

# BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY TERM I - WEEK 7



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 7 has been an action packed week!! On Monday the new Bethany Arrivals and Dismissal procedures began. Unfortunately Tuesday was a wet weather day so the arrangements had to change however, we continued the new procedures on Wednesday. All Bethany staff have been proactive in being on duty every morning and afternoon this week to assist our families and students in the transition to the new procedures. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are following staff directions.

As we continue the new procedures into Week 8, the staff wish to express our appreciation of all students, parents and carers for your patience and support. Thank you for the positive feedback and feed forward we have received. Please be advised that there will be a survey to complete at the end of the term.

The Year 5 & 6 students and teachers were very excited this week when they were visited by Mr Tim Hardy, Team Leader, System Learning and two educators from Advanced Reasoning in Education (ARIE), Think Global Project Based Learning (PBL) Academy from Texas. The ARIE staff and CEDP learning leader engaged in an Instructional Walk with the school leadership team.

The following questions were asked of the students and teachers during the instructional walk:

- What was the entry event of this project?
- What is the driving questions for this project?
- What is the end product for this project?
- Can you show me the rubric for this project?
- What processes do you use to help manage group issues?
- Where can you go for help?
- What are the different types of assessments in this project?



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

It was a fantastic experience for all as the team provided feedback regarding the insights gained from the instructional walks. The Year 6 teachers attended further professional development this week with the Project Based Learning frameworks. The Year 4 teachers will be attending the same professional learning in August this year.

Please ensure you read the whole newsletter as there is clarifying information regarding the arrival and dismissal, as well as the details for dismissal when there are wet weather conditions.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Take care and enjoy the weekend.

God Bless,

Cheryl Brown  
Principal.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Bethany wishes to support the parents and carers by publishing frequently asked questions (FAQ) with responses, with the aim to provide ongoing communication. There is a trial period of 4 weeks, at the end of which parents will be given the opportunity to provide feedback via a google survey.

### ***Why the decision to change Arrival and Dismissal Procedures?***

As mentioned in previous communication the Arrival and Dismissal policy has been developed in order to fulfil our moral imperative and legal requirement to take all appropriate actions to ensure the safety of all students, staff and community members. School supervision plans need to address the safe arrival and departure of students at and from the school. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that all policies and procedures are regularly reviewed. A forum was opened to all parents and anyone who wished was invited to form part of the A & D Committee. School staff were also invited to be part of the committee. The invitation was included in the Week 6 Term 4, 2017 Newsletter. During this term the committee members provided recommendations and solutions to assist in formulating the A & D procedures. We ask the parent community to trust in the school's discernment in actioning a new procedure for Arrival and Dismissal, and look forward to your feedback via a google survey in Week 11 this term.

Parent/carer cooperation with **arrival and dismissal** procedures supports your child's safety and **is** appreciated.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## **Where is Gate 4?**

- Gate 1: William Howell Dr (Parents and students who walk home and to the carpark, students who catch a bus)
- Gate 2: **Not opened in the afternoon.**
- Gate 3: Caroline Chisholm (students with pass, and/or Bethany Parent Arrangement)
- Gate 4: Opens at 2:50pm for student dismissal for Park & Collect. (Double gate between 4B and 1B classrooms, leads to Parish car park. Please see Dismissal Map)

## **Where will the children sit before 8:00am?**

All children will enter through the school gate on William Howell Drive and walk up the steps and gather near the School Office block. Benches are accessible for students to sit waiting for Gate 1 to be opened at 8:00 am when teacher supervision begins. The teacher on duty will open the gate at 8:00 am and walk the students down to the **student only zones (SOZ)** playground areas (NB passive play only in mornings).

## **Where is the Parent's Designated Area?**

The **Parent Designated Area** is the **astro turf area** between the back of Year 1 and the Hall/Canteen. The purpose of the area is for parents/carers to gather, be able to mix with other parents and be available to settle their children into a day of school and learning.

## **Why are the school gates opened at 8:00 am?**

The school gates are opened at 8:00 am because that is when school supervision begins in the school day. Parents are not expected to drop their child off before 8.00 am because there is no teacher supervision. The school's active supervision hours are 8.00 - 3.15 pm. Naturally, there would be a discretionary time allowance for children who arrive at Gate 1, say 7:50 am to 8.00 am, where they can sit quietly and wait for approximately 10 minutes before the gate opens. However, parents who drop their child at the school Gate 1 before 7.50 am are advised to make one of the following arrangements:

- reconsider their arrival time and come later
- wait with child/ren outside Gate 1 until gates open and students are met by teachers
- book their child into Out of Hours School Care before school starts
- contact the Principal regarding personal circumstances.



