HAWKESBURY YOUTH TRANSPORT CAN HELP WITH FREE TAXI VOUCHERS TO HELP YOU TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING

FOR APPLICATION FORMS, CRITERIA & MORE INFO GO TO WWW.PEPPERCORNSERVICES.COM.AU OR CALL (02) 4577 8849!

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Canteen Roster & News



Week 5

Monday 16th August

J Rigg, F Peare (HELP NEEDED)

Tuesday 17th August

J Liso, L Lewis, L Edwards

Wednesday 18th August

A O'Brien (HELP NEEDED)

Thursday 19th August

S Azzopardi, I Morris (HELP NEEDED)

Friday 20th August

K Saliba, V Vella, N Brown

Week 6

Monday 23rd August

S Cauchi, N Sullivan,
L Azzopardi

Tuesday 24th August

J Houston, G McCarthy
(HELP NEEDED)

Wednesday 25th August

J Bourke, T Winters, S Cohen

Thursday 26th August

L Donlan, M Waterhouse,
D Gallo, K Milgate

Friday 27th August

S Makkonen, K Pedzik (HELP NEEDED)

Canteen News

- Help is needed for this term and Term 4. If you can help out in any way please call Natalie on 4577 6243.
- We will still have Nachos and soup of the day on the menu (give them a try).
- Noodles from home—the canteen is happy to fill them with water **provided they have a lid**. If no lid you can purchase one for 20 cents.

Natalie Jones
(Canteen Manager)



The leading cancer charity in New South Wales, Australia

Nicole Laura Brianna Shanice
wish to invite you on a

Shopping Trip To Birkenhead Point

When: Sunday the 29th of August

Meeting at Bede Polding College, Rifle Range Road South Windsor. Bus leaves at 9:00am sharp so arriving by 8:45am is recommended. Approximate travel time 1hour arriving at Birkenhead Point at approximately 10am.

Enjoy 5hours shopping and relax for lunch at the marina.

Head back to Bede Polding College at 3pm sharp arriving at approximately 4pm.

Cost: \$25 p/p

RSVP: 20th August

To reserve your seat payment must be received in full. This can be done by placing your name and contact details on an envelope with the money enclosed and given to either Laura at 12B12, Nicole Borg from 12B2, Brianna Kean at 12B2 or Shanice Vella at 12B1.

Wish to bring a friend/relative all welcome!

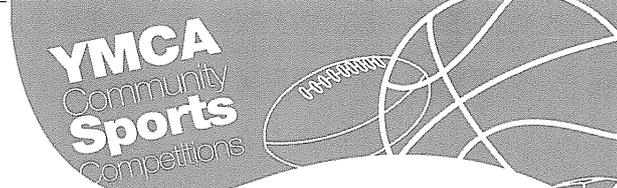
**All proceeds will be forwarded to the
Cancer Council.**

Prompt replies are recommended as we've invited more people than one coach can take with a second coach only possible if we have a demand.

**IT'S A GREAT CAUSE! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**

For more information contact us via email at:

shop4cancercouncil@hotmail.com



Try out Junior Indoor Sports with
FREE CLINICS!
at Hawkesbury Stadium

Not sure what sport to play in summer?

Fun prize giveaways and free coffees for Mums and Dads!

Plus register your interest in our upcoming junior summer competitions!

Free Indoor Soccer Clinics

Tuesday August 10th
5-10 years, 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday August 12th
10-15 years, 4:30-6:30pm

Free Netball Clinics

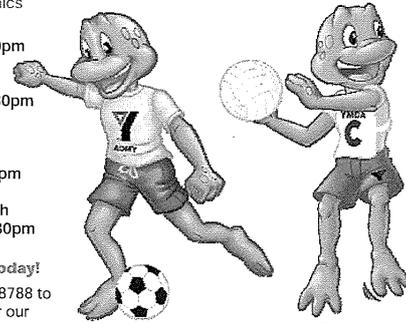
Monday August 9th
5-10 years, 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday August 11th
10-15 years, 4:30-6:30pm

Register your child today!

Call the centre on 4587 8788 to register your children for our awesome free clinics.

All children must be registered to attend the clinic.



Congratulations to Briden Mazza (Yr 11) whose photographic portrait of her grandfather (see below) has been selected for display at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra as part of the Headspace 10 exhibition from 9 September- 7 November. Headspace 10: Self/Reflections is a national secondary school student art competition. Well done to Briden on her work being selected out of thousands of entries for this prestigious exhibition!



Year 12 Creative Arts Night 2010

An invitation is extended to the wider College community to come and view the Year 12 Creative Arts/TAS works, performances and projects at Bede Polding College.



**In the Good Samaritan Hall
Friday 27th August
6:00pm - approx 8:15pm**



Light refreshments will be prepared and served by Year 11 Hospitality students. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to support our students going to Thailand to complete 2 weeks volunteer work.





