

BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 7th May 2018 TERM 2 - WEEK 1



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bethany,

Welcome to Term 2, we have started back with enthusiasm and excitement for a new term of learning. In Week 3, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment on the following days:

Tuesday, 15 th May -	Writing and Language Conventions
Wednesday, 16 th May	Reading
Thursday, 17 th May	Numeracy

Friday, 18th May is the make up day for students who were away on the above testing days.

I am very happy to advise of the new astro turf that has been laid in the Welcome Garden over the holidays. The Welcome Garden is a beautiful area for our infant students and now with the astro turf the little ones can play soccer and other games, and hopefully exit the area with a the white school shirt reasonably clean. I am sure the little ones will miss playing in the dirt though. On behalf of the students and staff I wish to thank our P & F Committee for their 2017 fundraising, which contributed to the installation of the astro turf.

The 2018 P & F Carnival committee met on Wednesday evening this week. Mrs Samantha Young led the meeting with committee members discussing the wonderful and exciting ideas that will prove to make the Carnival event worth waiting for. The Bethany Carnival will be held on Friday 27th July so book this date in your diaries.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

I invite our Bethany families to keep the following members of our school community in your prayers over the coming weeks:-

Ryan Nesbit in Year 4 Red

Mrs Katie Debrincat, parent of Zachary 2w, Joshua 4R, Lara 6G

If you are aware of a family member who is in need of our prays, please let me know so we can send our love and prayers.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION

I am very excited to advise that the Survey was completed by 231 parents/carers. The school leadership team is currently reviewing the data. The staff have completed a survey as well and a group of students will be surveyed next week. Upon completion of the student survey the data will be correlated and we will be able to begin a conversation with parents to refine the Arrival and Dismissal procedures with recommendations. Thank you to all parents and carers for your feedback and recommendations.

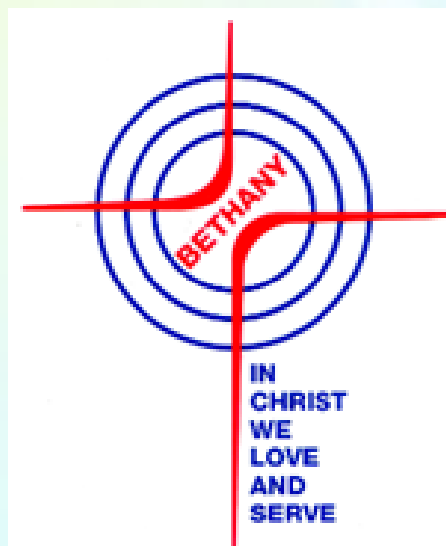
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) AND PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

On Thursday 3rd May, Ms Vion and Ms Dingemans attended a workshop with Peer Support Australia. I look forward to Ms Vion and Ms Dingemans sharing with the school community their new learnings and preparation for the two programs to be rolled out at Bethany this year.

I look forward to working with parents, carers and all staff in Term 2.

God Bless and Keep Safe

Cheryl Brown



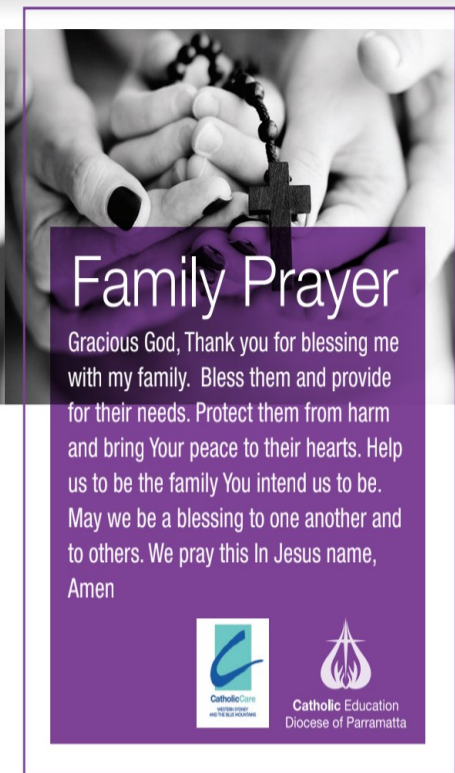
Important Dates

Wednesday 9th May	Year 5 White Reconciliation
Thursday 10th May	Mark Taylor Shield - Golden Grove Park, Kings Langley
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am Open classrooms 8:30 - 9:15 am Mother's Day Liturgy 9:30 - 10:30 am
Tuesday 15th May	Confirmation Parent Evening Session - Padre Pio Church 7pm
Tuesday 15th May	NAPLAN - Language Conventions
Wednesday 16th May	NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday 17th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Friday 18th May	Celebration Assembly 2:15pm - Year 2





