



BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER TERM 4, WEEK 3



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Colour Fun Run was a huge success and enjoyed by students, staff and parents. Here are some fantastic moments that were captured yesterday at Ched Towns Reserve. Thank you to the P & F Committee for organising such a tremendous event.



Important Dates

Sunday 4th November

Padre Pio Children's Mass run by Kinder,
Year 3 and Year 6 students - 9:30am

Thursday 8th November

Kindergarten 2019 Transition 3
9:00am -10:20am

Friday 9th November

Celebration of Learning, Year 5 - 2:15pm

Thursday 15th November

Kindergarten 2019 Transition 4
9:00am - 10:20am

Thursday 15th November

Year 4 PBL presentations

Friday 16th November

Year 6 PBL presentations

Friday 23rd November

Celebration of Learning, Year 6 - 2:15pm

Monday 26th November

Music Concert, Years 2 to 5 - 1:45pm

Sunday 2nd December

Padre Pio Children's Mass 9:30am



RE— Mrs Baldacchino

On Thursday 25th October, Mrs Brown and I had the privilege of taking some of our Year 6 SRC representatives to the Annual Education Mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent, at St Patrick's Cathedral. This mass was formerly known as the Mission Mass. The theme for the mass was Mission. At the conclusion of mass, we had the opportunity to look at presentations from other primary and secondary schools in our diocese that showcased the work being done by them to promote mission. We came back to Bethany inspired to continue our mission to reach out to others in need.

The representatives from our Year 6 SRC who attended the Annual Education Mass have reflected on their experiences:

I had experienced an extraordinary thing in my life last week. As an SRC, I was given an amazing opportunity to explore St Patrick's cathedral. I loved this adventure because this cathedral was not like other cathedrals, this one was very modern. I had found out that many years ago half of this place went down in flames, but the other half is still standing.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Baldacchino, Tara, Karlo, Tristan and I first entered the old half that was not burnt down. The first thing that I saw was a cross. It had water flowing down and going into a little pool in the church. This was the baptism area. Then I saw a tabernacle with rows and rows of empty chairs. Mrs Brown realised we were late so we quickly found a seat and listened to Bishop Vincent tell the Gospel. After he told the homily some little kids were saying the prayers of the faithful. Then we received the Eucharist and were told to spread the Word of God. After the mass, we went back to the old part and got to see and touch a big steel statue of St Mary Mackillop. Then after exploring the old part we went back to the new part. We first saw a big shiny crown of thorns hung on the ceiling over the altar and beside it was rows and rows of seats. Behind the altar was Bishop Vincent's chair and behind that was a big cross with Jesus on it. We then stepped outside to receive some refreshments and got to put on virtual reality goggles. We saw some tables which were campaigning schools like Caroline Chisholm. It was an amazing opportunity for me to experience another cathedral/parish and I hope to experience it again.

Lily Jayachandran

On Thursday 25 October I was lucky enough to attend the Annual Education Mass. It was such an enjoyable experience. We attended a very solemn mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, along with many other schools from the diocese. Then, after the mass we were able to look at stalls that some schools had set up about the mission unit they had been working on in class. It was here that we had the opportunity to meet our Bishop. Bishop Vincent was extremely friendly and was very keen to learn about the history of our Bethany school motto. It was a lovely day to share with other students of the many catholic schools in the diocese.

Tara Stoll



RE— Mrs Baldacchino (continued)

On the morning of Thursday the 25th October 2018, four year 6 SRC members went with our school principal Mrs Brown, and Religious Coordinator Mrs Baldacchino to the Mass of Mission at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. This mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent, was to teach us all about mission and how Jesus had His mission to spread the good news to all, believers and non believers alike. At the end of the mass representatives from Catholic Mission explained to us how they are helping people in Africa that don't have access to education like we do. One of the speakers was a lovely woman who was actually born in a poor African country. She told us her inspirational story of survival and how Catholic Mission was there to help her. She now works with Catholic Mission to spread the good news and to support vulnerable people in poor countries where help is needed the most. After the mass was concluded we exited the Cathedral and visited stalls that other schools had set up to explain how their school was continuing on Jesus' mission and helping others. With this, our informative and interesting day finally came to an end and we returned back to school. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Baldacchino for giving us this wonderful opportunity to experience and to see mission in practice in our community.

