

# BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8th March 2019

TERM 1 WEEK 6



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bethany,

Welcome to our Week 6 Newsletter. This week was very important as we celebrated being a Catholic school in the Diocese of Parramatta. Catholic Schools Week is an annual event where all Catholic Schools take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our school every day.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.



This special week on the Catholic Schools calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

The week began on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March when our Bethany students attended the Padre Pio Parish Children's Mass at 9:30am. Bethany students participated in the readings, collections and the thanksgiving song. Thank you to our teachers for preparing our students and attending the Children's Mass.

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On Wednesday, the Bethany school community attended the Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Catholic Schools Liturgy. Parents, carers and grandparents visited the open classrooms, followed by a scrumptious sausage sizzle. Many thanks to Mr Ellabban and Mr Blok for preparing

the sausage sizzle and our year 6 leaders for serving our students and families.

On Tuesday, Bethany welcomed many parents for our Open Day and Tour for 2020 enrolments. Miss Joseph, Mrs Cignarella and I welcomed the parents with our Bethany narrative; a wonderful story of who we are and how we can work in partnership with the first educators of our prospective students.

Week 6 has definitely been a wonderful week of celebrations of learning and community building activities. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for contributing in many ways.

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 MESSAGE

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Already we find ourselves in Week 6 of a busy term. Teachers and students alike have continued with their learning. Professional learning among staff allows for values and visions to be shared, it means taking collective responsibility for the students' learning and promotes capacity building.

Over the next fortnight the following staff will be attending professional learning experiences:

### Week 7:

- Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March - Mrs Cignarella will be attending the RE Resource Developer meeting (new RE Curriculum)

### Week 8:

- Thursday 21st March - All Stage 2 teachers including Mrs Cignarella will be attending a RE Curriculum Development day because we are a Diocesan pilot school for the new syllabus.

Please note that teachers will also be released from class over the next three weeks to work on students' Personalised Plans for 2019. Once again, the formulating of Personalised Plans is a collaborative process, where leaders work with teachers to create goals and make adjustments to cater for different learning needs.

Please also be aware that the Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers will continue to carry out the mandatory Early Years Assessment with their students in Week 7. This may continue into Week 8.

Mr Scott Carroll will continue his work with the Stage 2 team on Monday 11th March.

We thank you for your ongoing support. All professional learning serves to improve student learning.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th March	Parra Netball Trials, Windsor
Tuesday 12th March	Reconciliation, 6 Red - 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Thursday 14th - Friday 15th March	Year 5 Wedderburn Camp
Friday 15th March	Reconciliation, 6 White - 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Monday 18th March	St Patrick's Day Liturgy
Tuesday 19th March	Rugby League Trials, Blacktown
Tuesday 19th March	Reconciliation, 6 Blue - 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Wednesday 20th March	NSWCPS Swimming - SOPAC
Friday 22nd March	Bethany's <b>Bullying.No Way!</b> Day
Friday 22nd March	P&F Disco, Dress in fluoro - Infants: 6:00pm - 6:45pm Primary: 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday 26th March	Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation- 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 28th March	Year 5 Warner Youth Education - Graffiti Awareness - 1:50pm - 2:35pm
Friday 29th March	Cross Country and Fun Run, Ched Towns Reserve - 8:45am - 11:00am
Friday 5th April	Back up date for Cross Country and Fun Run
Tuesday 9th April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 12th April	9am Easter Liturgy
Friday 12th April	Last day of term



## RE - Mrs Baldacchino

This week was a fabulous week to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Our week began with the children's mass at Padre Pio on Sunday where we had about 60 students who were able to be present. Our next children's mass is 7th April. You are invited to save the date and celebrate the Eucharist with the Bethany and Padre Pio communities.

The week continued with the Bethany staff participating in a Professional Learning Meeting about the new Religious Education Curriculum that is being trialled in Stage 2. The staff had a sneak peek at the learning cycle that will be trialled, and had an opportunity to brainstorm some experiential opportunities that will be engaging for the students in Stage 2.

