



# The Good Samaritan

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30th November 2012

Term 4 Week 8

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

### December:

- 5 Yr 10 Graduation Mass & Presentation
- 6 Yr 10 Dinner Dance
- 7 Last Day for Yr 10 2012
- 19 Last Day of Term 4 for students
- 20 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
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### 2013

#### January:

- 28 Australia Day Holiday
- 29 Staff Return
- 30 First Day for Year 7's
- 31 Years 7, 11 & 12 Return to School

#### February:

- 1 All school back

## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. During this time we reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled by the coming of Christ. It is a time of joyful anticipation and hope. I hope that you can share this brief prayer with your families in the coming week.

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Thanks again to all those families who have sold their raffle tickets to support our pilgrims for World Youth Day. If these have not been returned I urge families to have these brought back to the College as soon as possible.

God Bless

Kevin Jones  
Principal

Cutting dollars from education doesn't make sense.

Education is vital—funding cuts send the wrong message.

We deserve a policy that improves education, not undermines it.

Now is the time to invest in education, not slash funding



Yr 7 2013 ORIENTATION DAY BPC

# 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

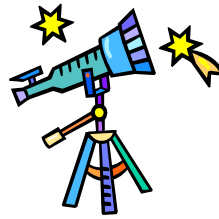
Assistant: Mrs Kylie Kennedy

### *Student Counsellor*

Mrs Sally Wardley

### *Librarian*

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe



## Family Astronomy Night

**Saturday 1 December – 8pm to 10pm**

### Telescopes

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory will be running a Family Astronomy Night on Saturday, 1 December from

8pm. The evening will include a presentation which will look at some of the different types of telescopes, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University's computerised telescopes (weather permitting). People considering buying a telescope for a Christmas gift will have the chance to ask astronomers what type of telescopes they should buy for their friends and family.

**Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child, \$40 family.

**To book:** Register online [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)

**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs)

## Hawkesbury Cultural Plan Survey

Hawkesbury City Council is currently revising the Hawkesbury Cultural Plan. Council would like to hear from the community its visions and hopes for cultural and arts development in the Hawkesbury over the next five years and beyond.

An online Cultural Plan Survey is currently open to gather the community's input.

[www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/culturalplan](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/culturalplan)

## Christmas Family Mass



Do you play a musical instrument, love to sing, or act or dress up, or read? If you do, we need you to help us celebrate at the 6.30p.m Christmas Mass at St Matthew's on 24th December. We are looking for students who would like to be involved in this year's Family Mass. If you are interested please come along to a

short meeting at **St Matthew's Church** on **Thursday, 29th November**. If you can't make the meeting, but still want to be involved, please contact either Cathie Conolly 4572 6005 or Tracy McClifty 0425 373 082 or email us at:

[stmattsfamilymass@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsfamilymass@gmail.com)

## Sr Antoinette's Farewell Dinner

**When:** Wednesday 12th December

**Where:** Windsor Bowls Club,  
George Street, Windsor

**Time:** 6pm **Cost:** \$30 per person

**RSVP:** 7th December to Stacey Roberts  
Tel: 4577 3463

# Social Justice at BPC

As the year draws to a close our commitments to various charities for 2012 will be realised. Representatives from the nominated Year Group charities have been invited to the school assembly on 4 December. Members of the College community will have an opportunity to hear, first-hand, some of the results that our fundraising has achieved.

The charities for 2012 have been:

Year 7:



Year 8:



Year 9:



Year 10:



Years 11 & 12:



A big thank you to those families who have donated to the Christmas Hampers. These hampers are being prepared to support those most in need in the Hawkesbury. Our partnership at Christmas with the St Vincent de Paul organisation, makes this possible. The last day of collection is 10 December. If you have not already made your donation, please do so this week. Your donation will bring some joy and Christmas festivity to those who normally go without.

Luke 21:1-4

The Widow's Offering

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



Janette Wick  
Social Justice Coordinator

## LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM.....SEEKING MENTORS

The Lighthouse Program is a Mentoring Program that is coordinated by Parramatta CEO and has been operating since 2001. During this time it has matched over 600 Year 9 and 10 students with members from our community who have volunteered to become mentors.

The volunteer mentor hosts the student in the workplace for one day per week for a total of 18 weeks (April to September excluding school holidays). The mentor is both a personal and professional role model, giving the student a range of employability and work related skills. All mentors undergo free TAFE mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment "Mentoring in the Community".

Mentors can be from any industry and can be sole traders or large corporations e.g. Bunnings, Plumbers, Electricians, Hairdressers, Beauticians, Childcare Workers and Office Personnel.

