



17 February 2012

Greetings from St Bede's

The photos of last week's Leaders Investiture Mass tell a story and in spite of the upheaval of being staged outside, still reflect the same solemnity and respect for the occasion, and the strong community feel that was most evident. Fr Walls challenged us in our challenging times and



rather than allow us to wallow in our plight, reminded us of other times in the history of St Bede's College when things were tough, that it allowed other attributes in those facing the challenges, to be evident – courage, resilience and the positives of a strong community coming together.

Next Thursday all the stakeholders of the college community come together in a strategic planning day. It is timely because this planning day is as much one about solidarity and unity as about smart and wise planning for the future. It's a day where we reconnect with the college's core values, why the college exists and what its purpose is about.

Today's readings are most appropriate because our motto – fide et opere – by faith and work – stem from this reading:

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and is lacking daily food and one of you says to them "go in peace be warmed and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself if it has no works is dead.

A question we will ask on days like next Thursday is how do we honour our motto?

The 93rd Athletic Sports were staged over the last two days. I am presuming that this was not the 101st because either the College wasn't big enough for competitive races at respective age levels, or because it wasn't until 1920 when the College shifted out to the site here at Papanui where they had some land to stage the event. It could be something for one of the boys to research.

The talented shone, and the rest participated whole-heartedly and finally the weather was kind to us. The front fields were a picture and not as green in February for a long time!!

85% of our Year 9 parents were present at the first night of the Confirmed as a Bedean programme. This is the sixth year we have run the programme, which we think is important for parents of Year 9 boys and their sons to look at the ethos of the College which has three foundations – Catholic, Marist and Bedean. The programme works in conjunction with the RE programme in year 9, but with appropriate additions concerning Marist and Bedean history, spirituality and tradition.

I have sat with our pastoral assistant, Mrs Davidson on two mornings this week at the beginning of the day, and noted with her the numbers who are arriving to school late. While a few have genuine reasons, others do not and are recidivists! We have standards and being on time is one of them, not because we take pleasure in catching boys out, but because we are teaching skills for their adult lives. If an employee continues to be late in real life what happens? Please support the College in our endeavours to uphold our standards.

Until next week,



J G Boyle
Rector



As part of the strategic planning process the Board of Trustees have developed a survey for students (Years 10-13) to complete. Could you please assist your son to do this at home if he has not already completed it; the link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SBCSTUD022012> Please ensure that they are your son's answers. The analysis of the parent survey is available on the website.

Mrs Nola Kilpatrick **Deputy Rector – Curriculum**

The NCEA Information evening on Wednesday saw a good turnout of interested parents asking many good questions. While NCEA appears confusing for some people the NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz provides an excellent source of information. Key changes to the **University Entrance criteria for 2014** were outlined as current students in Year 11 will be the first group who need to meet the new requirements from 2014. This will include having to gain Level 3, as well as gain at least 14 credits in 3 subjects, have at least 5 English writing and 5 English reading credits to meet the Literacy requirements and have 10 Level 1 Maths credits to meet the numeracy requirements. Also discussed was the addition of Religious Education to the **Approved UE** list from this year. Students in years 12 and 13 wishing to get UE need to meet the current requirements.

Reviews and reconsiderations

Students are reminded about the importance of checking their returned exam papers for additional grades they may be entitled to. Students should download personalised forms from their Learner login for both reviews and reconsiderations of their returned NCEA exam papers. Applications for reviews and reconsiderations for NCEA externally assessed standards were due to close on Friday 17 February but have been extended until **March 1** for Christchurch students. Scholarship reviews and reconsiderations close on **Friday 16 March**.

Earthquake Impaired Derived Grades

Candidates may appeal NZQA's decision not to award an earthquake impaired derived grade. To do this, write to the Manager, School Quality Assurance and Liaison, NZQA, PO Box 160, Wellington 6140 by Friday 17 February 2012 and **ensure that the original answer booklet is included**. We recommend that students keep a copy of the original booklet.

Scholarship Congratulations

We received notification that the following students were successful in gaining scholarship. Scholarship is a prestigious award gained by only the top 3% of students who sat a separate scholarship exam in addition to their NCEA exams. These students also receive \$500. Congratulations -

Matthew Gall	Physics
John Paul Goulding	Classics
Joseph Stretch	Graphics

Dr Rachel Hawkey

Head of Faculty - Arts

Upcoming events

Tuesday 21 st February	Harmonica workshop
Thursday 8 th March	Variety concert
Tuesday 20 th & Wednesday 21 st March	Pantomime <i>Robin Hood</i>

Harmonica workshop

A harmonica workshop takes place next **Tuesday 21st February** in the PAC (gold coin entry). Running from 3 – 4.30pm approximately, this introductory session will go over the history of the instrument and demonstrate various styles. It is envisaged that practical sessions will be organised if there is sufficient interest.

Variety Concert

The first variety concert for the year will be held on **Thursday 8th March** at 7.30pm in the PAC. As in previous years, this will showcase the talents of our students in music, drama, dance and visual arts. \$5 door sales with refreshments for sale at interval.

New Zealand Playhouse - The Complete Works of Homer (abridged)

Written by Brendon Bennetts *Directed by Greg Cooper*

The Iliad and the Odyssey, composed approximately 3000 years ago, are still two of the most influential works of western literature. But who has time to actually read them? Well...we do! Join us as we take Homer's tales of epic battles, interfering gods, and fantastical journeys, retelling the epic saga in under an hour... with only two actors. Zeus help us!

