

St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm Newsletter No. 11 2017



Welcome to Newsletter Number 11. Included in this newsletter is an up-date on the building works, a profile of our new Student Coordinator who will commence at the start of new term, and some student profiles.

SAINT BEDE'S AT STOCKLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

Come and say hi to us at the Stockland Shopping Centre, Green Hills tomorrow. Rachel, our Office Manager, and I will be at a community store all day spreading the good news about St Bede's. If you know families who you think would support the type of school we want to build together, encourage them to pop down. I might even give potential and enrolled students a little St Bede's gift .



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

The next Parent Information Session has been confirmed for Monday 4 September at the Easts Leisure and Golf Club, 2 Tenambit Street, East Maitland – Fairway's Room 1, with two sessions again being offered - 9.30am-11.00am and 6.30pm-8.00pm. Registration details will be sent out soon.



STUDENT ORIENTATION DAY

The next Student Orientation Session has been confirmed for Tuesday 19 September at the Pat Hughes Community Centre Thornton. Bus transport will be arranged for pick up from the two feeder schools for all enrolled students. This will be an opportunity for students from both feeder and non-feeder schools to mix with their future class friends, as well as being up-dated on the plans for next year. Further details, including permission forms etc. will be sent out soon.

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MEET OUR STUDENT COORDINATOR — JASMINE HUTCHINSON

Jasmine has been teaching for 16 years and is currently at MacKillop Catholic College Warnervale which is one of the largest K-12 Catholic Schools in the State. Jasmine will bring to us a passion for student learning and a background in both primary and secondary education. She will be the first point of contact for the day-to-day issues and will have responsibility for the overall care of our students. Jasmine will also be commencing at the start of next term.

<p>Name: Jasmine Hutchinson</p> 	<p>Teaching qualifications:</p> <p>Bachelor of Teaching Graduate Certificate in Education Studies Master of Education Studies (Education Pedagogy) Graduate Certificate of Theology will be completed at the end of this year.</p>
<p>Family background:</p> <p>I am the eldest of four children - I have two brothers and a sister.</p> <p>I'm married to Andrew and we have four children; Aleisha (24), Briannah (23), Lachlan (20) and Lawrence (8). We also have two son-in-laws – Matthew and Mita, and a grandson, Max (2).</p>	<p>Teaching experience:</p> <p>My first teaching role was when I was 15, teaching piano, which spurred me on, to become a school teacher. I have been teaching now for 15 years and I've taught all year levels from K-12 in State, Independent and Catholic schools. I am currently employed as an English teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator at MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale.</p>
<p>My hopes and dreams in coming to St Bede's:</p> <p>To play a role in establishing an environment where student learning is tailored to challenge them and bring out the best in them – nurturing, engaging and modern.</p>	<p>Personal Interests/Passions:</p> <p>In my time away from school, I like to work on the straw bale house that my husband and I are building. I also love to spend time doing pottery, bushwalking, reading, and spending time with my wonderful family.</p> <p>Advice to the incoming Foundation Students:</p> <p>Being the foundation year group is a special opportunity. Value your learning, embrace the College, challenge yourselves, make the most of opportunities to get involved and grow as an individual.</p>

BUILDING UP-DATE

With a continuous period of dry weather, considerable progress has occurred in recent weeks with the building works. The builder, North Construction & Building (NCB), have continued with the ground floor concrete slab pours and concrete column construction. Their main focus, apart from the preparation works associated with the ongoing construction of the concrete columns, has been to complete preparations for the first floor slab pour, ensuring steel fabrication is on programme ready to complete the upper floor construction.



First floor slab formwork installation – Front plaza area – 04.08.17

Works planned for completion over the next month include the completion of the ground floor concrete columns, commencement of the first floor concrete columns, the first floor concrete slab pour, and the full commencement of civil works to the carpark area. Works onsite are now continuing as per the revised programme from NCB. The following 4 week period will see concrete works continue onsite and the full commencement of the civil works to the carpark area.



