

St Bede's Principal's Newsletter 6: 5.5.17

At the last Tuesday's 11.00am Anzac Day Commemoration at Morpeth, I witnessed firsthand the community spirit, respect and friendship of this area. The understanding and appreciation of the sacrifice of current and past military servicemen were clearly evident in the active engagement and demonstrated respect at this highly attended event. My grandfather fought and was wounded on multiple occasions in World War 1 which included the Somme battlefields in France. I was fortunate to appreciate the sacrifice of so many brave Australians by visiting these battlefields some years ago. In leaving the security of a large and successful school to lead the building of a new school community, I was so reassured that there is a strong values alignment between the people of this local area and the culture that will be built at St Bede's. In building upon the practice established by St Aloysius and noting the lack of high schools in the street march, I intend to have St Bede's students become part of this important community celebration at next year's commemoration service. Congratulations to Charlee Jones from St Aloysius, who will be one of our students next year, for the outstanding job she did with a reading at this commemoration service and to all those students who were part of the march.



As per the last newsletter and letter sent home, a reminder that the **Inaugural St Bede's Student Orientation Day** will be held **on Wednesday 17 May at the Corcoran Church Hall in James Street Morpeth**, adjacent to Immaculate Conception Church which was the site of the original St Bede's Church. The **2nd Parent Information Session** is scheduled for **Wednesday 14 June at the Beresfield Bowling Club** which is on Anderson Drive Beresfield. There will again be the option of a morning (9.30 – 11.00am) and evening session (6.30 – 8.00pm). This meeting will be for parents who have already enrolled their child and for other interested parents who may be considering enrolling their child. An invitation email will be sent closer to the date.

As per last term and subject to the permission of the family, I will continue to introduce our incoming Year 7 students for 2018 who will go down in history as the pioneer students of what will quickly become a quality Catholic Secondary High School. These students and their families will set the platform for a long-lasting culture of inclusiveness, acceptance, resilience and a commitment to turning dreams into realities. Having already welcomed many students from our non-feeder schools, I will now broaden the introductions to include those enrolled students from St Aloysius Chisholm and Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro upon the completion of their induction interview with me. I encourage parents of enrolled students from these two feeder schools to arrange a time for both them and their child to meet with me over the course of this term. Please email Rachel Quirk at rachel.quirk@mn.catholic.edu.au to arrange a time. For parents of Year 6 students who are undecided on their preferred school of enrolment, I also invite you to meet with me by also emailing Rachel. Making an informed decision after fully understanding the benefits of being the leaders at a new state of the art school will avoid future regrets that may come when enrolment vacancies are no longer available.



Melanie Moclair from Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro will go down as the first feeder school student to complete her enrolment/induction interview. She is fun loving and enjoys netball and athletics, particularly running. Melanie is particularly looking forward to keeping her old friends and making new friends.



Luke Monroe from St Aloysius Chisholm will go down as the first feeder school male student to complete his enrolment/induction interview. He is the McAuley House Colour Captain. Luke loves soccer, ten-pin bowling and enjoys going horse riding with his mother. He is looking forward to the diversity of learning opportunities that will be offered next year.



Brooke Rooney is from the Maitland Christian School and is a House Captain. Brooke is a kind, friendly student who loves sport. Brooke is looking forward to making new friends and having a number of different teachers so she can broaden her perspectives and opinions on a range of issues.



Travis MacLucas from Thornton Public School is a very polite and well organised young man who makes good use of technology to assist him in his learning. Travis is looking forward to making the most of the opportunities that will be presented to him at St Bede's and one day getting a good job.

Kind regards,

John Murphy
Principal

