



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

---

Dear Parents

Welcome to Spring! Although the weather we are experiencing at the moment makes me think the warmer conditions are a while away yet.

What a wonderful attendance for Father's Day Focus Assembly and Open Classrooms on Monday! It was lovely to see so many parents visiting the classrooms to appreciate what fantastic things are happening around St Bede's. If you haven't visited lately, please pop in and look at the displays in the tuckshop corridor. The work is superb.

At the beginning of 2017, we were approached by a family who were interested in transitioning their child with high learning needs into a mainstream school so that they could consider options for high school. After a lengthy process whereby a number of staff have visited Malkara Special School in Garran, we are trialling a transition process for a young boy named Christian to attend St Bede's part-time in Year 4 until the end of term. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to celebrate diversity and provide a mainstream learning experience.

We are about to embark on providing an opportunity for community consultation on Monday, 30 October in the school library regarding the value of our multi-age class in 2017. Leading up to this event, parents of students in Year 5/6 will have the chance to provide feedback through an online survey. Information will be sent home with students in Year 5/6 today. Hard copies will also be available from the front office for those who don't have internet access.

Please keep our Year 3 students and their families in your prayers as they make their first Holy Communion this Sunday at the Cathedral. This is an enormous occasion for these children and one they will remember for many years to come. Thank you to Nikki Dwyer and Breen Fox together with parents for preparing the children so beautifully. I look forward to sharing their day with them on the weekend.

The new development behind the Red Hill shops begins shortly with the demolition of the site. This includes asbestos removal and large trucks taking away debris. Asbestos removal will be managed by approved asbestos assessors and asbestos removal contractors. The asbestos assessor will confirm all hazardous material has been removed before any structural demolition starts. The building authorities have assured us that heavy vehicles will not be near our school streets from 8.15 – 9.15 in the morning and from 2.30 - 3.45 in the afternoons. The demolition will continue until March next year.

[St Bede's School Vision Statement](#)

[St Bede's is a Catholic learning community where we encounter Jesus through one another.  
We are passionate and purposeful learners pursuing growth through innovation and challenge.](#)

May I please remind parents that we are a 'Sunsmart' school and so we need to follow the guidelines set by the Cancer Council concerning the wearing of hats during all periods of play. A number of children have been forgetting their hats and are disappointed when they can only be in the shade.

I realise that there has been quite a bit of disruption this term with teachers on leave at different times. Together with illness amongst staff and no relief available, it has been difficult at times to cover classes and so the students have been split. We endeavour to do this as rarely as possible and we thank you for your patience when it does occur.

Don't forget our end of term dance performance on the last Friday of term at 9.30am in the hall.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Julie Douglas



Just some of our corridor art!

#### St Bede's School Vision Statement

St Bede's is a Catholic learning community where we encounter Jesus through one another.  
We are passionate and purposeful learners pursuing growth through innovation and challenge.