

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

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Mission Statement

"A School with Heart"

Where we are inspiring, challenging and nurturing one another to:
.....live from the heart, love from the heart, learn from the heart of Jesus



Newsletter
Term 4 - Week 7
28 November 2019

Reminders

- ♦ Uniform orders for 2020 are due to Muttons before Monday 16 December.
- ♦ Headspace contact number 1800 650 890
- ♦ Lifeline Contact number: 13 11 14
- ♦ Parent line NSW number 1300 1300 52

Due

- ♦ **School Fees**
- ♦ **Swimming notes + money**
- ♦ **2020 Uniform Orders from Muttons by 16 December**
- ♦ **Interest group notes and any money**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Let Our Light Shine

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. Mark 13:33

Advent begins this weekend. This season offers us the opportunity to look inwards, to be still and to walk slowly when others are rushing.

Let your stillness blanket us, O God, that we may be ready to celebrate the birth of your Son.

Coming Up:

- 2-6 Dec – Swimming lessons all week
- 2 Dec – Interest Groups begin
- 5 Dec – Ms Hillsdon's Farewell 2.30pm
- 12 Dec – Presentation Assembly at the National Theatre from 11am
- 12 Dec – Year 6 Dinner 6pm
- 16 Dec – Meet the Teacher session 11.30-12.15
- 17 Dec – Swimming Fun Day & last day for students

2020 Staffing

It is with great pleasure that we announce the following staff for next year:

Kindergarten – Miss Bridget Welfare

Year 1 – Miss Shaye Cooper

Year 2 – Mrs Katie Tooth

Year 3 – Ms Johanna Barling

Year 4 – Mr Paul O'Donnell/Mrs Taureta Dodd

Year 5 – Mrs Julie Cotter

Year 6 – Miss Lisa Kaptein/Mrs Victoria McGrath

Library – Mrs Ann Monkhouse

Visual Arts – Ms Lis Mertens

Cultural Immersion – Mrs Victoria McGrath

Classroom Support Teacher – TBA

Office Manager – Mrs Lara Hewitt

Classroom Support Assistants - Mrs Michelle Bartley,
Mrs Sarah Stewart, Mrs Michelle Ridley

Sabbath Week

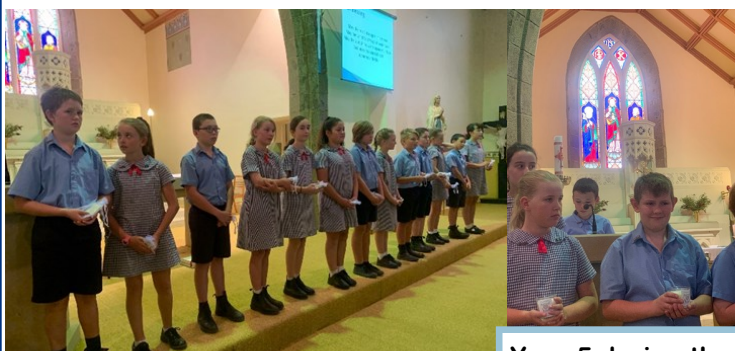
Next week is a time where we, as a community, slow down and take a break from some of the intensity of school life. We are encouraging staff to leave early each day and we are limiting meetings and activities out of school hours. You may wish to experience a week of quiet activities with few interruptions in your home also.

Leadership Mass and Mini-Fete

Congratulations to all involved with the celebratory handover of leadership Mass on Tuesday. It was a beautiful, reflective liturgy that highlighted the growth in maturity of our Year 6 students over their time at St Bede's. We also welcomed Year 5 students to their new role as school leaders in 2020. It was wonderful to have so many parents and family members present to help celebrate this occasion in the life of their children. Year 5 and 6 then led the organisation of our annual **Mini-Fete**. Despite the strong winds and dust clouds, the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time with lots of sugar being consumed! \$300 was raised and this will go to Catholic Mission to assist those struggling with extreme poverty.

Wishing all families an enjoyable week ahead.

Trish Ferlitsch



Year 6 with their story stones

Year 5 during the candle lighting

In this first week of Advent, let us pray,

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen



Please keep Bec, George and the Asimus/ Sheriff family in your Prayers with the passing of former St. Bede's student Nick Asimus in Canberra recently. Nick attended St. Bede's for Year 6 and graduated from Primary School in 2013.

Dear Community,

I have been privileged to be a part of recent excursions to Canberra with Kindergarten and Year 4. The Year 4 children met their 'Pen Pals' in Canberra and were excited to spend the day with their new friends. The children have written numerous old school letters to one another and had a great time learning and playing together at Holy Trinity in Curtin. (Miss Welfare's old school). Thanks to Ms Welfare for organising the day and to the staff and students at Holy Trinity for making us feel so welcome.

Kindergarten travelled to the National Portrait Gallery. They came face to face with famous Australians and even struck a few poses in response. This was a big day for our littlest people and well worth the effort and the experience. Excursions like this are important for our country kids to have opportunities outside our immediate town and thank parents for supporting us. We travel with multiple classes to keep bus costs as low as possible. With the cost of the 2020 school camp Years 4 and 5 parents are welcome to pay in instalments over the coming two terms. Please see Mrs Hewitt to arrange.

