Once again we near the end of another busy term. As we reflect back over the term we are amazed at the many opportunities offered within the school. Academically, spiritually and emotionally, Bethany students and staff have been nurtured, within a supportive community, to grow and achieve great things.

This term the children have enjoyed so many opportunities to showcase their learning - Voice of Youth, sporting events such as Touch Football, Cricket, Athletics Carnival, Netball, and Soccer Gala days. The students have also benefited from excursions to further enhance their learning - Kindergarten Farm excursion, Year 2 visited the Powerhouse Museum. The children also enthusiastically participated in the Dance Fever Program with approximately 90 students taking part in the Dance challenge held at Homebush Bay.

On behalf of the staff we would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their contributions to our school community by assisting throughout the term in various ways such as Fathers' Day stall, canteen, classroom support, excursions and sporting events etc.

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to working in partnership with you next term.

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents for a wonderful term and lots to be grateful for!

**SCHOOL FEES REMINDER**

Thank you to the families who have settled their 2013 accounts or have made a payment arrangement. 2013 School fees were due Monday, 19th August, 2013. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact Julie Brien before the end of Term 3 by email jbrien2@parra.catholic.edu.au or 4733 5299 to discuss your options. Thank you.

**K-2 LITURGY**

Parents are welcome to join the students of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 for a liturgy to celebrate God’s creation next Wednesday, 18th September at 1:30pm.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Thank you to the Kindergarten families that came along to celebrate last Sunday’s Mass with our Parish.

There will be two more weekend masses to be held this year. Please save the following dates:

- Year 6 - Saturday, 19th October at 5:30pm
- Year 5 - Saturday, 2nd November at 5:30pm

Hope to see you there!
IMPORTANT NAPLAN NOTIFICATION

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents

On Thursday, 5th September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) In every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13th October, however ACARA and TAAs. Will seek to minimise the delay.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays are a great time to consolidate all the good learning that has taken place during the school term. There are many incidental activities that parents can initiate to support a child’s reading journey. Hartman & Clay (Boy’s Education) believe that parents and the home environment can play a very important role in the development of children’s literacy skills. Some of the activities below can be easily incorporated into your holiday routine;

• Map reading; Google the directions to your next destination and have the children read them to you.
• Satellite Navigation: have the children type in the destination on the Tom Tom or Sat Nav device and let them follow the map as you drive.
• Use the street directory to find and follow the directions to a friends/ grandparents/ travel destination.
• Have your child read the instructions to a new game or building activity.
• Reading the manual for repair or construction work.
• Share a newspaper or magazine article over the dinner table.
• Watch a video and orally review it together.

The link below is for a website that has some great activities for the holidays. Most of these can incorporate reading, writing and especially talking and listening skills. Always be conscious of cyber safety in the home and remember to supervise the activities your children are undertaking on the computer.

The following ideas are taken from;

♦ Do something in the garden; plant some seeds and read the instructions.
♦ Cook something simple in the kitchen; read the recipe.
♦ Clean up and decorate his or her bedroom room.
♦ Drawing, painting or crafting.
♦ Hire a video to watch it at home or go to movies.
♦ Have friends over or go over to a friend's house.
♦ Have a picnic in a park
♦ Go to the beach - don't forget your hat and sun screen. Go to your local library and borrow a good book to read.
♦ Have a relaxing and safe holiday!
DANCE FEVER

Oh what a night!!!! Thank you to all the children who attend on the night. We had 88 children, who have practiced at lunch times and gave up their Wednesday night to do Bethany proud! You were all on your best behaviour and showed true Bethany spirit.

Congratulations to year 4 and year 6, who won the trophy for winning the dance competition overall, with the most points!

Well done to all the students who made it into the grand final for their dances, it was a huge achievement to be selected out of all those children participating.

**Congratulations to the following students who won places in the grand final! Great work!**

**Year 3**

TRISTAN CURRALL & JO-ELISE SOYKE - 2ND IN FOXTROT
ETHAN HUDSON & AMY GRAHAM - 3RD IN FOXTROT
SARAH TOWNSLEY & CHLOE TURNER - 3RD IN CHA CHA
KIARNA KRISTEN & CAITLIN MAHER - 2ND IN CHA CHA

**Year 4**

SAM HULL & TIANA GRABEZ - 1ST IN FOXTROT 2ND IN CHA CHA
ASHTON CINI & LANA ELMER - 2ND IN FOXTROT
IMOGEN SCULLY & EMILY CUNNINGHAM - 3RD IN CHA CHA

**Year 5**

EOIN KLAASSEN & SALMA CRINITI - 2ND IN FOXTROT
TODD WILLIAMS & CHLOE PHILLIPS - 3RD IN CHA CHA

**Year 6**

CAIRON GLEESON & NATALIE GLEESON - 1ST IN FOXTROT
BRANDON EAST & BRITTANY PEDERSON - 2ND IN FOXTROT
GEORGIA WATERS & ZAMANDA KWAN - 1ST IN CHA CHA

A big big thank you to all the staff who helped out on the night and in preparing the students. We couldn't have done it without you all.
**WORKING BEE - PADRE PIO CHURCH**

Advance notice of the next Parish Working Bee to be held on Saturday, 12th October, beginning at 9:00am and finishing around lunchtime. Plenty of jobs to do around the Parish as we prepare for summer. Can you spare even an hour to help out around your Parish?

