From the Principal…

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of the Bethlehem Community,

Reflection for the week— All Souls’ day, November 2

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus’ promise of eternal life.

The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith. Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Lazarus had fallen ill, and Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus. Jesus delays his journey to them, however, and when he arrives in Bethany, he finds that Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one; Lazarus and his family have many friends who have come to mourn his death. Martha goes out to meet Jesus when he arrives. She cries with him, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Jesus consoles her with the promise that Lazarus would rise from the dead. Martha affirms her belief that there will be resurrection of the dead in the last days. Jesus promises her even more; he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. Martha professes her faith in this, acknowledging that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.

(Source: Loyalapress.com)

We offer the following prayer for all of those in our community who have lost loved ones.

Prayer

For all our departed brothers and sisters
Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.

As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

HSC Examinations draw to a close

November 4 saw the conclusion of the 2016 HSC examinations. 77,163 students sat the HSC exams with our students among the 39,350 girls who sat the exam. I would like to congratulate our young women on the calm, considered and diligent way they approached their exams.

Thank you for your prayers for the girls during this challenging time. The girls now have some down time before their HSC results are released on Thursday, December 15.

Student achievement:

- The Year 8 MATA class has been participating in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad through Terms 1 to 3. The girls sat for 5 very challenging Olympiads. We congratulate the following girls on their achievements: Natasha Catubig: Top 20% winner of Highest Individual Score trophy for the team, Joanne Lee: Top 20% winner of Special Achievement medal, award for outstanding effort and improvement in mathematical problem solving and Serenity Phung: Top 20%. Thanks to Mrs Jurisic for providing such a wonderful opportunity for the girls.
- Isabella Sergi has been invited to join a CaSPA Drama ensemble to perform at the 2016 Sydney Catholic Schools’ Social Justice event on November 16.
- Jessica Filocamo (pictured right) competed in the All Schools State Championships this year at Homebush between 15-16 October 2016. She competed in 6 events and came 3rd in Discus. On 27 October Jessica was also advised that she was going to the Nationals Competition in Canberra between 1-4 December this year. We wish Jessica all the best for this upcoming event.
Bethlehem Girl Represents Aussie Women at International Conference

Starting her career in football at the age of 6, Year 12 Bethlehem College student, Alex Georgopoulos, certainly knows a thing or two about women’s football. Alex came to the attention of FIFA when she completed an on-line survey which resulted in her becoming one of only 50 people worldwide to attend the Fan Focus Conference in Zurich.

“I was thrilled when I found out I was selected, but then realised I had three HSC exams to do during the Conference so thought I wouldn’t be able to go.” Enter mum, Rhonda Cousens, who worked with Bethlehem College and BOSTES to enable Alex to complete the three exams in Zurich, under exam conditions.

FIFA host the international Fan Focus Conference to gain a better understanding of what football fans want from their football. Despite being the youngest person to attend, Alex was selected to present her team’s ideas FIFA’s Fan Community and Loyalty Program to a delegation of some 100 people. “I didn’t mind, we prepare and deliver presentations all the time at school; this was not really any different.”

A Manchester United supporter, Alex wears the No. 10 jersey (Centre Midfield) for the under 18’s women’s Strathfield strikers team when she is not coaching the under 12’s girls team or refereeing at club level for up to five games per week. Alex will quickly tell you her passion is to promote football as a sport to young girls and player development. Her exuberance and obvious love of football has earned her a seat on the Strathfield Strikers Committee where she is responsible for Young Referees.

Post HSC, Alex plans to study Sports Management and continue playing, coaching and refereeing football.

Parent Reminder: Year 11 (2017) Senior Uniform

• Year 10 Parents and students are reminded that they need to purchase the senior uniform in preparation for the 2017 school year. Please visit the Uniform Shop for measurement.

Uniform Shop hours 2016 / 2017

The shop will be open on special Saturdays before Christmas. Please phone the Uniform Shop on 9799 6163 (during the shop operating hours) to make an appointment for one of the following:

- Saturday 12 November 2016  Appointments  9am-2pm
- Saturday 19 November 2016  Appointments  9am-2pm
- Saturday 3 December 2016  Appointments  1-4pm

The shop will re-open for 2017:

- Saturday 14 January  9am-2pm
- Tuesday 17 January  8am-1pm
- Wednesday 18 January  8am-1pm
- Thursday 19 January  8am-1pm
- Tuesday 24 January  8-11am
- Wednesday 25 January  8-11am
- Friday 27 January  1-3pm
- Monday 30 January  8-10am
- Tuesday 31 January  10.30am-2pm

Normal Uniform Shop hours operate during school terms as stated on the front of this newsletter.

