

# 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 9  
12 December 2019

## Reminders

- ♦ **URGENT:**  
**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

- ♦ **2020 Uniform**  
**Orders from**  
**Muttons by 16**  
**December**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

### Let Our Light Shine

May this season of Advent remind you of the hope, joy, love and peace found in Christ.

### BRAIDWOOD STANDS STRONG TOGETHER

Our school is part of an awesome community!

Thank you to every one of you for your patience, consideration and care over the past two weeks as we negotiated life with the fires surrounding us. On each occasion we closed the school it was on the advice of the Directorate of NSW Department of Education. ABC News Canberra visited us on Tuesday and interviewed students and staff about the ongoing effects of the fires. You can find a recording on ABC iView, ACT. The students were shown the clip this morning in Peace Room.

We held our modified 'Certificate Assembly' for Year 6, and handover of leadership for Year 5 and 6 today at school. Although we were very disappointed to have had to cancel our full Presentation Assembly this year (the first time in living memory this has happened), our modified assembly was special in its own way. Congratulations to Mason Kelly who has been awarded the CWA scholarship for Year 7. We wish our all Year 6 students every blessing and success for the future.

### Farewells

We are saying goodbye to four staff members with great sadness. We wish Emma Hillsdon, Niall Ashby, Jane Lokan and Annie Lightfoot every happiness in their future endeavours and thank them for their positive contributions to our school. We are also farewelling three Year 6 families: the Gunderson, Kelly and MacPhails; and the D'Arcy, Lyons (Rhys) and Singleton families. Thank you for the gift of your children over the years you have been part of our community, and best wishes for the future.

This is our last newsletter for 2019. I wish all families a happy and holy Christmas, a very happy new year and an enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back on **Thursday 30 January, 2020.**

Trish Ferlitsch

### Coming Up:

**12 Dec – Year 6 Dinner 6pm**

**13 Dec – Ms Hillsdon's Farewell 2.30pm**

**16 Dec – Interest Groups**

**Meet the Teacher session 11.30-12.15**

**17 Dec – Swimming Fun Day & last day for students**

### 2020 Staffing

#### School Executive

Co-Principals: Mrs Trish Ferlitsch (Part Time); **Mr Julian Laffan (Full Time)**

**Assistant Principal: Mrs Ann Monkhouse**

**Religious Education Coordinator: Miss Lisa Kaptein**

Congratulations Julian, Ann and Lisa on your new leadership roles for 2020.

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 – Mrs Cherie Kilburn

Office Manager – Mrs Lara Hewitt

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

### Prayer from the Ashes

God of all creation, we turn to you in faith and hope. Hear our prayer.

Help all those whose lives are affected by the fires of the past few days and weeks.

For farmers and their families,

For all who put their lives at risk by battling bush fires,

For those who support them through their love and care,

And for all who are carrying heavy burdens,

We ask your blessing. Help every member of our community to be able to persevere through adversity.

May we be people of wisdom, generosity and compassion towards our neighbours and ourselves during this time of loss.

May we all be blessed with the knowledge that we are loved and valued. Bring hope to all that find the journey hard in the coming weeks.

And we ask for the gift of rain to sustain and renew us and our earth. **Amen**





*Fire is scary, we know it's true.*

*But we wouldn't get through if it wasn't for you.*

*You can see the flames from the hilltop,*

*Smoke in the air, we are all in despair.*

*You save our homes, we can't thank you enough.*

*We know that it is really tough.*

*Soon it will be over, no more worry or stress.*

*We need you to know you're the best of the best.*

*Frankie Year 4, St Bede's Primary School*



Congratulations to Joshua Stewart, who proudly celebrated his First Eucharist last weekend. Joshua said he was very happy as this makes him feel closer to God.



## 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

## Important Information

Please see the below link should any parents need a link for access to trauma assistance:

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/toolkits/community-trauma-toolkit/>

**Please remember  
that St Bede's  
is nut -free zone  
in 2020**



## Bits and Pieces



Happy Birthday: Robert, Rosalie, Charlotte (Kinder), Oliver

Important

## Notes Home this Week

Important

Year 6	Jamberoo note
Various students	Extreme sport permission note
Various Students	Playground Adventures Interest Group permission note
Whole School	End of year activities
Various Students	Squash Interest Group permission note

## Awards ~ Week 8 ~ Creative & Performing Arts

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Flynn	Sonny	Ethan	Emma P	Ella Marija	Benjamin	Reggie
Elias	Spencer	Lewy	Rhys	Marcus	James	Thomas M
		Ciara		Isabella		

## Awards ~ Week 9 ~ Good Term

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tommy S	Charlie	Josh	Jackson	Thomas	Bella	Maddie
Tyrone	Edie	Zoe	Leilani	Lawry	Blake	Mason
		Stella		Lola		

## Holiday Activities

- ◆ Braidwood Golf club are running a golf program from 14, 15 & 17 January, for ages between 5 & 15 years. For more information contact Rod Coady on 0410 402 203
- ◆ NSW Fisheries (Dept. of Primary Industries) will be running a kids fishing workshop at Nelligen on the 14 January. For more information contact Stephen on 0438 245190 or email [stephen.thustan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thustan@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

## 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!**

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	<b>Kinder only</b> —Rest day		
12 February	<b>Kinder only</b> —Rest day		
14 February	NR Swimming Carnival		Queanbeyan Pool

## Free Sausage Sizzle

Canteen is running a free sausage sizzle tomorrow Friday 13 December. The lunch will be a free sausage + ice cream.  
Gluten free is also available.

A big Thank you to Oras and Bec for their fantastic effort in canteen this year!



**Wishing our students, families  
and greater community a loving  
and joyous Christmas, and a  
New Year full of rain and  
renewal.**

### 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.*