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

Our Annual Parish Picnic Day will be on Sunday, 22nd September at Tench Reserve, on the river at Penrith. The picnic is scheduled to start at around 11:00am though you are free to come whenever you can. It would be a casual affair. Bring your own food, drink, blankets chairs and whatever equipment you need to have a good time and share with others.

**RISE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or know someone who would like to become a Catholic? The Rite of initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is a 20 week program that explores the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church and provides an opportunity to study the bible. Please contact Father Robert if you are interested. Phone: 4737 9735

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY**

Thank you to the parents that have completed the survey online. As the first faith educators of your children your feedback is greatly appreciated. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyParents](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyParents)

**SCHOOL UNIFORM / GROOMING**

Staff at Bethany has recently expressed concern regarding the way a few of our students are wearing their school uniform. I respectfully ask parents to fully support the correct uniform requirements to ensure high standards are upheld for all students at Bethany.

Following are a few important reminders:

- If your child is unable to be in the correct and full uniform for a day at Bethany, a note addressed to your child’s teacher is required – Thank you.
- Sport runners/sandshoes must be predominantly white (fancy fluro runners are not permitted)
- Sport socks must be at least about 10 cm above the top of runners (not the style concealed in shoe)
- Boys must have their shirts fully tucked in for general school uniform (not required for sport uniform)
- Hair is to be kept neat, tidy and off the collar. It is to be a consistent natural colour. Bleaching, colouring, streaking or tinting of hair of any nature is not permitted. Examples of some style NOT permitted are ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, excessive shaping with gel and any shaving cuts (specifically NO 1 and No 2.)

**DANCE FEVER**
**WEEK 10**

Wednesday 18/09  •  Infants Liturgy 1:30pm
Friday 20/09  •  Last Day of Term 3

**CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 10** - Contact Jenny Cunningham - 0417 337 94

LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  Contact JENNY 0417 337 694

**NEW EVENT**

**Vinnies Spring Fling**
Saturday, October 12th  •  7pm - 11pm
Venue: Bethany Catholic Primary School Hall, 34 - 38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park

FOR TICKETS: Contact Melissa vinniesbpark@gmail.com or Bethany School Office

Come along and enjoy the fun, food and friends

● LIVE MUSIC  ● GREAT PRIZES  ●

Cost $25 per head

Adults only. BYO Drinks and Alcohol. Canapés provided.

**SPRING FLING DONATIONS NEEDED**

THIS MAY INCLUDE ANY GIFTS THAT MAY BE UNUSED AND UNOPENED

**DIVE IN**

Swimming Academy
Learn to Swim School Holiday Intensive Program
24th September - 5th October
With 2 options
6 day Program includes Water Safety Education:
$105 (program through weekdays)
Or
5 day Program (wk1 only) - $92.50
(closed October Long Weekend)

Error for Learn to Swim these April school holidays and help your children advance their swimming skills.

Children are graded at time of booking and assessed continually throughout the program.

BOOK NOW! Call 4733 6666
128 Stabler Road, Penrith
You will be amazed at their improvement.

**BETHANY'S BARGAIN BUYERS SHOPPING TOUR**

Saturday, 28th September
7:30am - 6:00pm

$60.00 a ticket
bethanyparents@gmail.com
Form & money due back to the office Monday, 16th September, 2013
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#### Friday Colours Day

Come dressed from head to toe in red! Who will be wearing the most red? Join us while we make red crafts and treats. How much red can we squeeze into one day??

#### Games 2U

- Inside Game Theatre
- Outside action Laser Tag
- Giant Hamster Ball

Fun explosion best describes this experience... Children are split into 3 groups and rotate through the activities playing in teams and independently

#### “Movie and Lunch”

The Richmond Club Lunch Provided

**Bus Depart: 9:30am** **Returns: 3:50pm**

Today we are going to the movies like MP4! Exclusively COSHC children only...

Every child will order a child’s meal, drink and dessert from the in-house menu.

**NOTE:** Children will need to bring their own lunch if not eating the lunch provided

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#### Earth Beats

2hr Performance / Workshop for Children 5 - 12 years
10:00am Start


#### Ten Pin Bowling and Pizza Lunch

Rooty Hill RSL
Run Depart: 10:30am & Returns: 1:30pm

Children will travel by bus to Rooty Hill RSL’s Bowling Centre for 2 games of bowling with lunch – pizza and a fruit box drink.

