

BETHANY'S NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 6



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bethany Families,

During 2020 we celebrate the bicentenary of Australia's first Catholic school. Australia's first Catholic school was opened in October 1820. The school was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students – seven of whom were not Catholics.

There are now more than 1,750 Catholic schools nationally, educating some 765,000 students. We are proud at Bethany Primary to be one of these Catholic schools serving this community of St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park. One in five Australian students attends a Catholic school – a remarkable achievement in just 200 years. This 200-year milestone gives us all an opportunity to re-visit the history of Catholic education and its ongoing effect on the lives of students and families throughout our nation.





Nothing could come Between Her and a Child in Need.

John Maitland.

It is a story of courage and determination with heroes like St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A woman whose extraordinary faith, vision and passion made education available to ordinary Australian children from various walks of life – both in the cities like Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide as well as country areas such as Penola in South Australia where Mary established her first school originally in a stable and then a school house (which still stands today).

Mary and her Sisters of St Joseph travelled great distances on foot to set up schools all over this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. They often travelled on horseback using the tracks made through the bush by wallabies. The **wallaby tracks** helped the sisters to find their way to isolated towns and communities where new Catholic school were opened and lives transformed.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd

Mary's motto of, "Never see a need without doing something about it", became the call to mission for the Sisters of St Joseph to educate the poor, marginalised and outcast. The power of Catholic education was, and still is, its ability to change lives for the better.

As we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia we give thanks for the selflessness of the many men and woman across our country whose God-inspired vocation has ensured that children have been provided with the gift of education enabling them to learn, grow and be nurtured by the great commandment given to us by Christ Himself - To Love One Another.

Until next time,

Sergio Rosato Principal



Principal and Assistant Principal's Morning Tea for Effort in Learning

The Principal and Assistant Principal's Morning Tea is a way to acknowledge and celebrate student EFFORT IN LEARNING. Teachers are asked to nominate TWO students from each class who will be formally invited to attend the Morning Tea. TWO students will also be selected from each of the specialist areas learning across Years K-6 for their own EFFORT IN LEARNING, in Music, Italian or Sports.

The morning tea seeks to recognise students for consistent and conscientious effort.

During the morning tea all students will be given the opportunity to talk about an area of their learning that they have tried really hard in or have a learning goal that they have achieved. This will be followed by a photo opportunity as a memento of the occasion to take home.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staff Professional Learning

Successful professional development and learning is characterised by working together to understand, enhance and evaluate the impact of teachers on their students. Although professional development is specific to individual learning needs of staff, it is the collaborative nature of the learning with others that makes the difference.

Please find outlined below the ongoing learning opportunities that our teachers will be involved in over the next fortnight.

Week 7

 Tuesday 10th March - Miss Joseph will engage in Reading Recovery Training alongside other colleagues across the Parramatta Diocese

Week 8

 Tuesday 17th March - The following members of the leadership team will be engaging in the Growing Great Leaders program: Mr Rosato, Miss Joseph, Mrs Donlan, Ms Biordi and Miss Ahern. This program will continue intermittently across the 2020 school year.

Do you know what your child's goals are?

Visible Learning is the result of more than 20 years of research undertaken by Professor John Hattie. The meta-study synthesises over 800 meta-analyses (roughly 250 million learners) relating to the influences on achievement in school-aged students. In short this ongoing study has concluded so far that, almost all strategies when implemented correctly will have an impact on student learning, but the focus of Hattie's work was 'what works best' and what provides the most success in learning.

The big idea is 'know thy impact'. Hattie argues that expert teachers will regularly evaluate the effects they have on their students and adjust their teaching methods accordingly. In other words, teachers need to be continually aware of the impact they have on their students and from the evidence of this impact, they need to make decisions about changing approaches.

Professor Hattie defines Visible Learners as students who can:

- Articulate what they are learning
- Explain the next steps in their learning
- Set learning goals
- See errors as opportunities for further learning
- Know what to do when they are stuck
- Seek feedback.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont'd

At Bethany, our goal is to develop assessment capable visible learners. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are displayed in all classrooms across the school to help learners know, 'where am I going?', 'How am I going?', and 'where to next?'. Our goal as expert teachers is to develop learners who can set goals, articulate what they are learning, and set some 'next steps' in their learning.

