Term 3 is always busy. The intense focus on student learning continues to absorb most of our time and energies. We are delighted with the ongoing results from recent student assessments and look forward to the NAPLAN achievements soon.

We have also had great success with our students competing in various sports in recent times. Our representatives have been wonderful ambassadors for Bethany with glowing reports coming back from teachers and parents about the children’s performances, sportsmanship, safety and behaviour. We are very proud to send students to events, knowing they will be great ambassadors for the school.

We have over 80 representatives attending the Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush next week. So dancing is added to our Public Speaking, Rugby League, Basketball, Netball, Cricket and other off site successes.

For some students, this is their opportunity to shine. It can build self esteem and confidence. It requires significant sacrifice from the school by releasing teachers to train, to attend events or simply by not having students in class on the day of the event (which has implications for learning). Overall, well done Bethany!!

PARENT & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
At our recent meeting, we spoke about the many pressures impacting on the school, including the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum (English in 2014), data analysis (eg NAPLAN/PAT-Reading), Compliance Audits, Literacy & Numeracy goals and so on.

The success of the canteen in providing a valuable service to our community was celebrated. Jenny Cunningham and her supporters are doing wonders (a huge thanks to them for their generous service to the Bethany community) but this success creates its own problems...the extra lunch orders has created a shortage of volunteers to handle the load.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS... even a list of emergency volunteers who can be available if someone cannot work for some reason. If you can help in any way, please contact Jenny Cunningham - 0417337694

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY
Families were recently emailed the link to the short survey about the teaching of RE in our schools. PLEASE find the 5 mins to complete it so that we get a good representative view of what parents think about RE.

KINDERGARTEN MASS
Please come along this weekend to celebrate Sunday Mass with our Kindergarten families. The students from Kindergarten will assist the Parish in leading parts of the Mass at 9:30am
ROYCE SIMMONS SHIELD
A huge congratulations to the Stage 2 team who WON the Royce Simmons Shield on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day and the boys showed great sportsmanship and represented Bethany with pride. Thank you again to all the parents who came and supported and helped out on the day. We couldn't do it without you. Very proud of you all, boys!!

TERM 3 SPORT DAYS

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Term 4 days will be in next week’s newsletter

MARK TAYLOR SHIELD
On Thursday 12 boys played the Mark Taylor Shield against St Monica's at the Ched Towns Oval. It was a great day for cricket and all boys were very well behaved and showed great team spirit. We lost on the day but a great day all round. Well done boys. Thank you to Alex who helped train the boys for the day.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Friday. Well done to Monique Quirk who was the Diocesan Senior Girls Runner up who came 1st in 100m, 2nd in 200m and 3rd in 800m and will be going on to the State Catholic School carnival on the 17th September at Homebush.

The senior girl relay came 3rd and will be also going on to the State Catholic School carnival. *Emma Ward  *Monique Quirk*  Heather Townsley  *Georgia Waters

Ashleigh Macerola came 2nd in high jump and will also be going to the carnival. She also came 6th in long jump.

We wish you all those competing the very best for the 17th and good luck.

Congratulations to all the other students who competed on the day. It was a great achievement to make it that far. You should all be proud of yourselves.

Joshua Norton - 13th in 200m heat, Morgan Douglas - 5th in 200m heat, Steven Caruana - 9th in 100m heat, Luke Norton - 8th in 100m heat, Emma Ward - 8th in high jump, Luke Hanson - 15th long jump, 5th 100m final, 10th in 200m heat, 8th in 800m,Declan Quirk - 10th in 200m, 10th in discus, 9th in high jump, Boys junior relay - 9th - Bayley Baragry, Declan Quirk, Luke Norton, Luke Hanson.
### GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER
- **Frock:** Blue, red and white check
- **Socks:** White ankle sock
- **Shoes:** Black
- **Hat:** Bethany school hat

### BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM REMINDER
- **Shirt:** White with school crest
- **Shorts:** Navy Blockers
- **Socks:** Navy ankle sock
- **Shoes:** Black
- **Hat:** Bethany school hat

### GIRLS AND BOYS SUMMER SPORT UNIFORM REMINDER
- **Polo Shirt:** Navy Blue and Red with school crest
- **Shorts:** Navy
- **Socks:** White ankle sock (must be past the ankle bone)
- **Shoes:** Predominantly white sport shoes with white shoe laces ONLY

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**Bethany’s Bargain Buyers Shopping Tour**

**Saturday, 28th September**

7:30am - 6:00pm

**$60.00 a ticket**

bethanyparents@gmail.com

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**Warehouses:**
- Home & Gift Warehouse
- KB Toys
- Original Surf
- Kingsgrove Shoes
- Debs Hidden Treasures
- Primo
- Handbag Factory Outlet
- Manchester Importers
- Katies Crossroads Autograph
- Sea Folly Breakaway Clothing
- Sandler Just Sport TS14+
- Dolci Doro
**WEEK 8**

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the dads, grandads & other significant male role models of the students at Bethany for coming along to our Father’s Day celebration last Friday.

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**INFANTS DANCE FEVER**

Infants will be performing next Friday, 13th September at 8:30am in the school hall.

All PARENTS ARE INVITED!

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**DIVE IN Swimming Academy**

Learn to Swim School Holiday Intensive Program

24th September - 5th October

With 2 options:
- 9 Day Program includes Water Safety Education $105 (program through weekdays)
- 5 Day Program (Wk1 Only) - $62.50 (closed October long Weekend)

Enrol 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

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**Go4Fun**

Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Do you have a child 7-13? Are you worried about their weight?

Go4Fun runs for a school term, 2 afternoons a week. The program is for children 7-13 and their families.

Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes and much more!

Registrations for next term are now open.

YMCA Penrith: Tuesday & Thursday 4-6pm
Werrington: Monday & Wednesday 4-6pm

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - WEEK 9**

Contact Jenny Cunningham - 0417337694

LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY

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