**NOTE:** Children will need to bring their own lunch if not eating pizza.

#### Messy Craft Day

Put your imagination hat and let your imagination go wild!!
Create you very own clay pot, design apron and hands-on experience making mud pies and shaving cream creations... The possibilities are endless...

**NOTE:** Children will be getting down right messy today! So please ensure your child is wearing play clothes that can get dirty!

#### Gypsy Pirates

2hr Performance / Workshop for Children 5 - 12 years
10:00am Start

The Gypsy Pirates are a mobile children’s entertainment service doing igniting children’s imagination in an adventure of wild wacky games that supports & encourages individual and group participation.

#### Mobile Rock Climbing

9:00am - 3:30pm

Base Zero Mobile Rock Climbing provides a vacation care school holiday activity that is fun, exciting and safe for kids 5yrs +. Team games and group activities on the rock wall, are great fun and children love to race up the wall with their friends.

#### Children to Bring:

- Fruit snacks, morning-tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle
- Sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (gazebon hat or Bucket hat with deep crown and wide brim) for all outdoor play. Please refer to our “Sun Protection Policy”

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Rollercoasters
Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

Working with children holds both rewards and challenges. For many children, one of their challenges will be to cope with family change. They need support and information to navigate these uncharted seas successfully. When parents and carers work together, sending united messages of encouragement and hope, children’s attitudes diminish.

For this reason, a group for children of changing families, called Rollercoasters, is being offered for primary-aged children. This group is designed for children who have recently experienced parental separation, divorce, or other changes in family composition. Whether your children reacted strongly or merely to changes in their family, they often benefit from working with other children who have had similar feelings and experiences.

Rollercoasters utilises discussions, games, role-plays, art, and craft to help children cope with feelings and loss, manage anger, and express their emotions. The group will meet once a week for 6 weeks from 4:00pm to 5:15pm. There is a small weekly cost of $10 for the programme. Currently the group runs each term alternating between our Parramatta and Blacktown group rooms.

There is a "Tip Sheet for Parents" available on request and a ferry with the dates and venue for the next group. I look forward to having your child as our group. Together we can support your child to adjust to these changes.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in having your child participate in this group, please contact me.

Kind regards
Alien Mokhey
Education and Group Coordinator
CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta
Ground Floor | 6A William Street | Parramatta NSW 2150
PO Box 2023 North Parramatta NSW 1790
Phone (02) 9933 0222 | Fax (03) 9933 8250 | karolyine.fehl@ccs.org.au

Please print and circulate the press release below

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Be part of history in the launch of Remembering Hearts®

The National Centre for Childhood Grief (NCCG) is thrilled to announce the annual launch of a very special concept event called Remembering Hearts®.

This momentous event will be held on Saturday 12th October 2013 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Pirrama Park, 20 Pirrama Road, and Pyrmont and involves a unique and new way to symbolise the memory of someone special to us that has died.

All guests are invited to participate in the ceremony and are prioritised to be a celebrant,continental and fun way for adults and children alike to remember our loved ones.

A suitable spot Remembering Hearts® has been created to symbolise the memory of someone special to us. During the event, guests may place the heart in the marker and let it wash away ensuring the legacy of that person lives inside us.

We are also honoured to announce that "The Voice" sensation and National Centre for Childhood Grief Ambassador, Garreth Percival will perform at this event.

Remembering Hearts® Event is an open event to the general public and is free to attend. Remembering Hearts® packs will be available for sale at the event.

Food and drinks will be available to purchase or families are invited to bring their own picnic and blanket, but please kindly note this is an Alcohol and Glass Free Event.

More information on the National Centre for Childhood Grief (NCCG) can be found on their website www.nationalcentre.org.au or by dialing 1300 664 556.

For more information, images or interview requests, please contact
Nikki Hunt from Think PR and Events nikkihunt@think.com.au or 0405 593 362.

Remembering Hearts®
Launch Event
Pyrmont, NSW

You are invited to you and to acknowledge the memory of a loved one, who has died.

Organised by the National Centre for Childhood Grief & Garreth Percival
Special Guest
The Voice\nGarreth Percival
Priced from
$19.95

Guests may purchase branded mugs, and licensed event goods will be available for purchase.

The event is on sale Saturday 12th October 2013
5.00pm to 7.00pm
Pirrama Park, 20 Pirrama Road, Pirrmont
GRASS STORES
open to the general public

Register at
www.rememberinghearts.com

Free event - click here to register
For more information, email or call
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20th October 2013
Warragamba Recreation Reserve
Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Adults $5 Children $2
Car & Bike Show $20 per entry

Dam Fest
Warragamba NSW

Car and bike show
Simply Bushed

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Extreme stunt riders
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