Welcome to the 2010 School Year

A very warm welcome especially to our new families in the Bethany community. We are sure your time associated with Bethany will be fruitful and rewarding. It is a really lovely community and the children in the school are delightful.

A warm welcome to our new staff members also. Alison Johnson (Year 1), Phillip Kapitanow (Year 2), Sean Kelly (Year 3) and Simon Crothers (Year 6). We are blessed with an excellent staff who are dedicated to the learning and welfare of the children in our care. Actually, we have a male teacher on each grade except Kinder (and two on Year 5) which is a unique situation in most primary schools.

Bethany promises to have a magnificent year ahead as we enjoy the beautiful facilities, prepare for the building of a new hall/canteen, gather to celebrate in the new Padre Pio Church and pursue learning with a passion. Our prime focus for the year is to learn more about learning more it self and how we can significantly impact on students learning. It will be a great year ahead. Enjoy the journey.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Our parish car park has been a great asset to the school community. Most parents quickly adjusted to the new arrangements. AS SAFETY is OUR MAIN CONCERN, please be very aware of the many young people moving around the car park. Hold hands, drive slowly, follow directions, etc. to ensure that no accidents or tragedies occur. Please be patient and alert.

MORNING DROP OFF/AFTERNOON PICK UP

Reminders on the parallel parking while dropping off/pick up. Children should move in/out of cars on the passenger side nearest the pathway. Having the family name / or children’s names on a sheet in the front window certainly helps in quickly dispersing children into cars of an afternoon. Gates will be closed during the day for safety reasons. Parents needing to access the school during school hours need to sign in through the office.

MORNING START

A reminder that we start at 8:30am SHARP. We gather to celebrate news and birthdays before quickly heading off to class. Please try to ensure children are here before 8:30am so they do not disturb the learning of others.

APOLOGIES

Many apologies for the inconvenience you may have experienced this morning dropping your child off to school. This was due to unforeseen additional construction work needing to be completed on the car park and Church.

Religious Education News

OPENING SCHOOL MASS
Today we celebrated our first school Mass in our new Padre Pio Church. Bethany this year celebrates 15 years as a school and is truly blessed to now have such a special place to worship.

In today’s Mass the Kindergarten students were presented with certificates welcoming them into our school and parish community. Our new teachers Miss Johnson, Mr Kelly, Mr Crothers and Mr Kapitanow were blessed by Father Kevin to wish them well in their new roles as teachers at Bethany.

Our school leaders received their leadership badges which were pinned on by their parents to acknowledge their important responsibility as role models for our school community. Finally, each class was presented with a new candle to be used in their class prayer times. We look forward to many more special Masses in our new church throughout the year.

THE PADRE PIO CHURCH DEDICATION MASS
Sunday, 14th February at 11am

The dedication Mass of our new church is fast approaching. We would like as many students from Bethany and their families to attend to celebrate this special occasion which will be led by the soon to be retiring Bishop Kevin Manning. Bethany students will be participating in a special reflection dance at the Mass, which has been choreographed by Debbie Sands, mother of Breah in Three Red.

BISHOP ANTHONY FISHER - NEW BISHOP

appointed for Parramatta Diocese

Rev. Anthony Fisher has been appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the third Bishop for the Diocese of Parramatta, replacing Bishop Kevin Manning who has held the position since 1997. Bishop Anthony’s installation will take place at St Patrick’s Cathedral on March 4th at 7:30pm.

Bishop Anthony is a Dominican friar. He coordinated World Youth Day in 2008 in Sydney and for the past seven years has been Parish Priest at Watson’s Bay. At 49 years of age Bishop Anthony is the youngest Catholic Bishop in Australia.

FIRST MASS IN THE NEW PADRE PIO CHURCH

Just over 1200 people were present to celebrate the first Mass held in the new Padre Pio Church on Christmas Eve. The atmosphere in the church was magical as parishioners finally received the present they have been waiting for.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS/ LITURGY

This year Ash Wednesday is celebrated on February 17th. Students from Bethany Grades 2 to 6 will be attending Mass at 11am in the church. The students from Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate in a liturgy in the church at 1:30pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend both the Mass and the Liturgy.
**WEEK 3**

**Saturday, Feb 6**
- Padre Pio Parish Mass 8am
- Vigil Mass 6:30pm

**Sunday, Feb 7**
- Vigil Mass 7:30am and 9:00am

**Tuesday, Feb 9**
- Parent Meeting to assist children with learning (Literacy/Numeracy) 1:30 - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, Feb 10**
- Parent Meeting repeated 8:45am – 9:45am

**Friday, Feb 12**
- Welcome BBQ’s for new families to Bethany and for all Kinder families 5:30pm

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**PADRE PIO MASSES**

PHONE 4737 9735 - Glenmore Park  
Web: www.padrepio.org.au  
Email: admin@padrepio.org.au or kevin@padrepio.org.au  
Masses are all held in Padre Pio Church

**Monday**
- 7pm Mass and Padre Pio Novena

**Tuesday**
- 8:45am Mass

**Wednesday**
- 7pm Mass and Perpetual Help Novena

**Thursday**
- 8:45am Mass

**Friday**
- 8:45am Mass  
- 9:15 - 10:15am Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday**
- 8:00am Mass  
- 6:30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**
- 7:30am and 9:00am

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**PADRE PIO PARISH PLAYGROUP**

would like to welcome all parents and grandparents to attend our weekly get togethers which will be held each Tuesday (during the school term) at Bethany Primary School between 9:30am to 11:30am.

