

Bethany Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1 | Week 3 | Thursday 16th February 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

The 2024 school year is already a fortnight and half old, and already so much has happened in that time.

Welcome New Students & Families

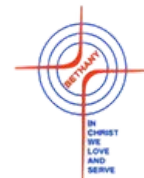
We welcome in a special way our new Kindergarten students and their families. Over the last two weeks they have had many new and wonderful experiences both inside their own classrooms and in the playground. They seem to have taken to their new environment and all the various school activities with confidence and enthusiasm.

We also warmly welcome the many new students and their families who have joined our school community in Grades 1-6. Thank you for your trust and confidence in placing your children in our care as co educators.

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

PBS4L is our school-wide framework for explicitly teaching behavioural expectations to all students in order to build healthy relationships. Our three core school PBS4L expectations are as follows:

At Bethany we are **SAFE**



At Bethany we are **RESPECTFUL**

At Bethany we are **LEARNERS**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Over the past fortnight each grade has focussed on explicitly teaching introductory lessons examining what these expectations look and sound like. Having clear expectations provides consistency across the school and enables teachers to reinforce and acknowledge positive behaviours as well as correcting inappropriate behaviour in a constructive and instructive manner.



Opening School Mass

Our school year commenced last Thursday with a wonderful Opening School Mass celebrated by our Parish Priest Father Suresh Kumar. The students demonstrated a great sense of reverence during the Mass and participated wholeheartedly in every respect – listening attentively, responding, singing and praying. It was an inspiring occasion as we joined together – students, staff, and many parents in communion to pray for the year ahead. During his homily, Father Suresh graciously welcomed our new students, staff and parents, and offered a positive message to the children on the importance of incorporating both study and play into their lives this year.

School Refurbishment Project

Recently I informed our community of the fantastic news that during this year, our school will be undertaking major refurbishment works to upgrade each of our classroom spaces in order to provide wonderful new facilities to enhance learning for our students.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The project will see the internal refurbishment of all classrooms which will include new joinery, glazed partitions and sliding doors (between classrooms), floor finishes, ceiling and wall finishes and associated improvements to each learning space including new furniture and AV equipment.

The refurbishment project will occur in a planned and incremental grade by grade manner over the next few months. During the holidays building works continued in order to complete the construction of accessibility ramps to the school playing fields and student foyer.

Both these school improvements are now complete and in use. As well as this work the demountable block used for Italian, Music and Counselling is currently undergoing a complete refurbishment including the installation of new floor finishes, ceilings, wall finishes, internal and external painting, ramped verandahs and balustrades and concreting of the external courtyard. This upgrade is due to be completed by the beginning of March. Once work is completed these three classrooms will be used as temporary classrooms whilst refurbishment work takes place in particular grades. The delivery of Italian & Music lessons will take place in your child's classroom until the school refurbishment work is completed. The school counsellor will see students in the administration building. I will continue to keep you updated about the project as more information becomes available.



Welcome BBQ

Last Thursday afternoon we hosted a community BBQ to welcome both new and returning families. It was a relaxed, convivial and really well-attended event. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help in various ways to plan, cook and serve the BBQ. Thank you also to Father Suresh who attended the BBQ to mingle with and greet families of our community.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The Start of Lent

Yesterday we began the season of Lent by being marked on our foreheads with the ashes burnt from last year's palms during Mass. The season of Lent leading to Holy Week & Easter provides us with a time to deepen our spiritual relationship with God and to translate this into action through fasting (giving up), almsgiving (giving to others) & prayer.

Although ashes give the appearance of being dull and lifeless we know that after a bushfire ashes have the wondrous ability to help new seeds sprout and grow. Ashes also symbolize cleansing. For many years people (including my grandmother) used ash to make cakes of soap to wash themselves. The cross is a sign which reminds us that just as Jesus gave of himself for others we need to share what we have.

During Lent we give thanks for the good things that God has given us and remember that these blessings are not just for us. We must share them and use them to help other people in the world who do not have enough food, clean water and healthcare or love.