This Wednesday, the performers from New Zealand Playhouse managed to condense both the Iliad and the Odyssey into a compact one hour, much abridged performance. Whilst both of these are complex and very long stories, the cast very capably retold the most important parts in a modern and humorous manner. The performance was for all Year 10 to 13 Drama classes.

Mr Gerard MacManus

TIC Digital Technologies

We are looking at possible ways to inform students about events at school and would like to do so through a modified notice system on a TV screen. However, to do this we need a nice large screen TV, there may be a number of TV's in our area that have been damaged due to certain events and insurance claims, broken plastic around the edges does not worry us, (however broken screens do). We would love to have donated a 32"-40" LCD TV with VGA/computer plug to display these notices from the Brodie English HOF office window. Please contact me on gmacmanus@stbedes.school.nz if you can be of assistance. Thank you.

Mr Peter Gamble

Teacher with Library responsibility

Tutor group and individual photos will be taken on Monday 27 February. Envelopes for ordering photos have been given to each student. These envelopes give a range of options varying in cost from \$12.50 to \$40. It is also possible to order key rings, fridge magnets and block mount prints. Those students who are absent will be photographed at a later date but those photos will not be available for purchase.

Cando Card photos will be taken on Tuesday 28 February. Only those students that wish to purchase a Cando Card will be photographed. Photos taken the previous day will not be used – different companies are involved. Students must have the correct CASH on the day - \$6. Cando Cards are a form of identification and can be loaded as a Metro Card for use on the busses. Discounts are available at some businesses.

Travis O'Boyle – student leader of Kapahaka

Our first Kapahaka session for 2012 begins at 2.45pm today. Kapahaka will then be held every Friday (for any boys who cannot make today). Anyone who is interested or would like to come along and give it a go is very welcome. Kapahaka is about team spirit, action and energy.

We are also looking for a wider support base. If anyone is interested in actively supporting us in Kapahaka, please contact Ms Perkins sperkins@stbedes.school.nz. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

February

Sat 18	Canterbury Touch Championships
Mon 20	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
Tues 21	Canterbury Triathlon Championships
Thu 23	Academic Assembly Commissioning Mass
Fri 24	Whole school Rosary
Sun 26 – Tue 28	Cricket – 1 st XI at St Pat's Silverstream (Wellington)
Mon 27	School photos

BEDEAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Please remember in your prayers those in the Bedean community who have lost family members or are sick:

Angus Burrows (Y12) grandfather has passed away
Jordan Mulholland (Y13) lost his uncle, (Mark Hulena) suddenly last week



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE SPORT

Mrs Clare Kissick **Director of Sport**

Rowing

The St Bede's rowing crews competed at the South Island Club Championships on 29th January, at Lake Ruataniwha, following a week long training camp on Lake Dunstan. Many schools throughout the south island competed at the regatta, including crews from Nelson, Blenheim and Invercargill. The regatta was disrupted by wind which resulted in an early end to the heats on Saturday. The finals on Sunday were reduced from the usual 2,000 meters to just 1,000 meters and the fastest times were used to determine the medallists.

The under 16 boys quadruple sculls crew of David Brydon, Mathew Lilley, Tremaine Cragg-Love, Hayden Soper and coxswain Quinn Houghton dominated their heat winning by a comfortable margin, however, their time was the fourth fastest and missed out on the medals. St Bede's this year have a very strong group of under 15 boys with 11 of the boys winning medals. The under 15 eight of Nathan Arscott, Sam O'Hara, James Tranter, Jordan Kennedy, Tyler McKendry, George Davidson, Liam McArthur, Tom Reid and coxswain Edward Sullivan finished a very close second to Christchurch Boys High. In a tight finish in the Under 15 boys quadruple sculls the St Bede's number 1 crew (Arscott, McKendry, Kennedy, Tranter and coxswain Josh Meates) required a big push close to the line to narrowly edge out the St Bede's number 2 crew (O'Hara, McArthur, Davidson, Liam Anderson and coxswain Edward Sullivan) for second place. Senior rowers Joseph Barclay and Ben Meates had strong regattas, performing well against much older men.

The next regatta is the Canterbury Secondary Schools championships to be held at Lake Hood, Ashburton on the 25th and 26th February.

Cricket Draw: Saturday 18th February 2012

ST BEDES' TEAM	WHO YOU ARE PLAYING	VENUE	TIME
1 ST XI	Christ College	CC 1	10.30am
2 ND XI	Christ College Colts	CC 2	10.30am
3 RD XI	CBHS Academy	St Bede's 1	10.30am
St Bede's Y 10 Red	North Canty Vision	Manderville 2	1.00pm
St Bede's Y 10 Black	CBHS 10 B	St Bede's 4a	1.00pm
Y 9 A	STAC	STAC 3	10.30am
Y 9 Red	St Thomas	St Thomas 4a	1.00pm
Y 9 Black	CBHS White	Walter 1a	1.00pm
Y 9 White	Christ's Black	CC 6	1.00pm

For all Cricket information got to our website www.stbedescricket.school.nz

For all Football information please follow this link: <http://www.stbedes.school.nz/co-curricular-2/winter-sports/football-soccer/>

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

RIP

Daniel Stribling	1951-1952
Michael Foley	1957-1960
Peter Leeming	1953-1957

Auckland Old Boys Luncheon

This will be held on Thursday 8th March at the Horse and Trap Tavern with guest speaker: Emmet Hobbs
From 12pm to 1.30pm, please RSVP to paulbroshahan@xtra.co.nz