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## ***Can the students see the Parent Designated Area from the Basketball Courts?***

The 'Parent Designated Area' is purposefully adjacent to the basketball courts so parents and students can see each other. During dismissal in the afternoon, when a child sees their parent/carer they will 'High 5' their teacher and leave with their parent/carer, being dismissed for the afternoon. Students will be supervised by teachers under the basketball court area at all times during the dismissal process. This area is under review but will remain the same for now until the end of the 4 week trial.

## ***Can Kinder and Year 1 parents wait and watch their children put their bag down?***

We ask all parents to move to the Parent Designated Area to wait while their child walks to their classroom to put their bag down and then the children return to meet up with their parent and/or join their friends in the play areas. Parents entering from Gate 1 can direct their child to go to the Kindergarten/Year 1 area to put their bag down, but parents are asked to continue to walk to the Parent Designated Area. Staff would appreciate the parents following these directions so there is a clearway for all members of the school community.

## ***Can a ramp be installed near the steps leading to Gate 2 for pedestrians with prams?***

On Monday, day 1 of the new procedures the need for a ramp was identified by parents with prams. The school will follow up this need and organise quotes to construct a ramp and the installation for a handrail on the steps.

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES



Students arrive via one of three access points,  
William Howell Dr (students who walk, dropped by bus, dropped by car on  
William Howell Dr)  
Gate 1: William Howell Dr (students who walk, dropped by bus, dropped by car on  
William Howell Dr)  
Gate 2: Beside the Cafeteria/Hall (Kiss & Drop or parents walking their children in)  
opens at 8am.  
Gate 3: Caroline Chisholm (students with permit, and/or Bethany parent  
arrangement see below Permit Access)

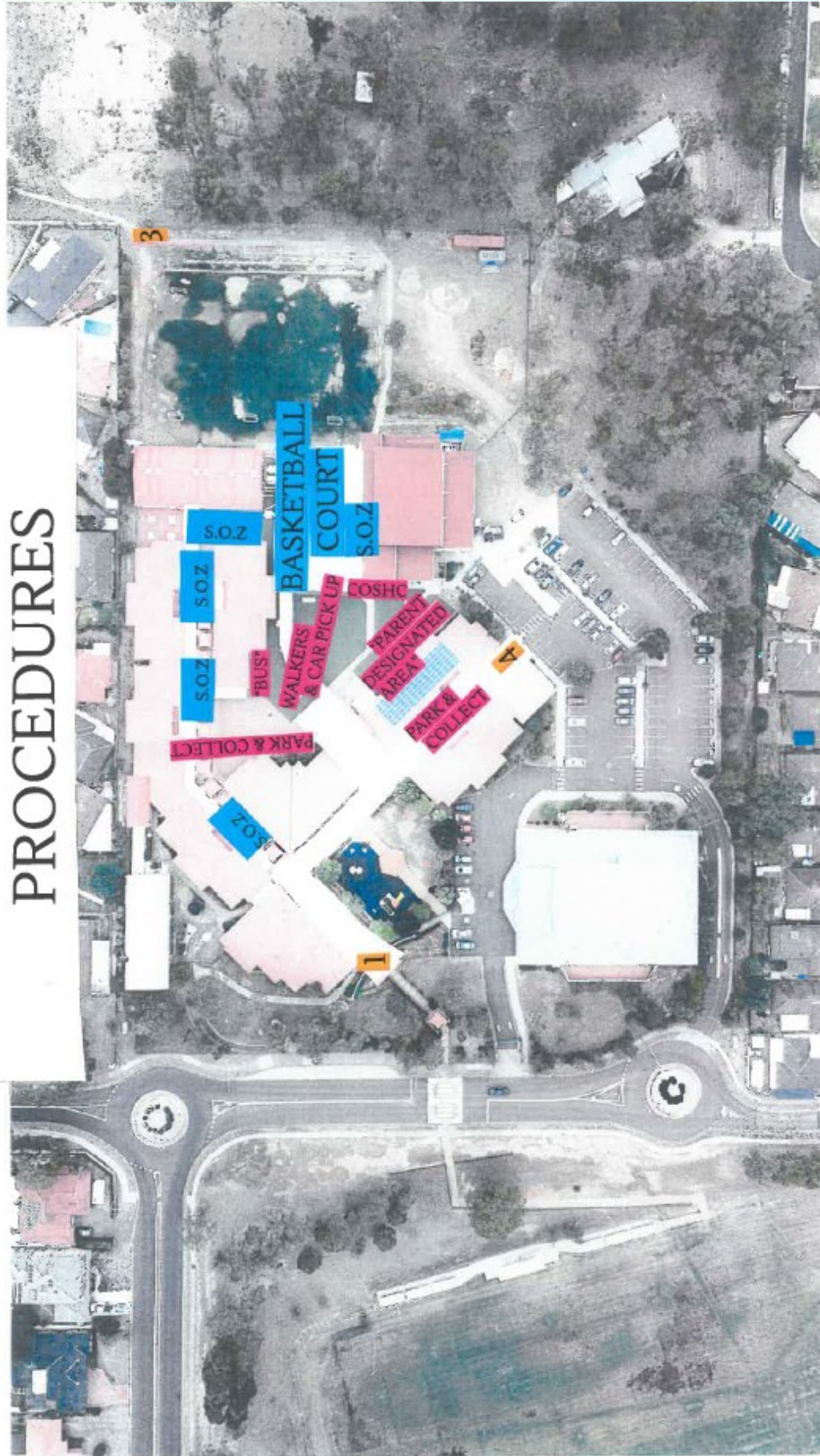
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"PARENT DESIGNATED AREA" in PINK highlight



