

ST BEDE'S NEWSLETTER TERM 1 ISSUE 2

Religious Education News



We welcome the breath of God when we:

- Pray
- Take Communion
- Read or listen to Scripture
- Appreciate the God moments in our lives
- Focus on our breathing
- Meditate

Opening School Mass

Last Wednesday we celebrated our Opening School Mass. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us and participated in the Mass. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Horsburgh for organising and the Years 5 and 6 students for leading us in this celebration. A new priest to our Parish, Fr James, taught us a new song and spoke to the children about the beauty of God in the things around us. He has been working in the Gowrie Parish and has recently moved to the Cathedral Parish team. We are very excited to have him visit with us.

Focus Assembly – Please note new date

Year 1 will lead us in our first Focus Assembly of the year. Please join us at the new time of 2.45pm on Monday, **27** February.

Ash Wednesday

Parents, friends and relatives are all welcome to join us for the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, 1 March. This will be celebrated at noon and led by the Year 2 class.

Parish School Mass

Just a reminder that the Parish School Mass for Kindergarten, Years 5 and 6 will be on **Sunday, 5 March**. This is a new initiative that began last year and will continue this year. Please note that it will be celebrated at St Peter Chanel's in Yarralumla this year.

Confirmation will be celebrated in June this year and more information about preparing the children will be distributed to families during the Three Way Conferences later this term.

*The Spirit of God has made me; the
breath of the Almighty gives me life.
Job33:4*

Religious Education Coordinator
Nikki Dwyer



**NO SNACK SHACK
TOMORROW**

but

**will be open at
lunchtime for the sale
of Zooper Doopers**



SKOOLBAG APP

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The app allows us to communicate messages and notifications to you in a timely and effective way. To install it, just search for our school name "St Bede's Primary School Red Hill" in either the Apple App Store (make sure that you have selected iPhone rather than iPad) or Google Play Store. You can subscribe to various push categories by clicking "more" then "setup" in the app. Please ensure your settings are set to receiving all general messages as well as those that are class specific.



Swimming Carnival

This year's carnival will take place Thursday, 23 February at CISAC Pool in Belconnen for all students in Years 2 - 6.

Just a reminder:

- Ensure your child is at school ON TIME.
- Children are advised to bring goggles. Caps are optional.
- Packed recess and lunch is to be placed in a clearly marked plastic bag with minimal rubbish.
- Please pack a towel and a dry set of clothes.
- Children can wear their house colours but please no zinc or coloured hairspray, etc.
- If you are a spectator, there is an entry fee plus parking costs.
- Children are not to bring along money as we will not be using canteen facilities.
- Remind your child to swim hard all the way to the wall regardless of how many participants are in their race!
- Please LABEL EVERYTHING!

Netball – Recruiting Now!

We are currently filling up the St Bede's netball teams. A note went home last week and there are spares in the office. If your son or daughter (Years 2- 6) wants to play netball this

winter season, please ensure your note is returned by *tomorrow*. Competition is played at South Canberra Netball Association, Deakin at the same time each Saturday morning. For students in Kindy and Year 1, the club also offers a ball skills program called Net-Set-Go-NET and parents can register directly with SCNA if interested. For more information contact Jenny Tiffen 0411 112 464.

Hockey



Trials

During the year I receive emails and posters regarding upcoming trials and sport for children.

I will advertise these on the 'Sports Board' on the door of my classroom, Year 4.



Please keep checking the board for all sporting trial information and visit the ACT School Sport website School Sport ACT if your child is interested in representative sport.

Levi Heffernan
Sports Facilitator



Helping Children read at home and in the classroom

A workshop for parents with children in K - 2

If you would like to learn strategies to help your child read at home or would like to help with reading in the classroom, please come along to an information session to be held in the Kindergarten classroom next

Wednesday, 22nd Feb from 2.45-3.15pm with Helen Garrity.

We would love to see you there!

UPCOMING Events

KINDERGARTEN

Friday, 24 February - Coffee at Double Shot, Deakin for those mums, dads and carers able to pop in for a quick catch up after school drop off.

Thursday, 6 April - Easter egg hunt after school in the rose gardens of Old Parliament House.

YEARS 5/6

Family fish and chips at **Yarralumla Yacht Club** (before the weather cools down!) on **Thursday, 23 February from 5.30pm** (aim to order food around 6pm). Note this is the day of the school swimming carnival. It would be great to see as many families as possible so we can get together as a class for the first time!

IMPORTANT

WWVP CARDS

If you have received a replacement card recently, please ensure Linda has a copy for our records. You must have a **current** card to volunteer in the school.

EASTER RAFFLE



The P & F will conduct a fundraising Easter Raffle to be drawn on Monday, 3 April.

The Easter Raffle has traditionally been extremely successful and we ask that each family make a donation of an Easter egg, bunny, basket or other related item to form part of the prize pool. A box has been placed in the front office for donations. We ask if you could please provide donations by Tuesday, 14 March.

Ticket prices will be \$1 each. Tickets have been sent home today with your child. Sold tickets need to be returned by Wednesday, 29 March please.

RESCHEDULED

The P&F meeting will be held on **Monday, 27 February** in lieu of the normal Tuesday for this term only.

School Prayer

God, Our Father,
 You are with us
 as we begin this day.
 May we show peace
 in our words and actions.
 Help us to learn all we can
 and do our best always.
 Mary, Our Mother, and St Bede
 help us to be considerate,
 courteous and cooperative.
 We make this prayer
 through Christ Our Lord.
 Amen.

Our school prayer is said at each morning assembly



Term 1 Week 4	Monday 20 Feb	Tuesday 21 Feb Board Meeting 6.00pm	Wednesday 22 Feb Kinder, Years 1 & 2 Parent Reading Info Session 2.45-3.15pm 	Thursday 23 Feb Swimming Carnival Years 2 - 6 	Friday 24 Feb	Saturday 25 Feb	Sunday 26 Feb
Term 1 Week 5 	Monday 27 Feb Year 1 Focus Assembly 2.45pm P&F Meeting 7.00pm Please note change of date	Tuesday 28 Feb	Wednesday 1 Mar Ash Wednesday Mass 12.00pm 	Thursday 2 Mar	Friday 3 Mar	Saturday 4 Mar	Sunday 5 Mar Parish and Class Mass Kinder & Years 5/6 St Peter Chanel's 9.30am