Parish Mass – this weekend!
Please join us at St Peter Chanel’s in Yarralumla at 9.30am this Sunday, 5 March. All families are invited and a special invitation to families of children in Kinder and Years 5 and 6.

Thank you Year 2 for leading us in the Ash Wednesday Mass this week. Lent is here and it is time to reflect on how we can make a real change in our thoughts and words. Listening to Archbishop Prowse talk about Lent this week, he shared with us the need to reflect on how we can be loving towards one another rather than play the Lent game.

“How wonderful that I have lost 6kgs this Lent and it is all because I have given up chocolate…”

“I am really proud that my husband gave up beer this Lent and he has done a tremendous job, he has been very strict on himself. But… he has taken up whisky in its place and is now filled with the Spirit.” – Archbishop Prowse

Is this really for God or ourselves?
We need to be careful not to see Lent as a time to ‘play the game’ but to truly examine ourselves.

How have I spoken to and treated people in the last 24hours?
Am I showing God’s love to others through who I am?
Don’t forget to pray, fast and give this Lent. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

Project Compassion
Josephine and Mia, our Year 6 SRC and Social Justice leaders, will be fundraising for Project Compassion over the next few weeks. They have recruited some of Year 5 to be a part of the Social Justice Action Team and help out with the fundraising efforts. Thank you to their helpers we are very excited about the extra hands and big hearts.

The students plan to hold a bake sale on Monday, 27 March and a ‘Love your Neighbour’ uniform free day on Tuesday, 4 April. More details to come in our next newsletter.

Congratulations
A big welcome to Theo’s (Year 1) twin baby sisters, Cordelia and Rosalie, who arrived last Saturday.

Prayers Please
Please keep the McKay and Spilker families in your prayers as both lost precious grandfathers recently.

Religious Education Coordinator
Nikki Dwyer

GWS Visit
We were recently visited by some awesome GWS players, including Callan Ward, who came for a Q&A session. Some children were lucky enough to win prizes despite some of the questions being difficult.

Thank you, GWS.

Swimming Carnival
WHAT A DAY!!!! Last Thursday the cherubs from Years 2-6 travelled to CISAC to compete in the swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day and I was so impressed with the behaviour and the commitment from the students. The staff at CISAC commented to me saying that we were the best group that they have had.

Also I would like to extend a massive thank you to all the support I received from parents and staff. Without this support carnivals wouldn’t be possible.
Lunchtime Equipment
A massive thank you to Gabby (Year 5/6) and her family for the very kind donation of sporting equipment for our lunchtime sports tub. I know the children are loving the new equipment.

Cross Country
Pencil this in your diary:
St Bede’s Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 5 April (Week 10). More information to come.

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received an award in Week 4:
Kindergarten: Thomas, Hailey, Tom, Mila and Jett
Year 1: Patrick, Bede and Charlie
Year 2: Gianna, Mubarak, Zahra and Arabella
Year 3: James, Hudson and Oscar
Year 4: Chase, Matilda B-B and Damon
Years 5/6: Sophie, Joachim and Sally

WALK IN LOVE AND PEACE AWARDS
Kindergarten: Georgia
Year 1: Theo
Year 2: Emily
Year 3: Ciaran
Year 4: Hannah
Years 5/6: Eva

LEADERSHIP AWARDS
School Captain: Bridie T
Benedict: Ruby Y
Polding: Hannah
Scholastica: Mia T
SRC: Kinder
Principal’s Award: Genevieve and Heidi

SAUSAGE SIZZLE WEEK 7
(FRIDAY, 17 MARCH)
Dads, if you are in a position to help, please email Linda in the front office and she will pass your name on to the roster guru.

ON SALE AT RECESS NEXT WEDNESDAY
(8 MARCH)
Zooper Doopers
80c ea

KINDERGARTEN

Thursday, 6 April - Easter egg hunt after school in the rose gardens of Old Parliament House.
The first get together will be Friday, 17 March at Snapper - On the Lake, Yarralumla Yacht Club at 5.30pm.

EASTER RAFFLE

The P & F will conduct a fundraising Easter Raffle to be drawn on Monday, 3 April. A box has been placed in the front office for donations. We ask if you could please provide donations by Tuesday, 14 March. Additional tickets are available from the front office. Sold tickets need to returned by Wednesday, 29 March please.

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link Redgum Book Club Term 1 2017. The catalogue is now open and closes this Monday, 6 March. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

Redgum Book Club newly released books for Term 1:

- *Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers Edition)* - A true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds, now a major motion Australian film starring Nicole Kidman
- *Middle School: Word of Mouse* - James Patterson's newest illustrated story follows the illuminating journey of a very special mouse
- *There’s a Snake in my School* From Number One bestselling author David Walliams, comes this spectacularly funny picture book

How to place an order:

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.redgumbookclub.com.au

Email your order with your credit card details to: orders@redgumbookclub.com.au

Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and post it with a cheque.

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at schools@redgumbookclub.com.au

Thank you

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FOR

THE GREAT GATSBY COCKTAIL PARTY

FRIDAY, 26 MAY

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

This year is already flying by and high school enrolment time will be here before you know it!

Just a reminder that you will need copies of documentation such as birth and baptismal certificates and reports including NAPLAN, etc.

Please note a nominal fee will be applied if you request copies of any documentation from the front office.

P&F FUNDRAISER – ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The P&F have decided to offer The Entertainment Book to the St Bede’s community this year as a fundraiser. Each family will receive an individually named book, probably first thing next term. There is no obligation to purchase – simply return the book if you do not wish to keep it.
**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 each morning at assembly*

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