Dear Parents and Friends,
What a fantastic Athletics Carnival we were able to enjoy last Friday despite the threat of rain. We were certainly blessed as it appeared to be raining all around us. I would like to thank everyone involved in making the day such a success: staff, students, parents and the students from Bede Polding. The students from Bede are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and knowledge and without them the day would not have run so smoothly. Our students must also be congratulated on the way they showed great sportsmanship, willingness to participate and team spirit.

**FETE.**
Yes, I am still talking Fete!! It is now drawing close and we continue to request your support. The next Mufti Day is this Friday 26th July which will have the theme of *Christmas in July*. Please refer to the Fete notice later in this newsletter to see the fine for your child’s class.

**SCHOOL ABSENCES.**
Please note that if you are planning holidays during school time you must advise the School Office in writing to obtain documentation which you are required to carry with you. This must be done before you leave on your holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Legrand
Principal

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**DIARY DATES**

**Tuesday July 23:**
- Mrs Valenti attending Visual Arts Inservice @ Hawkesbury Gallery
- 3.30pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday July 24:**
- 9.00am Year 4 Attend Parish Mass
- Reconciliation Year 5

**Thursday July 25:**
- 8.15am Staff Briefing

**Friday July 26:**
- 8.30am Staff Prayer
- Kinder & Year 1 Athletics Fun Day
- Implementing New Maths Syllabus Inservice
- Last day for Fete Pre-paid rides, food tickets and raffle tickets to be returned.
- Fete Parent Helper slips due.
- **Fete Mufti Day – Christmas in July**

**Monday July 29:**
- 8.50am Assembly Prayer Year 5
- Leadership Team Meeting

**Tuesday July 30:**
- Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- 3.30pm Staff Meeting

**Wednesday July 31:**
- 9.00am Parish Mass Kinder & Year 5
- Reconciliation Year 6
- Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day
- 7.00pm Fete Meeting

**Thursday August 1:**
- 8.15am Staff Briefing

**Friday August 2:**
- Census Day
- Mrs Ryan @ REC Meeting
- Fete help needed from 8.30am in the Hall.
- Fete Set up begins 2.00pm

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 3**

**ST MONICA’S FETE**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2013**
This day will be a pupil free day.
FROM THE REC…….  
This week I would like to share more of the article written by William J Doherty.

The Therapeutic Culture of Parenting
We also live in the era of therapeutic parenting. The parent becomes a junior therapist, and the child is seen as requiring special treatment that only a professional — or a trained parent — can provide. Starting back in the 1970s with Parent Effectiveness Training, a then popular book by Thomas Gordon, parents have been taught to act like therapists with their children.  

A therapist is supposed to be consistently attentive, low key, accepting, non-directive, and non-judgmental. When the child acts up in a therapy session, say, by speaking disrespectfully to the therapist, the therapist’s job is to explore the underlying reasons rather than focus on the child’s immediate behavior. In addition to distortion parents’ reactions to their children’s misconduct, the therapeutic culture of parenting suggests that children’s psyches are fragile, easily broken by a parent who says the wrong thing.

The reality, according to loads of research, is that, if underlying parental care and attachment are present, most children are resilient in the face of ordinary mistakes in parenting. If children can handle most of our non-abusive mistakes, they can certainly handle our strong responses to them when these responses are fully called for. Children mostly know when they are off base, and feel safer when their parents step in assertively.

We know from research and observation that parents have a strong influence on their teenagers’ behavior. Teenagers whose parents talk to them regularly about avoiding drugs are much less likely to use drugs. Teenagers whose parents give them both nurturing and firm limits are less likely to be involved in sexual activity. They are also more likely to study hard.

WEEK 2: DIARY DATE:
Year 4 will celebrate Mass with the Parishioners on Wednesday July 24th at 9am. Year 5 will be celebrating Reconciliation on the same day.

Mrs Leanne Ryan – Religious Education Coordinator

FRUIT & VEGIE SALE

On Wednesday 24th July and Friday 26th July in the afternoon from 2:50pm to 3:30pm Year 5 students will be selling produce grown at school and at home. Available sale items will be: Baby Carrots, Pak Choi, Beetroot, Coriander, Oranges, Mandarin, Lemons … and more!!! These organically grown items will raise money for our next harvest, with left over proceeds going towards the Hawksbury Soup Kitchen to feed others less fortunate than ourselves.