Mrs Paula Bounds
Principal
Bethlehem College is now enrolling for Year 7 2018 and 2019.

Interviews for positions for Year 7 2018 and Year 7 2019 at Bethlehem College will commence early 2017 and continue throughout the year. Bethlehem College has 14 Catholic feeder primary schools and is also very popular with students in other Catholic Primary schools as well as Public schools. We have already received a large number of enrolments.

As per Sydney Catholic Schools’ Enrolment Policy, students from feeder Catholic systemic schools are given first preference for places in Year 7 to Bethlehem College but they need to submit an enrolment application to secure their place for 2018 - 2019. The enrolment forms are available on Open Day (7 March 2017) and can also be downloaded from the Bethlehem College website or collected from the school office.

With students from 14 Catholic feeder primary schools, other non-Catholic feeder schools seeking a single sex education and Catholic students in our local State schools all seeking positions in the school, competition for places is intense. Whether you are a current Bethlehem College parent, an aspiring Bethlehem parent or know of families who wish to enrol their daughter at the College, I would ask you to submit the enrolment form as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Mrs Apergis at Bethlehem College on 9798 9099.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all the families who have settled their school fee accounts.

Your payment of fees directly impacts the ability of the College to provide quality teaching resources and facilities for all students. It is important for every family to make a financial contribution to their daughter’s education.

For those families who are in arrears, could I please ask you settle your fees by 30th November, 2016. If you have an agreed payment plan, could I please ask that you continue with this plan over the holiday period by paying through BPAY. Thank you.

Jo Condon
Business Manager

Tax File Numbers (TFN)

The Australian Taxation Office would like to encourage school leavers to apply for a tax file number (TFN). Most students will need a tax file number when leaving school. This is essential for their employment, deferring university fees or applying for Centrelink benefits. To find out more information, please visit:

www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/
From the Acting Assistant Principal…

Dear Parents, Students and friends of our wider Bethlehem Community,

As the term has commenced, there have been a number of vehicles that are causing concern for our three schools as they drop-off and collect their children each morning and afternoon in Bland Street.

Stopping to allow children to alight from a car on the western side (School side) in the No Stopping Zones is illegal and dangerous. The Council has now sent a ranger to monitor the safety of this No Stopping Zone. Also, please do not to use the De La Salle driveway as a pull in and drop off as students enter and leave the College through these gates. Parents are reminded to use the Drop off zone which is signposted by the Parking Zone signs on the Eastern side of Bland Street (St Vincent’s side). The small car park between De La Salle and Bethlehem College is not a drop off area or parking area either.

Below is an outline of Parking and traffic rules in school zones. Please read it carefully.
Parking and traffic rules in school zones
You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. Please choose safety over convenience. Please refer to the Safety tips below for school zones and students.

Liz Moodey
Acting Assistant Principal
From the Curriculum Coordinator…

Year 12 2016
All HSC exams have now been completed and we look forward to the results on 15th December. We hope our girls have performed at their personal best and were able to demonstrate their considerable talents. They can now focus on completing deregistration on 7th November, enjoying the formal on 23rd November and sharing ATARs and meeting with Ms Stewart on 20th December.

Year 12 2017
Year 11 students have now begun the HSC courses in all subjects and are in the process of completing their first HSC assessment tasks. Good study routines are essential for success and the girls should be spending 2 - 3 hours per night on homework, summaries, reading and research. The Christmas break is a good time to organise the study environment into an effective learning space, with folders and summaries for each subject. Making wall posters to place high on the walls will help access the visual memory. Some inspirational quotes can also help maintain the focus. Here are some to try:

- Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.  
  Ralph Waldo Emerson
- The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.  
  Vince Lombardi
- Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
  Willing is not enough; we must do.  
  Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- We are still masters of our fate.  
  We are still captains of our souls.  
  Winston Churchill

Year 10
Year 10 students have just completed their final Stage 5 assessments and will soon begin a program of HSC preparation, working on skills which will help in the transition to Stage 6. They will complete the BOSTES All My Own Work modules on 16th November. This program is designed to teach students how to reference correctly in order to avoid plagiarism and malpractice during the HSC. Students cannot be entered into the preliminary year with the Board of Studies until the All My Own Work program is successfully completed.

ASSESSMENTS DUE DURING TERM 4 WEEKS 5,6,7

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Mrs Janet Mann  
Curriculum Coordinator

Brain Teasers Problem 108:

Triple Jumps
The string of letters contains three six letter words, melded together, with letters in the correct order. One word is an animal, one is a vegetable and one is a mineral.