With the smoke around Braidwood we kept the children in for the lunch break. Please take care and keep safe with these unusually high fire conditions. The 'Fires Near Me' site is a very helpful app.
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me>

Julian

St Bede's Parish News

Weekly Mass—6 pm

Saturday

Parish Administrator : Fr Troy Bobbin

Associate Priest: Fr Peter Day

Pastoral Associate: Br Brian Berg

Presbytery contact number : 48422444 or
0408 687 915

email address: braidwood@cg.org.au Parish

Office hours: Thursday 9 am-3 pm

Congratulations

Years 5 & 6

Congratulation to Years 5 & 6
on a successful mini -fete
\$297.90 was raised for
Catholic mission.



Important Information for 2020

**Next year St Bede's will have
students with a range of allergies
including nuts.**

**ST BEDES'S WILL BE A NUT-FREE
SCHOOL FROM JANUARY 2020**

This includes.....

- No Peanut Butter
- No Nutella (or Similar)
- No Mixed snacks with nuts
- No Muesli bars with nuts
- No Nut chocolates (or similar)

**Your cooperation is much
appreciated**



Bits and Pieces



Happy Birthday: Josie, Nicholas P, Pema, Charlotte (Yr 1) & Ella-Marija

Important

Notes Home this Week

Important

Whole school	Challenging learning—Parent Information Night
Whole School	Interest Groups
Whole School	Book Fair information
Year 6	Jamberoo
Whole School	Book Fair

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons start next Monday, they are compulsory for all children and will run every day for the whole week.

Please ensure that your child brings their swimmers, towel, rashie, thongs / sandals and goggles (if needed). Children will need to bring their swimming gear every day regardless of the weather and will need to take them home every afternoon to be dried. Please label all items to ensure that we can return them to the rightful owner.

Any families who haven't returned permission notes or money (\$44 per child) are asked to do so as a matter of urgency.

Any families experiencing trouble paying are ask to contact Mrs Ferlitsch.

Any questions please contact the office.



Awards ~~~ Week 7 ~~~ PDHPE

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cara	Dylan	Natalie	Annaleis	Grace	Patrick	Anna
Reece	Snow	Pippa	Boyd	Marcus	Pema	Tate
		Prisha				



"Call to Connect" Women's Ministry invites all interested women.

To: Ecumenical Advent Prayer Breakfast

On: Saturday 7 December

At: 8am—9.30am, St Bede's school hall

RSVP Wednesday 4 December

Cost: \$15 exact cash and name to Lolly Shop tin.

Important Bus information

Change to Braidwood Buses

If your child is catching a bus, other than their registered and approved department of Transport bus run, for any reason, such as going to a friend's place or a regular after school activity, **parents must notify the school of the change for every day that the change happens**; we will then complete a white slip. Your child will need to hand the white slip + **\$3:00** for the fare to the bus driver. If parents do not notify us or fail to provide the \$3:00 your child will be unable to take the bus.

Important

Important Dates - 2019

Remember!

2-6 December	Swimming Lessons—all classes	Various times	Braidwood Pool
2 December	Interest Groups	2 pm	School
5 December	Ms Hillsdon's Farewell	2:30 pm	School
9 December	Interest Groups	2 pm	School
10 December	Jamberoo Year 6 only	TBA	Jamberoo
12 December	Presentation Assembly + Year 6 Graduation	11:00 am	National Theatre
16 December	Cut off day for Uniform orders from Muttons		Muttons
16 December	Interest Groups	2 pm	School
17 December	Swimming Fun day	12—2 pm	Braidwood Pool
17 December	Last day of Term 4 for students		

Important Dates - 2020

30 January	Children return to school		
5 February	School Swimming Carnival (TBC)	TBA	Braidwood Pool
5 February	Kinder only —Rest day		
12 February	Kinder only —Rest day		
14 February	NR Swimming Carnival		Queanbeyan Pool

Overdue School Fees

School fees for Term 4 are now overdue for payment.

A big thank you to those parents who have been prompt in paying.

IMPORTANT

Please note we have changed the venue for our Awards Presentation Assembly. It will now be at the National Theatre, 12 December starting at 11 am.

UNIFORM POOL

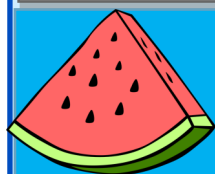
If you would like something from the uniform pool, just call or text Narelle (0425-218-201) or Lisa (0424-243-194) and they will organise to meet you before or after school - or we can simply leave your item at the office for collection. *The school will gratefully accept any uniform items that your family no longer needs—all profits from the uniform pool go directly back to the school. These items can be left at the office.*

BookFair

The term 4 Book Fair will be held in the School Library on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 4 Dec 3 pm—4 pm

Thursday 5 Dec 8 am—9 am & 3 pm—4 pm



CANTEEN

We are looking for volunteers for Canteen on Fridays and Wednesdays. Please contact the office if you are able to help.



	Term 4		
29 November	Irene	Abby	Volunteer needed
6 December	Mel	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
13 December	No Canteen	No Canteen	