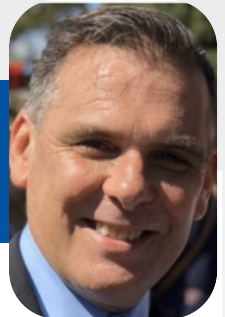


BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 4 | Week 8 | Date: Friday, 4th December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the Liturgical Year and the start of **ADVENT**. The word advent is derived from the Latin **adventus** which means **coming** or **arrival**. During the Roman Empire, the word adventus referred to the **arrival** of a person of great importance or majesty.

For Christians, **ADVENT** is the time when we prepare for the **threefold** coming of Jesus Christ - **PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**.

In the song **Living Proof** the American artist **Bruce Springsteen** sings about the moment of discovering the miraculous beauty, gratitude and transcendent **LOVE** unleashed as he watched the birth of his first child. Any parent who has been present at the **nativity** of their child can certainly relate to this.

Well now on a summer night, oh in a dusky room
Come a little piece of the Lord's undying light
Crying like he swallowed the fiery moon
In his mother's arms it was all the beauty I could take
Like the missing words to some prayer that I could never make
Oh, in a world so hard and dirty so fouled and confused
Searching for a little bit of God's mercy
I found living proof



Our Lady of the Southern Cross
by Paul Newton

Advent reminds us that God's **living proof** of Himself was not done in an **ABSTRACT** way but through the lived reality of His **INCARNATION** as a tiny fledgling baby born in the most modest of settings.

As Catholic Christians our mission is to bring the message of Christ to others through our daily encounters in **REAL** and **LIVED** applications of the Gospels.

As St Francis says, "**Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words**". By doing so consistently and simply we touch the heart of the meaning of the Advent season.

The American Franciscan priest Richard Rohr says, "**God comes to us disguised as our lives**". In other words, are we able to recognise the incarnate God not just as a historical figure but also through our daily encounter with others?

Like the Magi, are we looking for God in the right places? Do we recognise God in others particularly in moments of life that encompass **DIFFICULTY** as well as those that bring us **JOY**?

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Advent **CALLS** us to be counter-cultural amidst all the stresses, deadlines and activity that epitomises this time of the year. Advent calls us to rest, to step back, and to **BE PRESENT** to the small but significant moments and simple gifts that flow through this time.

Wishing all the blessings of the Advent season and may we better **RECOGNISE** the **LIVING PROOF** of the Christ-child when He arrives in our midst each day.

Go gently into the week,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

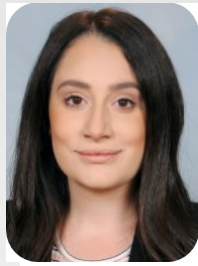


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



St Padre Pio Parish Christmas Eve Mass Celebrations

On the 24th December at 5:30pm and 7:00pm there will be two Masses for the Bethany students and their families. Families can nominate which Mass they will be attending via the booking form shared at the beginning of this week. Once we can confirm the children attending each Mass we will be able to assign various roles.



Hamper Items

A note was sent home last week advising that Bethany will be working with the St Padre Pio Parish to collect food items that can be used to make Christmas hampers. These will be delivered to needy families in Glenmore Park community, leading up to Christmas Day.

Each class has been given a particular grocery item range to purchase and contribute to their class basket. We will present one complete Christmas Hamper at the Thanksgiving Masses on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December, 2020.

If this is something you have not managed to organise as yet, please ensure the item is brought in on Monday morning as baskets are being made up during week 9.

We appreciate your support thus far with this outreach initiative.

KR / KW / KB - Hampers already organised

1R - Rice

1W - Cereal

1B - Christmas plates, cups, napkins etc

2R - Hot chocolate, Milo

2W - Jam, honey or vegemite

2B - Juice or cordial

3R - Biscuits, chips

3W - Tinned vegetables

3B - Sugar, tea or coffee

4R - Pasta

4W - Pasta sauces

4B - Lollies, desserts (e.g. cake mixes, jelly packets, pudding etc)

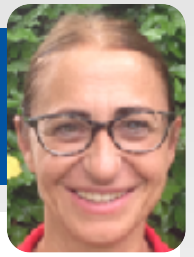
5R, 5W, 5B - Tinned fruit

6R - Soft drink

6W - Long life custard/ cream/ milk

6B - Jam, honey or vegemite





SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This week we had our Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part. Their skill and enthusiasm was evident and I hope the night was full of personal bests.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Gibson and all the staff for their support leading up to and on the night.

Individual points will be added from the night and Age champions will be presented next year.

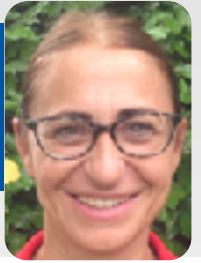
The Zone Swimming Carnival will be early in 2021. We look at the best two times from the heats for each event and you must have done the qualifying time to be able to represent Bethany at the next level.

GYMNASTICS FUN

The School Gymnastics finished this week. I was very proud of the respect from all the students and the way the program taught them to take risks. The support that they gave to each other was truly commendable!

