



# The Good Samaritan

## BEDE POLDING COLLEGE

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2nd December 2011

Term 4 Week 8

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

3 - 6 Dec	SRC Camp Yrs 7—11
16 Dec	Assembly: Christmas Liturgy (Last day T4)
19 Dec	Staff Development Day
20 Dec	Staff Development Day

### 2012 Dates

27th Jan	Staff returns
30th Jan	Yr 7 & Peer Support Leaders
31st Jan	Yrs 7, 11 & 12
1st Feb	Whole School returns

## Principal's Desk

Parents and Friends,

With our Principal Mr Kevin Jones on leave, it is my privilege to write this final Principal's message for this year.

I begin by congratulating and thanking our Year 12 and Year 10 students for the very impressive manner in which they completed this year at Bede Polding College. Their parents and families have every reason to be proud of them. We certainly are. I thank also their Year Coordinators Ms Jenny Woods and Mr Vince Le Breton, their Pastoral teams and all who assisted in making their end of year festivities the outstanding successes that they were. Both groups of students were a wonderful credit to the College and our Year 12 students will be missed by us all.

On Wednesday 30 November we entertained our 2012 intake for Year 7 during their Orientation day and presented information to the parents of our newest students on that evening. My thanks to Mrs Dianne Santos, her Year 7 Pastoral team for 2012 and our Peer Support leaders for all their efforts in making our newcomers feel welcome.

We celebrate our Christmas Liturgy on Friday 16 December in the Good Samaritan Hall to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas and look forward to the carol singing that will be on display by each of our remaining Year groups on this day. This has been a tradition since 2009 and a wonderful way to conclude our school year.

As this is the final newsletter for the year, there is a letter being mailed out to each family before Christmas which will contain important information for you for 2012. Please ensure that you read this letter in order to be fully informed for next year.

I take this opportunity to wish you, the families and friends of our wonderful College, the blessing of the Christ Jesus for this Holy Christmas season and on behalf of all our staff at Bede Polding College, thank you for all your support and cooperation during this year.

Have a Holy Christmas, a safe holiday and a Happy New Year.  
God bless,

Harry Fernandez  
Acting Principal



~ Wishing you all a Holy Christmas and a Safe Holiday Break from all of us at BPC ~

## 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

### *Social Justice Coordinator*

Mrs Janette Wick

### *Business Manager*

Mr Paul Cruise

### *Administration Coordinator*

Mrs Anita Meehan

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

### *Creative Arts*

Ms Margarete Formanek / Assistant: Miss Carol Muscat

### *English*

Mr Patrick Loughlin

### *Human Society & Its Environment*

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

### *LOTE*

Mrs Felicity Mgaza

### *LTST*

Mrs Jeanette Lans

### *Mathematics*

Mrs N Padden / Assistant: Mr Mal Hegarty

### *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** Mr Stephen Godfrey

**Year 8** Mrs Dianne Santos

**Year 9** Mr Marc Sluiter

**Year 10** Mr Vince Le Breton

### *Senior Coordinator*

Ms Jenny Woods

Assistant: Miss Hayley Lalor

### *Student Counsellor*

Mrs Sally Wardley

Ms Vanessa Harnischmacher

### *Librarian*

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

## Uniform Shop Extended Trading Hours

Saturday 10th December

9am—1:00pm

## 2012

Monday 23rd January

9am—3:30pm

Tuesday 24th January

9am—3:30pm

Wednesday 25th January

9am—3:30pm

4:30—7:30pm

Thursday 26th January

Closed

Friday 27th January

9:00—3:30pm

Monday 30th January

9am—3:30pm

Tuesday 1st February

9am—3:30pm

Normal trading hours from Friday 4th February ie

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:15—2:15pm.

## Berg Shield Cricket Report



Our Berg Shield team was successful again on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This time we came up against St Pauls College, Greystanes. Our openers Jarrod Brett (25 runs) and Levi Tynan (48 runs) continued on from last match and helped us make a great start. Unfortunately, we lost a few cheap wickets after Jarrod was out. Thankfully for Jack Attenborough with 25 runs and Dominic Tynan with 18 runs (not out) in the middle order we were able to make a competitive total of 167 runs off the 30 overs.

