

### BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

#### FRIDAY 3rd May, 2019

#### TERM 2 WEEK 1



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2, Week 1. It was wonderful to see all our students arrive very happy returning to school. Our Anzac assembly was well attended by parents, grandparents, teachers and students. A very special thank you to Mr Lloyd for attending the service with his young children. Mr Stuart Lloyd, RAAF, engaged the students with his speech telling the Anzac narrative.

All the students and teachers have settled back into the learning and teaching with enthusiasm. Everyone has been keen to share their holiday stories with each other.

I wish to acknowledge the wonderful Kindergarten parents who have let their child independently go to their classrooms to hang their bag up and put their lunch box into the coloured containers. Throughout the day, I have noticed the Kinders' increased confidence with managing their daily school routines.

I hope our parents and carers have noticed the improvement of the school's gardens and lawns when you returned to school. During the April holidays I engaged Andrew Lacey Constructions to tidy up all gardens, hedges, lawns and shrubbery. The scope of work has revitalised the Bethany landscape, I hope you like it!!

On Monday's assembly the 'Principal Awards' were presented to our students for their outstanding efforts in Term 1 with their learning. They have all attended a morning tea with me this week. I love the opportunity to chat with our students; they are always very keen to talk about their learning.

In the coming weeks Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN testing. On behalf of the staff, we wish our students success with their achievements.

Over the coming three weeks there are a number of important events for students, staff and parents:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase beautiful gifts for their mum. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Diocesan Cross Country – Eastern Creek Miss Pascale Joseph's EMU Course Graduation Ceremony Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Principal's Religious Retreat Mrs Biordi and Mrs Donlan, Coaching and Mentoring Course Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Mother's Day Liturgy Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: NAPLAN Testing Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Bethany School Goals Action Plan meeting. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Staff Development Day



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### 2019 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

I am very excited to announce the 2019 Student Representative Council. On Wednesday, both Miss Cimilio and myself advised the following students of their success in being nominated by their peers to represent them in communicating with the Principal and Leadership of Bethany.

Class	
C1033	
2W	Violet Robb
2R	Anna Coburn
2B	Sarah Baker
3W	Mikaela Antunovic
3R	Maya Gutierrez
3B	Alyssa Darroch
4W	Kobe Ghantous
4R	Erica Maviglia
4B	Emilee Atkins
5R/1R	Amity Wade 5R – Heidi Grbin 1R
5W/1W	Gracy Thompson 5W – Hannah Saliba 1W
5B/1B	Amelia Wood 5B – Sebastian Ellabban 1B
6W/KW	Olivia Jurcic 6W – Zara Swadling KW
6R/KR	Andrea Siracusa 6R – Cooper Ellis KR
6B/KB	Louis Carroll 6B – Jonathan Brown

A **Student Representative Council** (SRC) is a group of **students** elected by their peers to represent all **students** within the school. SRC's work democratically to represent the **student** body in school decision-making and organise ways for **students** to participate in and enjoy school life.



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Staff Development Day, all Bethany staff will be engaged in a Professional Learning Course titled: *Team Teach for Aggressive Behaviours.* 

Team-Teach training has been provided to nearly 500,000 people in the UK and since its move to Australia in 2005 has trained over 10000 people in a range of mainstream and special settings including education, health and community services.

#### Why Team-Teach Training?

- It is recognised good practice that all staff who are likely to use physical interventions in the course of their work should receive clear guidance and appropriate training.
- Work, Health and Safety Legislation requires employers to provide clear guidance and training to reduce risk where risk is foreseeable.
- All staff who may need to hold or move a child or vulnerable adult should be trained.
- Team-Teach training is designed to help employers and employees who have a duty of care to fulfil that duty.
- Team-Teach has been developed to meet the specific needs of a wide range of disabilities as well as for those displaying behavioural and/or emotional difficulties, and has been used in a wide variety of child settings and in an increasing number of adult settings.

Over the past two days a number of staff including Miss Dean-Dewstow, Miss Dingemans, Mrs Farrugia, Mrs Rudel, Mrs Cignarella, Mr Green, Mrs Battaglia, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Vincent and myself travelled with the Year 6 students to Canberra for their excursion. I wish to congratulate the students for demonstrating their excellent behaviour and manners to all concerned throughout the two days. All the staff were so proud of our students at all times. Well done Year 6 boys and girls!

I wish all parents and carers a lovely week and look forward to seeing you in Week 2.