Yesterday, we celebrated Catholic Education at Bethany with a Liturgy, open classrooms and a fundraiser lunch. Our fundraiser lunch raised almost \$1,200 which will be donated to The Ephpheta Centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Thank you to all who were able to donate to this cause. An extra special thank you to Mr Ellabban (father of Lorelei and Sebastian) and Mr Blok (father of Alexis, Zachary and Aidan) for their generous donation of time to cook nearly 800 sausages for our community and visitors.

During the liturgy for Catholic Schools Week, students from each grade shared a reflection on what they love about being a part of the Bethany community. The following is what these students shared:

Addison - KB: *I love being a part of Bethany because there are lots of toys that I get to play with and then I get to write all about it!*

Elidie - 1W: *I have a wonderful teacher and she is so nice. She teaches me, she helps me, she even reads books to me. I love Bethany so much, it is the best school ever. I want to stay at this school, it is the best of all. I love it!*

Alyssa - 2R: *I love being part of the Bethany community because we learn to help each other and learn more about how to live like Jesus. I also love being part of the school community because it is welcoming and you are a part of the Bethany Family. I really like that being a part of the Bethany community means that I can participate in a variety of school and Parish activities.*

Hollie - 3W: *I like a Catholic School because it helps us be one with Jesus and learn about Christ. In this school, we have a school motto "In Christ we love and serve". I appreciate that motto and I am willing to follow it if it helps me be a Christian and follow Christ's footsteps.*

Emilee - 4B: *What I like about being in the Bethany community is that we are all upstanders and you are all included. At Bethany we have caring teachers, kind friends and we do a lot of useful learning that will help us prepare for the future. If we get stuck, our teachers and friends will help us check our learning against success criteria. I have learnt a lot at Bethany with the help of my teachers and friends.*

Alexis - 4B: *What I like about being at Bethany is that I have great friendships and everyone respects their classmates and the whole community. I also like being at Bethany because we learn lots and I enjoy doing fun subjects. At Bethany we are all upstanders and we stand up for what's right!*

Nathan - 5B: *I love that everyone is so friendly and welcoming, and that all the teachers are amazing. I also like that everyone is encouraging when you do something wrong, or have tried your best and that you are always forgiven for your mistakes.*

Lilli-Maree - 6R: *My parents chose to enrol me into a Catholic school to introduce myself to the Christian community as this would nourish my belief in the works of Jesus and God. Throughout the years of attending a Catholic school I received my sacraments including Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. These sacraments have taught me the many works of Jesus. To this day my bond with Jesus and God is still strengthening as I have just enrolled in a Catholic high school to continue my Christian journey.*



# Literacy—Mrs Baldacchino

## WRITE4FUN

The Write4Fun competition is open again for 2019. This competition is free and is open to students from Kinder to 6.

Students are encouraged to write **EITHER** a poem of 16 lines or less, **OR** a short story of 500 words or less. Students can write about any topic using any writing style. There are no theme limitations in this competition.

Entries can be made online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) or see Mrs Baldacchino to receive an entry form for written entries.

The Write4Fun competition closes on 31st March, 2019. Prizes include electronic games, cash and gift vouchers.

Posters are on display around the school. Please refer to these posters for further details.





# Numeracy—Mrs Donlan



Numeracy@HOME



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HOME

11 WAYS TO MATHS

EVERYDAY MATHS

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BLOG

Welcome to the numeracy@HOME resources website for families.

The following website is a valuable resource for parents and families to support young children's maths learning during everyday activities:

<https://www.numeracyathome.com/>

HOME

11 WAYS TO MATHS

1. COMPARE AND MEASURE

2. EXPLORING SHAPES

3. WHERE IS IT?

4. EXPLORING PATTERNS

5. USING TIME WORDS

6. EXPLORING TIME

7. NUMBER WORDS AND SEQUENCES

8. MORE OR LESS

9. COMPARING NUMBERS

10. ORGANISING OBJECTS TO WORK OUT TOTALS

11. USING NUMBERS

The numeracy@HOME resources acknowledge that families are children's first maths educators.