St Pauls started slowly and struggled against some tight bowling from Levi and Jack. Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain this for the full 30 overs. It ended up being a close finish with us winning by only 18 runs. Our best results for the bowling were Jarrod Brett with 3 wickets for 30 runs, Levi 2 wickets for 11 runs and Dominic 2 wickets for 16 runs.

Our next match is against Gilroy College, Castle Hill. We will need to be on our game for this one.

*Report By Jack Barham*

*(Captain)*

## Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

### What's On

New Exhibition: A Verdant Heart

Opening 6pm Friday 9th December by CR Kim Ford, Mayor of Hawkesbury

5:30 pm Floor talk/preview by gallery director, Kathleen von Witt

Sunday 11th December 10:30am—12:30pm

Xmas Workshop for school age children

Friday 13th January 1pm—3pm

Sand painting workshop for school age children

Saturday 14th January 10am—3pm

Plein air painting with Leo Robba

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Tel: 4560 4441

# Social Justice at BPC

Our last Newsletter featured five of the Benedictine pavers located on the walkway of the main entrance to the College. The second set of five pavers is located on the pathway leading to the Good Samaritan Hall. Each of these pavers alternately features the likeness of Saint Benedict or Saint Scholastica. The inscriptions on each paver feature *The Rule of Benedict* or a quote from the Prologue to the *Rule of Benedict*. Find below images of this set of pavers. Thank you to Mr Paul Cruise for information leading to the writing of this article and for the provision of the images contained below.

**Paver 6**



**Paver 7**



**Paver 8**



**Paver 9**



**Paver 10**



## Prayer

Gracious and Holy Father,  
grant us the intellect to understand You,  
reason to discern You,  
diligence to seek You,  
wisdom to find You,  
a spirit to know You,  
a heart to mediate upon You.  
May our ears hear You,  
may our eyes behold You,  
and may our tongues proclaim you.


Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to You,  
that we may have the patience to wait for You and the perseverance to look for you.

Grant us a perfect end - Your Holy presence,  
a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Janette Wick

Social Justice Coordinator



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

# Canteen Roster & News



## Week 9

### Monday 5th December

L Culican, T Divall,  
L Mitchell

### Tuesday 6th December

J Liso, L Edwards

### Wednesday 7th December

N Pace, A Doherty

### Thursday 8th December

L Donlan, M Waterhouse,  
D Gallo, K Milgate

### Friday 9th December

N Brown (HELP NEEDED)

## Week 10

### Monday 12th December

S Cauchi, T Divall, J Lee

### Tuesday 13th December

J Houston, G McCarthy,  
N O'Keefe, K Harrison

### Wednesday 14th December

J Bourke, A O'Brien,  
T Winters

### Thursday 15th December

K Hibbert, J Paskin, C Brown

### Friday 16th December

S Kennedy (HELP NEEDED)

## Canteen News

A very big thank you to all my helpers for 2011. It has been very much appreciated and I look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Happy Holidays*  
*Natalie Jones*  
*(Canteen Manager)*

### Bede Polding College Parents and Friends Association Election of Office Bearers 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last meeting of the Parents and Friends Association was to be held on Wednesday November 9 but due to a lack of numbers the Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting had to be cancelled.

The current office bearers (see below) are all willing to take on the same positions in 2012, therefore there will be a very brief election of office bearers at the Parent Helpers Christmas Function which is to be held on Wednesday December 6.