One way we can do this is by contributing to the Project Compassion Appeal. Another way is by thinking about the needs of others and doing something practical to help them.

Wishing all a blessed first week of Lent.
Until next time,

Sergio Rosato
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

I hope this message finds you well and rested after a fantastic summer break. As we embark on the new school year, it brings me great joy to welcome each and every one of you back to our Bethany school community.

I am thrilled to serve again in 2024 as the Assistant Principal of Bethany, and I am eager to work alongside our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our wonderful students. Together, we will continue to foster a nurturing environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and the development of strong character.

This school year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for growth, learning, and community building. Our team has been hard at work preparing engaging and enriching activities to ensure a positive and fulfilling educational experience for your child.

2024 School Goals

English: Sentence Structure Growth

- Our goal in English is to see each of our students make significant strides in their sentence structure. Through targeted lessons and supportive resources, we aim to enhance their writing skills, fostering clear and expressive communication.

Mathematics: Increase in Number Fluency

- In Mathematics, we aspire for all students to increase their number fluency. Through interactive and hands-on learning experiences, we will strengthen their mathematical foundation, ensuring confidence and proficiency in numerical skills.

Mission: Deepening Understanding of Scripture

- In alignment with our mission, we aim for students to deepen their understanding of the focus Scripture during Religious Education Learning Cycles. We believe that a strong spiritual foundation enhances not only their academic journey but also their overall personal development.

Wellbeing: Consistency in PBS4L Practices

- To improve student wellbeing, we are focusing on greater consistency in Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L) practices and procedures. Creating a positive and respectful school environment is paramount to fostering the emotional and social wellbeing of our students.

I am confident that with these goals in mind, our school community will achieve remarkable success in the academic, spiritual, and personal development of our students. Together, let us make Bethany a place where each child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach new heights.

May God bless each of you and guide us on this exciting journey ahead.

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Although we are only 2 weeks into the 2024 academic year, we have had a very busy start to the school year. Our Bethany community celebrated our Beginning Year School Mass last Thursday. It was a very special celebration where we welcomed our Kindergarten students as well as new teaching staff.

LENT BEGINS

The liturgical season of Lent began with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time where we prepare ourselves for the most significant event in the church calendar: Easter.

By receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, we were reminded of our own mortality and to repent for our sins. Hundreds of years ago, people used ashes as a symbol of repentance. They were a sign that they had let the 'fire' of goodness go out. Receiving the ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads reminds us that the season of Lent has begun and this season will end with the Easter season when we mark the crucifixion and triumphant resurrection of Jesus.



LEARNING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each grade has begun their Learning Cycle in Religious Education for Term One. The following is an overview of the Focus Question that each grade will base their learning on in Religious Education:

Kindergarten – How will others know that Jesus is my friend?

Year One – How am I a unique person who is loved by God?

Year Two – How does God love and care for us?

Year Three – In what ways is Jesus the pathway to hope and joy in our world?

Year Four – How is God present in my life?

Year Five – How can Jesus, in his divine nature, be our example of being human?

Year Six – How can I get to know God?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



BETHANY RE ANGELS

Students at Bethany are always encouraged to be active in their faith. One way that we can support this is through the role of a Bethany RE Angel.

RE Angels are students in Years 3–6 who assist with the preparation and presentation of liturgies.

One RE Angel is selected per primary class (i.e. in grades 3 – 6). Next week (Week 4), the students will be informed of the opportunity to apply to be an RE Angel. Below is a list of qualities that an RE Angel would ideally model:

- **Respect:** accepting that other people have different opinions, talents and abilities.
- **Proud to be a member of the Bethany community:** someone who strives to live out the school motto: *In Christ we love and Serve*.
- Following Jesus' example by being **respectful** of the faith beliefs and experiences of others.
- **Honesty.**
- **Prayerful:** understand that praying is an important part of daily life at Bethany.
- **Reverent:** during liturgies, Masses and prayer times.

Students who are interested in becoming an RE Angel will be invited to write an expression of interest explaining how they display the above qualities. All expressions of interest are due **NO LATER THAN Tuesday 20th February**.