Effective teachers are transparent with students about what they are learning and why. They assist students in setting goals for themselves. Through this process students are encouraged to see their areas of strength, as well as what they need to work on more.

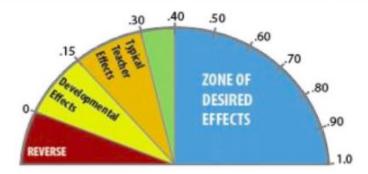
Tonight I encourage all parents to ask their child or children, "what are your goals this term?" Some possible questions to support this conversation are: What would you like to achieve? What do you want to get better at? Is there a new skill you would like to learn? If they haven't already done so at school, encourage your child to write their goal down.

The next step is turn these words into actions. Ask your child how they will go about achieving this goal. For example, will they take more care with their writing? Will they read over their calculations in Mathematics? Will they self-correct when reading?

Last but not least, set a time aside to review this goal and decide how you and your child will evaluate if it has been achieved.

According to Hattie, setting goals has a high effect size of 0.50 (See table below). Encouraging the transparency between home and school will only highlight for your child that together with their teacher, we are all here to ensure success in learning.

Scale of Effective Practices - Dr. John Hattie



.40 is equal to one years' growth over one year of time

DATES FOR THE DIARY

	Monday 9th March	Year 3 Sydney Walk Excursion - The Rocks
WEEK 7		Parramatta Diocesan Hockey Trials - Kingswood 4:00pm
	Tuesday 10th March	Reconciliation, 6 Blue 12:00pm - 1:00pm Reconciliation Workshop 4,at Bethany 4:15pm - 5:15pm / 7:00pm - 8:00pm
	Thursday 12th March	Reconciliation, 4 Red - 12pm Reconciliation Workshop 4, at Bethany 4:15pm - 5:15pm / 7:00pm - 8:00pm
	Friday 13th March	Year 5 Goldfields Day trip (All Day) Parish Mass - Year 1 - 9:00am Year 2 Incursion in hall - 9:00am
WEEK 8	Tuesday 17th March	Feast of St Patrick, Classroom Liturgy. Year 3
		Sacrament of Reconciliation - 7pm at St Padre Pio Parish
	Wednesday 18th March	Principal and Assistant Principal's Morning Tea
	Thursday 19th March	Feast St Joseph , Classroom Liturgy Year 1
	Friday 20th March	BETHANY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
		2020 Parramatta Diocesan Cricket Trials - Penrith 9:30am
WEEK 9	Monday 23rd March	2020 Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials - St Marys 4:00pm
	Wednesday 25th March	Feast of The Annunciation - Classroom Liturgy Year 5
		Reconciliation 6 WHITE - 12:00PM
		NSWCPS Swimming—Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
	Thursday 26th March	Reconciliation, 4Blue—12:00pm
		MARK TAYLOR SHIELD CRICKET—Round 2 game—Bethany (home game) vs Girraween
	Friday 27th March	BACK UP DATE - BETHANY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
		Mackillop Parramatta Diocesan Football Trials - Goulburn

BETHANY SRC 2020

Last week, our school came together to celebrate the induction of our Student Representative Council for 2020. The induction of the Student Representative Council, or the SRC, is an important occasion within our school as the responsibility of student leadership is passed to a new group of young people.

The students who were nominated have their own unique God-given gifts and talents. In being selected to serve on the SRC, these students have displayed certain qualities which characterise a good Christian leader.

As Christians we look to the person of Jesus as our ultimate role model of the loving, courageous leader. Good leadership is about setting certain standards and expectations and modelling what that looks like to others.

True courage is more than just bravery, it's the strength that comes from inside us, a strength that comes from the

Good Christian leaders are charged with the responsibility of doing as Jesus showed us through his words and actions. They are required to show understanding and wisdom in certain situations, be good communicators, be encouraging, show compassion towards others, be fine role models, and be good active listeners. There are also other, less tangible attributes that make someone a good leader such as being honest, treating others with respect, using right judgment as well as displaying goodness, kindness, love and courage.

