

Bethany Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 4 | Week 6 | Thursday, 16th November, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Parents & Carers,

I wish to acknowledge the outstanding success of the school musical Matilda Jr performed recently at Caroline Chisholm College.

A truly magical aspect of productions such as Matilda Jr is the telling of a story and the creation of a world, conjured in a performance space with the interaction of a live audience.

Both evenings were very special, spurred on by wonderful audiences that provided our young storytellers with generous and enthusiastic feedback that propelled and inspired their performance to another level.

It is worth noting that not all the children who were part of the cast performed on stage. Some chose to dedicate themselves to the production by working in the backstage aspects of the show. In whatever role they filled, each child in the Matilda Jr production worked for the ensemble and dedicated themselves faithfully to the telling of the story.

On behalf of all the Bethany community, I would like to extend a profound note of thanks to:

- the Principal of Caroline Chisholm, Mrs Tania Cairns, together with the College's leadership team as well as the leaders of the drama, music, and creative arts department for their generous and valuable support. The College embraced this project from the very beginning and their openness to working in partnership with our school remained undiminished. For our students to be able to rehearse and perform in such a modern, convenient, and well-equipped performance space was an absolute privilege.
- to the students from Caroline Chisholm College, Penola & Xavier who assisted with the musical's production during rehearsals and the evening performances.
- the generous Bethany staff and parents who assisted in countless ways, particularly on Thursday and Friday evening.
- the talented, dedicated, and passionate production team consisting of Nikita Dingemans, Karlie Borg, Chloe Dean-Dewstow and Glenn Green for their vision, commitment and talent.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Classroom Upgrade & Refurbishment

This week final architectural plans were approved for a major upgrade to every classroom. These upgrades will take place in stages over the next 6 months.

The refurbishment of classes will retain the current 3 classroom format of spaces with the flexibility of interconnecting glass doors between classes as well as slight extension to every White classroom.

What is being proposed includes:

- Complete recarpeting of all classroom
- Autex Panelling to all internal walls to the ceiling enabling the easy display of student work and improving both the aesthetics and acoustics of classrooms.
- Internal repainting of all classrooms
- Replacement of wet areas
- Replacement of TV monitors
- New furniture to every classroom

The much needed refurbishment promises to provide our school with beautiful, revitalised learning spaces for teachers and students. We hope to commence refurbishments of one classroom block during the upcoming Christmas holidays.

Current School Upgrade Projects

The school is currently completing 3 upgrades to school facilities:

The upgrades are:

- News ramp, stairs, verandah to the Music, Italian and Counsellor's demountable building as well as concreting works and covered walkway in this part of the school
- Construction of a ramp to the playing fields and student foyer
- This work is being funded by CSPD

It is worth noting that the three Gospel readings over the next three Sundays of the liturgical year leading up to the start of the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew and all focus on the theme of PREPARATION.

This theme applies aptly to us in the context of our Catholic school community. As we journey through the final weeks of the school year leading up to Advent & the birth of Christ at Christmas our sights are set on various aspects of preparing.

The Gospel theme during this period is a reminder to each of us to be ready; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation.

Wishing all a fruitful week ahead,

Sergio Rosato
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13th every year. This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities and the world at large. It encourages people to perform intentional acts of kindness and foster a culture of compassion and generosity. It's the day when we're reminded how important it is to think of others and spread kindness whenever and however we can. It can be really simple, small gestures. Sometimes the smallest of actions have the biggest impact.

What is the history of World Kindness Day?

- The World Kindness Movement came up with the concept for World Kindness Day in 1997 at a conference in Tokyo. It was eventually launched in 1998.
- Australia hosted the 6th General Assembly for World Kindness Day in Sydney in 2010, as well as the 8th General Assembly in 2014.
- In 2017, Australia's Gold Coast was presented with the official listing as a World Kindness City.

In a world where you can be anything – be kind!

Road Safety

As previously communicated, this term we are promoting road safety within our school community. Road Safety is everyone's responsibility, have a look at our latest road safety message here ...

[Week 2 short promo Parking Across Driveway](#)

We will continue to share a series of road safety videos over the coming weeks. Keep an eye out on Facebook and Compass for further information.

Toilets

Please ensure that if your or a child who doesn't attend Bethany needs to use the toilet in the morning or the afternoon that you use the ambulant toilet located outside the office. Adults or children who don't attend the school are not permitted to use the student toilets under any circumstance at any time. Thank you for your understanding and support to keep our children safe.

Many blessings,
Rebecca Lloyd
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Dear Parents and Carers...

