Welcome to Term 2—2013

Hope your family enjoyed the change of routine over the holiday break. The children certainly needed a rest after a hectic first term of learning.

This second term promises to be full of activity and rewarding learning as we pursue our school goals of reading and writing. We have consolidated our literacy programs each morning as you know and will be investigating writing in greater depth. We have two professional learning days coming up (Friday 24th May and Saturday 25th May) where all staff will be working with Wendy Bean, an educator who specialises in the writing process.

Other events coming up include Mothers Day celebrations, Naplan testing, Athletics, Grandparents visits, Sacrament of Confirmation for Yrs. 5/6 and more. We hope the quality of learning and the variety of experiences will ensure your child and our community are maximising the learning opportunities here at Bethany. Enjoy the journey!

**Mothers Day Celebrations**

Friday 10th May 2013

Please come along and join us in our celebration of Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, Godmothers, Aunts and other significant female role models in our students lives.

- 7:30am: Breakfast
- 8:00am: Open Classrooms
- 9:15am: Mothers Day Prayer Assembly (hall)

The day will begin early to cater for all mums in our Bethany community. You are welcome to come along and enjoy some time with your child/children. We look forward to spoiling you at Bethany!

**Naplan Dates**

Our Yrs. 3 and 5 students have three assessments coming up in week 3 of the term (14/15/16 May). It is an opportunity to take a “snapshot” of each student and we gain an enormous amount of data from these assessments. Keeping in mind this it is only ONE assessment over the year we try to minimise anxiety with the students by not over whelming them with hype about the testing.

**Diocesan Cross Country**

Next Tuesday, we have a large number of runners competing against other Catholic Primary Schools. Best wishes for our Bethany representatives.
**WEEK 1**

- **Tuesday 07/05**
  - ♦ Diocesan Cross Country
- **Tuesday 07/05**
  - ♦ P&F Meeting 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 08/05**
  - ♦ Mothers Day Stall
- **Friday 10/05**
  - ♦ Mothers Day Celebrations
- **Sunday 12/05**
  - ♦ Happy Mothers Day

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**Best Wishes to Rebecca Andreatta (1 Gold) and husband Matt on the news of a ‘little person’ arriving later in the year. Rebecca will finish at the end of Term 3 in expectation of the birth.**

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**SPORTS**

Congratulations to Monique Quirk for being selected in the Diocese touch football team, Ben Mamo and Eion Klassen for the Rugby, and to all the children representing Bethany at the Diocesan cross country carnival on Tuesday.

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**Have you registered yet?**

- Shaping your child’s genius!
- Mighty Knights – Dads and their daughters
- 21st Century classroom – are you equipped?
- How to motivate your child
- The Future of Catholic Education
- Schools and Families

**CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS OUT?**

Saturday 25 May 2013 and Sunday 26 May 2013

All enquiries or to register: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

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**Tanya Davies Visit Year 5**

On Tuesday 9th April, Tanya Davies came to visit year 5. She explained how State government and parliament works. Tanya Davies taught year 5 the ‘PEP’ talk. PEP stands for Personal Electorate and Policy. She also explained how a blind lady in parliament wrote a book about her lifestyle. Tanya Davies helped the blind lady tell her story and make people more aware of the difficulties she experiences. She also participates in many fundraisers to raise money for those who need it most. A man in Glenmore Park approached Tanya Davies about his ‘Little Wings’ idea. She is presently working with him so that she can help him gain funds for his project. Year 5 enjoyed having Tanya Davies visit Bethany and learn more about how State Government works. By Kristina and Maddision (5 Blue)

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**Support our School**

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P&F Meeting

**When:** Next Tuesday 7th May  **Time:** 7:30pm  **Where:** library

This meeting has its learning focus on Maths at Bethany. We will have some teachers presenting the K-6 maths process and answering your questions. We will also have updates on Naplan, Fun Fair, Mothers Day and more! Hope you can join our parent community at the meeting. Come along and enjoy the spirit!

Mothers Day Stall

**Wednesday 8th May**

Students are invited to buy a present for Mum and grandmum next week. Helpers needed to set up the stalls and assist on the day. Please come along and help out.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

This week we implemented the Angelus prayer in Catholic Schools in our diocese. Students and teachers are to be congratulated on their successful implementation of this daily practice in our school routine. Last term teachers prepared students for understanding the meaning of this traditional 12th century prayer. If you would like to know more about the ‘Angelus’ prayer please refer to the You Tube clip “The Angelus – An Incarnational Prayer”.

AFL KICKSTART

**Where:**
Bethany Catholic School AFL Auskick Centre—After School
(William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park (School Oval)

**When:** Each Thursday starting May 9th until June 13th
**Time:** 3:15pm—4:15pm
**Cost:**$45:00 which includes an action packed 6 week program of fun games and skills.

Kids who register will also have exclusive access to GWS GIANTS players, Match passes to GIANTS games and will receive a GWS GIANTS package and AFL Auskick backpack which includes lots of goodies and more!

Read-a-thon

**Friday 14th June 2013**

To ensure the success of this fundraiser, we are seeking your cooperation in a number of ways:

♦ Do you have a family business that would like to donate a prize?
♦ Would your family like to donate a prize?
♦ Do you know of a business that would like to support our fundraising efforts?

If you can contribute to any of the above, please don’t hesitate in coming to the library to see me.

Sincere thanks
Mrs Griffiths-Smith - Teacher/Librarian

SOCCEER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 9th April 2013, a selection of Year 5/6 girls participated in Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day held at Blacktown. On the day Bethany had 7 games and won 5 of these and also tied twice. I would like to Thank Mrs French our Coach, Mrs Manoukin and Mr Ward, and overall Bethany girls received medals and had a fantastic win on 22 points. Our day wouldn't be a success without all the teachers, parents and players supporting us. Isabella Morlin 6W

On Tuesday 9th April, our selected Stage 3 girls participated in a soccer Gala Day. Bethany students played 7 games and scored 22 goals all up and became the overall winners which meant we all received a medal. I would like to say a huge thanks to our coach Mrs French, Mrs Manoukin, Mr Ward and our very supportive parents. I strongly believe the day wouldn't be such a success without everyone being involved. Drew Stahlhut 6W
**Confirmation Candidates**

A reminder for confirmation candidates and their parents, Presentation Mass is **Saturday 4th May at 5:30pm or Sunday 5th May at 9:30am**. Family sessions begin this week! Tuesday 7th May, Wednesday 8th May, Friday 10th May, Saturday 11th May, Sunday 12th May. Groups are listed at the back of the church on the notice board. One Parent is to stay for the session. **PLEASE BRING THE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE ALONG** which was given out during Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacraments.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book club is due back no later then the 8th May 2013, **No change is given.**

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**Canteen Contact MICHELLE**

**CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 1**

**LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY**

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