#### 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.

God Bless Warmest regards, Mrs Cheryl Brown



#### STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The Professional Development of educators encompasses an extremely broad range of topics and formats. They may range from a one-day conference to a three-day workshop to a multiyear advanced-degree program. They may be delivered in person or online (webinars), during the school day or outside of normal school hours, and through one-on-one interactions or in group situations. And they may be led and facilitated by educators within a school or provided by outside consultants or organisations hired by the school or diocese. Already this year, the Bethany staff have engaged in a number of Professional Learning experiences. And later this term, all Bethany staff will take part in a Staff Development Day focusing on ensuring that all students at Bethany have the skills required to access the learning.

Outlined below are the Professional Learning opportunities that our teachers will be engaging in over the next fortnight.

#### Week 2:

Monday 6th May		Mr Pospischil will be attending the Positive Behaviour ning (PBS4L) training
Wednesday 8th <mark>M</mark> ay	Mrs Brown will b	e attending the Flourish Movement Conference
Wednesday 8th May	Mrs Baldacchind course	o will be attending the RE Curriculum Developer ongoing
Thursday 9th May & F	Friday 10th May	Mrs Brown will be attending the Diocesan Principal's Retreat
Thursday 9th May & F	Friday 10th May	Mrs Biordi and Mrs Donlan will be attending the Middle Leaders Coaching and Mentoring course

#### Week 3:

Monday 13th May	Mr Scott Carroll will continue working in the Stage 2 learning spaces alongside their teachers
Monday 13th May	Mrs Biordi will be attending the Middle Leaders Building Relational Trust course
Wednesday 15th May	Mrs Lise Sercombe will continue working with the Stage 1 team of teachers with a focus on Literacy
Thursday 16th May	Mrs Cignarella will be continuing with her Reading Recovery Training.
Friday 17th May	Various members of the leadership team will be attending this term's Action Plan Meeting with other colleagues from neighbouring schools.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday 5th May	Children's Mass, Padre Pio - 9:30am
Monday 6th May	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 7th May	Diocesan Cross Country, Eastern Creek
	Confirmation Parent Evening Session - 7:00 - 8:00pm
Thursday 9th May	2nd Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10th May	Mother's Day Liturgy - 8:50am
Saturday 11th May	Confirmation Presentation Ceremony, Padre Pio - 5:30pm
Sunday 12th May	Confirmation Presentation Ceremony, Padre Pio - 9:30am
Tuesday 14th May	NAPLAN Writing Language Conventions
	Confirmation Workshops
Wednesday 15th May	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 16th May	NAPLAN Numeracy
Monday 20th May	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21st May	5 Red Reconciliation - 1:00pm
Wednesday 22nd May	Kindy/Caroline Chisholm National Simultaneous Storytime - 11:00am
Thursday 23rd May	5 White Reconciliation - 12:00pm





#### **REC - Mrs Cignarella**

Last Sunday, Fr Suresh dedicated the Feast of Divine Mercy Mass at 3pm to those who lost their lives during the Sri Lankan bombings in three Catholic churches and hotels. I would like to share Fr Suresh's sincere and poignant words about this tragic event in the bulletin for the Mass.

#### Dear Friends,

On the Feast of Divine Mercy, I invoke the blessings and Graces upon you and your family. May the merciful Lord be merciful to us sinners. The Divine Mercy resulted in the Incarnation. This is the culmination of the Divine Mercy when the Saviour came down to us to be one of us and to redeem us. God always relents when we call upon Him with the contrite heart. We can be sure of His forgiveness as long as our heart is pure of the intention while seeking His forgiveness.

On this feast day, I would like to pray for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka. Hundreds of innocent lives, including many children were massacred in the name of religion! We ask, Why? What have they done to deserve such a death? The people who went to the Churches to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, didn't come out alive. The children who were attending the Sunday school learning about the love of God were given the real face of hatred and vengeance! How painful it is to see the father who had go into the church after the blasts to see his daughter dead and holding his dying wife in his arms! The sad stories continue on and they break our hearts.

Can we rebuild a world with peace and love? Is it a dream or a reality? What sort of world are we living in at the moment? When we are in the season of Easter and new life, we are bombarded with such questions and uncertainties.

During the Easter vigil, we brought the Easter candle lit and held it high in the middle of our Church. Even though there was so much darkness surrounding the candle, it gave out light to dispel the darkness. No amount of darkness could take away the light that emerged from the Easter candle. In the same way, no amount of hatred can take away our love for God and one another. We need to rekindle the fire of love in us so that this world doesn't die of cold!