We invite you to join us for the

Bethany Catholic Primary School **End of Year Thanksgiving Mass**

When: Friday 1st December, 2023

Where: St Padre Pio Church

Time: 11:00 am

*For our school year,
We give thanks...*

We hope you can come to celebrate the 2023 school year with us!

2023 BETHANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

When: Monday 4th December, 2023

Where: Bethany School Hall

Time: gates open at 12:30pm. Concert will start at 1:00pm and conclude at 2:45pm

Dress: all students are to wear their regular sports shorts, white socks and joggers.

Students in each grade are asked to wear a Christmas t-shirt (or plain coloured t-shirt) as follows:

- Kindergarten: Red
- Year 1: White
- Year 2: Green
- Year 3: Red
- Year 4: Green
- Year 5: White
- Year 6: Red



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 17th November: Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 6 are attending morning parish Mass

Friday 24th November: Staff Spirituality and Formation Professional Development Day – Pupil Free day

Friday 1st December: End of Year Whole School Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday 3rd December: 10am children's parish Mass. Year 5 will be coordinating this Mass. All are invited to attend.

Tuesday 5th December: Year 5 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 7th December: Year 4 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th December: Year 3 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation

SILENT NIGHT

holy night



Please join us for a Bethany Christmas Concert

Monday, 4th December

1:00pm

In The Bethany School Hall
Gates open from 12:30pm

SPORT

GYMNASTICS



On Friday, 10th November, some students from year 5 and 6 competed at the Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics competition held at Rooty Hill. Francesca Vella, Charlotte Gobrael, Kaley Roddick, Ivy Szczepanski, Audrey McDonagh and Connor Roddick.

They performed their routines with grace, strength and skill on the floor, vault and mini tramp. It was such a pleasure to watch.

A special mention goes to Connor and Ivy who both received a 3rd place medal overall on the vault.

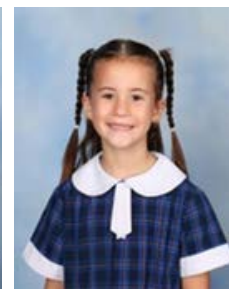


I would personally like to thank Isabella Vella from Caroline Chisholm, for coming to judge on the day!



JUNIOR STATE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On the weekend of 28th and 29th October, Ruby Hicks from 2B competed in the Junior State Gymnastics Competition with her team mate Keiley Garcia from 2B and they both walked away with Medals! Ruby got a Gold Banding and Keiley a Bronze Banding which at a State Level is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Ruby and Keiley, Bethany are very proud of you both!



WEEKEND SPORT

Nicholas Tadros attended a Black belt grading karate camp over the weekend. It was a very busy camp where Nicky was up at 4.30am both days and worked on his skills with all his other Karate friends. Nicky officially obtained his black belt over the weekend.

On behalf of the Bethany community, we congratulate Nicky and are so proud of his achievements.



LIBRARY

LAST BOOK CLUB FOR 2023



Issue 8 catalogues were sent home on Tuesday.

The last day for placing an order through the school using the online LOOP system is next **Tuesday 21st November.**

Please note that if you are ordering items as Christmas gifts for your children you need to indicate this when ordering. When these arrive at school you will be contacted so you can collect them; otherwise all ordered items will be sent home with your child.



LAST WEEK OF LIBRARY BORROWING FOR 2023

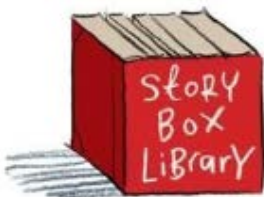
This week was the last week students could borrow books to take home from our school library.

All library books will need to be returned next week. As the end of year approaches please check at home for any books that may have been borrowed and overlooked and return these to our school library. A stocktake of our library resources will be happening from Week 7 and we need all books returned to do this. Overdue notices will be sent home if a book cannot be located in our library.

Students will still have books to read in classrooms and can enjoy listening to books read on Story Box Library.

STORYBOX LIBRARY

Bethany has an annual subscription to Story Box Library which allows all families to freely access this amazing resource at home. New books are regularly added making this an ever-growing library aimed at Kindergarten to Year 6 students. It is a safe online space free from advertising where Australian literature is read by Australian authors, illustrators and storytellers.



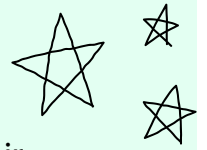
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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

Certificates for all students who completed this year's challenge are currently being printed and will be distributed before the conclusion of the school year.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 2



Last week, students enthusiastically used supermarket catalogues to create combinations totalling \$20. This exercise not only sharpened their math skills but also introduced practical budgeting concepts.