Tristan Scott

It was fun going to mass in Parramatta. We got to meet people like the Bishop and people who work at NGOs such as Mission Australia and St Vincent de Paul. On the way we saw Miss G and Mrs Devlin. This was a really fun trip.

Karlo Sudulic

This week I, along with colleagues from other diocesan primary and secondary schools, attended a three day intensive workshop as a developer for the new Religious Education syllabus for the Parramatta diocese, which will be trialled at Bethany in 2019 and fully implemented across all Parramatta diocesan schools in 2020. This was a truly remarkable experience and I look forward to sharing this work with the Bethany community in the near future.





NUMERACY - Mrs Dowlan

Yesterday close to one hundred of our Kinder 2019 parents attended a workshop that outlined the teaching and learning of numeracy here at Bethany.

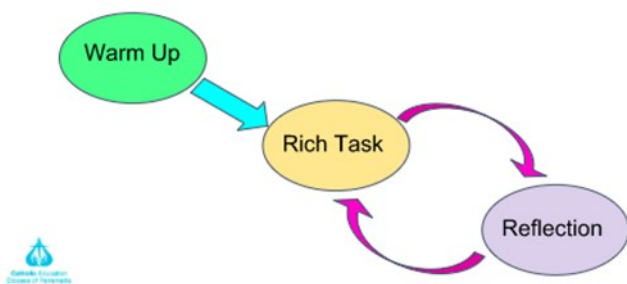
We began with parents engaging in an ice-breaker where they were given the opportunity to discuss what their experience of maths was like when they were at school.

Information was provided on the importance of Bethany students having a 'Growth Mindset'. Videos of students sharing their experiences with maths learning were viewed. Parents were very impressed with how well the students articulated themselves and how making mistakes is all part of the learning.



The workshop provided information on the NSW Mathematics syllabus, FOCUS 160, and our Bethany Agreed Practice. The elements of the daily 60 minute numeracy block were covered with particular attention being paid to the open/rich tasks and reflection parts of a lesson.

The Numeracy Block



have done, why they have done that and even how could they do it a more efficient way.

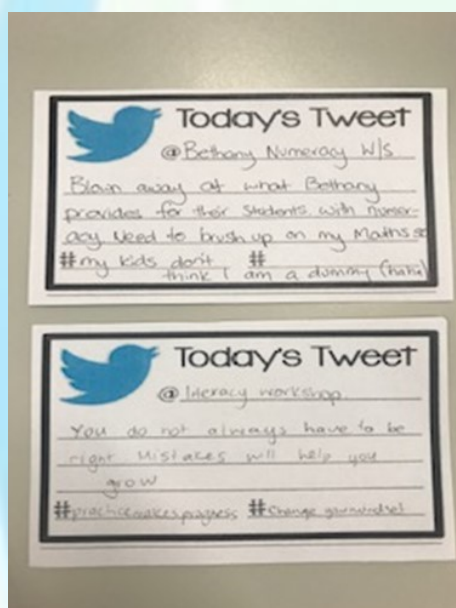
Take home packs provided families with equipment and resources they can use in preparing their children for school as well as homework tasks down the track.

Parents engaged in a warm-up task where 'probing' questions were asked that required some 'hard thinking'. Just getting an answer correct doesn't cut it anymore. Here at Bethany students are required to explain what they



All in all, the workshop was a great success in informing our 2019 parents about our approach to the teaching and learning of mathematics.

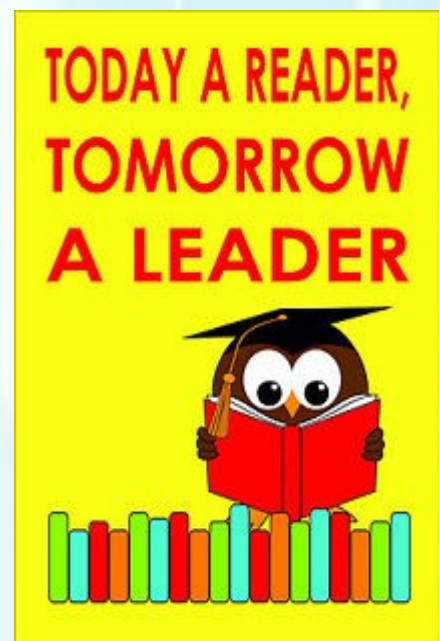
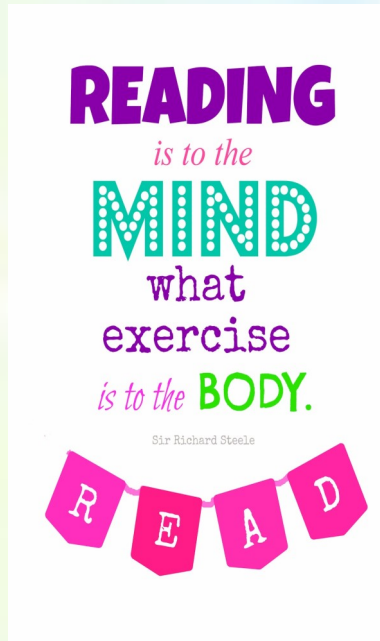
Some of the exit ticket tweets from parents affirm this.





