



# The Good Samaritan

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26th September 2008

Term 3 Week 10

## Calendar Dates



<b>26 Sept</b>	Last day Term 3
	<b>Term 4:</b>
<b>13 Oct</b>	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
<b>14 Oct</b>	1st Day Term 4
<b>21 Oct</b>	Staff Meeting (9.30 start)
<b>4th Nov</b>	Staff Meeting (9.30 start)
<i>~ Have a safe and restful holiday break ~</i>	

## GRADUATION ASSEMBLY 2008



## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last few weeks our Year 12 students have been preparing for their final days at school. On Tuesday we had a Special Assembly to farewell Year 12 students and to pray with them and wish them success in the future. Thank you to the staff who helped the students prepare for the luncheon, the assembly and the Mass and presentation ceremony. I would encourage everyone who is part of our Bede Polding community to pray for these students that they will make the most of the time they have left to study for their HSC.

Thank you to our school leaders for 2008, especially our captains Marissa Scopelliti and Matthew Cividin. Congratulations to the senior leadership team for 2009. These are: Danielle Muscat and Joel Tynan (School Captains), Abbey Schumacher, Natasha Wergeltoft, William Pye, Karlee Bell and Charlene Saliba.

Schools are always very busy and this term has been no exception. The first day of Term 4 is a pupil free day and staff will be joining with three other schools for a day of professional development.

I hope that all staff and students have a restful, safe and happy holiday.

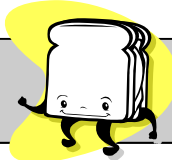
God Bless

Kevin Jones

Principal



# Canteen Roster & News



## Week 1 Term 4

**Monday 13th October**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 14th October**

L Donlan, L Lewis, J Liso,

L Edwards, P Watson

**Wednesday 15th October**

T Winters, J Bourke, K Chidgey,

E Lord

**Thursday 16th October**

J Gates, R Smith (HELP

NEEDED)

**Friday 17th October**

L Bazley, R Hazeldene,

S Makkonen, K Humphries,

C Simmons

## Week 2 Term 4

**Monday 20th October**

J Somi, L Culican, L Karam,

L Blume

**Tuesday 21st October**

S Tricker, B Greenaway,

K Walters

**Wednesday 22nd October**

J Lindon, K Kelty, A Doherty,

A Hall

**Thursday 23rd October**

K Milgate, C Bellis, J Paskin,

S Cohen, L Pollicina

**Friday 24th October**

K Griffin, K Hilliard, G Garrick

## Canteen News

- Term 4 Menu (see below)
- Fruit salad now available this Term  
Small \$2.50 & Large \$3.50
- TNT's are now 60 cent
- Help needed for Tuesday 4th November—If you can help out please call Natalie.

*Natalie Jones*  
(Canteen Manager)

## Bede Polding College



### Canteen Price List Term 4 - 2008



<b>S'WICHES/ROLLS</b>		<b>CAKES</b>	
Salad	2.20	2.40	Iced Donut Small 1.20
Ham,Cheese	2.50	2.70	Banana Bread 2.00
Ham,Cheese,Tomato	2.60	2.80	Choc Chip Cookie 1.80
Chicken	2.50	2.70	Finger Buns 1.60
Chicken.Lettuce	2.50	2.70	
Chicken,Lettuce,Mayo	2.60	2.80	Sara Lee Range
Chicken,Lett,Cranberry	2.60	2.80	Muffins & Cookies 1.80
Egg,lettuce	2.50	2.70	Choc Chip Mega Muffin 2.40
Ham/Salad	2.70	2.90	
Chicken/Salad	2.70	2.90	
Chicken/Ham Wraps	3.00		
<b>FRUIT SALAD TUBS</b>		<b>SALAD IN A TUB</b>	
Small	2.50	Garden Salad	
Large	3.50	Small 2.50 Large 3.50	
<b>HOT FOOD</b>		Salad with Chicken or Ham	add \$1.00
Vegetarian Roll	2.60	Italian Dressing	add 20c
Pizza Pockets	1.80		
Chicken Burger	2.70	<b>MILK</b>	
McCain pizza	1.80	Popper Milk	1.20
Chicken Royale	1.80	Big M Small	1.50
Potato Bake	2.70	Big M Large	2.40
Hokkien Noodles	2.70	Big M bottle	2.50
Chicken Puff	2.40	<b>DRINKS</b>	
Hotdog	2.20	Water	1.50
Pie	2.40	Cans	1.50
Potato Pie	2.60	390ml	1.70
Sausage Roll	2.20	600ml	2.40
Noodles	2.20	Juice	2.00
Lasagne	2.70	Popper Juice	1.20
Fried Rice	2.70	<b>BREAKFAST From 8.15am</b>	
Macaroni Cheese	2.70	Pizza bread	1.80
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	2.40	Croissant	1.80
Garlic Bread	1.20	Small donut	1.20
Tomato sauce	0.20	Juice/Milk/Water	
		Up & Go	1.80

**ALL LUNCH ORDERS TO BE PLACED AT CANTEEN BEFORE SCHOOL OR AT RECESS. NO CHIPS,LOLLIES OR SOFT DRINK SOLD BEFORE SCHOOL**

## Art Awards

Congratulations to the following students who took out awards at the St John's Spring Fair Annual Photographic Competition at Wilberforce on 13th September.