RE - Mrs Cignarella

BISHOP VINCENT'S FAMILY DAY INITIATIVE



Family Prayer

Gracious God, Thank you for blessing me with my family. Bless them and provide for their needs. Protect them from harm and bring Your peace to their hearts. Help us to be the family You intend us to be. May we be a blessing to one another and to others. We pray this In Jesus name, Amen

Families come in all shapes and sizes. It is through the love of a family that we first come to know the love of God. At Bethany, we are privileged to belong to a connected community of faith that continues to shape us, and as members of our school family we grow in communion with God and with one another.

Catholic Education and CatholicCare hope to raise awareness of the support services available to families in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the celebration of Family Day.

The Bethany community will celebrate Family Day on Monday, 14th May at 12pm in the school hall with a Liturgy. Family Day is a special time to celebrate and give thanks for families, especially our own family and all the families that make up our school family. It is a time to give thanks for the love, care and guidance our families provide each and every day.

Bethany's Family Day Liturgy will focus on the importance of family as well as raise awareness on the work being done by CatholicCare. On Friday 18th May, the students are invited to attend school in mufti, with a gold coin donation to raise funds for the ongoing work provided by CatholicCare in the Western Sydney and Blue Mountains area.

What do CatholicCare do?

CatholicCare is not just a program, or even a series of programs – they are a safety net and a capacity builder for the vulnerable in our society.

They accompany their clients on their journey, listening and responding, and ensuring their dignity is upheld at all times.

CatholicCare offer a range of programs and services that aim to build and strengthen relationships, because they know that strong relationships are crucial in life.

Their services include; family and relationship services, relationship courses, pastoral services, refugee and asylum seeker support and school and education support.

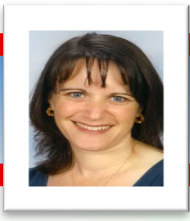
CatholicCare's MISSION

CatholicCare exists to show the compassionate face of Jesus to all. Our mission is to be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor and disadvantaged.

CatholicCare's VISION

CatholicCare's vision is to offer quality professional services which enable people to live life in a spirit of hope and to become the best human being that they can be.

We are looking forward to celebrating our first Family Day Liturgy with you in Week 3!



LITERACY - Mrs Baldacchino

In the final newsletter for Term 1, Mrs Donlan wrote about The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) with a focus on Numeracy.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN assessments from May 15-17 (week 3). Years 3 and 5 will sit the Language conventions and Writing assessments on Tuesday 15th May, and the Reading assessment on Wednesday 16th May. As stated by Mrs Donlan, the test is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

'The NAPLAN reading tests measure literacy proficiency across the English learning area in line with the Australian Curriculum: English. These tests focus on the reading of written English. Knowledge and interpretation of language conventions in context are also an important part of reading and are drawn upon in many reading questions.'

'In the [reading] tests, students are provided with a magazine containing a range of texts that illustrate different writing styles. Students read the texts provided then answer related questions in a separate booklet.'

'In the writing tests, students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a prompt – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular text type. To date the text types that students have been tested on are narrative writing and persuasive writing. Informative writing is not yet tested by NAPLAN. The writing task targets the full range of student capabilities expected of students from Years 3 to 9. The same marking guide is used to assess all students' writing, allowing for a national comparison of student writing capabilities across these year levels.'

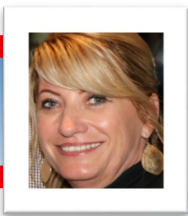
'The language conventions tests assess spelling, grammar and punctuation. Literacy knowledge and skills are essential to effective communication across all learning areas. The language conventions tests focus on the use and knowledge of language conventions in written standard Australian English.'

The above information can be found on www.nap.edu.au/naplan. Additional information about each of the domains can be found at:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/reading>

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/writing>

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/language-conventions>



NUMERACY - Mrs Dowlan

On Monday 30th April Bethany staff at the Staff Development Day reflected on the work of Dr. Ann Newman who developed what is known as 'Newman's Prompts' in regard to problem-solving. This learning links strongly to our 2018 school goal:

For all students to improve their ability to solve multi-step problems using a variety of strategies that focus on communicating, problem solving and reasoning


Our learnings on the day included information where researchers have found:

- students lack word problem solving strategies and the skills of executing these strategies, which cause students to struggle too much when solving word problems
- solving word problems involves a higher order level of thinking and the application of mathematical understanding rather than the recall of facts
- students find it difficult to develop useful word problem solving strategies
- they need to be explicitly taught a series of problem solving strategies.