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



Students exit via one of three access points:

- Gate 1: William Howell Dr (Parents and students who walk home & to the carpark, students who catch a bus)
- Gate 2: Not opened in the afternoon.
- Gate 3: Caroline Chisholm (students with permit, and/or Bethany parent arrangement see below Permit Access)
- Gate 4: Opens at 2:50pm for student dismissal for Park & Collect.

# Congratulations

Just a short note that my daughter Madison Cooney, Class 6 Red, represented the School in endeavouring to make the Parramatta Diocese Netball Team for the District.

After over 100 nominations, today 51 committed young ladies participated in selection trials. After a cut down to 20 players, and then the final 10 official team players, I'm proud to notify you that Madison made the team.

She represented Bethany Glenmore Park with professionalism, commitment and can do attitude.

**Well done Madison, it sounds like Dad is proud of you and we are too!**



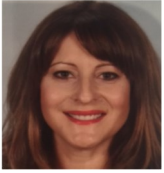
I just wanted to advise you of the excellent performances by the two students James Lennox and Campbell Kean who represented Bethany at the Parramatta diocesan 2018 cricket team trials on Friday. Both boys performed extremely well, competing with 40 boys representing 32 schools all hopeful of being selected in the final 10-man squad.

For the second year running James was selected and will now represent the Parramatta diocesan at the next month's trials against Sydney and Wollongong for a chance to represent Macquarie in this year's NSW primary school cricket championships. Although Campbell Kean did not make the cut he performed extremely well and can consider himself a little unlucky as many of the parents thought his performance was worthy of selection. The good news for Campbell is he will get another chance next year when he is in Year 5.



**Well done James and Campbell. You are doing Bethany proud!**





## RE - Mrs Cignarella

Today, Friday the 16th March, is the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Next Monday, the Bethany community will be hosting a SUPERHERO day to present the serious message that bullying is not acceptable in a fun and engaging way. As a Catholic learning community we need to remember that our greatest role model in regards to how we treat one another is Jesus. His message whilst on earth was to give us a new commandment, **“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another”**. It is timely during Lent to reflect on how we treat one another in person, in the wider community, on social media and in our own private thoughts.

With this in mind, let's reflect on the following scripture: **1 Peter 3:8-16**

Finally: you should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic; love the brothers, have compassion and be self-effacing. Never repay one wrong with another, or one abusive word with another; instead, repay with a blessing. That is what you are called to do, so that you inherit a blessing. For Who among you delights in life, longs for time to enjoy prosperity? Guard your tongue from evil, your lips from any breath of deceit. Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the upright, his ear turned to their cry. But the Lord's face is set against those who do evil. No one can hurt you if you are determined to do only what is right; and blessed are you if you have to suffer for being upright. Have no dread of them; have no fear. Simply proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their accusations.

### I wonder....

How I can guard my tongue against evil?

