



3 February 2012

Greetings from St Bede's

It is good to reconnect with the wider Bedean community again as we come to the end of the first week of the College year. One month ago I wondered, because of our challenges with the buildings, whether we would get under way on Day 1, but through the collective efforts of our boards and staff we have – it's a great credit to them all.

Our structural engineer, Mr Ash Wilson from Lewis Bradford and our architect, Mr Duval O'Neill have been in attendance at three meetings answering questions from staff, boarding parents and day boy parents. Their prudent but practical advice to the College has been appreciated by all. This is based around ensuring the safety of the boys and the staff who work here.

Over the next few months the Board has the job of working through the property issues, which we will communicate to you when we have a clearer picture. In the meantime there is a determination that the College year will proceed despite the challenges like hot and rowdy windblown marquees, and despite the boarders dining in their marquee and some classes using smaller rooms that have been transferred into classrooms, both staff and students have responded well.

We are still hopeful of installing six relocatable classrooms by the beginning of Term 2, which will improve teaching and learning conditions, and the priority in the boarding school is addressing the issue of the dining room so it is ready for use as soon as possible. Other challenges with the Hall out of action are the staging of assemblies. Our first on Wednesday was held in the gymnasium – the boys responded well to sitting on the floor and having to take their shoes off!

Next Friday we will have our leaders Investiture Mass, and we will stage this outside on the grass outside the Performing Arts Centre. All parents are welcome at 11am.

The success of the year though is not solely about buildings, but about the people in them – staff and students rising to the challenges as was shown last year. Respond we did, and it is particularly heartening to see some significant improvements in our exam results especially in merit and excellence endorsements.

We responded in so many other aspects of College life, which as I observe the boys returning this year with their hopes and aspirations, have no doubt we will do again. The boys seem to have quickly accepted the situation and have settled quickly into school life.

The swimming sports were staged today, and despite the chilly conditions, we had our customary near 100% participation as all engaged in healthy competition and the good fun of community days such as this.

As evidenced by this first week the staff and the boys are responding well to the message that it is their individual and collective attitude that counts to make the year go well – in the way we pray and worship, learn, play, perform and compete.



We welcomed all our Year 9s who began this week and they had an enjoyable day with their House and Form Tutors and Year 13s on Tuesday. A selection of photos are included through the newsletter.

We welcome the following new staff:

Mrs Emma Louise Cooper (English), Mr Graeme Ford (Mathematics), Mrs Melanie Gussette (Mathematics), Mrs Jacqueline MacKean (English), Mr Dave Millar (Drama and PE), David Wales (Science & Chemistry Term 1), Daniel Winchester & Nathan Wooding (both PE). We welcome back Mrs Emily Templeton who has taken the permanent position of school nurse.

You may recall that the Board of Trustees (along with staff and other community groups) are in the process of strategic planning for the coming 3-5 years. Parents as stakeholders had an opportunity last term to complete a survey. The results and analysis of this are now available on our website for your interest. We have a half day strategic planning session on 23 February which includes both governance boards, representatives from the staff and other community groups. From this we will finalise our strategic plan, school Charter, Mission and Goals.

Until next week,



J G Boyle
Rector

Confirmed 2012 Timetable

Daily timetable (Except Thurs)

8.15 – 9.05	50	Period 1
9.10 - 10.00	50	Period 2
10.00 – 10.10	10	Form time
10.10 - 10.25	15	Break
10.30 – 11.20	50	Period 3
11.25 – 12.15	50	Period 4
12.15 – 12.45	30	Lunch
12.50 – 1. 40	50	Period 5
1.45 – 2.35	50	Period 6

Please note the alterations to the advertised Thursday timetable:

Daily timetable (Thurs) incorporating assembly and professional development for staff (prior to school commencing)

9.00 – 9.40	40	Period 1
9.45 – 10.25	40	Period 2
10.30 – 11.10	40	Assembly
11.10 – 11.25	15	Interval
11.30 – 12.10	40	Period 3
12.15 – 12.55	40	Period 4
12.55 – 1.25	30	Lunch
1.30 – 2.10	40	Period 5
2.15– 2.55	40	Period 6

Mrs Nola Kilpatrick **Deputy Rector – Curriculum**

ICAS English medal presentation Congratulations to Ruairi Dickson in Year 10, who gained the distinction of being the top Year 9 English student for the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (or ICAS) in New Zealand in 2011. He was presented with a medal by the University of New South Wales at an official ceremony during the holidays.



Student Diaries

Students received their school diaries this week. Each week has a focus. The aim is to develop as a habit in students an awareness of their own progress and how they are able to influence it in partnership with their parents and teachers; habits to be self-managing and self-correcting. Over the coming weeks each technique and strategy will be fully explained. These sheets will accompany this newsletter and be available on the website. This week we have the overview, and the first two information sheets.

NCEA

Reviews and Reconsiderations

Students will be starting to receive returned exam answer booklets now. They must check all answer booklets for errors and talk to their teacher or the HOF if unsure. They may be eligible for additional credits.