The numeracy@HOME resources focus on **11 ways to maths** learning during everyday activities, such as when families are preparing meals, playing games, or walking down the street.

I encourage you to take a look at the website and see how you might be able to support your child's learning at home.



# SPORT—Mrs Neilly

I would like to say congratulations to all our Bethany swimmers who represented the Nepean zone at the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 22nd February. I was lucky enough to be part of the day and witness each student swim with such enthusiasm and positivity.

A special mention to the following students who will be competing at the NSW CPS swimming trials at Homebush on the 27th March:

Sara Malinowsky	50 m Freestyle and Breaststroke
Matilda Mobbs	50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke MC

## Junior Female Relay team

Melissa Bourke	Eleanor Schindeler
Charlotte Finnimore	Amelia Wood



## AFL

Last week, Lachlan Hay of Year 5 and Campbell Kean of Year 6, trialled and made it in to the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team. Congratulations boys, and good luck in Wagga Wagga next month.





# SPORT- Mrs Neilly

## PDCPSSC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

The Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sport Council Website and facebook page is a great way to find out information on Sport in our Diocese.

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The first 6 places in each age group from our school's cross country will be eligible to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country as long as they qualify within the times.

Note: 8/9 years and 12/13 years are a combined age group.

## CROSS COUNTRY AGE CATEGORIES AND DISTANCES - UPDATED FOR 2019

Age Group	Distance	Qualifying Time - Guide only
8/9 Years combined age group - BOYS	2km	completed within 12 mins
8/9 Years combined age group - GIRLS	2km	completed within 13 mins
10 Years BOYS	2km	completed within 12 mins
10 Years GIRLS	2km	completed within 13 mins
11 Years BOYS	3km	completed within 18 mins
11 Years GIRLS	3km	completed within 19 mins
12/13 Years combined age group - BOYS	3km	completed within 18 mins
12/13 Years combined age group - GIRLS	3km	completed within 19 mins
Multi-Class All age groups	2km	completed within 15 mins

## COMPETITIVE DIVING

If anyone with diving experience, born between 2006 - 2011, would like to apply for an expression of interest for NSW PSSA Diving Championships, please contact Mrs Neilly.

# OTHER NEWS

Over the weekend Matilda Mobbs of 4 Blue competed at the NSW Metropolitan Championships at Olympic Park for her coach and swimming squad Nepean Aquatic Centre.

Matilda's coach thought she was ready to step up an age group and swim in the under 12 multi-class category.

Being only nine years old, she was the smallest and youngest in all 3 of her events.

Matilda received the following medals:

- Bronze - 50m backstroke swimming - 4 seconds faster than her personal best time (PB).
- Bronze - 50m Freestyle swimming - 3 seconds faster than her PB and breaking the 1 minute timeframe for the first time ever, getting 58.18 seconds.
- Silver - 50m breaststroke taking a massive 13secs off her PB.

With these awesome results, Matilda qualified for Nationals representing NSW, but unfortunately being only 9 years of age, she doesn't meet the minimum age of 12 to compete.

She is now looking forward to swimming for Bethany at the Catholic School Championships with the other Bethany representatives.

Congratulations, Matilda. Well done on your outstanding performance!



