

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 1 - Week 2
6 February 2020

Reminders

- ◆ Headspace contact number 1800 650 890
- ◆ Lifeline Contact number: 13 11 14
- ◆ Parent line NSW number 1300 1300 52

Dear Community,

A big welcome back to all our families, new and ongoing. Our swimming carnival started the term with a 'splash' with Red taking the carnival overall and Blue the most effective with loud but audible cheering! We welcome our new staff, Mrs. Cotter, Ms. Barling, Miss Cooper and Mrs Kilburn to our community. The carnival was a great celebration of sportsmanship and also as a community gathering together to heal and move forward.

After such a trying summer this year the children and teachers were very excited to get back to school and have some normal order back in their lives. We acknowledge that this has been, and continues to be a stress on families and the wider community. Our parents and families have faced loss, many nearly lost homes, been evacuated and their lives interrupted for weeks on end. We thank the Fire Brigade, the RFS, the Mosquitos, the RFS HQ, those caring for other people's children during the emergency periods. Over the summer we have seen the best of Braidwood as a community banding together as we faced stories of challenges with the elements, unpredictable days and stress. The unexpected new friendships and shared experiences as neighbours banded together reveal a great community. In acknowledging the strain on our children, we are working with counsellors and Catholic Education to assist them to have the best start possible. Should your child need someone to speak with at any time during the term, please see Lara for a referral form. We have additional visits from Natalie from Catholic Care in order to accommodate the extra need as well as in school initiatives and some fun events to help our children recover. Please take care of one another as we take the slow road to recovery together.

We send a huge thank you to Mother Theresa Primary school who ran a fundraiser for the children of St. Bede's in December last year. They donated \$1500 to our kids! We also send out gratitude to CE schools, St Anthony's Wanniasa, St Thomas the Apostle Kambah, Holy Family Gowrie, St Francis of Assis Calwell and St John Vianney's Warramanga who banded together to put together backpacks filled with stationery, lunch boxes and drink bottles. The smiles on all the kids faces and how special every child felt as they walked out the gate was amazing and gave a little spring to their step. The Mt. Carmel staff in Yass donated funds toward our end of year staff dinner and a group of CE teachers have made and donated a quilt. It is incredible to know how much Braidwood is cared for in our region.



The teachers and classroom assistants have been doing an amazing job of ensuring that school is a positive place to be and we have jumped straight back into the rhythm of learning. We hope and pray that more rain will follow to bring life back to our gardens, forests and parks.

Peace to all,

Julian Laffan, Co-Principal



Due

- ◆ Book Club is due to returned by 13 Feb—Next Thursday

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



From Mrs Monkhouse

Calling any parents with some time to give!

Our library has many new books that I'd love to get on shelves and into the hands of our children, thanks to Mr Laffan's book fairs.

I'm in the library most mornings(except Fridays). I'd be more than happy to show willing helpers what needs to be done and it could be something that's done anytime. Library lessons are every afternoon so morning or middle sessions are preferable. Any amount of time would be appreciated.
Just ring the school so I'm ready to meet you.

**Many thanks
Ann**



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



Pray for Rain

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: Jolyon, Baden, Evie, Blake, Sonny, Alfie, Sac, Leo, Spencer, Digby, Angus, Lyall, Patrick, Charlie M, Remi, Matilda, Harvey, Boyd & Isabella

Important

Notes Home this Week

Important

Year 1	Head lice note
Year 5 & 6	Japan Goulburn Friendship Club
Kinder	Welcome to Kinder 2020 information
Whole School	Book Club

Awards ~~~ Week 2 ~~~ Good Start

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Milly G	Tyronne	Lewis	Digby	Miranda	Ryder	Robert
Eden Blake	Cara	Snow	Gordon	Alfie	Cormac	Milly

A special Thank to the Tom Curtin Helpers—Tommy G, Milly, Jimi, Orlando, Sy, Lily and Pema

If parents are attending the **Braidwood Redbacks Bushfire Rugby Sevens on Saturday** and you are able to assist the St Bede's parents serving on the BBQ, if they could please visit canteen at the Rec Ground!

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2020
BRAIDWOOD RECREATION GROUND

BRAIDWOOD REDBACKS BUSHFIRE RUGBY 7S FAMILY FUNDRAISER

LET'S SHOW THE COMMUNITY OUR SUPPORT. A FUN 7S COMPETITION WITH FUNDRAISER EVENTS.

LET'S GET THE RUGBY COMMUNITY TO WRAP IT'S ARMS AROUND A DECIMATED COMMUNITY!

#EMPTYESKIES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 7'S TEAMS REQUESTED ASAP (MEN, WOMEN, U18/16) FROM OUR RUGBY COMMUNITY.

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LIVE MUSIC | JUMPING CASTLE | YABBY RACING



BYPAA

LIVE in CONCERT

AWARD WINNING CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

BRAIDWOOD NATIONAL THEATRE

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY @ 2.00PM

FREE

the BEANIES.



50 MINUTE SHOW TIME

YOUNG CHILDREN / FAMILIES

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT VENUE

DONATIONS TO BYPAA APPRECIATED

Important

Important Dates - 2020

Remember!

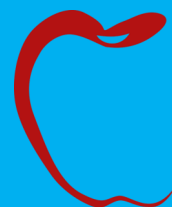
12 February	Kinder only—Rest day		
14 February	NR Swimming Carnival		Queanbeyan Pool
13 February	Parent Information Night	5:30	school
20 February	Welcome BBQ	6:00	
26 February	Ash Wednesday		
1 April	School Photos		

2020



CANTEEN

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



	Term 1		
7 February	Bec T	Trina	
14 February	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	
21 February	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	
28 February	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	
6 March	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	
13 March	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	