God bless, Fr Suresh Kumar Padre Pio Parish Priest

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."* - Mother Teresa

"Our human compassion binds us the one to the other—not in pity or patronizingly but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future." -Nelson Mandela



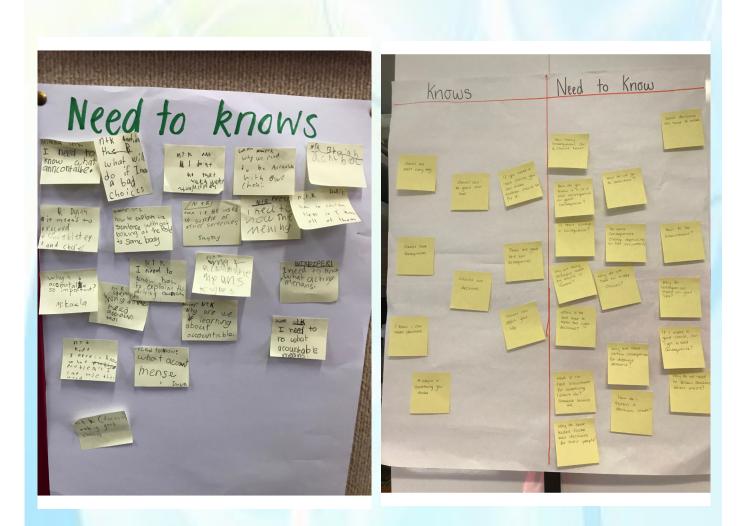
### **REC - Mrs Baldacchino**

#### LAUNCH OF TRIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM IN STAGE 2

This week saw the launch of the trial Religious Education curriculum in Stage 2. The learning cycle that Stage 2 are trialling is around the concept of 'choice and accountability' and will be taught for the duration of Term 2. The learning cycle follows an inquiry approach with a driving question and smaller inquiries throughout the term.

This week, the students in stage 2 have watched several video clips showing scenarios where choices need to be made. They voted on the choice they would have taken if they were in this situation and then reflected on the actions of the people in the videos.

The driving question for this learning cycle is 'How am I accountable for the choices I make?' As in any inquiry approach, student 'Knows' and 'Need to Knows' will be used by the Stage 2 teachers to continue to plan this learning cycle to meet the students' learning needs.





### Literacy - Mrs Biordi

Welcome back to Term 2. At Bethany the teachers have been busy analysing student data to establish an area of grade inquiry for Literacy, under the overarching school goal of Developing Assessment-Capable Visible Learners (DACVL).



The areas of inquiry for each grade are as follows:

KINDERGARTEN	For all students to convey	a meaningful idea	through well	constructed sentences.

- YEAR 1 For all students during reading and writing to focus on punctuation and spelling to create well structured sentences.
- YEAR 2 For all students to write cohesive sentences to create a paragraph.
- YEAR 3 For all students to become assessment capable visible learners using the 'bump it up' wall to self monitor and progress their learning in sentence structure.
- YEAR 4 For all students to develop agency as assessment capable, visible learners in the area of spelling.
- YEAR 5 For all students to use a range of sentences correctly.
- YEAR 6 For all students to use difficult and challenging vocabulary to create a cohesive text.

Teachers will be monitoring student progress towards achieving these goals in a variety of ways.



#### Literacy, continued



**What Matters?** is an annual competition run by the Whitlam Institute. Entrants are invited to respond to the question 'What Matters?' by expressing their views on any subject or issue they care about.

The brief:	Write a 400-600 word piece in prose or poetry, either fiction or non-fiction, on an issue of
	significance to you.
Open to:	NSW, VIC, WA, ACT and Tasmania.
Categories:	Year <mark>s 5-6; years 7-8; years 9-10; years 11-12</mark> .
Cost:	Free.
Prizes:	All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. Prizes include \$350 for each
	category winner and \$200 for each category runner-up. Winners and runners up will
	receive their prize at an awards ceremony, following their participation in a Young
	Writers Forum run by The Writing Workshop, at the Whitlam Institute.
Closing date:	Friday 10 May 2019.

Check out the **What Matters Writing Competition page** at <u>https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters/</u> for more details and to download an entry form for the state in which you live.

You might also like to check out the competition guidelines (<u>https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58e4509d9de4bbecc7737be3/t/5c4f7c148985834ab024e599/1548712987901/</u> <u>Guidelines+and+Tips+-+WM+2019.pdf</u>), which include some great advice on how to write a winning entry.



#### **Numeracy - Mrs Donlan**

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you had an enjoyable Easter holiday break with your children. We've hit the ground running this term as you can see by the images below. All grades have quickly immersed themselves back into the routine of number based warm ups and rich open tasks throughout the numeracy block.

