



The Good Samaritan

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9th March 2012

Term 1 Week 6

Reminder!

Calendar Dates

March:

13 Staff Meeting (9:30am start)

26 Mar-2 April Yr 12 Exams

26 - 28 Yrs 7 & 9 Camp

April:

3 Staff Meeting (9:30am start)

5 Last day Term 1

6 Good Friday

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Guardians

Our world is troubled by tragic events, and our daily lives become increasingly busier and challenging. Take some time over the next week to sit for a few moments and read the prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Principal

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY



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

LOTE

Mrs Felicity Mgaza

Mathematics

Mrs Nichole Padden

PDHPE

Ms Megan Bertenshaw

Post Compulsory & 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 Counsellors

Mrs Sally Wardley / Ms Debbie Lyons

Librarian

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

Report—Initiation & Belonging to BPC

On 30th January 2012 Joshua James Head started at BPC not knowing this will be the best time of his life. He felt welcome and at home in this school and was happy to be there.

The first day of BPC was a time of initiation for Joshua. He was taught many things from his teachers and even made some new friends but the main highlight of this day was seeing everyone in Year 7 in the same uniform for the first time. His teachers taught him how to behave and use his diary properly. His Homeroom teacher taught him how to use his locker and how to treat others kindly.

He made many new friends in his Homeroom and other classes, they brought a sense of belonging to him and made him very happy. He still has friends from Chisholm and hopes that he will gain even more friends throughout his time at BPC.

He loves seeing everyone together at the same school in the same uniform. It means that everyone is together and feel like they belong in the school.

When he attended his first assembly it was the most important time for him. It was the first lighting of the Year 7 candle and the first time he heard the school song. The school also welcomed him with a blessing.

When he first saw the lighting of the Year 7 candle he felt like he belonged. It was the most significant time at the assembly for him because it made him feel like he was part of the school community like all of the other students.

The first time he heard the school song he thought he needed to join in with them because he felt left out so he tried to sing and joined in as best he could with what his sister Tegan had sung at home three years ago. Then he felt like a real Catholic.

When the whole school put their hands up to bless the Year 7's he said a quiet prayer to himself asking God to bless them back like a thank you from him. This made him feel like he had done the right thing and it helped him settle into high school much easier.

The first time Joshua did Peer Support groups he learnt more about the people in his class and more about himself which helped him to express himself further.

He learnt more about the people in his class and what they liked. We did many activities to make us feel we belong and are welcome in the new school.

Joshua learnt more about himself in ways he never thought possible before while pushing himself to be the best person he could in everything he attempted, every-day and everywhere.

Peer Support helped him to express himself further than he used to because of shyness and nervousness. Joshua expressed himself in symbols, emblems and plays and this made him feel great.

All these things helped Joshua feel liked and he belonged to a group not just a school. Some of the members in the group helped Joshua through the initiation into BPC.

Joshua Head (7D6)

Social Justice at BPC

Father Chris Riley's



Youth Off The Streets®

From 2012, the seniors at the College will support as their nominated charity, Youth Off The Streets. On Wednesday, 14 March, twenty representatives from Year 11 will represent the College at a Youth Off The Streets morning tea. This will be at Eden Gardens in North Ryde. The students will have an opportunity to hear Father Chris Riley speak about the work of Youth Off The Streets and meet some of the young people who are a part of the program. This will prove to be a very valuable experience for BPC students and will provide an insight into the work of the Youth Off The Streets. These Seniors will forge what we anticipate to be a strong and long lasting commitment of the College to the work of Father Chris and his team at Youth Off The Streets.

Youth Off The Streets ... [works with] young people aged 12-21 who are facing challenges of homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse. We support these young people as they work to turn their lives around and overcome immense personal traumas such as neglect and physical, psychological and emotional abuse. It is our goal that these young people will leave our care drug free, with a high school education, living skills and a full or part time job in hand. Since opening in 1991, Youth Off The Streets has grown from a single food van delivering meals to young homeless people on the streets of Kings Cross to a major youth specific agency offering a full continuum of care through delivery of a wide range of services. Our 25 services include crisis accommodation, alcohol and other drug services, counselling, accredited high schools, outreach, long-term residential treatment programs and a mentoring program. <http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au>