### Under 16 Open Section:

*1st Place :*

Alexis Watts (Year 9)

*2nd Place:*

Laura Jessop-Smith

*3rd Place:*

Joshua Borchard (Year 9)

*Highly Commended:*

Natasha Vincent (Year 9)

*Highly Commended:*

Emily Zahra (Year 9)

*Commended:*

Aimee Hudson (Year 9)

### I Love Where I live Section:

*2nd Place:*

Emily Zahra (Year 9)

*Highly Commended:*

Sally O'Brien (Year 9)

*Commended:*

Jimmy Bayssari (Year 9)

*Margarete Formanek*

## DRINKWISE CAMPAIGN HELPING PARENTS TO DEAL WITH ISSUES RELATED TO KIDS AND ALCOHOL

A social change campaign launched in June this year by DrinkWise Australia is offering support and advice to parents who want to positively influence their children's future drinking behaviours.

Jointly funded by DrinkWise Australia and the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing, the campaign aims to shift Australia's culture of 'drinking to get drunk' through a program of generational change.

Although 76 percent of Australian parents agree that it is their responsibility to show their teenage children how to drink responsibly, DrinkWise recognises the many pressures face parents today and has provided parents with advice from an expert panel of contributors, including leading child and family psychologist, Dr John Irvine.

A key element of the campaign is the DrinkWise website ([www.drinkwise.com.au](http://www.drinkwise.com.au)) which provides practical tips and guidance to parents with children of all ages. For parents of young children, the website offers expert tips for being a positive role model as children learn their behaviours and attitudes towards drinking long before they've had their first drink.

For parents with teenagers, practical tips and strategies are given to help delay the onset of drinking or negotiate boundaries if a teenager is already drinking.

Dr Irvine provides the following useful tips to parents in a downloadable format on the website:

Drink responsibly. Your child will learn that this is the right way to drink.

Consider why you drink in front of your child. Is it out of habit or to combat stress?

Convey appropriate attitudes and behaviour; glorifying or laughing about drunken behaviour by yourself or others gives your child the wrong message.

Use news events, TV episodes, advertising or personal events as triggers to discuss what are appropriate or inappropriate drinking behaviours.

Consider whether alcohol needs to be part of every family gathering or social activity.

Be prepared to explain to your child the sorts of questions that he or she will ask you about alcohol.

Make the time to talk to your children about alcohol.

Further advice for parents of young children and teenagers go to [www.drinkwise.com](http://www.drinkwise.com).

1 NCETA, Young People and Alcohol: the Role of Cultural Influences, 2007.

## Debating



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 7 Debating Team – Amanda Cauchi, Ellie Lane, Clare Murray and Susannah Hoffman attended the Western Sydney Regional Environmental Debating Competition. The competition was held at the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre. We were to participate in two debates. The topics were: that weeds are a habitat not a threat to biodiversity (we were the affirmative in this debate) and the second topic was: that it is important to conserve all forms of life (we were the negative in this debate). We won both debates by a large margin.

We then progressed on to the final debate, the topic was: that local action can make a difference to biodiversity (we were the negative in this debate) against St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes. This final debate was added to our list of successes.

We were presented with a shield and a cheque for \$500! We also earned the title "Western Sydney Environmental Debating Champions 2008".

We would like to thank Mrs Tyrrell for coaching us and accompanying us on the day and Mrs Parnaby for coaching us.

*Susannah Hoffman (7D7)*

## Aboriginal Out of Home Care Service

Aboriginal foster carers needed for aboriginal children/young people

For all enquiries please call Troy Lenihan on

8840 1006 or 0407 667 243

email [troy@nsw.link-up.org.au](mailto:troy@nsw.link-up.org.au)



# P & F News

Term 3 "Minutes in Brief"

The last general meeting of the Parents and Friends Association was held on Tuesday September 16. It was great to see the regular faces there!

**Guest Speaker** – We were privileged to have Ms Margarete Formanek (Creative Arts Coordinator) speak to us on two topics. Firstly Ms Formanek gave a presentation about the "International Student Volunteers Abroad" trip to Thailand that took place at the beginning of 2008. Four students from the College worked as volunteers teaching English and working with disadvantaged children in a small Thai community. This year another six students will be heading to Thailand as volunteers, so we wish them well in their adventure!