(Please note: late submissions cannot be accepted.)

Badges will be presented to successful applicants at a school assembly on Thursday 29th February.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 21st February: St Padre Pio Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation workshops begin

Thursday 29th February: Presentation of RE Angel badges; Year 4 attending Reconciliation

Friday 1st March: Years 3 and 6 attending Friday morning parish Mass

Sunday 3rd March: Children's Parish Mass 10am and altar servers induction

Term 1, Week 6: Catholic Schools Week – Whole school Mass

LIBRARY



Class visits to the Library began this week. It was great to see so many enthusiastic borrowers who had come prepared with their library bags.

We are off to a flying start for 2024!

Library bags keep books safe, clean and dry on the journey between school and home. Any student borrowing a book to take home, needs to have a library bag.

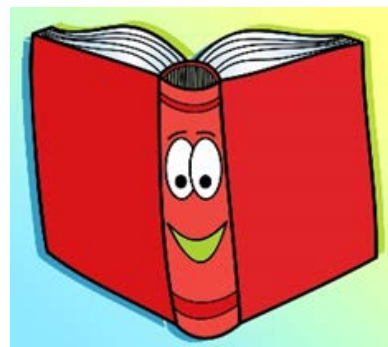
A stocktake of the library was completed earlier this week and disappointingly many books were found to have water damage. This is often due to water from drink bottles coming into contact with books in students' bags. Using a school library bag is a great way to avoid this happening.

Books in our library belong to everyone in our school community and using a library bag is one simple way to ensure that they can be borrowed, read, returned and borrowed again to be enjoyed over and over by our students.

Thank you for helping us instil in our students the importance of being good stewards of our school resources.

Here is a reminder of the days that classes will be visiting the library this year:

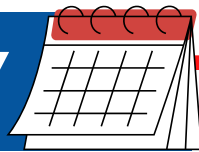
Year 6	Tuesday
Year 5 White	Tuesday
Year 5 Red	Wednesday
Year 5 Blue	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Kindergarten	Wednesday



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The last day to order from
Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 is
Friday 16th February.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Date	Activity / Event
Mon 19 Feb	Penola Student Info Session @ Bethany (Yrs 5&6 only)
Tue 20 Feb	St Columba's Student Info Session @ Bethany (Yrs 5&6 only)
Wed 21 Feb	Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival (Glenbrook)
Mon 26 Feb	Bethany Cross Country (Ched Towns Oval)
Thu 29 Feb	Year 6 Leadership, SRC & RE Angels Presentation Day
Fri 1 Mar	St Doms / Caroline Chisholm Student Info Session @ Bethany (Yrs 5&6 only)
Mon 4 Mar	Effort in Learning Awards Assembly
Mon 4 Mar – Fri 8 Mar	Catholic Schools Week
Tue 5 Mar Wed 6 Mar Fri 8 Mar	Bethany Open Days 9-10am
Fri 8 Mar	Kindy & Year 1 Fun Run
Tue 12 Mar	Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Blacktown



Recent Compass Notifications

Date Sent Out	Communication Details
14/02/24	AUSKICK AFL Information
14/02/24	Australian Government 2024 Student Residential Addresses and Other Information
12/02/24	Communication with Staff
12/02/24	Spriggy Schools - Canteen Operating Procedures
12/02/24	Choir, Guitar club and Percussion Club
12/02/24	Notification of Head Lice - Year 1
09/02/24	Primary Boys Netball Trials 2024
09/02/24	Primary Girls AFL Trials 2024
08/02/24	Bethany Library News
04/02/24	Mode of Travel/ Afternoon Dismissal
01/02/24	Teaching Arrangements 4W & 4R
30/01/24	Welcome Back To The 2024 School Year



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

ATTENDANCE



A day here or there doesn't seem like much
but absences add up **2 days** a month adds
up to **4 weeks** a year / **20 days** a year
which is over **one year** of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner
every day 



Catholic Schools
Parramatta Diocese

CONSENT FOR STUDENTS' NAMES, PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS, AUDIO AND WORKS & CONSENT TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

If you wish to change consent for raffle tickets to be sent home or for the use of students' image and/or works, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form.