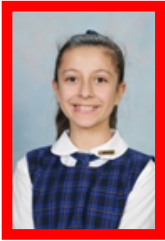


SPORT



PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS 2021

Congratulations to Eva (5W) for trialing and making the Parramatta Diocesan team for TENNIS 2021. Bethany is proud of you! Eva will be playing in a competition to be held next year.



Congratulations also to Mia (4B) for trialing and making the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball team for 2021! Fantastic news Mia!!!

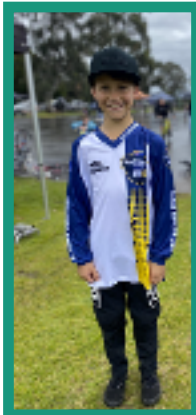
BMX SPORTS STAR : Brody - 3B

Brody has been able to achieve some of his goals he set this year.

After enduring 45 degree heat at 9pm at the Shepparton (Victoria) round, then flooding at the Nerang (Queensland) competition, Brody didn't drop a race and walked away with number 1 in National Series for 8 year boys.

He also had a near perfect round for the NSW state series, with 4 out of 5 events seeing him take the number 1 spot on the podium. This meant he finished in 1st position for the NSW state series in 8 year boys.

Brody was able to show that when you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything! YOU ARE A CHAMPION, BRODY!

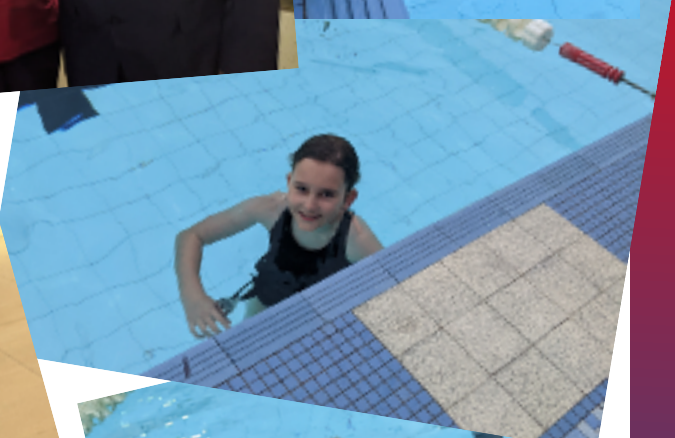
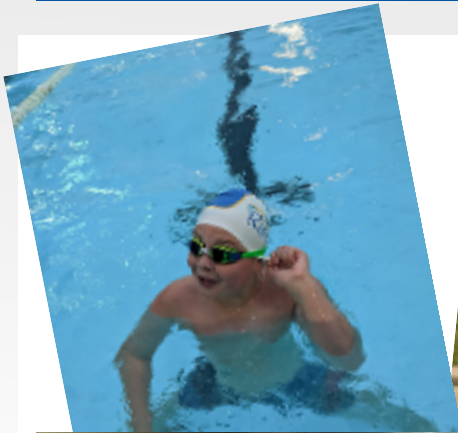


15 IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAYING SPORTS

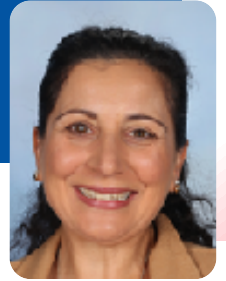
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BETHANY'S TWILIGHT CARNIVAL



LIBRARY



2021 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer reading challenge.

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It's that time of year! Start looking for those missing library books and Class Readers.

Check under the bed, in the car, or maybe at Grandma's.
Check the bookshelf and your schoolbag.

Please return all library books to school ASAP. These books are expensive to replace - parents will be asked to cover the cost of replacing library books that their children do not return.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday 8th December | Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm - Padre Pio Parish |
| Thursday 10th December | Year 6 Fun Day |
| Thursday 10th December | Thanksgiving Mass (Cohort 1) Years 3 & 4 11:00am |
| Friday 11th December | Thanksgiving Mass (Cohort 2) Years 1,2, & 5 11:00am |
| Friday 11th December | Year 6 Graduation Presentation via Zoom 1 - 2:30pm |
| Monday 14th December | Transition Day 9:30am - 10:30am |
| Tuesday 15th December | Year 6 Social Bethany Hall |
| Tuesday 15th December | Year 6 Guard of Honour 2:30pm |
| Tuesday 15th December | Last day Term 4 |
| Wednesday 16th December | Staff Development Day |
| Thursday 17th December | Staff Development Day |
| Wednesday 27th January | Staff Development Day |
| Thursday 28th January | Staff Development Day - MAI Testing |
| Friday 29th January | School commences for Grades 1 - 6 MAI Testing - Kindergarten |
| Monday 1st February | School commences for Kindergarten |

COMMUNICATION

The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

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| 04/12/20 | Birthday Celebrations |
| 03/12/20 | Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials 2021 Reminder MAI Booking Instructions |
| 01/12/20 | Library Books |
| 30/11/20 | Christmas Eve Masses for Bethany Families Head Lice Alert Year 3 Medical Action Plans 2021 |
| 27/11/20 | Bethany Training Band Recruitment 2021 |
| 25/11/20 | Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival |
| 23/11/20 | Message from the Parish Sibling Discount Form Library Books |



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

The Year 5 students at Bethany would like to invite you to read the current edition of the
"Bethany Year 5 Student Newsletter".