Here are a few photos from the grades where using materials, working collaboratively and some hard thinking are evident. Next newsletter I will unpack how each of the grades are engaging in their numeracy focus that links to our school action goal of students becoming 'assessment capable visible learners'.





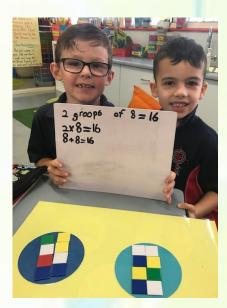






### Numeracy, continued

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Year 2





### Numeracy, continued

Year 3













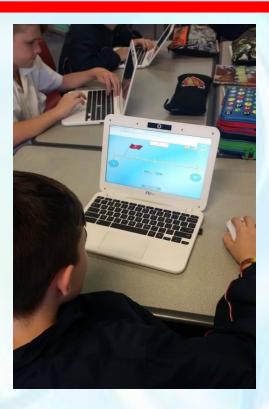




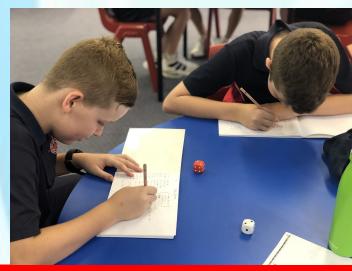
### Numeracy, continued

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Year 6





### **SPORT - Mrs Neilly**

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**



Good luck to allstudents who will be running at the Diocesan Cross Country next Tuesday 7th May.

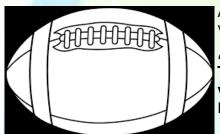
#### **MACKILLOP TRIALS**

Our Parramatta Diocesan Representatives are :

Hockey	Joshua Bourke and Melissa Bourke
Football	Amelia Wood
Rugby League	L <mark>achlan Hay</mark>

These representatives will all be travelling to Canberra on Friday 10th May to trial for a Mackillop team. We hope you enjoy this experience and best of luck!!

#### NSW PSSA GIRLS RUGBY 7S



A NSW PSSA Initiative - NSWCPS Polding and MacKillop have been invited to participate in :

#### **<u>'COME AND TRY' GALA DAYS IN GIRLS RUGBY 7S FORMAT</u>**

Venue:The Kingsway, St. Marys (Sydney West Association)Date:Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th September 2019 (Week 9 Term 3)

NSWCPS is calling for nominations for Polding and MacKillop Teams.

After the close of nominations, a decision will be made in regards to a trial date and location.

#### NOMINATIONS CLOSE 6 MAY 2019.

For further information, including how to nominate, please visit the Catholic Schools Sports Services (CSSS) website. <u>https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswcps-rugby-rugby-7s.aspx</u>

#### **PBS4L UPDATE**



# SNEAK PEEK

We are very excited to announce our PBS4L reward system is almost ready to go! Tokens have been ordered and are about to be distributed to teachers. All staff will begin to hand out the tokens to students they see doing the right thing in one of our three school rules throughout 'all school' settings - *I am Safe, I am Respectful & I am a Learner*. We call them our Paw Awards!

The Matrix lessons are continuing this term. The students are engaging in and enjoying the creative (and sometimes entertaining) videos and images of teachers taken in relation to the Focus of the Week.

We have now completed each of the of lessons in the '1 am Respectful' series and will move on to teaching the '1 am Safe' series. These lessons are shared from Kindergarten to Year 6 and taught every Monday morning after assembly during our Shared Reading.







#### PBS4L

#### *'I am Safe'* Series of Lessons

Week 2 / Lesson 1: We keep our hands and feet to our self

> Week 3 / Lesson 2: We move safely and calmly

Week 4 / Lesson 3: We are in the right place at the right time

Week 5 / Lesson 4: We use equipment and belongings safely

> Week 6 / Lesson 5: *We follow instructions*

#### Bethany's PBS4L Launch Update!

The PBS4L team have been busy planning and discussing our upcoming school launch - date to be confirmed shortly! This day will be fun-filled, celebrating our work and successes to date with some great activities being prepared to engage the students...and there may just be an exciting surprise!!!

#### We can't make students learn or behave BUT

We can create environments that increase the likelihood that they will!

### **LIBRARY - Mrs Liepa**

#### **NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway for 2019, with students across the school delving into some wonderful new books. Congratulations to those students who have eagerly commenced the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge runs from 4th March to 30th August 2019. So it is not too late to start.

