

St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm Newsletter No. 9 2017



STAFF RECRUITMENT

With much excitement about recruiting quality staff, we are working through the first round of staffing appointments which are the leadership positions. The positions that we have advertised and are working through are:

1. Assistant Principal, with a focus on Teaching and Learning.
2. Student Coordinator who will have the day to day responsibility of overseeing Year 7.
3. A Learning Support Coordinator, who will assist special needs and gifted and talented students.
4. Three Studies Coordinators who initially will oversee multiple roles before specialising in their area of speciality as additional Studies Coordinators are employed as the College grows. These three positions will be:
 - ♦ Religious Studies/Ministry.
 - ♦ English/Humanities (HSIE)/Creative & Performing Arts and Languages.
 - ♦ Mathematics/Science/Technology & Applied Studies and Personal Development Health & Physical Development.

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The quality of applications for the Assistant Principal, Student Coordinator and Studies Coordinators have all been outstanding. A rigorous employment process is being followed to differentiate between the applicants so the best person for this particular community are appointed. I am confident that early next term I can confirm these appointments and introduce them to you as we begin the process of integrating them into our community.

As with the Learning Support Coordinator's position which has been readvertised, we will not be appointing unless we are 100% confident that we have the right person for this unique position and for this very special community.

IMMERSON TRIP

This Saturday, I will be on a plane to Kenya with the Executive Director Michael Slattery on an immersion trip. This will be my 4th overseas immersion trip and the third in the last four years. The other immersion trips have been to Poland/Hungary, South Africa and India. With justice and compassion being two of the four Gospel values underpinning our Foundation Plan (the other two being Love and Truth), it is important that as the Principal that I seek out opportunities for our students to service building relationships within and beyond the College, including with overseas communities. I look forward to sharing with you my experiences and discussing possibilities of our students developing links with overseas school communities. Today will be my last day for this term. I will back on duty on Tuesday 18 July. The Office Manager, Rachel Quirk, will be here until the end of the week and will return on Monday 17 July.

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As you enter our Office at 39 Heritage Drive, you will notice our Sacred Space. This space reflects the centrality of the Catholic faith to St Bede's Catholic College. Included in our Sacred Space are the beautiful gifts given by the Catholic Schools Office — the Bible, the San Damiano Crucifix, and the Foundation Candle. Religious symbols are expressions of our Catholic faith.

Recently, we have added 'Our Lady of Perpetual Help' (OL of PH) Icon which was given to all participants at the Annual Catholic Schools Principals Conference. Over the next few newsletters, I will give a short explanation of each of the symbols visible on our Sacred Space, commencing with the OL of PH Icon. Icons are created for the purpose of offering access, through the gate of the visible to the mystery of the invisible. Icons are created to lead us to the inner room of prayer and bring us close to the heart of God.

The original icon of OL of PH is a Byzantine icon that is believed to have had its origin in Crete which was inspired from a painting that no longer exists, by John the Evangelist, "She who knows the way".

At the invitation of Maitland Newcastle's first resident Bishop, James Murray, the Redemptorist community made their first Australian foundation at Singleton in 1882 (Wonnarua land). They brought with them a copy of the icon, and OL of PH was named our diocesan patroness. The Wonnarua people helped the

explorers find their way from Windsor to Wollombi and broke through into the Hunter Valley in the district of St Patrick's Plains. In 2008 Richard Campbell painted the Aboriginal depiction of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the days prior to World Youth Day.

In the icon we see:-

- The Rainbow Serpent: Creator God, The incarnation, the Word made flesh. In Christ srethe Greek words "SARX" & "PNEUMA" the flesh and Spirit (Breath of God).
- The Meandering River: Creator Spirit, weaving its way from the womb of the creation totem, reminds us that Gods reveals himself with constancy through creation.
- The twin totems of the Eagle, Kawal, are cradled within water holes, reminding us of times of drought and times of flood - abundance and starvation. Kawal holds the implements of Christ's passion: the nails pointing to the hurts we carry ;the hyssop stick dipped in vinegar pointing, to the bitterness of life.
- Mary and the Christ child: Placed in the centre of the icon, Mary reflects the importance of Mother earth. As she caresses Jesus close to her heart, she presents Jesus as the way to live a life of Ecological Conversion, the truth of the harm we have inflicted upon mother earth and we are called to new ways of living life in communion.