Minutes of Meeting of the Bede Polding Parents & Friends Committee

Term 2, 2010 – Minutes in Brief

Guest Speaker

Jeanette Lans from the English department gave a very interesting and engaging hands-on demonstration of the digital delivery system (which is being funded by the P&F this year) and how it is integrated into the teaching/learning link.

Some of the programs she demonstrated included word clouds, annotation software, exipedia, Xmind, Cue-Prompter, Wallwisher, QuickieQ as well as back channelling – an on-line site where students can add posts to a topic that is being discussed. The P&F students were all eager to try it out throughout the demonstration.

Some of the benefits of this type of teaching include: modelling – a shared experience by both teacher and students; peer-based work where students can edit, share and mark each other's work; assists visual learners; gives confidence to the "silent, shy" students who can add comments on-line rather than verbally; is a point of reference for students whilst working; assists in rooms where only one computer is available and reduces text-book and paper expenses.

The on-line worked is complemented by their traditional bookwork.

Principal's Report - Kevin Jones

Improving learning, building a stronger culture of learning and the importance of self-assessment is key focus at the school by teaching our students **how** to learn and getting them to take responsibility for their learning. This is being done across all areas with increased writing tasks, self-assessment in all subject tasks and setting higher expectations for the students.

Business Manager's Report – Paul Cruise

Technology – 6 classrooms fitted out with data projectors, screens and sound equipment at approx \$3600 per room bringing total to 26 learning spaces with this equipment. Additional laptops received through the Education Revolution program.

New flooring and cupboards were installed in the canteen, replacing fixtures damaged by water in January.

Polding Walk – hoping to raise \$40,000 which will go towards air conditioning the library. Amount pledged at time of meeting (\$18,500) better than same time last year. 30+ volunteers already signed up to help on the day.

Treasurer's Report – Jill Clarke

Balance \$993.71 + \$7,889.00 from tonight's levy = \$8,882.71

President's Report – Jo McKay

Hamilton Frail (president of the Parent Representative Council) was asked to report on the latest PRC activities. The PRC will be holding a parent forum on Open Plan Learning and Agile Learning Spaces on 1 September 2010 at Patrician Brothers College Blacktown. Contact Hamilton via the school for further information if you are interested in attending the forum.

New Business

Suggestions for speakers at next meeting: new Police Liaison Officer to speak on cyber bullying or Margarete Formanek.

As the bus bay outside school is NOT a drop off zone, Hawkesbury Council will be approached to provide up-dated signage to clarify.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 August, 2010 – all parents warmly welcomed.

Public Speaking

On Friday 30th July two of our Year 8 students competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Lillian Marokakis and Rhiannon Kenyon competed against twelve other students from many schools across the Parramatta district, including Colo High and Gilroy College. They prepared a five minute speech on a topic of their choice and then on the day, they had to present a two to three minute speech on the topic 'Climb Every Mountain'.

The transcript of Lillian's prepared speech appears below. Her topic was 'Being Australian!'. She presented this exceptionally well and was unlucky not to be asked to progress to the next round.

Being Australian! By Lillian Marokakis

When newspapers and TV news rolled in with headlines such as "Burqa Ban" is it really for the reason that we are told or is it just another statement which demonstrates racial discrimination?

In a controversial article from ABC news Senator of South Australia, Cory Bernardi opened many Australian's eyes to his prejudiced opinion saying that the Burqa definitely should be banned. Mr Bernardi believes that the Burqa should be banned because it is a disguise for shop lifters and bandits. This came after someone in a Burqa and sunglasses held a 35 year old man at gun point in a Sydney car park. He also says: "In my mind, the Burqa has no place in Australian society; I would even go as far as to say it is un-Australian."

Well, in my mind, I believe banning is not the answer. I believe that if someone is planning to commit a crime, banning the Burqa is not going to stop them. So we ban the Burqa because criminals are using them to disguise themselves, they then use stockings, we ban stockings; they then use beanies, we ban beanies, they use balaclavas, we ban balaclavas. Sunglasses, we ban sunglasses. So if this is the case then we should ban any clothing because that clothing can be used as a disguise.

Ladies and Gentleman, the point that I am trying to make is not one of what ordinary people or criminals are going to wear and weapons they are going to use but rather if we ban the Burqa then what is next? If some people are so worried about security in our country then they would be doing more than just banning one's traditional clothing. This ban for many is not for security but stimulates conflict between cultures.

Un-Australian? Who is anyone to say that something is "un-Australian" without justifying what "un-Australian" actually is or means. We see it in newspapers and hear it on the news, and yes a few of us do use it but I believe we cannot use such a strong stereotypical word because how can we, as a nation, define something to be "un-Australian"? Some may argue that not eating lamb on Australia Day is un-Australian or not playing cricket on the beach is un-Australian while others may believe that saying racist comments is un-Australian. To me labelling something un-Australian is too simplistic. Therefore how can we ban a culture's traditional dress for the reason it is "un-Australian" when we as a country have not yet defined the word?