2025 BETHANY ENROLMENTS

We are currently accepting Enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2025. If you have a child starting school next year – or know of family or friends who do – we encourage you to submit an application this term. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or our school website.

Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2025



BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY

34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park
T 4723 3700 bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAYS

Date	Activity / Event
Sun 3 Mar	St Dominic's College Open Day
Wed 6 Mar	St Columba's Catholic College Open Day
Wed 6 Mar Thu 7 Mar	Caroline Chisholm Open Days
Mon 11 Mar	Penola Catholic College Open Day

PENOLA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

11 MARCH 2024
4pm - 7pm

Self-guided & guided tours available

No bookings required

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OPEN DAYS



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SPRINGWOOD

YEAR 7 2025 - OPEN AFTERNOON



WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024 • 4pm-6pm

We warmly invite families to visit St Columba's Catholic College for our Year 7 2025 Open Afternoon.

This will be an opportunity for you to meet current staff and students, tour the campus, and learn more about the unique and personalised learning experiences available at St Columba's.

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

The College Principal, Mr Phillip Scollard, will formally welcome guests in the College's Brauer Hall at 4pm and 5pm.

CAMPUS TOURS

Campus tours, led by current College students and staff, will run throughout the afternoon. The first tour will commence at 4.15pm and the final tour will commence at 5.40pm.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Information about enrolling at the College and enrolment application documents will be available during the afternoon.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE:

<https://rb.gy/9o1bvr>

For details contact the Enrolment Secretary on telephone 4754 8907.



ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 AND 2026 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED



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1974 - 2024

*Celebrating our past
Empowering our future*

2025 ENROLMENTS FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12 NOW OPEN

Join the Caroline Chisholm community to experience the difference.

OPEN NIGHT TOURS 2024 FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

**Wednesday 6th March
Thursday 7th March
Tours of the college: 3:30 - 6:30pm**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information and bookings please visit our website or social pages <https://www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/>

At Caroline Chisholm College, girls take centre stage in their learning and our teachers have developed expertise in meeting the diverse needs of female students.



90 - 98 The Lakes Drive, Glenmore Park

For enrolments contact Chantal Morris:
cmorris12@parra.catholic.edu.au 4737 5561

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OPEN DAYS



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

2024 OPEN DAY

WELCOMING FAMILIES LOOKING TO SECURE 2024 ENROLMENTS AND BEYOND, INCLUDING YEAR 7 2025 AND 2026
SUNDAY 3 MARCH | SESSION 1 - 10:00 AM TO 11.30 AM | SESSION 2 - 12:30 PM TO 2:00 PM



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CANTEEN



Dear Parents & Carers,

We now have our new canteen operator up and running.

To ensure the service runs smoothly, here is some extra information that may help.

Please take a few minutes to read through.

Download **SPRIGGY SCHOOLS**.
(Munch Monitor no longer works).

Parent Account:

Go to settings to add your child profiles.

You are able to upload money to your parent account.

This money can be used for pre-purchasing recess and lunch orders against your child profiles.

THE CUT OFF FOR RECESS AND LUNCH ORDERS IS 9.00AM SHARP!

How do I give my child canteen spending money?

There are 2 ways:

1. The SPRIGGY app "SPENDING MONEY"

In the app you are able to purchase "Spending Money". This will allow your child to go and choose items from the canteen and pay from their spending money credit.

- This spending money will **NOT** be able to be used on hot food items.
- The spending money does **NOT** have to be spent in one go.
- The spending money does **NOT** expire.
- Your child is only able to access "Spending Money" credit. They cannot access the funds in the parent wallet.

2. CASH

The canteen **DOES** accept cash.

(The school office does **NOT** accept cash).

How does my child collect their pre-paid order?

Recess - your child should go to the canteen to collect their pre ordered recess.

Lunch - Will be delivered to the class.

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time

Download the app now!

Google Play | App Store

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CANTEEN

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ORDER
ONLINE!

Gluten Free and Halal Menus are available online.

