Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bethany,

Welcome to Term 2! It was wonderful seeing all the students, parents and teachers returning to Bethany for another great term of learning. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing break with your families. The students have definitely returned to school with enthusiasm and are looking forward to the exciting learning planned for Term 2.

This week Miss Joseph and myself have begun the Kindergarten interviews. We both love meeting our current parents and are welcoming new families to our welcoming school community.

As we begin the new term I wish to advise the following items for your information, which include staffing changes and events:-

We welcome Mrs Bronwyn Rose to the Learning Support team three (3) days per week. Mrs Rose will be supporting students and teachers with additional teaching support. Mrs Farrugia will be working an additional day supporting student learning.

Miss Yvonne Terweeme has resigned from her Coordinator 2 position. She continues as a full time teacher at Bethany, as well as, being the Infant Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Specialist Teacher. It is with mixed emotions that we accept Miss Terweeme’s resignation from the Leadership role. Miss Terweeme has been in a leadership role at Bethany since 1996, as well as acting in higher leadership positions during this time e.g, Acting Assistant Principal. On behalf of the school community, I wish to thank Miss Terweeme for her dedication in leading Bethany to where it is today. She will continue to be instrumental in her role at Bethany in ensuring that the quality Catholic Education, that is necessary, to transform Bethany continues to evolve in collaboration with students, staff and parents. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Jodie Donlan has accepted a temporary Coordinator 2 position for the remainder of 2017.

Mrs Rebecca Andreatta will be working 5 days per week and I am please to advise that she has accepted a temporary Coordinator 1 position for the remainder of 2017. Both Mrs Andreatta and Mrs Donlan will join the Bethany leadership team and their gifts and talents they bring to the team will be gratefully appreciated.

Mrs Naomi Mico is currently on Long Service Leave and we welcome Mrs Nicole Bartolo, who is the replacement teacher for Year 6 Red.
Mrs Cristina Cignarella is currently on a Pilgrimage travelling with other diocesan Religious Education Coordinators in the company of Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Parramatta Diocese and Bishop Vincent Nyguen Long to the Holy Land. Ms Alana Balzan is currently teaching in Year 6 Blue.

I wish to congratulate Ms Lauren Keeley and Mrs Isabelle Naiker as they completed the RCIA program at the Pio Padre Parish. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Both teachers are accredited with teaching Religious Education.

During Term 1, a number of staff participated in a Eucharistic Minister course facilitated by Sr Mary Louise from the Institute of Mission. I wish to congratulate the following staff on their new role in supporting our Catholic faith and tradition; Nikita Dingemens, Shivon Jackson, Lauren Keeley, Karen Shillito, Cristina Cignarella, Kate Lazare, Antonietta Sciacchitano, Isabelle Naiker, Robert Price, Rachel Cefai, Sheree Lopez, Yvonne Terweeme and Leeanne Biordi.

We have been informed of some sad news that Toby Wilkinson of 4Blue is quite unwell and requires delicate brain surgery. He is currently in Westmead Children’s Hospital and anticipated surgery is scheduled to take place on Monday 1st May. We ask that you keep Toby & his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

God Bless and be safe,
Cheryl Brown - Principal

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS

This week has been very special as we celebrated ANZAC Day and an Easter Mass. The Year 1 teachers organised the ANZAC Assembly on Thursday and many parents joined with the students and teachers. It was an amazing experience with a very special guest who presented ‘The Rouse’ by playing the bugle to the whole assembly. Year 2 teachers invited a parent to speak to their students on Wednesday this week as well. Thank you to our Year 1 and 2 teachers for providing these wonderful opportunities for their students’ learning and the wider school community.
**TERM 2 WEEK 2**

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**P & F NEWS**

The Bethany P & F Committee are getting ready to promote a number of exciting events for our school community. Following are the up and coming events:-

* Mother’s Day Stall  8th and 11th May, 2017
* Infants and Primary Student Disco 19th May, 2017

More events and information will be forthcoming.

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**BETHANY FACEBOOK PAGE**

In closing, I encourage all our parents, carers and friends of Bethany to follow the official Bethany School Facebook page for regular information and more photos of the current and future events at Bethany.

https://www.facebook.com/Bethany-Catholic-Primary-School-Glenmore-Park-670502186444224/

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**MRS CIGNARELLAS PILGRIMAGE ADVENTURE**

Mass celebrated by our Bishop

It’s surreal....I’m actually here and touching the exact spot where Jesus was born.
UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 8TH & THURS 11TH MAY
Mothers Day Stall – Lunchtime
All gifts $5 each
Volunteers Needed – please contact P&F
details below

FRI 19TH MAY
DISCO
Details to be advised
Infants 6–7 Primary 7.15–8.30
Volunteers Needed – Please
contact P&F details below

MON 26TH JUNE
Yrs 2 & 5 host
MUNCH n CRUNCH
Volunteers Needed
please contact P&F details below

JUNE – Date to be advised
PYJAMA MUFTI DAY
Gold Coin Donation
Dress Attire must adhere
to the School Dress Policy

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