5 Steps to solving word problems.

1 
Read the question and find the KEY words and numbers. Underline any words you don't understand.

2 
Tell me what the question is asking you to do? Circle the question words.

3 
Tell me how you are going to work out the answer.

4 
Show me how you get the answer. Tell me what you are thinking when you are working out the answer.

5 
Write down your answer.

Newman's research into successful problem solving found that students progress through 5 hurdles during problem solving, and when teaching numeracy, teachers need to incorporate these steps into their planning so that students can become successful problem solvers

The hurdles

Newman identified that students may have difficulty in

- reading the words, **READING**
- understanding what they have read, **COMPREHENSION**
- transforming what they have read so as to be able to form a course of action, **TRANSFORMATION**
- following through on procedures, **PROCESS SKILLS**
- encoding the result of a procedure to answer the question.

ENCODING



SPORT - Mrs Dowlan

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

A huge congratulations to all the students who represented Bethany at the Diocesan Carnival at Eastern Creek Motor Park on Tuesday. Mrs McLean supervised the team on the day and Mrs Gibson was one of the officials on the day. A big thank you to both of them for their assistance. Mrs McLean mentioned that all of the Bethany students were so well behaved and gave 100% in their event. Another special mention and thank you needs to go out to the parents who assisted on the day by way of escorting the teams to the marshalling area.



Students who placed in the first eight positions continue on to the NSWPCS Cross Country on Friday 15th June. This is a marvelous achievement. We wish them well and look forward to hearing their results.

Students who are representing at the NSWPCS event and their results at Diocesan were:

- Zavier Scott - 8/9 year boys - 5th
- Amelia Wood - 8/9 year girls - 1st
- Eva Sudulic - 8/9 year girls - 3rd
- Regan Allardine - 10 year boys - 8th
- Georgina Martin - 10 year girls - 6th
- Campbell Kean - 11 year boys - 4th
- Tristan Scott - 12 year boys - 6th
- Lachlan Anteckki - 12 year boys - 7th



ANNUAL BETHANY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YEARS 2 - 6) Term 2 Week 4

Notes went home this week. Please ensure these are completed and returned to school as soon as possible. You can well imagine this is a huge event on our school calendar, so I ask that if you can, please complete the section whereby you offer your services as a helper on the day.

Book Club

Orders Due By 11 May 2018

This week students will have received their Book Club brochure for this term. You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The [Book Club LOOP platform](#) for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Happy Reading!



How to order on the
Book Club platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au



LOG-IN

On initial log in each year, you will need to complete the Wizard.

- 1 Select your **ISSUE**
- 2 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type.
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**
- 6 **SUBMIT ORDER**
Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.



More Kids Reading More Reading More

Parish news

Mother's Day High Tea to be held in the Bethany School Hall. Tickets are \$50 each and are available from the Parish Church Office.



Other news

**AUSTRALIAN
TRAINING
AWARDS**

2017 Finalist
Schools Pathway to VET

McCARTHY
CATHOLIC TRADE
TRAINING CENTRE

YEAR 10 STUDENTS & FAMILIES



Combine your HSC Studies with Trade Qualifications and the opportunity to be employed as a School Based Apprentice/Trainee

Trades/Vocations Include but are not limited to:

- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Carpentry
- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

2019 INFORMATION EVENING

6PM WED 30 MAY



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Other news

FIRE AND RESCUE NSW OPEN DAY 2018

**Fire &
Rescue**
NEW SOUTH WALES



Winter is just around the corner so it's a great time to visit your local Fire & Rescue NSW Fire Station and learn more about how to be fire date at home.

In an effort to educate the community about fire prevention and safety, Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 19th May 2018 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

You and your family are invited to visit your local station for home fire safety tips, hop on a fire truck and chat with firefighters to learn more about what they do every day.

From chemical spills, car accidents and natural disasters to education, prevention and humanitarian relief, across the state, across the country and even overseas, our firefighters are prepared for anything, anywhere, any time.

For more information, visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au. Make sure you mark it in your diary and come and join us on the day.

FIRE + RESCUE
PREPARED FOR ANYTHING

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN DAY.

10-2PM SATURDAY 19TH MAY.

Come and meet your local Fire and Rescue team.
Learn how we are keeping you, your friends and family safe.
Explore inside the station, sit in the truck and watch exciting safety demonstrations.
Search FRNSW Open Day to find your nearest participating station.

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