HOT FOOD

Corn on the cob	\$2.00
Garlic Bread	\$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.20
Party Pie	2 for \$3.50
Chicken Dim Sim Cup	\$3.70
Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$4.00 6 for \$6.00
Cheese & Broccoli Bites	4 for \$4.00 6 for \$6.00
Hot Chicken Roll	\$4.20
Hot Dog w/ Sauce	\$4.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$4.50
Hot Chicken & Cheese Roll	\$4.60
Pizza Wrap	\$4.70
Cheese, Ham/Pineapple or Meat and cheese	
Traveller Pie - Beef	\$5.00

PASTA & RICE

Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.50
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.50
Beef Lasagna	\$5.50
Fried Rice	\$5.50
Nacho Dippers	\$5.50

2024 CANTEEN MENU

For a detailed menu, weekly specials and to order through



spriggyschools.com.au.

Lunch order cut off time is **9AM!**

HOT WRAPS

Ham & Cheese Wrap	\$5.00
Chicken Schnitzel Wrap	\$6.00
Schnitzel, Lettuce & Mayo	
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$6.20
Schnitzel, Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese & Caesar Dressing	

BURGERS

No Changes or Substitutions are available

Chicken Burger Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.50
Cheese Burger Beef, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	\$5.50
Veggie Burger Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.50
Beef/Salad Burger Lettuce, Tomato & BBQ Sauce	\$5.50
Fish Burger Lettuce & Garlic Aioli	\$5.50

BUILD YOUR OWN SUB ROLL \$5.50

Only (1) choice of meat, and any fillings or sauces.

1. Choose a Meat:
Chicken Breast, Ham, Tuna
2. Choose Fillings:
Carrot, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber or Beetroot
3. Choose Sauce/Dressing
Caesar, Garlic Aioli, Sweet Chili, Tomato, BBQ or Mayonnaise

Sub Rolls baked fresh everyday!

BENTO BOX \$6.00

Your choice of a Boiled Egg or Corn Cob,
PLUS 1/2 Cheese or Vegemite Sandwich,
Sliced Fruit, Cheese with Biscuits and
Popcorn

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

All Sandwiches made on wholemeal bread

Upgrade Wrap	\$0.80
Vegemite, Jam or Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna Or Egg	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	\$4.20
Ham or Chicken	\$4.50
Salad w/ Tuna or Ham	\$5.00
Salad w/ Chicken	\$5.20
Extras (Including toasting) Cheese, Avocado	\$0.70

SALADS

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Garden Salad Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	\$4.50	\$5.20
w/ Ham or Tuna	\$5.20	\$6.00
w/ Chicken	\$5.20	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Greek Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Extras Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Egg or Capsicum	\$0.70 Each	

SNACKS

Laughing Cow Cheese	\$1.50
Carrot Sticks	\$1.50
Piece of Fruit	\$1.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.50
Salted Popcorn	\$1.50
Custard Cup	\$2.00
Fruit Salad - Riviana	\$2.00
Red Rock Chips Honey Soy or Seasalt	\$2.00
Grainwaves	\$2.00
Good Muffin	\$2.50
Banana Bread Slice	\$3.50
Fruit Salad - Fresh	\$4.50

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DRINKS

IQ Water - 600ml	\$2.50
Juice Poppers	\$2.80
Milk - 300ml Chocolate or Strawberry	\$3.20
Juice Bombs	\$3.30
Up 'n' Go	\$3.50

Please note that while we take great care to ensure the correct flavours of drink are provided, some substitutions may occur due to circumstances out of our control.

COLD SNACKS

Quech Fruit Sticks	\$1.00
Animal Snap Stix	\$1.00
Snap Stix	\$1.50
Ice Mony	\$1.50
Frozen Juice Cups	\$2.00
Moosies	\$2.00
Juicies Tube	\$2.00
Lemonade Icy Pole	\$2.00

All Ice blocks need to be collected from the canteen by bringing back your lunch bag.

**Skip the queue
and pre-order
online!**

Classroom Catering supports a focus on everyday healthy food & drink options and is fully compliant with the NSW Healthy School Canteen food & drink benchmarks.

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