Mr Bernardi, in the same article also said: "It is not consistent with the Australian culture and values" well then why do we, as a nation call ourselves a multicultural society? We pride ourselves on being a country that allows all cultures into ours and yet here we are told that another's culture is not acceptable. I believe that this is not a debate about the Burqa; but about the misconceptions of what it means to be un-Australian because as you can see the terms is thrown around by many people in contradictory ways.

However, Cory Bernardi believes in his words "there is a greater reason the Burqa needs to be banned." He believes that the equality of men and women is a key aspect in our Australian society. Therefore believes that having women covered in such a manner is unjust and not corresponding with the Australian culture.

We have so often heard comments similar to those of Mr Bernardi how it is "oppressive to women" however how can anyone judge and say such words without understanding the true culture. In a nine msn article released in November 2005 and titled "Growing up Muslim in Australia" two Muslim women - Nadia Jamal and Taghred Chandab express how it feels to be a Muslim living in these times.

They know there are various misunderstandings about their religion such as the belief that Muslim women are inferior or oppressed. However Jamal said: "I actually laugh when people think that Muslim women are these weak females, who are old fashioned and not allowed to leave the house." this shows how untrue some assumptions are about the religion we think we know so much about.

There has also been the argument that it is forced upon women to wear the Burqa however another Muslim woman named Hanan then says "Many people assume certain things have been forced upon me... but I wouldn't have been able to stand by my decision to wear one had it not been my own conscious choice." We cannot ban the Burqa because people believe it is forced upon women and it shows 'dominance of men over women'. It is not. For many Muslim women, it is their choice.

"It is not just a piece of material. It is a way of life" says Hanan.

Our country does not need to ban the Burqa but understand the true meaning of it rather than trying to make false assumptions about the religion for a way to ban the Burqa. Some say it is for security, others say it shows dominance of men over women and more say it is 'un-Australian'.

But really when it comes down to it this issue and debate is not about banning the Burqa but a debate about who we are as Australians.

Aki Fuchu Visit to BPC

Urgent!

Your sister school is visiting 21st—28th August from Japan.

We need 4 more host families who are willing to take 2 female students and make them feel part of the family. They can share a room, catch the bus to school—whatever is 'normal' for students.

It is very easy and enjoyable.

Please contact Andrea Ryan (0409 925 446)

St Vincent de Paul Door Knock Appeal

Students have been invited to express an interest in being involved in the "Door Knock Appeal".

Based on the numbers of volunteers, the Young Vinnies Group has decided to man the McGraths Hill Bunnings donation collection on Saturday August 21st and Sunday 22nd. This involves seeking donations outside the store, in 3 hour shifts by pairs (or more) of students. (8am-11am; 11am-2pm; 2pm-4:30pm).

Any students and/or parents who could assist by nominating a specific shift, on one of these days, are asked to contact Mr J Gooley at the College on 4577 6455. The Young Vinnies volunteers can cover some shifts, but vacancies exist.

Assistance with adult supervision would be greatly appreciated.

Mr J Gooley

Uniform Shop

Bede Polding College Uniform Shop
will be open Tuesday 31 August
5:30pm – 7pm
& 8pm – 9pm.

Photos/Video

From time to time photos/video footage may be taken at school and school events. These may be used in school or Diocesan newsletters, brochures, advertising, newspapers, websites or publications/video footage. If you do not wish your child to be photographed under any circumstances, please notify the Year Coordinator **in writing**.

Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 26 September. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'.

The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation.

For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

5A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug	20 Aug
		DTS					
	12	ATD	TRIAL HSC		ITT & ITG Practical Marking 10.45 – 4.15		
	11	ATD				General Maths	Senior Sc
	10	ATD	PDHPE (in class)		Drama Food Technology IT Building	Drama	Drama Science
	9	ATD					Textile Technology
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

6B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug
		DTS	11 Construction 11 English E1 11 Music 1 10 Drama	11 Drama 11 M History	11 IPT 11 PDM 10 Agriculture 10 Food Tech 10 IT Metal 10 IT Timber 10 IST 10 Music	11 IT Timber 11 VA 9 VA	10 Textile Tech
	12	ATD	Hospitality Visual Arts	Drama Performance Marking 8.30 – 3.05			
	11	ATD	A History Construction Food Tech	Business St Chemistry Eng Adv & Std	Geography Legal St Mathematics Ext 1 SLR	French Beg French Cont Physics	DT French Beg French Cont Hospitality
	10	ATD			PASS PDM		
	9	ATD	PDHPE (in class)			PDM	
	8	ATD	PDHPE (in class)				
	7	ATD					

7A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	3 Sep
		DTS					
	12	ATD					Hospitality
	11	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
	10	ATD			Music		
	9	ATD	Graphics Tech				
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD	PDHPE (in class)				

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