The induction of these students gave us all an opportunity to acknowledge them and pray for them as they embark on this ministry of service.

The ceremony gave us all an opportunity to focus on the qualities we should be aiming for as we strive to daily live out our school motto of "In Christ we Serve".





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Mrs Donlan



NEW 'RE' CURRICULUM

Last Friday (28th February), Mr Rosato, Miss Joseph, Mrs Wilson, Miss Ahern, Mrs Wakim and myself attended the CEDP System New RE Curriculum Ignite Day. We too, like our students had a learning intention for the day; We are learning to develop *Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes* to lead the implementation of the Draft RE Curriculum. With the help of Professor Anthony Maher and CEDP Formation Leaders we unpacked the rationale and the formation dispositions. The rationale for the new curriculum is -

Education within the Diocese of Parramatta is a ministry of the Catholic Church, walking with humility in the way of Jesus, serving all of God's people.

One of the points of robust discussion was the 'inclusive' phrase of 'serving all of God's people'. Bishop Vincent has called on Catholic schools to be the living face of Christ to our students and their families. In his words, "Ours are not schools that provide education for Catholics only but Catholic education for all." The rationale certainly affirms the Bishop's position.

Drawing upon the Rationale, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta recognises the following Dispositions: Head (cognition), Heart (affectivity), and Hand (praxis), as essential prerequisites for Teaching and Learning.

Head Be Attentive; Be Intelligent; Be Reasonable; Be Responsible

Heart Be Contemplative; Be Empathetic; Be Humble; Be Loving

Hand Be Present; Be Active; Be Compassionate; Be Effective

We discussed the dispositions as a 'way of being'.

Greg Whitby our director spoke of how the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is committed to a transformation model of education that puts the personal learning growth of young people at the centre.

It is truly a very exciting time for our staff and students here at Bethany.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATON, Cont'd

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Last week as a community, we came to together to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Again children took the lead in preparing for parts of the Mass and Mr Rosato, Miss Joseph and Mr Green provided live music. Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season. Father Suresh reminded students that:

Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection at Easter.





FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH CHILDREN'S MASS - Sunday 1st March

Year 6 staff and students led the First Sunday of the Month Mass last Sunday. Many students from Bethany were in attendance. After Mass, the Indian and Sri Lankan communities donated food for the parish fundraiser. It was truly a great celebration. The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday April 5th, led by year 5 students.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATON, Cont'd

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Week 6 - LITURGY

Last Monday we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a liturgy in our school hall. Mr Rosato shared in his welcome address the journey of Catholic Schools over the last 200 years. Even our Kindergarten students took centre stage when they sang a hymn in reflection of the Gospel read. A big thank you to all those who were able to attend this celebration. Our finale song 'We are Australian' was a wonderful way to embrace our 'Australia' history.











LITERACY - Miss Aherns



2020 Poetry & Short Story

WRITING COMPETITION

Calling All School Students

The competition is NOW OPEN. Please send your 16 line (or less) poem OR 500 word (or less) short story for your chance to win fantastic CASH and PRIZES.

Entries close 31st March 2020

THERE IS NO THEME

Students are encouraged to write on any topic and in any style. Entry is FREE and there are fantastic prizes!

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd and 13 finalists in each division (poetry AND short story).

Your poem or short story will also be considered for inclusion into a Write4fun Hardcover Book!

*Hint: Write something that YOU love to read.

Try These Story Starters...

See if any of these kick start your imagination!

- 1. Whoever said 'Pigs can't fly' had never been to THIS farm...
- 2. I'm so proud of myself, today I broke the world record for...
- 3. I'd always wanted a superpower but never in a million years thought it would be this...
- Being a famous YouTuber is awesome. It's the best job in the world. Especially the part when.
- 5. I stared at the lotto ticket in shock. I had just won \$50 million dollars!!!

Get Kids Writing

Everyone has a story to tell and we can't wait to read yours!

A fun way to encourage students to be creative with writing!

Poems and short stories must be submitted by Tuesday 31st March 2020.

Rewarding Schools

The school that submits the most entries will receive \$1 for each entry.

