

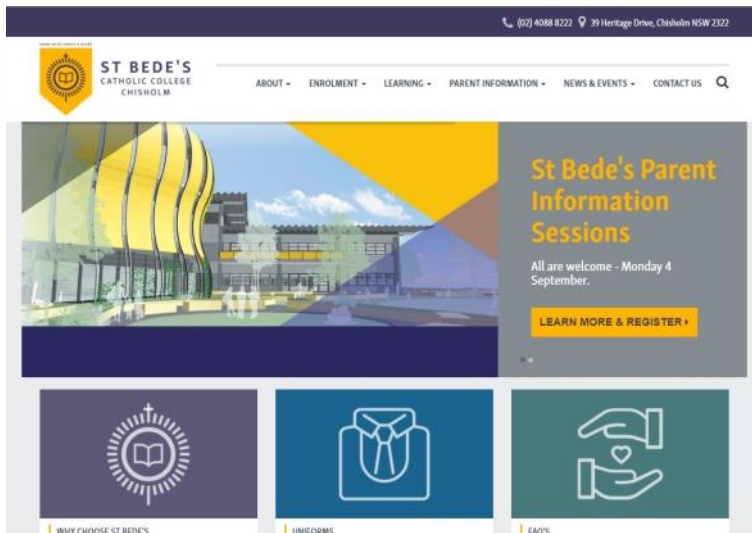


NEWSLETTER NUMBER 12—AUGUST 2017

Welcome to Newsletter Number 12. Included in this newsletter are details of our recently launched web-site a profile of our new Learning Support Coordinator who will commence at the start of term 4, a map of the whole school site map which is how the College will look when fully finished, some more student profiles, details of the up-coming Student Reflection Day, and registration for the up-coming Parent Information Sessions.

ST BEDE'S WEB-SITE


It is with much excitement that the St Bede's web-site was launched a fortnight ago. This will greatly assist in enhancing our communication and marketing. The CSO Communications Team, led by Alyssa Faith and Amanda Skehan, have worked very hard to create an engaging and easy to use web-site that will reflect the type of contemporary learning that will reflect what St Bede's will offer. Thank you Amanda and Alyssa and also for those other CSO staff who made a contribution. I encourage you to regularly check the web-site which will be regularly up-dated and to forward the link on to anyone interested in finding out more about St Bede's. Please click on the image below to check out our web-site.



John Murphy
Principal

MEET OUR LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR — AMY STODDART

Amy has had a number of stints as Acting Learning Support Coordinator at San Clemente Mayfield. Amy will bring to the role a great love of students with special needs and talents and glowing referee reports. Amy has been teaching for 13 years and completed her tertiary training at the University of Newcastle. Amy's passionate devotion to learning support, her knowledge of how the local systems operate, her strong connections with outside professionals who can assist students with their needs, and her highly relational style makes her an ideal appointment. We look forward to hearing from Amy at our up-coming Parent Information Sessions.

	<p>Teaching qualifications: Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Health & Physical Education, Master of Special Education – University of Newcastle</p>
<p>Family background: I grew up in Newcastle with my parents and younger sister. My Mum, four of my Aunties and several cousins work in education and my Grandfather is a retired primary school principal. I live on a property in the beautiful Hunter Valley and will be marrying my fiancé. in September this year and will be heading off to Darwin for our honeymoon in the school holidays.</p>	<p>Teaching experience: I have been teaching for 13 years. I have been at San Clemente in Mayfield as Learning Support Teacher for the past 4 years. Prior to this, I was at Warners Bay High School in Learning Support and Careers.</p> <p>Personal Interests/Passions: I enjoy yoga, reading, live music and I have an interest in interior design. I've recently started making candles in my spare time. I love entertaining family and friends at home. I am passionate about all areas of Learning Support and adding to my own professional learning. I have recently studied the basics of AUSLAN and would like to further explore this area.</p>
<p>My hopes and dreams in coming to St Bede's: I am excited to join St Bede's as a foundation staff member. I look forward to building positive relationships with students and their parents to ensure a smooth transition to their new school. Some of the areas of the foundation plan that resonated with me and are in line with my vision for Learning Support at St Bede's are: building strong links with feeder schools, teaching strategies to promote student wellbeing, high expectations of all students, supporting staff with differentiating the curriculum, exploring flexible learning spaces to improve literacy and numeracy and engaging the parent community.</p>	<p>Advice to the incoming Foundation Students: Take time to make connections with your new peers as you will be spending the next 6 years together. Look out for each other. If you see someone looking lonely or lost, help them out. You will be the leaders of the school so embrace every opportunity that comes your way. If you have any concerns or worries, let someone know. We can't help if we don't know. If you are struggling academically, come and see me anytime. I'm here to help.</p>