LITERACY -

Miss Vella & Mrs Inskip



Promote the joy of reading

The most important personal gain that good books offer to children is the most obvious one - enjoyment. Those of you who read widely as children will never forget the stories that were so funny that you laughed out loud, the poem that was so lifting that you never forgot it, or the mystery that was so scary that your heart thumped with apprehension. Such positive early experiences often lead to a lifetime of reading enjoyment.

Fun Reading Rules

- Fun Rule #1: Read the right books.
- Fun Rule #2: Let kids choose their own books.
- Fun Rule #3: Create an awesome reading area.
- Fun Rule #4: With older kids, try a book club.
- Fun Rule #5: Don't forget all kinds of nonfiction!
- Fun Rule #6: Audiobooks on car trips.
- Fun Rule #7: Read and chat about books in front of your kids.

LIBRARY

We at Bethany are very proud of our Library. It is well stocked with a wonderful selection of books for all our students who have the opportunity to borrow a number of books from the library each week. Students can borrow before school or at lunch times on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Students visit the library weekly with their class teacher on the following days:

Kinder Tuesday
Year 1 Tuesday
Year 2 Monday
Year 3 Wednesday
Year 4 4W Monday, 4B Tuesday, 4R Wednesday
Year 5 Wednesday
Year 6 Wednesday

Library borrowing is an important part of the school week and all children are encouraged to borrow books to read both at school and at home. The children with the help of parents need to remember to bring along their library bag so that they can borrow books for the week.

With the encouragement of parents and teachers, children have the best chance to foster a love of literature and reading.



Happy Reading!
Mrs Liepa



SOCKTOBER—Miss Címílió

Socktober, or **Sock it to Poverty**, was held at Bethany last Friday the 26th October. Staff and students had the opportunity to wear crazy socks to raise awareness for those living in poverty in developing countries.

With the support of your prayers and your fundraising we managed to raise \$513.65 throughout the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in this event.



PBS4L

Bethany Catholic Primary school is bringing back the bear! The students have voted to bring back the Bethany Bear that was a part of the early history of the school. The Bear mascot will be a fun way to help students engage with our school's expectations - Safe, Respectful, Learners and make our school rules memorable for all.

A competition will be open to students and families from Week 4. Stay tuned, as more information and details about this competition will follow.

As a part of this competition process, we are seeking a graphic designer who can donate some time during week 7 to work with our staff and students.

If you can be of assistance please contact the school on 02 4723 3700.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The PBS4L team



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MATILDA MOBBS - 3R

On Saturday 20th October Matilda Mobbs swam for Nepean Aquatic Swim Team in the NSW Multi-Class Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.



Matilda received the following medals for her outstanding swimming:

12 years and Under - S9 50m freestyle gold medalists and NSW State champion.

12 years and Under - S9 50m backstroke silver medalist.

GEORGINA MARTIN - 5R

Georgina has recently been selected to represent Penrith District Netball Association in the 11 years Development Squad for 2019.



Well done, Matilda and Georgina. The Bethany Community is extremely proud of you both.

Basketball Gala Day



SHOP & WIN

AT GLENMORE PARK TOWN CENTRE



WIN A NEW TOYOTA C-HR

***SIMPLY SPEND \$10 IN ANY SPECIALTY RETAILER OR
\$50 IN ANY SUPERMARKET.**

GRAB AN ENTRY FORM AND ATTACH YOUR RECEIPT.

**DROP YOUR ENTRY INTO OUR BARREL OR VISIT US ONLINE TO
SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY.**

Entries close on Wed 14th November
Live announcement on Sun 2nd December

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