200 entries = \$200. That's easy Math!

It pays to encourage our students to be creative!

Entries must be submitted by Tuesday 31st March 2020.

Remember, students are only permitted one entry each.

Either a short story OR a poem!

Complete entry details and rules can be found on the Write4Fun website www.write4fun.net.

MATHEMATICS Ms Vion & Mrs Cutajar

Something you may hear a lot from your child or in maths class is 'friends of ten'. *Friends of ten* refers to the number pairs that total to 10.

1+9 2+8 3+7 4+6 5+5

Fast recall of these number pairs is beneficial for your child's progress in maths. You could quiz your child with a few numbers each night to help in their fast recall of their *friends of ten*. Want to take it a step further? Why not help them to learn their *friends of 20*? Recognising their *friends of 20* will help them notice number patterns in larger sums later on.

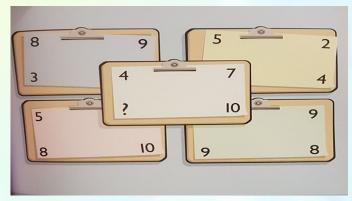
A great way to spend time with your children is to engage together in a maths activity. This not only encourages conversation and bonding, but has the added benefit of honing maths skills.

One activity you might like to try is Greedy Pig (refer to following page for how to play the game).



Why don't you try solving the following challenge.

Answers will be given next fortnight.



Which number has been replaced by the question mark?

MATHEMATICS, cont'd

Greedy Pig				
Number of players	Pairs and up			
Equipment	1 dice			
How to play	 A number on the dice face is chosen as elimination number (eg 6). Players take turns to roll the dice and cumulatively add the numbers rolled on dice. 			
	After each roll, players need to decide whether to keep total currently attained and stop and bank their total to be "safe" on current score or attempt to increase their total with another dice roll. If the elimination number is rolled all players still rolling are out and the winner is the player who had stopped and banked the highest			
Focus ideas for games	Play with dice that have more than 6 sides			
	Use two dice.			
	 In pairs, players need to get to 100. Roll 2 dice. Students cumulative add dice rolls and can choose to bank total, turn then passes to partner. 			
	Upon turn resume, they add on from banked total If 6 is rolled on a dice all unbanked points are lost. Double 6 all banked			
Questions to ask as you play	 What strategies are you using to add your numbers? 			
	 How can you prove your working out is cor- rect? 			
	What do you need to roll next?			
	Can you order the numbers? (at the end of the game)			

SPORT - Mrs Neilly

SWIMMING NEWS



The Bethany swimming Age champions will be announced in the next newsletter.



I would like to all our Bethany represented the Diocesan say congratulations to swimmers who the Nepean zone at Carnival on Thursday

20th February. I was lucky enough to be part of the day and witness each student swim with such enthusiasm and positivity.







special mention to the following students who have qualified for the NSWCPS swimming trials at Homebush on the 25th March.

Matilda (5W) - 11 yrs, 50m and 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breastroke

Addison (4B) - 9yrs 50 m Freestyle

Brody (3B) - 8yrs 50m Freestyle. (Unfortunately Brody is unable to swim on this date. We wish him luck as he will be competing in the Australian National BMX Championship in Tasmania! Go Brody!

All the best to our Bethany swimmers at this high level of competition!

SPORT - cont'd

SOCCER)

Last week, Amelia (6R), Gracy (6R), and Charli (6W)

trialed and made it in to the Parramatta Diocesan Football (Soccer) team. Congratulations girls, and good luck at the Mackillop trial in Goulburn later this month.





AFL

Last week, Lachlan (6R) trialed and made it in to the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team. Congratulations and good luck in Wagga Wagga next month.

SPORT - cont'd

RUGBY LEAGUE

This week, Hayden (6R), Lachlan (6R), Lincon (6W) and Jackson (5B) and made it in to the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. Congratulations and good luck when you play in Canberra in May.









GIRLS AFL OPPORTUNITY

Please refer to the note if you have a daughter who plays AFL and may be interested in this opportunity.

Nominations close Friday 13th March.