If I tell people where the hope and love I have comes from?

If my thoughts and words are loving and kind?

Can your relationships with others be described as harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate and humble?

Finally, always remember that our school motto is a constant reminder for us to live by Christ's example,

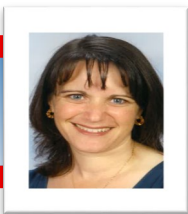
***In Christ We Love and Serve.***

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





# LITERACY - Mrs Baldacchino

## Write4Fun competition

All Bethany students are invited to enter the Write4Fun 2018 School Writing Competition.

# WRITERS WANTED

# \$1000 CASH

# & YOUR CHOICE OF



Fitbit Ionic



Xbox One X



PlayStation 4



Apple iPad 32GB



## THE COMPETITION

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2018 School Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their Poems OR Short stories, and battle it out for the great CASH prizes on offer.  
**There is no theme!!**  
Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write an ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

**Entry is FREE!** All entries must be in by Saturday, 31st March 2018.  
Enter online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)  
or email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net) or fax to (07) 5574 3644  
or post (with entry form details) to:  
Write4fun P.O. Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD 4211

## THE BOOK

Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2018 Write4Fun anthology! Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

*"We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition," stated Julia Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. "Reading and writing seem to be taking a back seat these days to computer games and evolving technology! Our hope is that competitions such as these inspire the students to be creative with words once more and have fun doing it!"*

## THE RULES

- Only one entry per student - either a Poem OR Short Story.
- Entries to be typed or neatly handwritten.
- Poems must not exceed 16 lines and Short Stories must not exceed 500 words.
- Entries must be in by Saturday 31st March 2018.
- Entries must be the original work of the author.
- Co-written entries will be disqualified.
- Entry form details must accompany each entry.

*For the full list of rules and competition information, head to [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)*

## THE PRIZES

### Poetry Prizes

1st **\$1000 CASH** (\$500 to YOU and \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL)! **And YOUR CHOICE of an:**  
Xbox One X OR a PlayStation 4 OR a Fitbit Ionic OR Apple iPad ( 32GB) & Book

2nd \$250 CASH  
+ Write4fun Stationery Gift Pack & Book

3rd \$150 CASH  
+ Write4fun Stationery Gift Pack & Book

15 x Finalist Write4fun Stationery Gift Pack & Book

### Short Story Prizes

1st **\$1000 CASH** (\$500 to YOU and \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL)! **And YOUR CHOICE of an:**  
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# NUMERACY- Mrs Dowlan

Last newsletter I gave an example of a multi-step problem. This week I have included the rubric we have developed for primary students (Years 3 to 6) and teachers to use in relation to 'Problem of the Week'.

WORKING MATHEMATICALLY	PROBLEM OF THE WEEK			
	Communicating	is unable to use the mathematical language and symbols associated with the topic to explain, represent and explain thinking when solving problems	uses some of the mathematical language and symbols associated with the topic to describe, represent and explain thinking when solving problems	uses the mathematical language and symbols associated with the topic to describe, represent and explain thinking when solving problems
	Problem-Solving	is unable to choose an appropriate problem-solving strategy to solve a problem OR has incorrect calculations with an appropriate strategy  relies heavily on concrete materials	can choose an appropriate problem-solving strategy to solve a problem with correct calculations  uses some abstract thinking but may still rely on concrete materials	can choose the most efficient problem-solving strategy to solve a problem with correct calculations and use an alternative strategy to check for correctness  working using abstract thinking
	Reasoning	is unable to explain any of the thinking associated with solving the problem	explain some of the thinking associated with solving a problem	explains and justify the thinking associated with solving a problem

You will notice that there is a *clear progression of skills related to problem-solving*. This rubric has been created based on the outcomes outlined in the NSW K-10 Mathematics Syllabus.

Another new practice this year is the use of the 'thumbs up' signal for when a student has got it, to the side when they are getting there and 'thumbs down' when they are not yet there. This is already proving a great tool students are using to self and peer assess their work against the rubric. For example when they hear an explanation from a peer during reflection they give them the 'thumb' signal by referring to anchor chart examples around the room.

Next week I plan to share a student 'Problem of the Week' work sample that has been marked according to the working mathematically rubric.