OUR SACRED SPACE - OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ICON



ST BEDE'S SPORT



With so many of our incoming students having a great love of sport, there will be a weekly sports afternoon in addition to scheduled Physical Education Personal Development & Health (PEPHE) classes next year. We have opted for a weekly Friday afternoon sports model to allow us to compete regularly with our friends from St Peter's Maitland who also have Friday afternoon sport. Teachers employed at St Bede's will be expected to contribute to this very important part of our College life in catering for the full range of abilities and interests of students.

As per the presentation at Wednesday's Information Sessions, Cheerleading will be one of a number of activities running on a Friday afternoon. Courtney Turton from 'Oxygen All Stars Australia' will be running subsidised weekly classes for beginning and current athletes at Beresfield. We have aspirations of replicating what Oxygen All Stars Australia achieved with St Catherine's Singleton a few years ago when their school team went on to become national champions.

One of a number of competitive sports that we are confident of running next year is Rugby League. After being invited to attend the U/10's Knights All Schools Rugby League Knock-out by one of our great incoming parents, I witnessed first hand the breath of talent and energy of our future St Bede's students by watching a very competitive Our Lady of Lourdes team go down in a cliff-hanger quarter final game with a controversial try being scored by the opposition after the full-time bell. Whereas I was extremely impressed by the skill level and determination of the team, I was even more impressed by their sportsmanship and maturity in accepting a controversial decision. Thank you to the players and parents for making me feel so welcomed at the event and we look forward to entering a St Bede's team in the knock out next year.

DIOSOUNDS MUSICAL

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Diocesan musical showcase, Diosounds, at the Civic Theatre stage. Now in its eleventh year, over 500 students from the 11 secondary Catholic schools across the Hunter, took to the stage in both the matinee and night show performances in front of more than 3000 people.

"Broadway Melodies and Hollywood Harmonies" was this year's theme and featured performances made famous on stage and screen, such as Mama Mia!, Dirty Dancing and Matilda, and songs from films such as La La Land, Sister Act 2 and Pitch Perfect.

The quality of the performances was nothing short of spectacular and St Bede's was welcomed as being the new and 12th Catholic Secondary school that will open next year. With the strong musical background of some of our incoming 2018 students, the employment of a high standard and committed music and performance teacher will be a priority when we begin the recruitment of non-Coordinator teachers later in the year. I have indicated that St Bede's will be a new entry next year with the youngest group of performers, so I encourage our musical and dance orientated students to continue to improve their skills as they'll be on the big stage next year.

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS



Hayley Robinson is a current House Captain from Maitland Christian School. Hayley particularly enjoys being a buddy to a Kindergarten girl and loves playing soccer. Hayley is looking

forward to working within a flexible personalised learning environment and making some new friends.

HOPING TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS



Thomas Thorpe from St Aloysius is a high energy positive young man who thrives on challenges. An academically strong student, Thomas is a House Captain and this year was the overall

sports age champion at St Aloysius. In addition to playing representative soccer and cricket, Thomas enjoys playing the guitar and will be looking forward to joining a St Bede's music group.

WILL BE A FORCE IN OUR SPORTING TEAMS



Hayley Colling from St Aloysius is a House Captain and loves energetic activities, including ice skating and soccer. Hayley is enjoying learning art and hopes that learning at St Bede's will be

fun. Hayley likes the furniture being used at St Aloysius and will look forward to a contemporary learning culture being developed at St Bede's.

ENGAGING LEARNING SPACES AT ST BEDE'S



Thomas Yager is a polite and determined young man who attends St Aloysius. With the family having moved from Raymond Terrace to this area at the start of the year, Thomas will be used to adapting to

new learning environments. Thomas enjoys scouts and will be the 'go to guy' at the Camp as his scout group recently got lost for over four hours in Myuna Bay.