For more details please contact Rebecca on 0425 238 063 or Jenny on 0404 783 422.

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**Welcome BBQ**

FRIDAY 12TH AT 5:30PM

This is an opportunity to welcome the many families to Bethany and the best part is that the children get to have the playgrounds to themselves. We hope all the Kinder families and new families from Years 1 - 6 will be able to join us as a welcome to Bethany.

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**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The parish demountables have been removed in preparation for the building of our new hall. So the possibility of providing this service will not happen this year. However, we have a firm undertaking from the Catholic Education Office to set up a before/after school facility for 2011. So it is still on our agenda!

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**PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Bethany school community thanks our Parent Association for the donation of $23,000 late last year. It is certainly a wonderful gift to assist us with providing quality resources for our school. Literacy and numeracy resources in particular will be targeted to assist learning. Again, a huge thank you for your tireless efforts to make Bethany even better!

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**CLASS MASSES AT PADRE PIO CHURCH**

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**NOTICE - EMAIL NEWSLETTER GROUP**

The school network is currently experiencing technical difficulties so emailed newsletters will not be sent this week.

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**PARENT COURSES**

1. Child Protection - any parent working with children needs to complete this short module and sign a declaration.

2. Working with Literacy / Numeracy - Parents working in classrooms or even working with children at home will find this very valuable.

(Child Protection Course valid for 2 years)

DATE: TUESDAY, 9TH FEB 1:30 - 2:30pm  
OR WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEB 8:45 - 9:45am

PLACE: BETHANY LIBRARY

Jenny Bellenger, our Assistant Principal will facilitate these courses for parents.
Congratulations to the following:

Class | Student of the Week | Social Skill Award | Numeracy Award
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KB | Hayley Bernadinis | Max Saxby | Amy Graham
KR | Zachary Lawler | Kiama Wiringi | Hannah Wilkinson
KW | Nancy Ngoyi Ngonya | Ayden Ellison | Olivia Knowles
1B | Ryan Attard | Cooper Small | Kristen Palfreeman
1R | Emily Cunningham | Kristopher Hyland | Jake Lara
1W | Amy Senior | Emma Porcheria | Joshua Davidson
2B | Kate Messina | Mark Lyster | Ashan Arob
2R | Natasha Robinson | Alexi Pepper | Taine Steele-Allen
2W | Isabelle Zammit | Annika Svensson | Josh Winkle
3B | Layken Portelli | Tamara Lacro | Ben Sayer
3R | Mikayla Troy | Assu Ram | Laytham Rowling
3W | Nicholas Marsden | Jacob Hunter | Rachelle Ellis
4B | Carlo Casis | Sarah Finlay | Samuel Chok
4R | Harrison Mullen | Brooklyn McAdam | Jack Baxter
4W | Natasha Mullen | Lucy Shaw | Daniel Colgate
5B | Thomas Loos | Caroline Martinez | Nathan Morin
5R | Arabella Steel-Allen | Jordan Winter-Clinch | Samuel Kanaan-Orino
5W | Emily Marshall | Tayla Lee | Christian Curmi
6B | Emma-Louise Frankel | Alexandra Quinn | Natalie Dawson
6R | Alexander Frendo | Rowan Faint | Samuel Clarke
6W | Reece Nikolic | Aura Amaya | Reena Mukherjee

Congratulations to our 2010 Leaders.
They received their badges at Mass today and take up their role and responsibilities on behalf of the Bethany students.

Natalie Dawson  Samuel Clarke
Skylah White  Rowan Faint
Victoria Fenech  Nicholas Sayer
Reena Mukherjee  Joshua Jones
Angela Sciacchitano  Jason Malek
Yasmin Egan  Matthew Clarke
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SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED
The Diocesan Solo Parent Ministry offers regular Programs & Workshops for those who have experienced the breakdown of their marriage or long-term partnership and are wanting to pick up some threads and “begin life again” with renewed hope and love. The “Recovery” Program commences on Wed 17th Feb and runs for 7 weeks, at Blacktown.

This is an excellent Program that helps you attend to your grief and loss and address issues that may need to be attended to. Stepping Beyond is a monthly Workshop with a focus on the development of skills and attitudes that will better enable you to move forward with confidence.

The first one for 2010 is on Tues 23rd Feb at Blacktown and the Guest Speaker is Robyn Moore, an excellent motivational speaker who titles her talk “Reconnecting With Life, Love and Laughter.” For further details and registration for these Workshops/Programs call Sr. Eileen Quade, 9933 0205 or email on eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.

PENRITH BJP PHYSIE

“The Affordable Dance Class”

Classes held

Tuesdays - GLENMORE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
The Lakes Dr, Glenmore Park

CLASS TIMES
Under 5’s  4.00pm
5yrs-6yrs  4.30pm
7yrs - 8yrs  5.00pm
9yrs-12yrs  5.45pm
13yrs-16 yr Senior  6.30pm
2nd yr-Open Senior  7.15pm
Ladies  8.00pm

Commencing Tuesday 16/2/10 Join at any time – Beginners welcome!
First Lesson Free for New Members

Enquiries : Karen 0418975765

LOST PROPERTY

A SONY BLACK SLIDE-CAMERA WAS LOST ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

IF YOU HAVE PICKED IT UP ACCIDENTALLY, COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU

Canteen News

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