For PRC rules and booklists please go to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website <u>https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html</u>

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

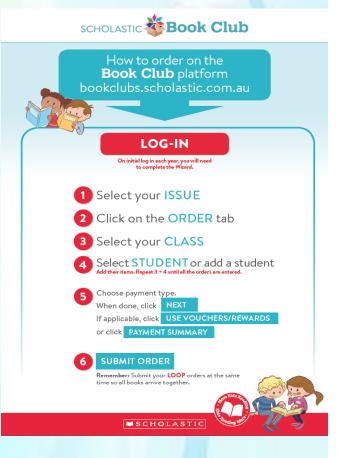
#### **BOOK CLUB**

This week students would have received their Book Club brochure for Term 2. 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 they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The <u>Book Club LOOP platform</u> 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 by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

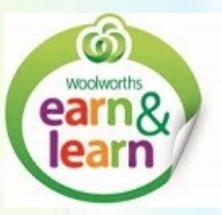
Owning your own books is something special. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

#### Orders Close 13th May 2019



### LIBRARY, continued

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2019**



We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

From Wednesday 1st May to Tuesday 25th June 2019 when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers to go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker.

These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school and drop them into our Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please contact the school or visit the Woolworths website <u>www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn</u>.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Mrs Liepa Library Technician

#### **STUDENT NEWS - Sienna Balewai**

We are delighted to share the news that Sienna Balewai (6W) has been cast in Billy Elliot The Musical.

Sienna begins rehearsals later this year. The shows start in Sydney in October 2019, then from mid December 2019, she will be touring throughout Australia with the musical and returning back to Sydney in 2020.

We will be sorry to see Sienna leave the Bethany community, but we are thrilled at this amazing achievement and wish her all the best in what will no doubt be an incredible journey for the rising star.

# BILLY ELLIOT



### **SIENNA BALEWAI** BALLET GIRL / ENSEMBLE

### **CHATTERBOX LIVE Q&A**

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/

Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via <u>landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> or on 9840 5790.

An invitation to the Chatterbox Live Q&A event was sent to parents and carers via Skoolbag earlier this week. Please contact the school office if you would like to obtain a hard copy of the invitation.

### WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that students are to wear full winter uniform by Week 3. Students have the option of wearing summer or winter uniform next week (Week 2).

Our second hand uniform stall operates every Tuesday at 2:30pm -2.45pm. This enables good second hand uniforms to be sold at reasonable prices.

### SCHOOL BANKING NEWSLETTER

#### Term 2 update.

#### **School Banking Newsletter.**

#### Helping your child to budget.

Polar Savers rewards.

To encourage kids to keep saving regularly, they can redeem a reward every time they make 10 deposits with School Banking. Our new Term 2 rewards are now available to order, while stocks last.

Budgeting, or balancing saving and spending, is a valuable skill that children can use throughout their lives. When we spoke to over 1,000 parents of primary school students, 83% thought it was important to help their child learn to budget and 91% found it especially relevant for students in years 5 and 6^. Here are three easy ways you can teach your child to budget, at any age.

together and explain the importance of setting aside a little check the amount money each week to they've saved and reach the goal. what's left when they take money out. Term 2

Play a fun shopping game, In-store or online. Add up the prices of things you want to buy and compare the total with the amount in your spending budget. This teaches your child about cost and how they may not be able to afford everything.

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Budgeting fun with the Dollarmites.

The Dollarmites are saving to buy Pat a new \$65 coat to wear on his Polar Savers



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

<sup>^</sup> Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



#### **ATTENDANCE**





### **MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

### You are invited to our Mother's Day Celebrations

Where: Bethany Catholic Primary School When: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

8:50am - Mother's Day Liturgy/Celebration on the basketball court 10:00am - Open Classrooms 10:30am - Recess and Morning Tea for mothers in the hall Hope you can join us

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

#### NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



### **COMMUNITY - GIRL GUIDES**

### **Come & Try Girl Guides!**

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun... come and discover at Guiding what's done!

#### South Penrith Junior Guide Unit (For girls 7–9 years old)

#### **Tuesday May 14th, 2019** 6.00 – 7.30pm

We will be enjoying a 'taste' of Guiding !

South Penrith Guide Hall, Trent Street South Penrith (behind Southlands Shopping Centre)

**Please contact:** Debbie to register for this FREE Event Phone: 0433510701 Email: membershipadvisergr@gmail.com



#### CASUAL SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS



### **Casual Work**

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

#### Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
  - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

#### Does this sound like you?

- Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
  - ✓ Community spirit
  - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 12 May 2019