# Library—Mrs Leipa

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC) 2019

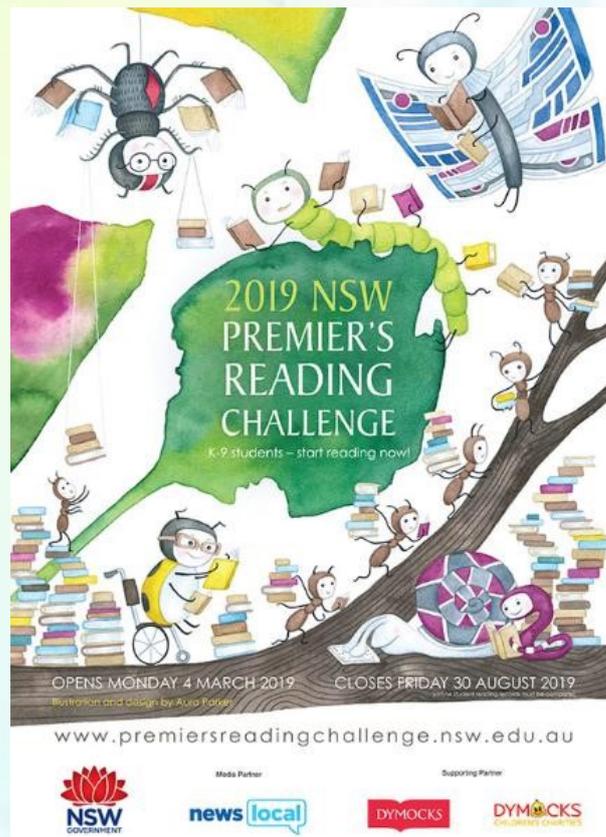
Dear Parents,

Every year students from K to 12 can participate in an exciting event called The Premier's Reading Challenge. Students get to read or experience some exciting books from a selected list of quality literature, as well as five books of their choice. On completion of the challenge students will receive an award signed by the NSW Premier in recognition of their achievement.

The Challenge runs from 4th March to 30th August 2019. For PRC rules and booklists please visit the PRC website at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

**Students who have completed the PRC in previous years can log in using the same username and password as last year.**

All Kindergarten students are competing in the 2019 Premier Reading Challenge and will receive a bookmark stating their login details shortly. All new students wishing to compete in the challenge can see Mrs Liepa in the library.



### Privacy information

All students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and will appear in the PRC Honor roll, which is published on the website. The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the student's name will appear in the Honor Roll with no other identifying factors. If you do not wish for your child to appear on this roll, please contact the school.

Happy Reading!

# Bullying. No Way! Day

At Bethany we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. This year the **Bullying. No Way!** committee has once again organised Bethany to be registered as an official Bullying. No Way! school. Just a gentle reminder that we will be engaging in Bullying. No Way! education and promotion as a learning community on **Friday 22nd March (Week 8)**. Students are invited to wear **SUPERHERO Mufti**.

The **Bullying. No Way!** team

## If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

# OPEN DAYS

## 2020 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

Open Night: Monday 11th March 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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Come along and see for yourself why girls are  
so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.  
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**Tours of the college: 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Principal's information sessions:  
6pm & 7pm**

Further information can be obtained on our  
website and Facebook pages.

[www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au)

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Tuesday 19 March 2019

5:00-8:00pm

Principal presentation sessions at: 5.15pm 6.00pm 6.45pm



**NOW ENROLLING FOR YEAR 7 TO 12**

# PARISH

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will take place on Saturday, 23 March 2019 at 1:30-3:00pm in the Padre Pio Church. If you have received your First Holy Communion you are eligible to attend this training. All current Altar Servers are also required to attend this training. A parent or guardian is required to be in attendance with their child(ren).

An RSVP sheet is available in the Church for those who would like to attend.

For any further information please contact David Baker on 0405 046 118.

## REAL WOMEN'S CAFÉ EVENING

### Real Women's Café Evening

An evening of Coffee, Cake &  
Fabulous Conversation



Guest Speaker & Supper  
Cost: \$10.00  
Bring some girlfriends & book your seat

Presented by Secret Women's Business & Pastoral Care

DATE: Friday 15 March 2019

TIME: 8.00 p.m.

VENUE:  
Bethany School Hall  
34-38 William Howell Drive  
Glenmore Park

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No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.  
Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 14/03/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.