



The Good Samaritan

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3rd December 2010

Term 4 Week 8

Calendar Dates

15 Dec	HSC Results Available
	Last Day of Term 4
16 & 17 Dec	Staff Development Days
2011 Term 1	
28 Jan	Staff return
31 Jan	Year 7 & Peer Support
1 Feb	Yrs 7, 11 & 12
2 Feb	All School back

Attention Drivers!

The College has received a number of complaints from nearby residents about the way in which some parents are parking whilst waiting to pick up students. Please obey the road rules and do not block driveways. Also, a few parents still drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up students. This is a dangerous practice and you are asked not to drive into the school unless your child is on crutches or has a disability.



*From all of us at BPC we wish you a
~ Holy & safe Christmas Break ~*

Principal's Desk

Parents,

In the coming week Version 2 of the "My School" web-site will be launched. This site is designed to provide parents with more information about student academic performance. I encourage all our parents to access the site when it is available which should be sometime next week.

As you are aware we have focused much of our attention over the last two years working to improve our students' ability to write. We know that an inability to record what you know and can do has a detrimental impact on both School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results. Our work in this regard has borne some fruit this year and we are very pleased with our progress.

We know that the data presented on the site cannot encapsulate the totality of any school community. We also know, as we strive to be an outstanding Catholic school, that we must ensure that our students can feel safe and be able to learn. We work hard on both of these things.

As we wait in this season of Advent we reflect on all the gifts of this year. Thank you for your ongoing support.

God Bless.

Mr Jones
Principal



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

Uniform Shop

Dear Parents,

The Year 8 stationery packs are now available at a cost of \$46.00.

The uniform shop will have extended trading hours as follows

Saturday 11th December 9am - 1pm

Please note the last day of trading for the uniform shop (for 2010) is Tuesday 14th December between 8:15am - 2:15pm.

Extended Trading Hours for 2011 as follows:

Monday 24th January 9am-3:30pm

Tuesday 25th January 9am-3:30pm

Wednesday 26th January Closed

Thursday 27th January 9am-3:30pm

4:30pm-7:30pm

Friday 28th January 9am-3:30pm

Monday 31st January 9am-3:30pm

Normal trading hours from Tuesday 1st February ie Tuesdays & Fridays 8:15am-2:15pm

Thank you

Cheryl Tindall

Please Note

The School Office will be closing at 4:00pm on Wednesday 15th December 2010 and will not reopen until Monday 24th January 2011.

Charity Christmas Appeal

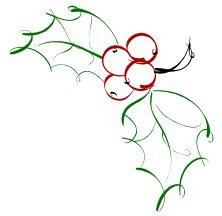
The College has a long running tradition of giving generously to the needy of the community, particularly attempting to brighten up their Christmas. Previously, students and their families have been asked to donate hamper items that have been distributed by the St Vincent de Paul Society and Salvation Army.

This year, both organisations have requested we seek monetary donations rather than hamper items. Their greatest need is to be able to support people struggling for the most basic things. Vouchers for food and paying towards essential service bills eg electricity and water, are the most effective ways to assist.

The request is that families, particularly the students, set themselves to be able to make a financial donation for this year's collection. Please encourage students to go without something, in order to increase the donation they might make. This collection will take place at the College as the school year draws to a close.

Thank you for your undoubted generosity.

Jim Gooley (RE Coordinator)



Canteen Roster & News



Week 9

Monday 6th December

L Karam, L Culican, J Somi,
S Walton

Tuesday 7th December

J Liso, L Edwards (HELP
NEEDED)

Wednesday 8th December

A O'Brien (HELP NEEDED)

Thursday 9th December

R Smith, H Krsticevic, I Morris

Friday 10th December

F Peare, N Brown (HELP
NEEDED)

Week 10

Monday 13th December

J McCartney, A Ascik, J Lee

Tuesday 14th December

C Kersten, C Hepburn (HELP
NEEDED)

Wednesday 15th December

M Durgali, K Brett (HELP
NEEDED)

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th December (Staff Development)



Canteen News

- As the term is coming to an end—if lunch is required it is a good idea to ORDER so you do not miss out.
- A very big thank you to all my helpers throughout 2010 it is very much appreciated.
- Best wishes for Christmas and for a happy and safe 2011!

I hope Santa is good to you all!

Natalie Jones
(Canteen Manager)

Lighthouse Program 2011 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 280 Year 9 and 10 students with volunteer mentors.



The program pairs students with a volunteer mentor, who hosts the student in their workplace for one day a week over 18 weeks (May through to September, excluding school holidays). The mentor is both a personal and professional role model for the students. Free TAFE training is provided for all new mentors to help them feel confident about their role.

The mentor 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, mentors 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 2011 in all trade areas, hospitality, retail 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 a local Catholic High School 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 supports their businesses, showing our appreciation through media, newsletters mentor networking events and the Lighthouse Presentation evening.

Bede Polding College has had the privilege of being involved in the program since its inception. Six candidates from the current Year 10 cohort have been participating in the program this year. The following people were mentors for these students: Nathan Zoernleib (A Step Ahead Carpentry and Joinery), Virginia Byrnes (Complete Plumbing), Tony Evans (JAE Environmental Auto Air), Kristy Hulm (Greenhills Childcare Centre), Robert Vincent (Robert Vincent Hair Design) and Michael James (Altank Sheet Metal). Thank you to these mentors and the other members of the BPC community who are currently participating or who have already indicated their intention to participate in this program during 2011.

Want more information?

We need mentors for 2011. If you are interested in finding out more information about how to join our team of valued mentors, please contact:

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Workplace Trainer

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Vanessa McDougall

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Program Coordinator

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ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

9A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec
	12	ATD					
	11	ATD	Biology Hospitality	Agriculture English Advanced English Standard	EES	Food Technology SOR1	Agriculture English Extension 2 Senior Science
	10	ATD	SC Results avail- able				
	9	ATD					
	8	ATD					
	7	ATD					

10B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec
	12	ATD			HSC Results avail- able	Staff Develop- ment Day	Staff Develop- ment Day
	11	ATD	Drama				
	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