

BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5th APRIL 2019

TERM 1 WEEK 10



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bethany,

Welcome to Week 10 Newsletter. So many events have happened in the past two weeks.

- Bethany's Bullying.No Way! Day of Action. All of our Bethany community came to school wearing their favourite super hero costumes;
- P & F Infant and Primary Disco - The evening was very successful, the children had so much fun dancing the night away;
- NAPLAN – practice paper - Years 3 & 5 students participated in the NAPLAN practice paper. Thank you to Miss Joseph and Miss Vella for facilitating the practice;
- Bethany Cross Country – A very big thank you to Mrs Neilly for organising a very successful Cross Country event. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers for supporting our wonderful students in their endeavours;
- 2020 Kindergarten Interviews – Last Saturday, a number of staff facilitated the interviews for 2020 Kinders. It was a very successful day and a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and especially their young children.
- P & F Crazy Hair day – Everyone joined in and came to school with crazy hair. There were so many hair colours and creations;
- Year 4 Showcase of Learning – It was great to see so many parents attend the 2 sessions where the students were demonstrating their learning. The parents were asked to provide feedback and feed forward on their child's learning - Two medals and a Mission.



Have a great weekend...Let us be reminded of the sign when we enter our school everyday...

Welcome to Bethany

In Christ We Love and Serve

*Our school name was inspired by the ancient biblical village Jesus often
visited and is associated with
hospitality, service, listening and learning.*



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Professional Learning at Bethany extends beyond the normal expectations of a teacher's role and responsibilities (including preparation, planning, programming and assessment and reporting). The aim is to improve the teacher's knowledge, practice and competencies as set out in the Professional Standards for Teachers. Outlined below are the Professional Learning opportunities that our teachers will be engaging in over the next week.

- Monday 8th April - Miss Joseph will be attending a NAPLAN Refresher Course
- Monday 8th April - Stage 2 teachers will be engaging in Professional Learning with guest visitors from the CEDP, Mrs Cassar and Mr Carroll
- Tuesday 9th April - Mrs McLean and Miss Dingemans will be working with CEDP personnel, Josephine Edwards, on our school's PBS4L lessons
- Wednesday 10th April - The school leadership team will be working with CEDP Leader of Learning, Mr Lendvai
- Thursday 11th April - Miss Joseph will be attending the OPaL Training
- Friday 12th April - Kindergarten teachers and new 2019 staff will be engaging in Professional Learning about their goals.

PARENT APPOINTMENT / MEETINGS

PARENTS REQUESTING APPOINTMENT/MEETINGS

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Leadership team, teachers and myself, I request parents and carers to ring the school office to organise appointments in consultation with staff. During this term there have been a number of times where parents/ carers have come to the office requesting an appointment there and then.

I trust you understand the Leadership team and staff require some advance notice to make themselves available. Parent requests for appointments are important to us and we wish to accommodate your requests in a timely manner.

Thanking you

Cheryl Brown
Principal

50'S ROCK 'N ROLL NIGHT



50's Rock & Roll



Bethany invites you to join us as we
dance our way through the 50's

Date - Friday 12th April 2019

Venue - Bethany Hall

Cost - \$10 donation per family

Canteen orders available for Dinner

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Tea and Coffee available after 6:00 pm

Starting Time : 6:00pm

P& F selling novelties and treats

All students will be performing learnt
dances



IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 7th April	Children's Mass St Padre Pio Parish - 9:30am
Friday 12th April	Holy Week Liturgy at Bethany, 9:00am
Tuesday 9th April	Confirmation enrolment forms due
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April	50's Rock 'n Roll night
Friday 12th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29th April	First day of Term 2 - students return
Monday 29th April	Anzac School Assembly
1st May	Whole School Easter Mass St Padre Pio Parish - 9:00am
2nd—3rd May	Year 6 Camp—Canberra





REC—Mrs Cignarella



Holy Week is the most important and solemn week in our Church's year. It is the week leading up to Easter, and is the week during which Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his crucifixion on Good Friday. It is a time when we remember His actions, reflect on His messages and recommit to living as His disciples in the world today.