This year, we have a particular need for Mentors in the **Sports and Fitness Industry, IT Companies, Diesel Mechanic Workshops and Building Industries.**

Please consider this call for help so that the program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or finding out more information, please contact:

Maree Armstrong –Ley	Program Coordinator	0417 060 132
Vanessa McDougall	Workplace Trainer	0407 246 955
Margaret Dawson	Workplace Trainer	0429 660 420

## Youth Encounter NSW Parliament House

Visiting the NSW Parliament House was an excellent experience. Here, we learnt about the qualities which make a good leader and how such qualities can be embedded into our approach to different situations. We also learnt about how to use our morals and ethics when called upon to be a leader. We were fortunate enough to speak with Mr Kevin Conolly MP, a member of the Legislative Assembly and previous Religious Education Coordinator, here at Bede Polding College. He shared with us many insights on the way he views his role of leadership. We also spoke to Mr Anthony Roberts MP. Anthony is the NSW Minister for Fair Trading and he shared with us a very insightful story, where he had to call upon his leadership skills for the wellbeing of others around him. We also heard from Ms Robyn Parker MP, the NSW Minister for the Environment and Heritage. She shared with us her personal views about how one can balance the responsibilities of leadership with other duties. Finally, we were able to view 'Question Time' which took us by surprise. It was very intriguing to see the Minister's angst and frustration grow towards each other. Overall, the day was excellent and we would like to thank Miss Pickert for escorting us.

*Mia Johnson and Alex Romano*





# Canteen Roster & News



## Week 9

**Monday 3rd December**  
D Sammut, J Lee, S Walton  
**Tues 4th December**  
Nina Kiany, W Chalmers,  
L Mitchell  
**Wednesday 5th Decemeber**  
J Buttigieg, K Brett  
**Thursday 6th December**  
R Smith, T McClifty  
**Friday 7th December**  
N Brown, A Ryan, A Dickie

## Week 10

**Monday 10th December**  
C Scopelliti, G Martin  
**Tuesday 11th December**  
R Toohey, K Camilleri,  
J Gerard, M Edgar  
**Wednesday 12th December**  
G McCarthy, C Magazzu  
**Thursday 13th December**  
L Donlan, J Paskin, C Brown  
**Friday 14th December**  
F Peare, V Hall

## Canteen News

- \* As we are winding down for the year, if you do not wish to miss out on hot food please **ORDER**.
- \* Fruit stacks & TNT's are the only choice in ice blocks until the end of the year.

*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

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

## Star Spot



*This is the star of the week.*  
*Congratulations to:*

*Taylor Ellison (10S4)* who is now 10 times National Champion, she has won Gold medals at the Australian Championships in all 4 aspects of the sport for Gymnastics Trampoline Sports.

- Tumbling
- Double Mini Tramp
- Individual Trampoline
- Synchronised Trampoline

*Well done - to this student*



## Bede Polding Parents & Friends Committee Term 4 2012– Minutes in Brief

### AGM

The new office bearers for 2013 are

<i>Position:</i>		<i>Position:</i>	
<i>President</i>	Jette Paskin	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Jill Clarke
<i>Vice President</i>	Cathie Conolly	<i>Treasurer</i>	Jill Clarke
<i>Secretary</i>	Kim Cantin	<i>Media/Newsletter</i>	Kim Cantin

The position of PRC delegate was not filled. Should you have an interest in attending these meetings (held once a term at Mt Druitt or Blacktown) please contact Paul Cruise.

Thank you to our outgoing committee members - Jo McKay, Tess Callus and Ann Asciak - for all their efforts over the many years they have been involved in the school. We will formally thank them at the upcoming volunteers' function.

### Principal's Report – Kevin Jones

Kevin spoke about:

- The new mobile device policy and expectations. A letter will be forwarded to parents outlining expectations for existing students.
- Naplan results – improvements across all skills. We are now above state average in reading, writing and spelling. Numeracy has improved but there is still some way to go. The improvements reflect the commitment by teachers and students to literacy during the recent years.

### Business Manager's Report – Paul Cruise

- Diocesan school fees will not increase by more than 4.9% for 2013. School based fees will have minimal increase (ie resources, sport etc)
- Another four installations were made to classrooms in the holidays as part of the digital delivery project.
- The building project is now complete including the refurbishment of three A Block classrooms.
- Change to operation of canteen which will now be outsourced
- B Block will be upgraded in the January holidays – painted to match the hall and new building, new blinds, desks and lockers.
- School sign will be upgraded to electronic sign.