M E A R J A N D C B I K V A L L E E

Can you untangle the string?

Students are invited to solve this problem, and deposit the answer, marked clearly with name and homeroom, in the box in the General Office by Monday 14th November at 3pm. The first correct entry drawn will receive a canteen voucher!!!!
From the Acting Religious Education Coordinator…

Year 11 Reflection Day
On Friday 11th November our Year 11 students will travel to Concord RSL and Community Club for their Reflection day. The students are encouraged to consider their roles and responsibilities as the 2017 Year 12 leaders of the College community. Our SRC is working extremely hard behind the scenes to create an amazing day. Can we please remind all students to return their permission notes to the SRC spirituality coordinators.

Year 8 Reflection Day
On Friday 18th November, our Year 8’s will also have a day to reflect on the theme “How to See the Face of God in Others”. This is an important opportunity to strengthen their skills at making good and lasting friendships. We also want the students to discover how to say sorry and re-establish friendships when they have been tested. We hope it will be a special day to help them better appreciate their own talents and the talents of their friends.

Year 10 Retreat
We look forward to the Year 10 Retreat, which will be held on Thursday 24th and 25th November at Stanwell Tops. After their hard work and completion of their final exams, our students will benefit from this time of prayer and reflection. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Casey if you have any questions regarding this event. A permission note has been sent home with all Year 10 Students. Thank you for your support by returning the completed form to the office as soon as possible.

In faith,

Mrs Ruth Casey
Acting Religious Education Coordinator
One of the many challenges of rearing children is that of accepting that our child is different to us, has different dreams and aspirations and a different focus from the one we had growing up. Many girls feel an obligation to be or do what their parents want, from simply staying at school when school is not for them, making choices that make them uncomfortable or being endlessly told that they should enjoy something they don’t.

You can help your child to accept other people’s differences by accepting hers. If all your child hears is judgement and feels shame, she will carry this on in the other walks of her life. If she feels compelled to make a choice that is not her own then this will affect her decision making ability later on in life.

Try to encourage acceptance by:

- Encouraging her to make her own choices.
- Encouraging acceptance of other nationalities at home.
- Encouraging friends from all walks of life.
- Encouraging her uniqueness whatever that is.
- Encouraging her to spread her wings in many different directions.

Encourage your daughter to be unique, fearless and accepting and she will go far in life. Encourage your child to be the same as everyone else, scared of the world she lives in and judgemental and she will struggle. It is our job to provide a solid foundation on which our children can build their own lives. Once this has been achieved we can stand back and watch them navigate the world in their way and be happy.

Karen Rushbrook
School Counsellor
Talk Our Language Project...

On Wednesday, 26th October, Bethlehem College hosted artist and photographer Sarah Rhodes and Aboriginal artist and educator Nadeena Dixon as part of the Talk Our Language Project. The project is supported by the workings of leading Sydney University academic Jaky Troy who has been instrumental in preserving Dharug, the ‘Sydney language’, and its stories.

It was a beautiful day of Dharug storytelling, which encouraged personal soul-searching amongst the students to articulate what it means to be Aboriginal. The following girls were invited to take part in the project: Taryn Little, Aleyah Joseph, Taalyah Munmurrie, Shakaya Lintmeijer, Caitlyn McPhillips Joseph, Madison Hough, Jayde Townsend and Janaya Keen.

The girls were invited to explore their own notions of identity – as individuals, within their families and in their community. It was wonderful to have a number of family members of the students join us on the day for the project.

Nadeena Dixon shared stories, songs and raffia weaving techniques to ignite the students’ storytelling skills. By the end of the day, the girls had chosen a phrase that best represented their cultural or personal identity. The short phrase was translated into the Dharug language for the girls to speak.

The second component of the project involved one-on-one sessions between Sarah Rhodes and students to visualise their chosen phrase. The images and text will be designed into a postcard which will be printed for the students to distribute to their community.

The project has provided an exciting opportunity for our Bethlehem students to explore aspects of their culture and share their stories.

Caroline Haid Messer
Community News...

Croydon Park Festival

Saturday 12 November • 10am - 4pm
From Seymour St to Kater Pl

This is a community event being organised on behalf of the Croydon Park Business Chamber, a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to profile local business and community.

The two minute video here shows you the 2014 festival we ran which was a huge success.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxR7LRw2QSQ

This year we are estimating 10,000 crowd and have a packed program of entertainment, activities for everyone, live cooking demonstrations TV celebrity chefs and singers and more.

We are looking for local stall holders who wish to promote their product on the day.

Full details on this Festival can be found at www.franzeevents.com.au, with stall holders forms on a page under the Events Tab.
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