We invite you all to be part of our Holy Week

Liturgy at Bethany on Friday, 12th April at 9am. All grades will be presenting a part of Holy Week.

The Liturgy will run as follows:

Kindergarten - Opening Prayer and song

Year 2 - Palm Sunday

Year 3 - Last Supper - Holy Thursday

Year 4 - Jesus Prays in the Garden

Year 5 - Jesus is condemned to death

Year 6 - Jesus' Crucifixion

Year 1 - Concluding Prayer and song

HOLY WEEK EXPLAINED

From Catholic Online <https://www.catholic.org/lent/holyweek.php>

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where He was welcomed by crowds worshipping Him and laying down palm leaves before Him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year.

Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem is only one side of the story.

By now many of the Jews are filled with hate for Our Lord. They want to see Him stoned, calling Him a blasphemer, especially after offering proof of His Divinity during a winter visit to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Dedication.

After this, Jesus went to Perea, where He was summoned to Bethany. There He raised Lazarus from the dead, a miracle which wins Him such renown among certain Pharisees that they decided finally to end His life.

Jesus took refuge at Ephrem returning six days before Passover to Bethany, triumphantly entering Jerusalem. That evening, He leaves Jerusalem and returns Monday. He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple, and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death.

He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday, to share the Last Supper with His apostles. He was subsequently arrested and tried. He was crucified at Calvary on Friday, outside the gates of Jerusalem.

He was buried the same day, and arose three days later, on Easter Sunday.

All of this is done by our Lord for forgiveness of our sins, and for life everlasting with Him.

God so loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us, so that our sins may be forgiven.



RE - Mrs Baldacchino

NEW RE FRAMEWORK / CURRICULUM UPDATE

2018 saw the launch of a new Learning Framework for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Bishop's own motto 'Duc in Altum' (Go out into the deep) has provided the inspiration for this ambitious project. This new Learning Framework will be the basis of a new approach to Religious Education which will replace "Sharing Our Story" the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new Learning Framework for Religious Education has been a co-creation with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. At the heart of the process was the commitment that the student wonderings about their faith would be the catalyst and the inspiration of the Learning Framework. The new approach is based on an experiential and inquiry based pedagogy and responds to learning elements of the Review of Religious Education that took place in 2014.

The draft Learning Framework for Religious Education is being trialled in Term 2 and our school has taken up the exciting opportunity to be a part of the trial in **Stage 1**. This will replace the current Sharing Our Story Program for Term 2. All our teachers will participate in a Professional Learning Program for the new Learning Framework throughout 2019 and will be well prepared for its implementation. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to further enhance our approach to Religious Education and promises to offer great learning for our staff and students.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you throughout the year and will keep you abreast of the details of the trial as it proceeds.



LITERACY - Mrs Biordi

SOME TIPS FOR HOME READING FROM PETAA

At Bethany we encourage all students to engage in daily reading. It is essential that students have the opportunity to practise the skills they learn in class daily at home. The following are some tips for parents from Primary Teaching Association Australia (PETAA).

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud with your children everyday. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.
- The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.
- During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters. This is a short introduction, not an interrogation. If the book is already a familiar one, then this step is unnecessary.
- If reading time is stressful, move the reading to a new location. Instead of sitting at the kitchen bench, move to the lounge room floor, or go outside and sit under a tree or take the books to the local coffee shop.
- Find a reading time that works for your family. Limit the time and set the timer if reading in the past has always been difficult. It is better to have an enjoyable 10 minutes than a laborious 30 minutes where everyone is left feeling frustrated.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think about that setting? What do like/ dislike about this book? There is no need to interrogate the reader. Make it a conversation as you would in a book club.
- Encourage your child to read independently. A bedside light is one of the best enticements for your child to read before going to sleep. After the 10 minutes of reading with you, the child can elect to continue reading independently.
- The less you interrupt the 10 minutes of reading, the more you are supporting the readers independence, resilience and confidence. Zip your lips, monitor the miscues, and listen as your child reads.
- Avoid judging your child's reading with words such as: 'good', 'excellent' or 'getting better'. Instead say things about the strategies your child uses when reading such as: 'I like how you read on when you came to that difficult word.' 'I like how you changed your voice to be the voice of the character in the story'. 'I noticed that you reread the bit that did not make sense.'