# ALERT—WET WEATHER PROCEDURE

During wet weather conditions the dismissal procedure will change. Please read the following dismissal procedure that will occur in the event of wet weather. Please note you will be notified via Skoolbag with “**Wet Weather Dismissal Procedure Today**” when this is put into place for that day. The SKoolbag app is an important tool on such days and we recommend that all parents, grandparents, child’s carer etc have access to the app.

## ***Wet Weather Dismissal Procedure:-***

Car pick up (Children who get picked up by car on William Howell Drive) - Please pick up your child from the school car park at **Park and Collect** between Kindergarten and Year 1.

Bus students - will catch the bus as normal. Students catching the bus from Caroline Chisholm will leave on the first bell.

Walkers - Will be walked outside the school gate to walk home as normal.

Gates will be open at 2:30pm for parents to collect their child/ren from their classroom, if your usual arrangement is to pick them up from school. Parents are required to sign their children out **from the classroom.**

Caroline Chisholm students will proceed from the basketball court where they will meet Miss Gutierrez who will open gate 3 at 2:40pm.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018



Enrolling now for  
2019

Dear Families,

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. Families with children already attending Bethany who have a child starting in 2019 still need to fill out enrolment forms. Enrolment forms are available for pick up from the Bethany office or can be downloaded from the Website following the link:

<http://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/Enrolment/How-to-enrol>

Don't delay, enrolments are filling up fast!

## ALTER SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will take place on 7 April 2018 at 3.00 p.m. in the Church. If you have received your First Eucharist you are able to attend training and be placed on future rosters.

Please complete your details at the back of the church if you would like to attend.

Those who have already provided details, please confirm that you are still interested in attending. Please call David Baker with any enquiries on 0405046118.



# IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 19th March**

**Bullying. No Way! Superhero Mufti Day**

**Wednesday 21st March**

**P&F Easter Hat Parade**

**Friday 23rd March**

**Cross Country and Fun Run**

**Friday 23rd March**

**Bethany Bush Dance**

# SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is done every Wednesday, we are receiving many bank books each week which is great to see! You can open a bank account online with the Commonwealth Bank if you don't already have one, you will find the link on their website: [www.commbank.com.au](http://www.commbank.com.au)

There are many students that are eligible for student banking rewards and haven't banked in a while. If you have done banking through the school and would like to check your rewards send your banking in next week and Amanda and Kristy will let you know!

Rewards include: Twister Power Handball, Secret Scratch Notepad, Sparkle Glitter Pens or Glow Lights.

Amanda and Kristy are doing an amazing job every week encouraging these life long skills within our students! Please join me in thanking them for the countless hours they spend volunteering!



# Skoolbag App

Just a reminder for all parents and carers to download the Skoolbag app.

We send lots of important information through the App and it is one of our most common forms of communication.

Anyone can download the App so if you regularly have a grandparent, aunt, uncle or neighbour pick up your child then it might be in their best interests to have it too!



## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



### For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

# Community Notices

## YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services' YWSG is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) .



# School Holiday Program



## AUTUMN 2018 VACATION CARE

Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20
<b>MASTERCHEF</b>  Theme Day Incentre	<b>KIDDIE KARTZ</b>  Incursion	<b>AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM</b>  Excursion	<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>  Theme Day Incentre	<b>MOVING AND GROOVING SCIENTISTS</b>  Theme Day Incentre
Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27
<b>REMEMBERING THE ANZACS</b>  Theme Day Incentre	<b>THE EDGE CINEMA</b> 'Peter Rabbit' Excursion	<b>CLOSED</b> Public Holiday	<b>AUSKIDS DANCE</b>  Incursion	<b>AROUND THE WORLD COSHC STYLE</b>  Theme Day Incentre

Care is available each day from 6:30am—6:30pm. **All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified**

Please return booking form in person or email to: [coshcbethany@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcbethany@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 133 213

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

# School Holiday Program



## **GIRLS WANTED!!**

GPFC are looking for any girls in the following age groups who would be interested in learning a new game, meeting new friends and enjoying their outdoor weekends throughout winter in a great sporting environment.

**If you are turning  
5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 or 12 years old this year,  
we have a position for you.**

Whether you have played before or not, we welcome any young ladies who may wish to be part of a great club, playing in an all-girls competition.

Please visit our website  
**[glenmoreparkfootballclub.com.au](http://glenmoreparkfootballclub.com.au)**  
Or email [GPFCffdc@gmail.com](mailto:GPFCffdc@gmail.com)  
or call 0412481181.



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supporting Female Development in Football