*Mrs Janette Wick
Social Justice Coordinator*



Canteen Roster & News



Week 7

Monday 12th March

S Walton, L Culican,
A Ascjak

Tuesday 13th March

J Houston, C Kersten,
R Toohey

Wednesday 14th March

N Pace C Magazzu

Thursday 15th March

L Turner, K Hibbert,
N Coaldrake, K Harrison,
K Jury

Friday 16th March

N Brown, A Ryan

Week 6

Monday 19th March

D Sammut, R Johnson, J Lee

Tuesday 20th March

N Kiany, W Chalmers,
M Edgar, J Kerrigan

Wednesday 21st March

J Buttigieg, K Brett,
M Durgali

Thursday 22nd March

L Donlan, J Paskin, C Brown

Friday 23rd March

L Mackey, A Tadrosse

Canteen News

- * Helpers, if you are unable to make your day shift please call Natalie on 4577 6243 in order that alternate arrangements can be made. Thank you.
- * Can you help on Mondays? I am a little short on helpers. If you are able to help please give me a call, it would be greatly appreciated.

Natalie Jones
(Canteen Manager)

Star Spot



These are the stars of the week.

Congratulations to:

•**Katy Donovan (9D20)** who has been chosen as a finalist in the Art 4 Agriculture, Cream of the Crop Competition 2011. Katy has been invited to an exclusive Awards Ceremony which will be held as part of the 2012 Sydney Royal Easter Show. To see the finalists go to <http://Art4agriculturechat.wordpress.com>

•**Cassidy Chidgey (8C6)** who won "Golden Boot" and "Player of the Year" at the Indoor Soccer NSW dinner Friday 2nd March.

Well done - to these students

AKI FUCHU SISTER SCHOOL VISIT

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOSTING OUR JAPANESE STUDENTS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION? THEY ARRIVE 23RD AUGUST AND LEAVE 30TH AUGUST.

RING ANDREA RYAN 0409 925446
EMAIL: pakre@bigpond.com

No obligation, allocation will happen during May

Parent Representative Council Annual General Meeting

Monday 12th March 2012
7:00pm

Aengus Kavanagh Centre,
Railway Street, Mt Druitt

VOLUNTEER FOR THAILAND/VIETNAM INFORMATION EVENING

Date: 21st March 2012

Time: 5:45pm

Where: BPC in the Lunch Room

Please contact Margarete Formanek at the College

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK will be available for sale shortly. For further details contact Mrs Santos at the College.

Vietnam Adventure 2012

DAY 6

Headed off to explore the commune area led by the Vice President to view unique handicrafts of Bac Giang eg. local specialty- family pizza size rice cracker with a little kitty cat seeking refuge from the cold under the fire. We observed daily activities of the locals, furniture making, exquisite carving and sculpting as we learned to negotiate the organised chaos that is Vietnamese traffic. We also saw rice wine making (no tastings) as well as beautiful bonsai and fleshy pink pigs along with lots of chooks, puppies and kittens. On our journey we saw blossoms, cabbages, corn and a variety of healthy green vegetables. Free time and Vietnamese lessons were both greatly appreciated.

Bac Giang has shown evidence of change with a mix of old and new buildings and new and old technologies. From horse and cart to plasma televisions. Regardless of any of this we are consistently being warmly greeted everywhere we go.

DAY 7

We visited the local pagoda to celebrate the Lunar month and were greeted by a Buddhist nun. The pagoda is undergoing restoration but is very ornate, golden and decorated from floor to ceiling. Whilst here we learned how prayers are offered and incense placed as a Buddhist would in Vietnam. We explored the small complex before cleaning the soccer field in preparation for the big soccer match this afternoon. Another Vietnamese lesson followed before a delicious Pho Bo (Vietnamese noodle soup).

Stay tuned for the next exciting instalment. Soccer results pending – Australia Vs Vietnam...



DAY 7

Welcome back everyone for our next exciting instalment. WE WOooooooooooooooooooooon!!!

Australia 6 : Vietnam 5

It was an interesting match due to the fact that we were an all-female team playing an all-male team much to the amusement of the locals. We had the feisty Kirsty, competitive Caiti at the front, ooh lala Katie V and the stylish shuffle of Qamrun. Flying down the blindside was Cassie and speedy Tash supported by the stoic defence of the goals by Jenny. Margi, on the field for 3 minutes, scored the most (un) convincing goal. Danielle's, Kimberley's and Becca's main role seemed to be keeping the children off the field. At the end of the game there were high 5's all round.