LITERACY

- If your child is reading independently and has reached the level of chapter books, it is not necessary for you to read aloud together any more. Your job is done. That is not to say, you cannot continue to share reading time because it is what you love to do as a family or that you sit and read silently together or that you talk about the books your child is reading because you are interested in his reading choices. Readers read differently in their heads as compared to reading aloud.
- Visit the local library — make it a family ritual on a set day every week. Let your children select their books while you select books you are interested in reading. Not every book has to be read cover to cover. Your child might select books based on illustrations or factual information about a topic of interest.
- Independent readers pick and choose what they read. They are entitled to read some and reject others. They are entitled to not complete books because they are boring. Readers make choices.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader. Create a home of readers where everyone reads — It is just what we do in this house! Talk about what you have read. Read aloud what makes you laugh and share it with your child .





NUMERACY - Mrs Donlan

What a busy and fast paced term we have all had.

Our students have been engaged in some great mathematics tasks that have been challenging and encouraged some real 'hard thinking'.

In 2019 we have an overarching school goal of '... developing assessment capable visible learners'. For numeracy this has meant unpacking various data to determine what each grade focus will be. The area of focus for Mathematics will relate to MAI Growth Points.

It is important to note though, students in all grades will continue to work towards the next growth point for them in each of the domains. The grade focus that will be monitored and tracked will assist in determining how well we are achieving the overarching school goal.

At Bethany each grade focus is set out in the table below. The 'on the way' growth point levels for this domain are also included.

Kindergarten	Counting	1
Year 1	Addition & Subtraction	1
Year 2	Place Value	2
Year 3	Multiplication & Division	3
Year 4	Place Value	3
Year 5	Place Value	4
Year 6	Multiplication & Division	5

Some students have already achieved this 'on the way' growth point and will engage in experiences that lead them to the achievement of the next growth point.

Staff on each of the grades will be looking at how they can best implement teaching, learning and assessments to get students to the next growth point. Students will be aware of where they are at and what they need to do, to get themselves to the next point. They will take on a greater responsibility in bringing this about.

Next term, we will share with you some of these learning experiences for each of the grades.



SPORT - Mrs Neilly

BETHANY 2018 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

The trophies have finally arrived! Well done to the following Bethany swimmers:

Junior Girls Age Champion	Charlotte Finnimore
Junior Girls Runner Up	Amelia Wood
11 years Girls Age Champion	Katrina Tornatore
11 years Girls Runner Up	Neva Spiteri
Senior Girls Age Champion	Sara Malinowsky
Senior Girls Runner Up	Alyssa Finnimore
Junior Boys Aged Champion	Xavier Pizanis
	Rory Gately
	Logan Krahe
11 years Boys Age Champion	Joshua Bourke
11 years Boys Runner Up	Callum Gately
Senior Boys Age Champion	Riley Coburn
Senior Boys Runner Up	Jaiden Brown

RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Lachlan Hay in Year 5 who trailed and made the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. Well done, Lachlan.





SPORT - Mrs Neilly

NSW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

Last Wednesday, we had 6 of our students compete in the NSWPCS swimming carnival. Congratulations on your achievements. Great swimming girls!!



Matilda will be competing at the next level in the Multi Class races at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Swimming Championships. Good Luck!!

ATTENTION:

Athletics Change of Pathways for 2019

Please read the following regarding 10 -12 years old for athletics pathways this year.

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/File/3771>



CRICKET

Congratulations to Matthew Hamilton and Campbell Kean for trialing and making the Parramatta Cricket team!



SOCCER

Congratulations to Amelia Wood for trialing and making the Parramatta girls Soccer team!





SPORT - Mrs Neilly

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Well done to all students of Bethany that took part in the Fun Run and Cross Country Run last Friday. Your behaviour and sportsmanship was to be commended.



A sincere thank you to the wonderful team of parents who helped me on the day. The carnival could not have run so smoothly without you!