First floor slab formwork installation & retaining wall construction – northern site area – 04.08.17

Planning is also underway for the construction of an on-site flexible learning village which will act as a temporary school site until the first of four interconnected buildings is completed which is now scheduled for the start of Term 2 next year. Potential future delays, such as those caused by the unusually heavy Easter rains, will be minimised with building works now having progressed to a less weather dependent stage of the building works. The location of the large on-site building crane, which was not part of the original building scope of works, until the completion of the first building will continue to reduce the amount of lost time from the early earthworks part of the programme .



First floor slab detail cut and preparation – civic hub area – 04.08.17

ASPIRE—MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA SHOW: 'THE HOARDERS'

Last Thursday I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Maitland Newcastle Diocese Music, Dance and Drama performance at the Civic centre in Newcastle. Similar to my experience with 'Diosounds', I was overwhelmed with the professionalism of the performance which was every bit as good as some of the so called professional shows which can charge hundreds of dollars per ticket. The quality of the stage setting, music, dancing and acting and the way this show was pulled together was quite astonishing and indicative of the high quality of catholic education in the Maitland Newcastle diocese

Featuring over 130 students from our Catholic schools, 'The Hoarders', was uniquely Australian in its story-line and choice of music. The story-line will in some ways replicate the story to be for St Bede's in its theme of life, love and the importance of community. With St Bede's attracting many students with talents and a love of music, dance and drama, I look forward to seeing our students audition for next year's show which will be in its 7th year.



MEGA Gallery

Aspire presents 'The Hoarders Next Door'

PARENT RETREAT DAY

Register your interest



Feeling a bit like a duck on a pond... Calm on the surface but frantically paddling along???



The Federation of P & F Associations is holding a

“PARENTS RETREAT DAY”

What is a retreat?

It is a day to stop and to take time for YOU. To be REFRESHED, STRENGTHENED and go home renewed for the all-important job you are doing as parents. "A SPA DAY for the mind..."

- > PARENTS RETREAT DAY (Kindfulness, relaxation, information, beautiful lunch and more)
- > SAT 14th or SUNDAY 15th October
- > MONTE PIO CNR NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY AND DWYER ST
- > FREE TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

TAKE JUST ONE DAY for yourself as a parent!

Relax
PEACE Silence
enjoy Rejuvenate
Refresh Soothe
CALM Quiet

Send your choice of day and phone number to

email :
BRONWYN.MELVILLE@MNCATHOLIC.EDU.AU

STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS

Ben O'Loughlin from St Aloysius is coming to St Bede's with great hopes of making a positive contribution to our new and exciting school. Ben has very strong computer-based skills and given the emphasis that will be placed on digital learning he no doubt will become an asset in fostering a contemporary learning platform. Ben is looking forward to working with the staff and the open learning spaces which will come with the opening of the new building that will be able to cater for four times the number of students that will commence next year.



Emily James from St Aloysius is a very talented artist who will be looking at various opportunities where her artistic abilities can be utilised. She has been lucky enough to visit a number of overseas countries and realises how lucky we will be next year to move into a new school with excellent facilities. Emily also enjoys creative writing and like many of her friends is looking forward to the camp next year to Myuna Bay.



Ava Maeer from St Aloysius is another one of our very talented artistic students. In addition to art, Ava also enjoys playing soccer, writing and more recently debating. She loves her two pet dogs and hopes one day that she can be a Vet. Ava's love of art, sport and of her friends will be some of her many positive personality traits that will make her a valuable member of a school community that hopefully will become known for its inclusivity and care for others.



Crystal Miller from Our Lady of Lourdes is another one of our enthusiastic gymnast who is keen to be part of the mighty St Bede's Cheerleading Squad. Crystal is also part of a choir and no doubt will be part of the St Bede's team when they perform on the big stage in next year's 'Diosounds'. Crystal is looking forward to keeping her existing friends and making new friends with students new to our catholic system.



I can hardly wait until these multi-talented enthusiastic students start next year—bring on 2018.

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Ella Neville from St Aloysius is yet again another one of our talented dancers who will enjoy combining with our other talented performers in a range of performances. Ella knows that a new school will bring new opportunities which we'll all have the collective responsibility to make work. Described as a 'doer', she is looking forward to embracing new challenges and making new friends. Ella enjoys doing a balance of activities which in addition to her dancing, includes netball, reading, travelling and socialising.



