**NEWS UPDATE**

**BETHANY FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Again we welcome our dads to the school so our children can celebrate the crucial role they play in their lives. Dads are invited to come along and share breakfast, view the classrooms and join the children in a short liturgy in the hall.

We hope you are able to join us since the timing is aimed at still getting you away to work as early as possible. A separate note will go home to RSVP numbers so we do not over or under cater for the expected crowds.

When - Friday, 30th August, 2013
7:30am - 8:15am - Breakfast
8:00am - 9:00am - Class Visits
9:15am - Prayer celebrations in the Hall
9:45am - Off to Work!

**OOPS! MISSED SCHOOL AGAIN....**

Have you ever thought about what happens when students regularly miss school? Say it presently averages only 5 days a term (one week off in that term), then that is 20 days for the year (4 weeks of learning).

Throughout the 7 years of primary school, they miss 28 weeks which totals just under 3 terms of schooling. Add in the same averages for High School and you find that over the 13 years, a student would miss well over a year plus a term off their learning. Wonder what the figures look like for more than 5 days average per term.....?

**WE WELCOME THE KINDERGARTEN 2014 CHILDREN**

Next Tuesday evening, we meet with the parents of our Kinder 2014 students. This means our present Kinders are well on the way to being in Year One!!

The expectations on school entry are very high and from day one next year, they will be reading and writing in class. There are many things parents can do over the next few months to assist their child prepare for the different world they will meet next Jan/Feb.

After 5 years of learning from parents and others at home, they will soon enter a world of learning with high expectations on their academic, social, personal and overall development. We thank parents for choosing Bethany to assist them with the vital role of educating their child.

Guess What? These little ones are in Year 6 in 2020 and Year 12 in 2026 !!! They will probably hit the workforce after uni in about 2030....

**LIBRARY - 7:30pm**
CONGRATULATIONS - ATHLETICS
To all those who represented Bethany at the Zone carnival on Friday.
Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be representing the Nepean Zone at the Diocesan Athletics carnival next Friday; Boys and girls relay teams, Steven Caruana, Tony Kolak, Luke Hanson, Ashleigh Macerola, Lauren Wolsey, Georgie Waters, Morgan Douglass, Declan Quirk and Monique Quirk. An additional congratulations to Monique Quirk for achieving Age Champion.
We look forward to hearing about your great results.

VOICE OF YOUTH
Congratulations to these students who represented Bethany at the Voice of Youth Cluster final last Tuesday at Holy Family at Luddenham. What an outstanding effort. You showed great courage and did a great job. We were unlucky on the day but you should be all very proud of yourselves for the effort you all put it.

ROYCE SIMMONS SHIELD
What a fantastic day! The Stage Two boys represented Bethany at the Royce Simmons Shield. We had an A team and a B team, the B team played very well and came third overall. Our A team were undefeated and went into the final, which we won 10-0. They will now represent Bethany at the Royce Simmons shield finals on Tuesday, 3rd September. All boys need to be congratulated on their fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported the boys and also thank you to Mrs Baragry, Mrs Carauna and Mrs Quirk who assisted on the day. More photos posted on the Bethany Website.

ST NICK’S NETBALL GALA DAY
On Tuesday, some of the girls in grades 2-6 represented Bethany at the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day. We all enjoyed competing against the other schools and our behaviour was very good. The 12 Years team came first in their division for the 2nd year in a row! The 9 Years girls had a tough competition throughout the day and lost by 1 point! Every team represented Bethany fantastically and wore their uniform with pride. On behalf of all of the girls, we would like to thank Ms Howell, Mrs Fehon, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Mico and Miss Kershaw for organising and training our teams and all the parents who helped on the day. Well done Bethany! Tanner and Heather (Year 6)

On Tuesday, 20th August, we went to a Netball Gala Day. We think netball was better than good, we think the netball was extraordinary! We were so excited we couldn't sleep. We had a terrific day and were so glad that we signed up. Olivia Y and Olivia M (Year 2) more photos on the website.

NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL
A big congratulations to Monique Quirk who represented NSW in touch football last week in Tamworth. The team won the event overall, which is an outstanding effort. We are all very proud of you and your fantastic effort.
WEEK 7

Monday 26/08/13
- Fathers Day Stall - Don’t forget to send in some $ with the children

Tuesday 27/08/13
- Kinder 2014 Parent Meeting 7:30pm.

Friday 30/08/13
- Fathers Day Celebrations

Sunday 01/09/13
- HAPPY FATHERS DAY

CONGRATULATIONS
Jamie Wilkinson who came in 3rd for Grade 2 piano twice at the recent Eisteddfod in Penrith

MASS REMINDER
Please join us for the Year 5 & Year 6 Mass
When: Wednesday, 28th August, 2013
Where: Padre Pio Church at 1:30pm

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au and MUST be completed every two years.

FUNDRAISER - Saturday, 24th August
The parish of St Finbar’s is having a ‘wine tasting’ fund raising evening this coming Saturday night at 7:30pm. The purpose is to raise money to help one of our local families who are going through a very tough time. Their 7 year old daughter has an aggressive illness that does not have a good outcome. The family needs our support both emotionally and financially. As a community we feel that this would be one way of doing both.

Tickets will be on sale at the door $10 per person and ‘games’ will be played with a gold coin entry fee.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE FAMILY.

A few nibbles to help offset the cost of supper etc would be appreciated.

Please let as many know as possible to help make a successful evening.

The wines are from Calabria Winery, Griffith. For more information please contact Chris Winter or Geoff Shalala (4739 4105)

VINNIES “SPRING FLING”
We look forward to supporting the magnificent work our local St Vincent de Paul Society undertakes in the Glenmore Park district.

We will celebrate together with a live band, good friends and some fun. Hope you can join us!!

Looking for any donations that we can use for the raffle.

Thanks in anticipation!

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.vinnies@glenmopark@com or Bethany School Office (limited tickets available)

Come along and enjoy the fun, food and friends.
- LIVE MUSIC • GREAT PRIZES
- Cost $25 per head

A great night in support of our local St Vincent de Paul Society.

CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 7 - Contact JENNY 0417337694
LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

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Rollercoasters

A Curriculum for Children of Change

FOR KIDS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE CHANGING

Some children are experiencing a disruption within their families. This program is designed for children who have recently experienced parental separation, divorce, or other changes in family composition. Whether your child is feeling strongly or needs to change in their family, they often benefit from working with other children who have had similar feelings and experiences.

For this reason, a group for children of changing families, called Rollercoasters, is being formed 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 child is feeling strongly or needs to change in their family, they often benefit from working with other children who have had similar feelings and experiences.

Rollercoasters utilizes discussions, games, role play, art and craft to help children cope with feelings and loss, manage anxiety and improve self-esteem. Groups 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 on a term alternating between our Parramatta and Blacktown group sessions.

There is a “Tip Sheet for Parents” available on request and a flyer with dates and venues for the next group. I look forward to having your child in 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,

[Name]

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