BRING ON THE CAMP TO MYUNA BAY

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Daisy Hungerford is a current House Captain and Library Monitor at St Aloysius. In addition to being a competitive soccer player, Daisy thrives in

the fields of creative and performing arts. Daisy is hoping that St. Bede's can showcase its talent in running a musical show next year.

LET'S GET A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE NEXT YEAR

"The more I see of these incoming students, the more I like them. Coming from good families is obvious". Mr Murphy



Egan White is a current Captain at Our Lady of Lourdes. Egan loves the community feel to his school and is hoping that St Bede's will develop its own unique

sense of community. Egan enjoys reading, playing soccer and taking on new challenges. He is also looking forward to next year's camp.

LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING A COMMUNITY



Jack Maslen from St Aloysius loves school and all the opportunities presented to him. He stays fit by playing soccer and doing cross fit. Jack enjoys reading and is hoping that the school

environment and teachers will challenge him in his learning. Jack is also looking forward to making some new friends and keeping some of his current friends

KEEPING FIT AND READING ARE FUN





STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Brooklyn Marriott from Our Lady of Lourdes is a current Captain and thrives with the leadership responsibility. Brooklyn particularly enjoys Mathematics as one of his subjects. In

continuing to learn the piano which he started a few years ago, we look forward to Brooklyn showcasing his musical talent and being part of a St Bede's Band.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AT ST BEDE'S.



Macy Jennings from Our Lady of Lourdes is very energetic girl who is passionate about cheerleading. She will be joining some other passionate cheerleaders in

forming a St Bede's Cheerleading team. Macy prides herself on looking after the little ones, including her young sister who is Year 1.

ST BEDE'S CHEERLEADING TEAM WILL BE THE BEST



Cristian Barrios from St Aloysius is kind, caring young man who is really excited about the prospect of being the Foundation Year Group at St Bede's. Cristian has a strong interest in Science and

Computers and is looking forward to some cross curricular projects. Christian enjoys tennis and basketball and loves his dog.

CROSS CURRICULAR PROJECTS AT ST BEDE'S



Angus Laver from Our Lady of Lourdes will be a key 'player' in building a community at St Bede's. In addition to being a talented athlete which includes Rugby League and Athletics, Angus prides himself on

taking care of those who need some assistance. Angus wants to be part of something special at St Bede's in building a culture where we'll quickly become known as an excellent Catholic school.

BRING ON THE CAMP TO MYUNA BAY

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Arshdeep (Erika) Kaur from Ashtonfield Public School will join our new friends from the non-feeder schools. Arshdeep moved from India to Australia in 2008 and given my immersion trip to

India last year, we will have lots to talk about as we try to develop links with overseas communities. Arshdeep is wanting a quality education where she can one day move into a rewarding career.



WE'LL BE BUILDING LINKS WITH OVERSEAS COMMUNITIES

Charlotte Easey from St Aloysius is a lovely young lady who last year was on the big stage in the Aspire Concert at the Newcastle Civic Centre. Charlotte enjoy dancing, singing

and art and likes going away with the family. Charlotte hopes to make new friends and for her love of learning to continue to grow.



LOVES PERFORMING ON THE BIG STAGE

Madelyn Wilcher will join us next year from the Maitland Christian School. Madelyn enjoys doing a range of activities including swimming, piano playing and is a big help at her school in being a

library monitor. Madelyn is a talented butterfly swimmer and will be one of our performers next year in the musical performances. We look forward to having Madelyn join the St Bede family.



SWIMMING AND PIANO PLAYING

Jessica Ballard is a current Captain at Our Lady of Lourdes Tarro. Jessica is another one of our passionate dancers/gymnasts who already has been on the big stage at the Newcastle Civic

Centre. She will be one of key performers in our Performing Arts for the years to come. Jessica is proud of her cultural background and is hoping that St Bede's will be a caring and loving school.