Students should download personalised forms from their Learner login for both reviews and reconsiderations.

- Applications for reviews and reconsiderations for NCEA externally assessed standards close on **Friday 17 February**.
- Scholarship reviews and reconsiderations close on **Friday 16 March**.

Student Documents: NCEA Certificates, Record Of Achievement & School Results Summary Reminder:

students need to order from their Learner login any documents they are eligible for and want copies of. NCEAs, Record of Achievement and, for school leavers, the School Results Summary will not be automatically sent to students in April as they were in the past.

Derived Grades

Students are encouraged to check their grades carefully when they login in to their Results Notice. Any discrepancies need to be discussed with their subject teacher and HOF. Students who believe there is an error will also need to bring their NZQA exam booklet to support an application. Applications without the exam paper will not be considered.

Earthquake Credit Inclusion Reminder for students who sat Level 3 last year. Students who narrowly missed gaining their Level 3 or UE may be eligible to apply for Credit Inclusion. Up to 6 unspecified credits can be applied for to meet Level 3 and for UE up to 3 unspecified credits but they **may not be used** to meet **the literacy requirement**. See the NZQA website or student login for details. Applications close 17 February 2012.

Results not available

We are aware of a small number of students who are not able to access their results because their NZQA fee (approx. \$77) was not paid. This is standard NZQA procedure. Results for any year where the fee is not paid will not be available until both the fee and late payment fee are paid directly to NZQA. Schools are charged with the task of collecting this payment prior to Sept only.

Dr Rachael Hawkey **Head of Arts Faculty**

Music lessons in 2012

Music lessons will commence next week and it is wonderful to see that most instruments are full already. If students cannot be placed in lessons at this stage, I will put them on a waiting list to begin whenever a vacancy occurs so they should still get their forms in to me in the PAC office.

For parents, please endeavour to let teachers know if your son is absent on his lesson day – communicating directly with the teacher via text is the best way to do this. It is also important that parents are aware of the payment and cancellation policies of the private teachers – for example, how much notice must be given if lessons are stopped.

For further enquiries, please e-mail me on rhawkey@stbedes.school.nz.

Mr Gerard MacManus **TIC Digital Technologies**

The Catalyst Summer Academy gives students a taste of real open source development through a combination of classroom sessions and hands-on project work. The aim is to get Academy students quickly to the point where they can usefully contribute to a real open source project. Samuel Sanders, Year 12, applied for the opportunity to attend over the 2011/2012 summer holidays and gain a useful insight into a possible future career.



During the holidays I was lucky enough to be selected to attend the Catalyst open source academy in Wellington. There were 23 students selected from around the country whose ages ranged from 14 to 18 selected by interview to attend the course. I was very privileged to be helped by the school and a generous individual, which allowed me to be able to attend the academy.

Catalyst is a company with a long-standing commitment to free and open standards and technologies, which has gained an international reputation for development, integration and support services.

We used Linux Ubuntu operating system for all the work we did during the course and all of the programs we used were all open source. We were all lucky enough to be supplied servers from WheresMyServer, this company supplied the academy with over \$2000 worth of hosting services.

During the academy we were exposed to a range of different programming languages, which included PHP, Python, jQuery, Drupal, HTML and CSS. We also did some graphical work using open source software, which included Blender, inkscape and gimp.

After just over two weeks we got to spend four days working on some of Catalyst's real world projects. I was part of the Koha project with five other people. LibLime Koha is the most advanced open-source Integrated Library System in use today by hundreds of libraries worldwide.

Sam Sanders Y12

Upcoming Events

February

Mon 6	Waitangi Day
Fri 10	Investiture Mass, 11am – All Welcome
Mon 13	Confirmed as a Bedean #1 – Year 9 parents – Performing Arts Centre (PAC) 7pm
Tues 14	Athletics Day 1

Wed 15 Wednesday Sport begins
 Yr 10-13 Drama NZ Playhouse – PAC
 NCEA Information Evening – PAC 7.30pm

Thu 16 Athletics Day 2

Fri 17 Oarsome O’Fare (Rowing fundraiser – see under Sport)

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 – 1st 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:

Mrs Jane Bell, mother of Austin Y10 is unwell; Mrs Bradley’s father is very unwell. Miriam van Riel mother of Glen Jaques Y13 who has just been diagnosed with Adult Acute Myeloid Leukemia, she starts her treatment this week and will be in hospital for about four months.

Prayers please for the father of groundsman Chris Jones and grandfather of recent old boys Anthony (2005-2009) and Michael Jones (2006-2010) who passed away this week.

Congratulations to Mrs Sarah Parder on the birth of her son Oscar, and Mr Kelvyn Pithie on the birth of his son Samuel.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE SPORT

Mrs Clare Kissick **Director of Sport**

Greetings from the Sport Department and a big welcome to all the new families, I look forward to working with you all in 2012 which is shaping up to be a very busy year. Please if you have any questions at all regarding sport, either email me at sport@stbedes.school.nz or phone me at school on my direct dial which is 375 1877.

