NEWS UPDATE

You're Invited
Our Bethany Read-a-thon is almost here. The students and teachers are super excited about our read-a-thon but not nearly excited as Sassoon and all his babies.

Read-a-thon begins at 9:00am on the 14th, June (next Friday) and concludes at 12.25pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join in the fun after lunch when the children present a small snippet of the fabulous work they engaged in during the read-a-thon.

These presentations will be held at the school hall. We look forward to sharing in the fun on Read-a-thon day.

Patreece Griffin-Smith - Librarian

WHERE'S SASSOON?

Vinnies' Winter Appeal
Thanking all the Bethany community for supporting the Vinnies’ winter appeal leading up to the celebration of the Sacred Heart Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS
Lucas Canda who celebrated his First Holy Communion within the Sacred Heart Mass today.

P & F Update
Our last meeting centred on experiencing and discussing the recent Naplan test for Years 3 and 5. Marina Fanucchi also gave an insight into the recent parent conference held in Parramatta. A wide range of topics were touched on and the whole experience was a valuable learning for those who attended.

Any number of these issues raised would make a fruitful topic for future meetings.

Thank you to the families who have already paid or are contributing on a payment arrangement.

Thank you
We would like to thank Mr. Poulton for giving up his time to help pump up all the school footballs. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much!

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that school fees were due on Monday, 3rd June, 2013.
Thank you to the families who have already paid or are contributing on a payment arrangement.

STRINGS – Years 3/4/5
Anyone wishing to attend a Parent Information evening are invited to come along on Wednesday, 12th June at 7:30pm in the library. Mr Green - Music Teacher.
STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
Monday, 15th July, 2013

Our next professional learning day is scheduled for Monday, 15th July, 2013, the first day of Term 3. The focus will be religious literacy assessment tasks for K-6. Please make a note of it in your calendar.

Catholic School Funding
There was a recent agreement by the Australian and New South Wales Governments about school funding.

Despite this new agreement, the details are still very unclear and our Catholic schools lack sufficient clarity about the level of funding we will receive in real terms. It is virtually impossible for our schools to plan with any certainty for the years ahead without knowing how much funding we will ACTUALLY receive from the vague promises of funding.

We asked the Federal Government to clarify the following outstanding issues which will ultimately impact on Bethany:

1. When will the final financial details for each of the six years of the rollout, 2014 to 2019 inclusive, for each Catholic school be known?

2. Explain the Federal Government's claim on Sunday 19 May that the average non-government school in NSW will lose $800,000 if the new funding model is not adopted?

3. What guarantees do we have that the full funding for the model will actually be found, or delivered, by 2019?

4. How can the Commonwealth predict funding for 2016 when present budgets are so unreliable?

The cosmic calendar (Sagan, 1977)
Where the age of the universe is compressed into a single year:

January 1  BIG BANG
May 1 Formation of the Milky Way
September 9 Formation of the solar system
September 14 Formation of the Earth
September 25 Origin of life on Earth
October 9 Oldest bacterial fossils
November 12 Oldest eukaryotes
December 1 Earths' atmosphere fully oxygenated
December 16 First worms
December 19 First fish
December 20 First land plants
December 21 First insects
December 22 First amphibians
December 23 First reptiles
December 24 First dinosaurs
December 26 First mammals
December 27 First birds
December 28 First flowering plants, dinosaurs extinct
December 29 First primates
December 30 First hominids
December 31 First humans (at 10:30 pm)
December 31 Domestication of fire (at 11:46 pm)
December 31 Cave painting in Europe (at 11:59 pm)
December 31 First Neolithic cities (at 11:59:35 pm)
December 31 Invention of the alphabet (at 11:59:51 pm)
December 31 Bronze Age (at 11:59:53 pm)
December 31 Iron Age (at 11:59:54 pm)
December 31 Roman Empire (at 11:59:56 pm)
December 31 Crusades (at 11:59:58 pm)
December 31 Renaissance in Europe (at 11:59:59 pm)

Within the scheme of the Cosmic Calendar, an average human life of 70-80 years is equivalent to approximately 0.16 cosmic seconds!

YEAR 5 / 6 STUDENTS
Wishing all those children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on the week ahead many Blessings of the Spirit.
Congratulations on your preparation leading up to this special celebration.

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, 28th June, 2013
IT'S GRANDPARENTS DAY!
WEEK 7

Monday 10th  •  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th  •  Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm
Wednesday 12th  ♦  Stage 2 Mass 1:30pm
Thursday 13th  ♦  Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm
Friday 14th  ♦  Readathon Day
Saturday 15th  ♦  Confirmation 5:30pm

Contact MICHELLE 0404-580-636

LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

Monday
Karen Denic
Tuesday
Jenny Cunningham
Wednesday
Jenny Cunningham
Thursday
Melinda Almer (8:30-9:30)
Friday
Katrina Austin

CLOSED

Our annual Book Fair has been booked as a part of the Read-a-thon festivities.

Book Fair will be at Bethany on Thursday 27/06 and Friday 28/06

The children will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair the week before it opens to explore all the fantastic new books on offer. During this visit your child can write a wish list of all the wonderful books that they would like to purchase.

Woolworths Earn and Learn finishes on the 9th of June so send in your last stickers.

Thank You.

LEARN TO SWIM ALL YEAR ROUND

Our heated indoor family friendly centre ensures water safety is a priority all year round. Water incidents happen in cooler months too. Being diligent about water education will positively impact your family next summer.

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GLENMORE PARK MONTHLY MARKET

Field On The Last Sunday of Every Month
GLENMORE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE (near The Town Centre)

Please contact Monica at upmarkets@live.com.au if you are interested in becoming a stallholder.

NEXT MARKET DAY - SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2020
10AM TO 3PM

Volunteers Needed  Contact MICHELLE 0404-580-636