<b>President</b>	Joanne McKay
<b>Vice President</b>	Lisa Kean
<b>Secretary</b>	Jette Paskin
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Tess Callus
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jill Clarke
<b>Media / Newsletter</b>	Jette Paskin
<b>PRC Delegate</b>	Ann Asciak & Wendy Tuckey

If you have any concerns or are interested in standing for any of the positions please notify me via letter to the school office before Wednesday December 6.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mr. Kevin Jones, Mr. Paul Cruise and the many parents and other members of staff who have supported the P&F throughout the year. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Yours sincerely  
Joanne McKay  
President

## ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

9A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec
	11	ATD	Legal Studies VET Hosp		Geography PDHPE	Agriculture	Chemistry Earth & Env Sci- ence IT Graphics IT Timber Studies of Reli- gion
	10	ATD					
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

10B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec
	11	ATD	Drama English Studies VET Hosp	English Adv English Std			
	10	ATD					
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD					
	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**

## Lighthouse Program 2012 Expression of Interest.



The Lighthouse Program is a workplace mentoring project. It has been operating in Western Sydney since 2001 and since then it has matched over 350 Year 9 and 10 students with volunteer mentors. Students from Bede Polding College have been involved in this project since its inception. The program pairs students with a volunteer mentor, who hosts the student in their workplace for one day a week over 18 weeks (April through to September, excluding school holidays). The mentor is both a personal and professional role model for the students. Free TAFE training for all new mentors help them feel confident about their role.

The training is beneficial for employees in developing strong interpersonal and team management skills and is held especially for Lighthouse mentors. At the end of this training mentor receive a TAFE certificate of attainment in "Mentoring in the Community".

### Do you want to give something back to the community?

The Lighthouse Program is looking for mentors throughout Western Sydney for 2012 in all trade areas, especially carpentry, joinery, hospitality, fitness/ sports and office settings. If you would like to give something back to your community and would like to host a Year 9 or 10 student from our local Catholic High schools in your workplace, we would welcome your partnership.

The Lighthouse Program is heavily supported by the Workplace Trainers who are there to offer guidance to you throughout the 18 weeks. The Workplace Trainers visit the students in your workplace fortnightly and are available for consultation at all times.

The Lighthouse Program values all its mentors and support their businesses, showing our appreciation through media, newsletters, mentor networking events and the Lighthouse Presentation evening.

### Want more information?

We need mentors for 2012. If you are interested in finding out more information about how to join our team of valued mentors, please contact:

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Vanessa McDougall – Workplace Trainer  
0407 246 955

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Margaret Dawson – Workplace Trainer  
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To book  
please call  
4572-0529

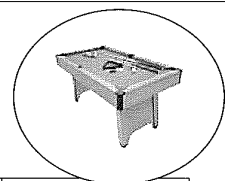
Limited seats available!

## Bligh Park Youth Centre

School Holiday program for JAN 2012.

All outings require a permission slip – no slip, no go.

Permission slips need: \*Written consent \*Medicare number \*Contact number



MONDAY Jan 16th	TUESDAY Jan 17th	WEDNESDAY Jan 18th	THURSDAY Jan 19th	FRIDAY Jan 20th	SATURDAY Jan 21st
Youth Centre Closed	Youth Centre Closed	Don Bosco at St. Marys Bus leaves: 1pm Returns: 6pm COST: \$5- Stopping at Maccas 4 ice cream on way home.	Youth Centre open 3-6pm  Ping pong, Pool table, Wii, play station, free internet and more!!!	MOVIES & SHOPPING AT ROUSE HILL Bus leaves: 8.30am Returns: 5pm Bring money for lunch & shopping. Cost: \$16-	Youth Centre closed
MONDAY Jan 23rd	TUESDAY Jan 24th	WEDNESDAY Jan 25th	THURSDAY Jan 26th	FRIDAY Jan 27th	SATURDAY Jan 28th
Youth Centre Closed	Youth Centre open 3-6pm  Ping pong, Pool table, Wii, play station, free internet and more!!!	Blacktown wavepool Bus leaves: 10am Returns: 5pm COST: \$8-	Youth Centre Closed	Youth Centre closed	Parklea markets Bus leaves: 10am Returns: 4pm Bring money 4 lunch & shopping!

All youth between the ages of 12—18 welcome!