ST BEDE'S TO BE A LOVING AND CARING SCHOOL

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS



Abbey Hoult enrolled into St Aloysius a couple of years ago and has excelled in many areas. Abbey's great passion is singing and more recently piano playing. As a talented vocalist, Abbey has

performed in front of thousands of people at different musicals. She will be one of our key performers next year as St Bede's is set to enter teams in various musicals.

A TALENTED VOCALIST



Ashton Herth from St Aloysius is a resilient young man who has an impeccable attendance record. He enjoys holidays and doing different activities with his family. Ashton is a keen competitor at

sport, particularly athletics and soccer where he made the State team. Ashton is keen to welcome those who may not know many people and to give his all at St Bede's.

A TALENTED ATHLETE



Joshua Martinovic from St Aloysius enjoys sport, particularly soccer and cricket. With great respect for his teachers and a love of sport, Joshua has aspirations of pursuing a possible

career as a Physical Education Teacher. He enjoys doing various activities with his family, including fishing, holidaying and skiing.

LOVES SOCCER AND CRICKET



Alana Jones from St Aloysius loves keeping active and is a talented dancer and gymnast. She has performed on the big stage at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre as a dancer. Alana no doubt will be part of the St Bede's performances when we perform with the older students from the

other schools at major productions. Alana is very interested in the type of furniture we'll have at St Bede's and will be one that could assist in the selection of furniture.

A TALENTED DANCER

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Chase Monkley from St Joseph's has a great sense of humour and is looking forward to making new friends. His leadership skills are evidenced by his current role on the Student Council. Chase enjoys BMX bike-riding, and surfing with his Dad. He's looking forward to making new friends and taking the opportunities that will be presented to him.

ANOTHER STUDENT LEADER COMING TO ST BEDE'S



BUILDING UPDATE

NCB took possession of the building site, a few weeks ago, following the completion of the Early Works contract by Daracon. This has allowed for the full establishment of the site compound, including access road. North Construction Building (NCB) have since made significant progress in the connection to services, northern access driveway construction and tower crane installation. The delay in commencement allowed for NCB to coordinate contract works and ensure that construction flows as quickly and smoothly as possible. Progress has continued in the completion of bulk earthworks, piling works in preparation of building slab works.

Fun Facts:

- The structural steel is being manufactured in Young, NSW.
- The works require the installation of a 42m (12 storey) tall tower crane. The crane has a 60m reach and a capacity of up to 6tonnes. That's enough to lift a fully grown male African elephant or a blue whales tongue.
- There is currently a piling rig onsite. This rig will complete over 60 piles into the site. A pile is basically a long cylinder of a strong material such as concrete that is pushed into the ground to act as a steady support for structures built on top of it. The piles will vary in depth from between 1m – 7.5m.



Piling preparation – Ground floor slab – 02.06.17



Groundworks and retaining wall preparation – 02.06.17

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you to all those parents who attended the 2nd round of Parent Information Sessions on Wednesday 14 June at the Beresfield Bowling Club. These sessions are important in not only communicating important developments but to get your input on important issues. One such issue was sharing with you our draft uniform designs and our provider Williamson International taking your suggestions in making the requested alterations. The warm and engaging interactions at these sessions are really appreciated. I look forward to your wonderful children starting next year.



SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

20TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

On the Feast of
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Bishop Bill Wright, the communities of St Joseph's Primary School Merewether and Holy Family Primary School Merewether Beach, together with the Federation of P&F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party, warmly welcome all to join with Principals, teachers, schools staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration.

Tuesday 8 August at 7pm | St Joseph's Catholic Church
Cnr Kenrick and Farquhar Streets, Merewether



"Let us love and
praise God in all"



No RSVP required,
however for further details, please contact: Cath Gamett-Jones - Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
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John Murphy
Principal

The would be male model below should not give up his day job!



Thank you so much for all
your wonderful support.
To be Principal of this
community is a privilege
and one that I am so
appreciative to hold.
Have a great holiday.

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