A special congratulations goes to the following students for making it to the Diocesan carnival next term.

8/9 YEAR GIRLS

- 1st Eden Allardice
- 2nd Anna Coburn
- 3rd Mikaela Antunovic
- 4th Lola Caruso
- 5th Charlotte Lawford
- 6th Sarah Baker

10 YEAR GIRLS

- 1st Eva Sudulic
- 2nd Amelia Wood
- 3rd Charli Kassouf
- 4th Jemma Smith
- 5th Charlotte McLean
- 6th Olivia Bernardinis

11 YEAR GIRLS

- 1st Georgina Martin
- 2nd Georgia Dudley
- 3rd Amity Wade
- 4th Brodie Wall
- 5th Ella Shaw
- 6th Elise Harvey

12/13 YEAR GIRLS

- 1st Isabella Vella
- 2nd Sara Malinowski
- 2nd Campbell Kean
- 3rd Ebony Dunn
- 4th Sarah Shanley
- 5th Chiara Agostino
- 6th Jane Cudmore

8/9 YEAR BOYS

- 1st Xavier Scott
- 2nd Kade Maloney
- 3rd Harry Almer
- 4th Dominic Antecki
- 5th Cohen Wade
- 6th Xavier Mobbs

10 YEAR BOYS

- 1st Jackson Coony
- 2nd Isaac Camilleri
- 3rd Christian Vella
- 4th Logan Krahe
- 5th Apai Dau
- 6th Ezekiel Glazebrook

11 YEAR BOYS

- 1st Regan Allardice
- 2nd Alessandro Siracusa
- 3rd Cooper Ranieri
- 4th Michael Pirota,
- 4th Hayden Finn
- 5th Isaac Hardy
- 6th Ivan Sudulic

12/13 YEAR BOYS

- 1st Ryan Banister
- 2nd Campbell Kean
- 3rd Sonny Maviglia
- 4th Andrea Siracusa
- 5th Riley Coburn
- 6th Michael Panis Jnr



CatholicCare

ANNUAL SEMINAR - MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process.

Details of this year's seminar are:

Date: Tuesday 7th May
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd).
No charge - Donations welcome

Registration Essential: ph 8843 2575 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)
and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall
Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)
Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.



PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office
Parramatta

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Contact Rita
Solo Parent Services
Ph. 8843 2575
or
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

No charge for Seminar.
Donations welcome



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AND BLUE MOUNTAINS

OTHER NEWS

BANKING



Don't forget that school banking is done every Wednesday! If you need a bank book please send a note requesting one and it will be provided. Let's work together to create great habits for our students!

ATTENDANCE

MON TUE WED THU FRI

HELP KIDS START OFF ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Poor attendance patterns can develop as early as Kindergarten and continue throughout school. Catch poor attendance early and educate parents about the importance of attendance every day.

A row of five orange silhouettes of children walking to school. From left to right: a boy with a backpack and a suitcase, a boy with a backpack, a boy with arms raised, a girl with pigtails and arms raised, and a boy with arms raised.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**KIDS
CAN ACT**

APRIL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Mon 15th April
Springwood Court

**The Wizard of
Oz Trial** (Mini Musical)
9:00am - 5:00pm

Tue 16th April
Springwood Lawin St

**1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie
The Girl in the
Locked Room**
9:30am - 3:30pm

Puppetry
2:30pm - 5:00pm

Wed 17th April
Penrith

**Time for An
Adventure**
9:30am - 1:30pm

**1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie
Mystery of the
Whispering Trees**
1:30pm - 6:30pm
(OLDER KIDS 9-15yrs)

Thu 18th April
Springwood Court

**Fairylicious Fairies
& Mischievous Elves**
9:30am - 1:30pm

**Drama Queen
Makeovers**
1:30pm - 5:00pm

Tue 23rd April
Penrith

**1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie
The Girl in the
Locked Room**
9:30am - 3:30pm

Puppetry
2:30pm - 5:00pm

Wed 24th April
Springwood

**Time for An
Adventure**
9:30am - 1:30pm

**1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie
Mystery of the
Whispering Trees**
1:30pm - 6:30pm
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