### PRC Report

Next annual conference in 2013 will be held in the Parramatta diocese. See the PRC website for further details.



Sunday 3 March 2013 – St Matthew's morning tea  
Wednesday 6 March 2013 – P&F General Meeting

Best wishes to all the families and staff at Bede Polding for a safe and happy Christmas break.

## School Funding

A website has been developed <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding>. This website provides information to schools and parents on how to become involved in a range of activities to oppose the NSW Government's school funding cuts.

The CEO will be holding a '**Sign the petition day**' on **11 December** and will be distributing flyers in the next two weeks.

## Notices from Catholic Education Office

### **Stop NSW Funding Cuts to Education**

Catholic schools provide value for money.\*This is evidenced by the outstanding results achieved by our students and our successful delivery of the Building the Education Revolution program. Operating with significantly less government support than public schools, Catholic schools provide quality learning and teaching to ensure the best learning opportunities for students. We won't let funding cuts diminish our capacity to providing quality Catholic schooling for our families. Contact your state MP and Premier Barry O'Farrell to oppose NSW school funding cuts. To let your voice be heard visit our website:[www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)

### **International Day for People with a Disability: 2 December**

In this Year of Grace in the Australian Church, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10am in St Patrick's Church, 51-58 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

### **Christmas Concert for WYD Rio: 2 December**

Featuring the Sydney Welsh Choir and the St Thomas Aquinas School Choir conducted by Viv Llewellyn. The concert will include Christmas music, and carols and the choirs will sing a piece together in Welsh. Funds raised will support our pilgrims to World Youth Day Rio in 2013. Starts 2pm at the Bishop Kevin Manning Learning Centre, St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Tickets: \$20 each, \$10 for children under 12. Bookings: (02) 4754 2554, (02) 4739 0384 (AH).

### **Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Seven Hills: 7-9 December**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, is holding a 'Now And Then' exhibition of school and parish memorabilia to mark the closing of a year-long celebration of both the Golden Jubilee of the church and the school. This exhibition will open after the Jubilee School Mass on Friday 7 Dec. at 9.30am and close after an International Garden Party on Sunday 9 Dec. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the principal celebrant for a special Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at 9.30am on Sunday 9 Dec. This weekend will be an opportunity for parishioners and pupils, past and present, to look back at the 'Then' and also enjoy the 'Now'. Exhibition hours: 7 Dec. 10.30am-4pm, 8 Dec. 10am-4pm and 9 Dec. 10.30am-2pm.

### **Volunteers needed: Chisholm Cottage Westmead**

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers to assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please call Maria McNuff, Volunteer Co-ordinator tel (02) 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, [mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au](mailto:mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au)

### **Music and Readings for Christmas: 16 December**

St Finbar's Church at Glenbrook will once again open its doors to the community for this wonderful celebration of Christmas. Massed Choir, St Finbar's Children's Choir, Penrith Symphony Brass (trumpets, trombones, timpani), Harp, Soprano and Tenor soloists. Come and join in the *Hallelujah* chorus, and hear the Christmas story in words and music with special arrangements of carols for all to sing. Please be early to secure a seat – starts 7.30pm.

### **Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Festival: 17 December**

This Christmas celebration in The Hills starts with carols at 7pm followed by fireworks Bella Vista Farm. There will be games for children and a Christmas Craft Market. Festival program includes Shakespeare in the Park, Sister2Sister School of Singing and Rock 'N Soul Choir, as well as the Salvation Army Band from Parramatta. Come along and share in a real Christian Christmas with the family. Tours of the Historic Bella Vista Farm also be on offer. Tickets available from 12 November at: [www.christmasinthehills.com.au](http://www.christmasinthehills.com.au)

### **Children's Mass: Christmas Eve**

As Christmas is the most family-focused time of the year, parishes are encouraged to invite families who have had a child baptised during the Year of Grace to return to their parish church to receive a special blessing for their children on Christmas Eve. Carol Singing at Mt Schoenstatt: 27-28 December. Come and enjoy the Christmas Season with Carol Singing at Mt Schoenstatt. Thursday 27 December and Friday 28 December. Time: 7.30-8.30pm. Address: Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep and kings! For more info: Sr Luka tel 02 4773 8338 or 0439 537 843.

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS IN WEEK 9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec
12					
11	Ancient History Chemistry		Agriculture Legal Studies	English Adv English Std English Ext 2	Earth & E Sc IT Timber
10					
9					
8					
7					

## ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS IN WEEK 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec
12					
11	Design & Tech Food Tech PDHPE		Drama English Studies	SOR	
10					
9					
8					
7					

### 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.

### **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**