Ms Formanek also spoke about the extensive Creative Arts program that the college offers the students. Samples of work were displayed along with a Power Point presentation highlighting the vast array of activities that the children are able to undertake. We thank Ms Formanek for sharing these wonderful experiences and insights with us.

**Principal's Report** – Mr Jones presented data from the Parent Forum on "Student Management and Safety" that was held on September 3. The results, based on the fifty parents that attended, showed that most parents were happy with expectations on the children, consistency in approach, treatment of children and on on. He said that there was room for improvement in some areas and that this information will be used with the staff.

**Business Manger's Report** – Mr Paul Cruise reported on the success of the walkathon and the fantastic effort made by the students and staff to make the day such a success. He reported that the new school bus is highly valued by the students and has been put to good use already. Mr Cruise also informed us about a Government initiative to install solar power panels that will produce electricity for the school. This grant is worth \$50 000. A great start to self sufficiency! A cheque for \$12 285 was handed to the P&F from the Term 3 fundraising levy.

This will pay for the last six classrooms to be air conditioned!! What a great achievement!! Mr Cruise also told us about a number of recent attacks of vandalism on the school and asked us to all be vigilant in keeping our eyes open when passing the school on weekends.

## **President's Report and General Business**

- **2009 Projects** – We are looking at a number of possibilities for next year. Two main ideas are:
  - \* **Projector Screens and speakers** for the hall so that all students can see and hear what is going on at the front of the hall.
  - \* **Interactive Whiteboards** for use in the staffroom and classrooms.

Decisions will be made regarding this once costings have been done.

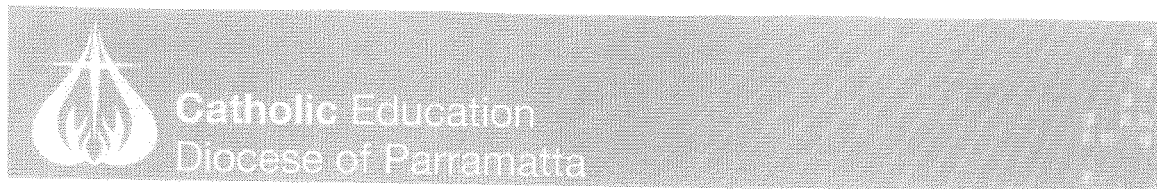
- **Drug and Alcohol Night Term 1 2009** – The P&F are looking into hosting an information night for parents and their children on problems associated with drugs and alcohol. The night would be held in conjunction with Windsor Police and the Drug and Alcohol Unit.
- **Fundraising Levy Increase** – discussion was held about raising the levy by a small amount per term over the three terms. Possibly three dollars. This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- **The Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held next term on Wednesday November 12.** We hope to see many of you there.
- **P&F Christmas Function December 10**

**Once again thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you next term at the AGM.**

**Joanne McKay - Secretary**

## Survey—Early Learning Centres

Please see below letter from Greg Whitby, Executive director of Schools, regarding the need for Early Learning Centres. You are encouraged to complete the survey referred to in the letter.



GBW:GP:sa

22 September 2008

Dear Parents

As a result of recommendations made in the NSW/ACT Bishops Pastoral Letter 'Catholic School at a Crossroad', the Parramatta Catholic Education Office is seeking feedback from school and parish communities into the feasibility of establishing a small number of Catholic Early Learning Centres.

These Early Learning Centres would respond to the educational needs of Catholic families in high growth areas by providing onsite pre-school education for 3-5 year olds through a range of personalised learning experiences within a faith-centred environment.

The two sites being considered for a possible opening in 2009 are St Matthew's, Windsor and Blessed John XXIII Learning Community, Stanhope Gardens.

To assess the needs of the community and enable us to plan effectively, we are asking interested parents and parishioners to complete a short online survey.

The survey can be accessed via a link on the Parramatta Catholic Education Office website. Please go to <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> and click on the Parent Community survey banner.

We ask that you try and complete the survey by Friday, 17 October. If you are unable to access the survey from home, please contact your school or parish office for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Whitby", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Gregory B Whitby**  
Executive Director of Schools  
Catholic Education Office  
Diocese of Parramatta

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1A</b>		13 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct
	A: 12				HSC	HSC
	A: 11					Hospitality
	A: 10					IST
	A: 9		PE( during the week)			
	A: 8					
	A: 7					

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2B</b>		20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct
	A: 12	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC
	A: 11					
	A: 10			English IT Metal VA	Italian	
	A: 9	Mathematics RE	Music Quiz 9A (in class)	English Science		Music Quiz 9B (in class)
	A: 8					
	A: 7	RE				

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3A</b>		27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct
	A: 12	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC	HSC
	A: 11					
	A: 10					IT Timber
	A: 9					
	A: 8					
	A: 7	RE				

**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.