SAINT BEDE'S AT STOCKLAND SHOPPING CENTRE

Thank you to all those who visited us on Saturday 12 August at the Stockland Shopping Centre, Green Hills. In having a promotional stall, it was a great opportunity to let the wider community that St Bede's will be opening next year. With the location of our site within the Waterford County Estate, there are many people who know little if anything about what we will be offering. The opening of David Jones and a donut store where free donuts were given out all day and the strategic location of our stall meant allowed us the opportunity to engage with a whole range of people from all ages and backgrounds. I would like to thank Rachel Quirk, our Office Manager, and John Tobin, our Assistant Director from the Catholic Schools Office who assisted in the preparation of the day and in their attendance. Thank you also to Alyssa Faith and Amanda Skehan from the Catholic Schools Office Communications Team for their work in organising brochures, banners and the



Some of the marketing and enrolment material and a special St Bede's spinner as a gift to all the children and some of our young at heart Dads.



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Meet Lilly Palmer, one of our non-feeder school students, from Dungog Public School. Lilly will be a great acquisition for the College. She is a committed horse rider who trains hard and has already had significant success in various horse riding shows. Lilly wants to excel in her learning to give her the best possible opportunities to choose a career in the field of animal care. Lilly will be joining a few of her fields near where she lives at St Bede's and is really looking forward to making new friends.



Jordan Boggiss as one of the 12 leaders from Our Lady of Lourdes at Tarro is another student who will bring with her leadership experience. Jordan is a passionate netball player and particularly enjoys preventing the opposition from scoring goals. Despite competing against much larger opponents, Jordan excels at shot put which is another example of overcoming the odds. Jordan regularly goes camping with her family so is looking forward to the school camp early next year. Like all of us, Jordan wants to see St Bede's be a place where we all feel a sense of belonging.



Dakayla Boyden from Our Lady of Lourdes is an outgoing, happy and delightful girl who has a passion for reading. She loves reading so much that she has been known to miss her bus when she's totally engrossed in a book that she loves. Dakayla with her energy, manner and love of reading could be a driver of promoting reading across the College. She enjoys a mix of independent and group-work learning and is looking forward to welcoming the new students into our community. Dakayla is also another one of our talented gymnasts/cheerleaders so get ready to see her joining the many other boys and girls in the St Bede's Cheerleading Team.

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Jacqueline Kinloch from Our Lady of Lourdes is a delightful young lady who thrives in the area of creative and performing arts. She enjoys painting and is looking forward to opportunities where her skill in this area may be integrated into some of the cross-curricular group projects. Jacqueline is also a talented vocalist and piano player who no doubt will be another one of performers at the various musical performances that St Bede's will showcase in the coming years. Jacqueline like all us, wants St Bede's to be a welcoming and friendly school.



Jade Carnell will be joining us next year from St Patrick's Lochinvar. She comes with excellent grades and glowing comments as both a person and as a student. Jade loves a challenge and in pushing herself out of her comfort zone she is looking forward to being part of something that only a small minority will ever experience—being part of the first Foundation cohort at a new school. Jade has recently developed a great interest in public speaking and will no doubt be part of our strong public speaking and debating teams that will be ready to make a statement that St Bede's have arrived. We look forward to welcoming Jade at our next upcoming Student Reflection Day.

STUDENT REFLECTION DAY

The next Student Reflection will take place Tuesday on 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 not only get to know each other more but also to engage in a fun spiritual reflection day. A lot of the day will be run by Mr. Brian Lacey who is the Head of Religious Education & Spirituality Services, Catholic Schools Office. Permission letters have already been sent. Please contact the Office if you require another copy.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Please click on the link below to register for our up-coming Parent Information Session



MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

Session 1
9:30am

Session 2
6:30pm

**EASTS LEISURE AND GOLF CLUB
2 TENAMBIT STREET, EAST MAITLAND
FAIRWAY'S ROOM 1**

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www.chisholmsb.catholic.edu.au/infoSep4

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