We are a successful sporting College and that is made possible by the good work you parents do in supporting the College with your son in his sporting endeavours. Sport just does not happen in the College we need parents helping out and any help that is offered is always taken up and very much appreciated by all involved in sport at the College. Please do not hesitate to contact me to offer help and this is a really good way you have be involved in your son's sport and also meet his friends.

Jared Monk - 5th at National Athletics in Wellington, in the Junior Boys Road Race.

Jesse Bryant won the Senior Boys long jump, jumping a personal best at 7.13cm beating the St Bede's record by 12cm.

Jordan Brown won a Silver Medal in the 100m Hurdles

Cricket starts for all teams this week please see the draw below.

Wednesday Sport: Starts on Wednesday 15th February and runs for six weeks until the 21st March. Your son should have brought home a permission slip or signed up for the sport they wish to play. PLEASE THESE NEED TO BE RETURNED TO MY OFFICE BY TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY.

Tennis I will be running a ladder for a Senior A tennis team and all those keen to partake in the ladder will need to sign up next week.

Water polo – Due to having limited facilities to run competitions we are only able to put a senior team in the competition and trials will be held next week.

Basketball trials will be held on the 14th February in the school gym after school for any student wishing to play in the Senior A, U17, Junior A (made up of year 10 and 9 students) Year 10A and Year 9A.

Football pre session run is being held on Thursday 9th and 16th February at 3.30pm for any players interested in playing for the 1st XI. Trials for all teams will be held on Sunday 19th and 26th February at 10.00am to 12.00pm at St Bede's Football fields.

If you want to play Football you must register, forms are available from my office and our Football website www.stbedesfootball.sportingpulse.net

Cricket Draw: Saturday 4th February 2012

ST BEDES' TEAM	WHO YOU ARE PLAYING	VENUE	TIME
1 ST XI	STAC	Stac 1	10.30am
2 ND XI	STAC Colts	St Bede's 1	10.30am
3 RD XI	South West Cricket Red	Hallswell 3	10.30am
St Bede's Y 10 Red	North Canty Vision	Manderville 2	1.00pm
St Bede's Y 10 Black	CBHS 10 B	Straven 3a	1.00pm
Y 9 A	CBHS Black	Straven 4	10.30am
Y 9 Red	CBHS B	Straven 6a	1.00pm
Y 9 Black	SBC Y9 White	St Bede's 5a	1.00pm
Y 9 White	SBC Y9 Black	St Bede's 5a	1.00pm

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

OARSOME O'FARE 17 February 2012

This is a great fun event and fantastic fundraiser for all Christchurch secondary school rowers. Tickets \$25 are available from Mrs Clare Kissick – 375 1877 or sport@stbedes.school.nz



Mr Robert Tappenden

ESOL Rugby

St Bede's College ESOL Rugby Success – Yoshikazu Fujita

Many in the College community will remember our 2011 1st XV fullback from Japan, Yoshikazu Fujita. Yoshikazu has followed up his fine form in NZ with a brilliant performance in the All Japan High Schools Rugby Tournament held over the New Year period. He helped his school, Higashi Fukuoka High School, to win the tournament and again be the top Japanese high school rugby team. He was the leading try scorer, despite being substituted early in the first half of the game's leading up to the semi-finals. Yoshikazu had played for the Japan 7s team in the Gold Coast tournament last year, so he was closely followed by the media at the schoolboy tournament.

Yoshikazu commented after the final victory: "I wouldn't have been able to play as well as I did if I hadn't had the experience at St. Bede's. I'm grateful to everyone involved in the ESOL Rugby Programme for their kind input."

It's likely we will get another opportunity to see Yoshikazu play in NZ as he has been selected for the Japan 7s team to play in the Wellington tournament in February. He is shaping up to be a future star of Japanese rugby and it's good to know that he values his time spent here at St Bede's in what was a challenging year.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE P.T.A.

The PTA welcome back all pupils, staff and their families.

We are already working on the first fundraiser for 2012, the Raffle. We have been very fortunate with generous sponsors:



First prize is a \$1500 Air New Zealand Holiday Voucher, sponsored by the Air New Zealand Holidays Store at Northlands Mall.

Second prize is a \$1000 Northlands Mall Voucher,

3rd prize is \$750 of mechanical service; including 2 WOF's from Sadlers Garage,

4th prize is a Play Station 3 and

5th prize is a \$250 Pak n Save voucher.

Tickets are only \$2 each and the books will be posted out later in February. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors we hope to be able to make a substantial contribution towards the purchase of the existing school van, as this will be the sole beneficiary of funds raised by the raffle. We greatly appreciate your support of our Raffle at this busy time.

The PTA AGM is planned for Wednesday March 21st 2012 and new members are welcome (sense of humour essential)

Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy 2012.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

R.I.P.

Peter Kingan	1997-1998
Matthew Fraser	1984-1988
Peter Nolan	1948-1952
Paul O'Donohue	1965-1968
Francis Mahon	1948-1950
Kevin Anderson	1953-1955
Desmond Lyons	1955-1956
Gerard Maguire	1967-1970