2020 GIRLS AFL SELECTIONS & INFORMATION - NSWPSSA

Event

Australian Football Girls Selections

Eligibility

- Girls aged 10 13 years.
- Entry will be by nomination.
- Closing 12 March 2020

Registration

- Students must register for Girls Australian Football EOI on the <u>csnsw.sport</u> portal
- Follow the Instruction sheet attached to register for GIRLS AFL
- The selection pack upon registration will give details on how to progress with the registration.
- · Principals must approve online and the DoE Sports Unit paperwork

Date & Venues

Various venues across NSW. Students will nominate to trial at a cross
education sector selection day closest in proximity to the school in which they
are enrolled.

Thursday 9 April 2020

Metro West @ Blacktown International Sports Park (Field 2), Rooty Hill

Cost

• \$10

What to Bring

- Appropriate attire and football boots for playing Australian Football
- Minimum 2 water bottles
- Sufficient food and drink for the day
- Mouth guards are compulsory

Contact

CSNSW Sport office - 02 9287 1598 for further details

Good Luck to all participants,

Margaret Thornton

CEDP Teaching Educator Primary Sport 0408 278 918

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ATTENDANCE

CEDP SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDELINE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

School attendance affects a child's learning and their overall wellbeing.

- There is No safe threshold of absence from school.
- Research shows clearly that attendance patterns are established early in a child's schooling.
- A child's Year 1 attendance is often a predictor of future attendance patterns.
- The effects of unwarranted school absenteeism accumulate quickly over time and affect children's development now and into the future.

We all need to work together to ensure that students are at school every day possible – barring illness. Remember if your child is unwell they should be kept at home and ideally seek medical advice.

Kindergarten	96.6%
Year 1	87.6%
Year 2	86%
Year 3	85.5%
Year 4	84.3%
Year 5	79.3%
Year 6	75%

BETHANY'S ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 85%

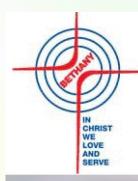
Well done to Kindergarten for exceeding CEDP's target of 90%!!







ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021





Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021 and grades 1-6

We are accepting Enrolments now for 2021 Kindergarten children.

We have limited places available for grades 1-6.

Bethany Catholic Primary School nurtures and celebrates the uniqueness of each child and prepares them for tomorrow's world.

The school offers a wide range of curricular & co-curricular learning opportunities including specialist instruction in the areas such as music, sport, library and Italian as a second language.

Our motto, *In Christ we love and serve*, reflects the principles and values of our unique learning community.

Please contact the School Office on 47233700 for enrolment packs or visit our website www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au for further information.



OPEN DAYS



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

OPEN DAY 2020 SUNDAY, 8 MARCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OPEN DAY AT THE COLLEGE

CENTRED ON THE NEEDS OF EVERY STUDENT BY OFFERING AN EXTENSIVE CURRICULUM AND CONTEMPORARY FACILITIES

MORNING SESSION

Commences at 10.00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10.30am

AFTERNOON SESSION

Commences at 12.30pm, followed by a tour of the College at 1.00pm





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OPEN DAY

Sunday, 8 March 2020

10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020.

Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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YEAR 7, 2022 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 24 March

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2021 ENROLMENTS

Come along and see for yourself why girls are so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.

Tours of the college: 4:30 - 7:30pm Principal's information sessions: 5:30pm & 6:30pm

Further information can be obtained on our website and Facebook pages. www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au 90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park

Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the college on: 4737 5500

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Co-educatio nal Year -12 75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



Enrolling now for all year groups 2021

Open Evening Tuesday 10 March 2020 5.00pm to 8.00pm

- Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders \Diamond
- Tours of the College facilities
- \Diamond Enrolment packages available
- Principal Presentations

4728 8100 **Enquiries:**

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



GET MOTIV8TED DURING THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE ONE AND ONLY MOTIV8SPORTS SUPER CAMP.

Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. All camps are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily non-sleep over events.

CHECK OUT THE CAMP DATES BELOW



CAMP #1 APRIL 16th-17th - Nepean Christian School CAMP #2 APRIL 20th-21st - St Clair HIGH SCHOOL CAMP #3 APRIL 23rd-24th - Penrith Anglican College