Olivia McKeowen from Our Lady of Lourdes is an energetic girl who also does cheerleading and will be part of the St Bede's Cheerleading Team next year. She also enjoys playing soccer. Olivia is really proud of being one of the 12 school leaders and will welcome leadership opportunities that will be part and parcel of being a Foundation student. Olivia enjoys school and is looking forward to making strong friendships with as many students as possible, including the wonderful children coming from the non-feeder schools.



Isabella Norman-Donaghy is a happy, caring girl who enjoys having quality time with her family, including her twin sister Lillian. Isabella has a particular passion in Science and would love one day to become a forensic scientist. Isabella has enjoyed being part of the debating squad this year and enjoys the many varied learning activities at her current school, St Aloysius. Isabella is really excited about being part of such an exciting venture in being part of a foundation school and is looking forward to exploring the range of opportunities that will be offered in the future.



Lillian Norman-Donaghy loves her family, friends and school. She particularly enjoys history and is looking forward to studying world history and one day visiting some historical sites overseas. Lillian enjoys the type of learning being provided at St Aloysius and likes the idea that there will be the provision of flexible learning spaces that will cater for individual, small, medium and large group learning. Lillian is looking forward to being a part the foundation group of students attending St Bede's and is determined to make it a success.

Well done to all parents on raising such great kids. You'll be such an important part of making St Bede's so successful.



Eli Rohr from St Aloysius will be one of our students who will thrive with some of our STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics). He enjoys making things and is really looking forward to doing design and technology next year. Eli enjoys the flexible learning spaces at his school and the emphasis on technology and is looking forward to utilising portable learning devices in the type of engaging learning that will be part of parcel of life at St Bede's. Eli enjoys gymnastics and is really looking forward to the camp which will take place in late February next year.



Calum is another one of our impressive students coming from a non-feeder school, which in his case is Beresfield Public School. Calum is one of four boys with his older brothers having attended Catholic schools in his former home town of Tamworth. Calum is looking forward to the diversity of opportunities that will be offered at St Bede's and also making new friends. He enjoys a balance of independent and group learning. Calum, being a representative soccer player, is one of a number of talented soccer players coming to St Bede's next year which will enable us to field a very strong soccer team. We look forward to welcoming Calum at our next Student Orientation Day at the end of this term.



Ella Nash from Our Lady of Lourdes is a talented vocalist who no doubt will be one of our singers on the big stage at next year's 'Diosounds' at the Newcastle Civic Centre. Ella is looking forward to deepening her friendships with her friends from Our Lady of Lourdes and reuniting with her old friends from St Aloysius, in addition to making new friends at St Bede's next year. Ella's kind heart is shown by her previous involvement in charity works, such as Mini Vinnies. She no doubt will be a driver of St Bede's commitment to living out the College values of 'Justice' and 'Compassion', as we explore ways of getting involved in various social justice initiatives.



Alicia Duffey Will come to us from Our Lady of Lourdes at Tarro. She has two twin sisters who are equally keen to come to St Bede's. Alicia is a happy, respectful, energetic girl who loves gymnastics, art and sport in general. She will be another talented athlete who will be part of the mighty St Bede's Cheerleading Team. Alicia knows and understands that St Bede's will be a school of high standards where everyone will be challenged to reach their full potential. Alicia is really excited about making new friends and getting involved in as many activities as possible.

THE ST BEDE'S BUS



Look for the bus with one of our incoming students, Chelsea Brohier from Our Lady of Lourdes sharing with the wider community about the opportunities that will be offered at St Bede's. Technology will be just one of these opportunities. Great work Chelsea.

SAN CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

San Clemente are having their school centenary celebrations during August, including their Centennial Ball on Saturday 19 August at Newcastle City Hall and an Open Day on 27 August commencing with Mass at 9.00am at St Columban's Hall. Further details can be found on their website www.mayfieldsanc@catholic.edu.au. Email enquiries to plmfs-centenary@mn.catholic.edu.au and phone enquiries on 4014 7300.



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