Please scan the QR Code below to access the newsletter,



<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/bethany-year-5-newsletter/>

OTHER MATTERS

From the Senior Finance Officer

School Fees are due on Friday 18th December. If you are experiencing financial problems please contact the School Office on 4723 3700.

A reminder that Bethany currently does not accept cash. Any payments to the school can be made via EFTPOS only. We will provide more information about payments and transactions early in 2021.

Due to the school holidays, Friday 11th December is the last day the school can accept any payments.

Medical Action Plans 2021

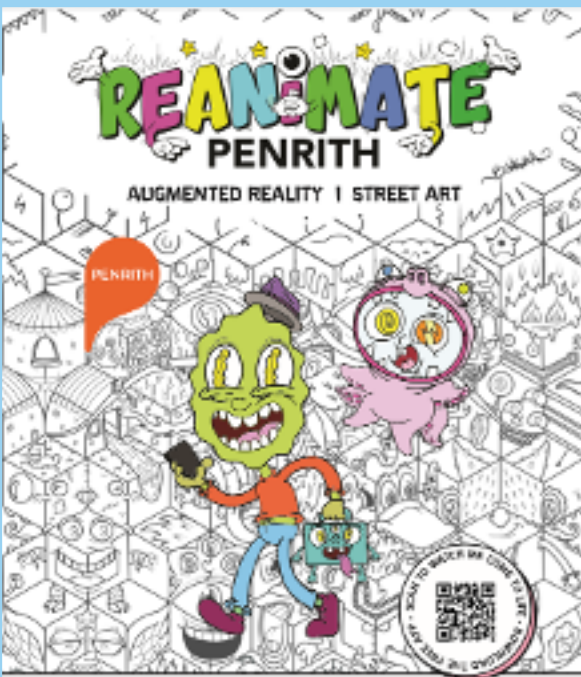
If your child is on a Medical Action Plan, could you please take the time to check that it is still valid. Medical Action plans are valid for 12 months. We would appreciate it if updated Action plans could be brought to the office within the first week of **Term 1 2021**.

Carpark Safety

Here are a few rules that can keep all community members safe when coming and going around the school carpark:

- Please ensure that the hands of little ones are always held when moving about the carpark.
- When entering the driveway, always remain to the left and process through the carpark in a clockwise direction. Do not turn right, as a matter of urgency in order to secure a parking space.
- When leaving the carpark, please maintain the correct speed limit, particularly when heading down the driveway and have limited peripheral vision of pedestrians crossing.
- **When parking on the dirt and gravel behind the hall, in front of the presbytery (whether in the morning or at special school events) please ensure that the bitumen driveway to the presbytery remains clear at all times.**
- When on the dirt and gravel behind the hall, in front of the presbytery please do not park next to the large rubbish bins (parallel to the carpark) as it means that parents and children alike, are having to walk through the carpark to get to the school entry near the canteen.
- **Fr Suresh has requested that, if parking in the dirt area of the carpark, please reverse-park.**
- Please park accurately within the parking lines to ensure that other drivers can get out of their cars safely.
- Please remember to use the crossing.
- To keep morning traffic flowing smoothly in the school car park, we ask parents and carers to be mindful of not getting out of their cars if they have driven to the Kiss and Drop area.
- **Please do not park in the car park in front of the church for safety reasons, as parents, carers and students walk this way to access the Welcome Garden. This is restricted to the parish and staff.**

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| WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD | THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD |
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| 9.30-2.30pm For Puppets Sake! | 9.30-2.30pm Superhero Academy 2.30-5.30pm If The Hat Fits |
| WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD | THURSDAY 31st DECEMBER PENRITH |
| 9.30-2.30pm <i>1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie</i> Suitcase of Memories | 9.30-2.30pm Superhero Academy |
| 2.30-5.30pm <i>1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie</i> But Wait! There's More! Sell It! |  |
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KIDS JANUARY CAN ACT HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

| MONDAY 18th JAN SPRINGWOOD | TUES 19th & WED 20th JAN SPRINGWOOD |
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| One Super Duper Crazy KNIGHT! 9.30-2.30pm Drama Games & Scenarios 2.30- 5.00pm | Outside The Box 9.30-2.30pm  |
| THURSDAY 21st JAN PENRITH | FRIDAY 22nd JAN SPRINGWOOD |
| <i>1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie</i> The Day I Fell Into A Storybook ...and Survived 9.30-2.30pm | Puppetry 9.30-1.30pm |
| A Bag Full Of Stories Storytelling 2.30-5.00pm | <i>1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie</i> It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It! 1.30- 6.30pm OLDER STUDENTS (9-16 years) |
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