Year 5

FOUND: IPod Touch found in the playground last week. Contact the school office.

LIBRARY NEWS

TERM 3 BORROWING DAYS

| Kinder | Thursday |
| Year 1 | Tuesday  |
| Year 2 | Monday & Friday |
| Year 3 | Tuesday & Wednesday |
| Year 4 | Wednesday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday |
| Year 6 | Monday |

Children can also borrow and return at lunchtime on any day through the week.

Children in Kinder, 1 and 2 can borrow 2 books
Year 3 and 4 – 3 books
Year 5 and 6 – 4 books

Mrs Leanne Duval Teacher/Librarian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

To students celebrating their birthday this week:

Jacob Cilia  Amy Balmforth
Nicole Mann  Faith Lassanah
Olivia Myers  Isaac Miloloza
Brianna Cassin  Jake Scicluna
Clayton Bailey  Jackson Piggott

CAKE RAFFLE

Week 2 Thursday 25th July

| Kinder White | Max Greenwood |
| Kinder Blue  | Daniel De Joux |
| 1 White      | Oliver Brennan |
| 1 Blue       | Melody Gynn   |
| 2 White      | Mickayla Bugeja |
| 2 Blue       | Jamie Attard  |
| 3 White      | Bianka Ambasha |
| 3 Blue       | Kate Ballard  |
| 4 White      | Victoria Benash |
| 4 Blue       | Grace Bracks  |
| 5 White      | Liam Buchanan |
| 5 Blue       | Thomas Berndt |
| 6 White      | Mary Cavaleri |
| 6 Blue       | Brooke Barclay |

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in our canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day in the canteen, please contact Lyn on 45885405

Wednesday July 24  Katie O’Sullivan & Nicole Wright
Friday July 26   Maria Gemmell & Marja Barclay
Monday July 29   Sam Owens & Fiona Shannon-Brown

FROM THE PARISH…….

Confirmation Certificates are available from the Parish Office
ST MONICA’S FETE
SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD

- Any family or friends of the School, if you have any new unwanted items that you can donate to our famous chocolate wheel, please drop into the school office.

- **Sunday:** White Elephant and Book drop at old church 8 - 9.30am every Sunday until the Fete.

- **Monday:** White Elephant and Books drop off at Old Church 9.30am - 12pm every Monday until the Fete.

- **Friday 26th July:** White Elephant and Book drop offs, between 9.00am - 3pm in the Old Church

- **Monday @ 2.10pm - 29th July:** Help wanted in the school hall.

- **BOOK STALL:** Please forward your books, DVDs, stamps, etc. to the old church. NO encyclopedias – thanks.

- **URGENT:** Volunteers urgently needed for Kinder/Year 1 “Treasure Island” stall at the Fete. If you can spare an hour or two on the day it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please complete the Fete Volunteer note (in your Fete information pack) and return to the school office ASAP.

**JAM MAKERS:** Any jam, pickle, chutney makers, if you could start making that would be greatly appreciated. Donations of fruit and vegetables for making jam, pickles and chutney are also welcome.
Contact the school office.

**MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY JULY 26th**

**Theme:** Christmas in July

Friday July 26, will be our last Fete Mufti Day – with the theme being “Christmas in July”
The following will be the mufti fine:

**K-2 Blue Classes:** A girls small toy/gift, jewellery, hair items, dolls, make –up, stuffed toys etc.

**K – 2 White Classes:** Gourmet food items, biscuits, chocolates, tea, coffee, sauces, oils, small jars of jam etc. (please ensure that “use by dates” do not exceed the Fete date of 4/8/2013)

**YEARS 3 – 6:** A boys small toy/gift, hot wheels cars, sports balls/equipment, puzzles, magic tricks etc.
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SM Staff Meeting – Tuesday – 3:30 – 4:30pm
SB Staff Briefing – Thursday 8:15 – 8:50am
SP Staff Prayer – Friday 8:30 – 8:50am (Even Weeks)
AP Assembly Prayer – Monday 6:50
CAW Creative Arts Workshops
LTM Leadership Team Meeting – Monday 3:30 – 4:30pm
A Assembly – Fridays 2.15 – 2.45pm (Even Weeks)
CV Class Visits – Mrs Ryan