Early in the afternoon as the girls were showering and nestling comfortably under their blankets, Jenny and Kirsty led by Margie decided to venture out and take in the sights. Lots of fun meandering the souk-like streets of Bac Giang and absorbing the wonderful atmosphere of our location. However, after an hour we discovered, as the light was fading, that we didn't know where we were... after several phone calls, our wonderful host-grandmother came to retrieve us and escort us home telling everyone along the way and causing much laughter in the Vietnamese community. Before long the entire village knew the foreigners had been...waylaid. You can imagine the delight of the students.



Academic Awards

Semester 2 2011

Higher School Certificate 2011

Dux	Sarah Marokakis 99.6
Excellent Academic Achievement	Jimmy Bayssari 96.15 Bianca Gallo 95.35 Rachele Griffin 93.6 Anna Marscham 93.55 Melissa Azzopardi 91.45 Jessica Pace 91.30 Wendy Mansell 90.7 Christopher Walsh 90.35

School Certificate 2011

School Certificate English	Rachel Ryan 98
School Certificate Mathematics	Joshua Simpson 94
School Certificate Science	Rachel Ryan 96
School Certificate Australian Geography	Amanda Cauchi 96
School Certificate Australian History	Nicholas Axiak 95
School Certificate Computing Skills	Michael Crudgington 99 Joshua Simpson 99
Dux	Amanda Cauchi

Year 10

Excellence in Management (24) (5 students)	Olivia Conolly Jessica Gates Jessica Lai Emma Sheriden Rowan Smith
Most Improved in Semester 2 Reports	Meg Griffiths Adam Teperski Victoria Garrett
Most No of "A's" in Semester 2 Reports (8)	Amanda Cauchi Rowan Smith

Year 9**Academic Awards Semester 2 2011**

Excellence in Management (24) (6 students)	Stephanie Azzopardi Emma Camilleri Alexandra Dickie Eden Sweeney Amanda Walton Jamon Windeyer
Most Improved in Semester 2 Reports	Jake Pollock Maddison Ready Finn Cooper Liam Culican Dean Fenner Elise Mitchell Brendan Moore Joseph Xerri
Most No of "A's" in Semester 2 Reports (8)	Oliver Daley Eden Sweeney

Year 8

Excellence in Management (24) (8 students)	Molly Breaden Ellen Brown Isabella Galea Jennifer Goedde Adam Mackey Kathryn Moreira Jeremy Saliba Emily Tyrrell
Most Improved in Semester 2 Reports	Isabella Galea Justin Xerri John Antonio Ciardi Nathan Eskelinen Jennifer Goedde
Most No of "A's" in Semester 2 Reports (8)	Isabella Galea Emily Tyrrell

Year 7

Excellence in Management (27) (9 students)	Reece Adorini Olivia Anderson Heather Malone Jaycee McLaughlin Alison Mifsud Clair Pirotta Lee Stubbs Austin Sultana Courtney Walker
Most Improved in Semester 2 Reports	Reece Adorini Melanie Boubeta Ned Car Elizabeth Drury
Most No of "A's" in Semester 2 Reports (9)	Joshua Maltese

ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

7A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar
	12	ATD	English Advanced English Ext2 English Studies		Food Technology		English Standard
	11	ATD	English Studies EES	English Studies	CFS Studies of Reli- gion	General Maths	English Adv English Std Mathematics
	10	ATD		RE	Commerce		PDM
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

8B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar
	12	ATD	Assessment and Activity Free	Assessment and Activity Free	Assessment and Activity Free	Assessment and Activity Free	Assessment and Activity Free
	11	ATD	Music Food Tech	Biology Physics	Catholic Studies EEC PDHPE		
	10	ATD	Geography (Grp A) History (Grp A)	English Visual Arts		English (in-class) FT A	English (in-class)
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

9A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar
	12	ATD	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams
	11	ATD	A History Drama French Beginners French Continuers Legal St		M History Visual Arts	Chemistry	
	10	ATD	Science	FT B	Agriculture History Elective	Graphics Tech Music P.2 & 3	
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD	History	History			
	7	ATD					

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