Alongside this, they've been diligently practising counting from various starting points and perfecting skip counting. These foundational skills are vital for their overall mathematical development.



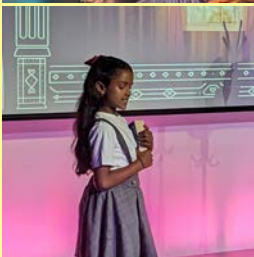
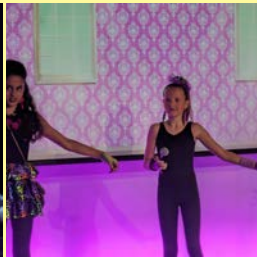
YEAR 3

In Year 3, our students have been dedicating their efforts to enhance their comprehension skills through the use of an interactive flip book. This innovative tool provides an engaging and interactive way to seamlessly incorporate the Super Six comprehension strategies into their chosen novel study. Students have been applying these strategies during their independent literacy tasks, which has not only deepened their understanding of their texts but also fostered a strong foundation in critical reading and analysis.

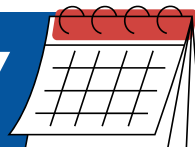


CURRICULUM CONTINUED

MATILDA JR MUSICAL



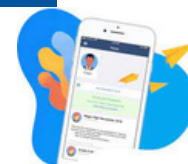
DATES FOR THE DIARY



20th November	Captivate Arts Festival 2023
21st November	Kindergarten Transition Session 3 – 9am – 10:20am
24th November	Staff Spirituality Day – Pupil Free Day
27th November	Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival
28th November	Kindergarten Transition Session 4 – 9am – 10:20am
4th December	Christmas Concert
8th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 10:30am
8th December	Year 6 Graduation ceremony @ 12pm (hall)
13th December	Year 6 Social @ 5:00pm–7:30pm – Hall
14th December	Major Awards Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies Whole school 12pm
15th December	Motiv8 Year 6 Last Day Term 4 – K-6



Recent Compass Notifications



15/11/2023	Christmas Concert
14/11/2023	Notification of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - Year 6
14/11/2023	Year 5 and 6 Italian Performance
14/11/2023	Change to Sports Day - THIS WEEK ONLY (week 6)
10/11/2023	Road Safety
10/11/2023	Busways - Bus number 4661
10/11/2023	Notification of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - Year 6
10/11/2023	Year 3 study - Light Energy
08/11/2023	Year 5 Art Assessment - Clothes
08/11/2023	Kiss & Ride Queuing
08/11/2023	2024 Diocesan Basketball and Tennis Trials - registrations close today
06/11/2023	No Guitar Club
02/11/2023	Spirituality and Formation Staff Development Day - Friday 24th November 2023.

2024 TERM DATES

1st February	First Day Term 1 Yr 1-6
2nd February	First Day - Kindergarten
12th April	Last Day Term 1
29th April	First Day Term 2
5th July	Last Day Term 2
22nd July	First Day Term 3
27th September	Last Day Term 3
14th October	First Day Term 4
20th December	Last Day Term 4

OTHER MATTERS

School Fees and 2024 Enrolments

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their school fees for 2023.

Unless you are on a current payment arrangement, CSPD has started the collection process for all accounts that remain overdue. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your account, please contact the school office.

If you know your child will not be returning to Bethany Catholic Primary School in 2024 please ensure you notify the office, in writing, by Week 8 (1 December 2023).

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2024 and have not yet submitted an enrolment form, we ask that do so as soon as possible.



Safe RESPECTFUL Learner

Bethany's PBS4L Purpose Statement:

Our purpose is to create a safe, respectful learning environment for students who love and serve Christ. We nurture students who are responsible and valued members for our Bethany school community.

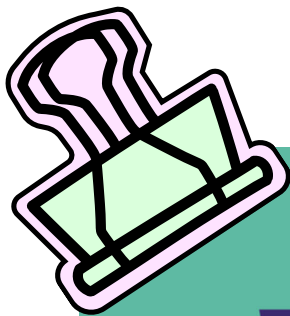


- We keep our hands and feet to our self
- We move safely and calmly
- We are in the right place at the right time
- We use equipment and belongings safely
- We follow instructions

- We use active listening and follow instructions
- We care for and respect each other
- We care for our environment
- We wear our uniform with pride

- We try our best in everything we do
- We demonstrate perseverance and resilience
- We ask questions and take risks
- We work collaboratively

COMMUNITY



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