

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 1 | Week: 6 | Friday, 5th March 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

In April 1968 **Martin Luther King Jr** went to Memphis Tennessee to support the cause of the municipal sanitation workers (garbage collectors) who were on strike following the death of two of their work colleagues.

The city council refused to compensate the families of the workers as their employment conditions did not cover them. The garbage collectors at the time worked very long hours, for low wages (60 cents per hour), with no overtime pay, no paid sick leave and in appalling conditions. Being injured on the job could lead to dismissal. If they didn't work, they didn't get paid.

On April 3, the night before he was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, an exhausted **MLK** preached his now-famous "**Mountaintop**" speech at the Masonic Hall in Memphis during a torrential downpour. It was a speech he delivered without prepared notes which, in hindsight, alluded to his own death.



Mountains are mentioned frequently in the Bible because they dotted the landscape where the stories in the Bible take place. As a result, mountains and hills are mentioned more than 500 times in Scripture. Mountains have an important religious significance since, due to their height, they are seen as "**closer to God**".

Last Sunday's Gospel sees **Christ moving from the desert** wilderness, where he's spent 40 days and nights in solitude, **to the mountain top** in the company of his Twelve Disciples. Whilst up in the mountain top with his followers Christ undergoes a transfiguration. The **Transfiguration** is the moment when the Disciples encounter God through Jesus, and Jesus, in turn, is seen as the fulfillment of the law of Moses and the prophets.

Jesus purposefully takes His Apostles up **Mount Tabor** (30 km from Nazareth) to **commission** them, to preach and carry on His mission in His name. After this transformative experience the Disciples are keen to set up tents in the high country away from the challenges of the lowlands and **chill out** for the night. Rather than allowing the Disciples to set up camp and remain in such comfort, Jesus immediately leads the Disciples back down the mountain.

The message of this scripture passage suggests that life is not lived on the mountain top but **back down in the valley**. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy for the Apostles, it is back down in the valley that the needs are the greatest; **where the real work** needs to be done; where the **sick**, the **poor** and **lonely** are crying out for God's love, compassion and mercy - **something that as parents we can all relate to well**.

May the season of Lent serve to renew our lives as we work each day "**down in the valley**" with compassion, courage, dedication and hope.

Go gently this week,

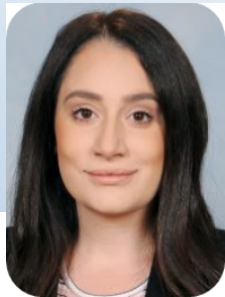
Sergio Rosato

Principal

[Excerpt from MLKs last speech](#)



The Transfiguration by Dominic Martinelli



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



“Protect us, strengthen us and give us hope”

The Transfiguration

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one[a] on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,[b] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved;[c] listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday's Gospel portrays the scene of the Transfiguration. As the painting by Dominic Martinelli suggests, such an experience is shrouded in mystery and difficult to capture in words. We know that there are five people in the story and each is given a name; Moses, Elijah, Jesus Peter, James and John. In Australian Indigenous Culture, each individual is identified by their Aboriginal community, their sacred interconnectedness to the Land and through their ancestors in Lore and the Dreaming. A similar concept of kinship is the basis of family, clan and nation in the Jewish tradition. The Gospel of the transfiguration reveals to us the importance of having a group identity.

The two ancestors of Jesus' kinship, Moses and Elijah represent two important pillars of a faith community – the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah). As we move further into our Lenten journey let us reflect on our identity in our Christian faith community and ways in which we can deepen this understanding of our kinship in Christ.

Faithful God, you give us the season of Lent to renew and restore our lives.

As we follow our Lenten journey, protect us, strengthen us and give us hope when we become discouraged. May the Spirit of Jesus be with us as we transform our lives and our world.

Amen

Sunday Children's Mass

Our first Sunday Children's Mass will be held this Sunday 7th March at 10 am. Year 2 will be leading this Mass. We hope you can join us for a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist.

Catholic Schools Week

During Week 7, Sunday 7th March - Friday 12th March, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year marks the bicentenary of Catholic schooling in Australia. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Faith In The Future". All families will receive a national prayer card and we invite you to pray this prayer with your families.

Please see a list of celebrations for the week:

Monday 8th March - Mufti day (No donation, no theme but we do ask that all children please wear sensible shoes!)

Tuesday 9th March - Please join us for a whole school Mass at 9am in the church. All students are to wear their full school uniform. Our 2021 RE Angels will be inducted at this Mass.

Thursday 11th March - Fr Suresh will join all classes for a talk about Catholic Schools Week and his vocation.

Friday 12th March - students will watch a reflection video "Catholic Education Celebrating 200 Years" featuring students, teachers and parents from Bethany. Please see QR Code below:

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Parish, Staff and Students at Bethany Catholic Primary School had the opportunity to share their love of being a part of a Catholic school.

Scan the QR code below to view the video.



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18E2x3YjWozrpJQp38LDvMhQ-3ki8pvYa/view?usp=sharing>

Faith in the future

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RE Angels

A huge congratulations to these children who were absolutely delighted to have been chosen to be the **RE Angels** for 2021. They will work closely with myself, Mrs Wakim and Fr Suresh this year to support all Religious Education celebrations and formation across the school. They will be formally inducted at the whole school Catholic Schools Week Mass on Tuesday 9th March at 9am.



RE Angels 2021

Class	Student	Class	Student
3W	Heidi Lloyd	5W	Alexander Holy
3B	Ivy de Leon	5B	Francesco Polimeni
3R	Cooper Almer	5R	Harry Almer
4W	Sarah Baker	6W	Isla Sultana
4B	Lara D'Agostino	6B	Isabella Holy
4R	Alejandro Flammia	6R	Elijah Clauna

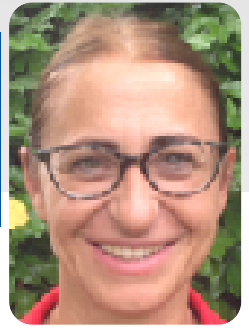
UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	
Sunday 7th March	Sunday Children's Mass 10am Year 2 leading	All welcome - hope to see you there!
Monday 8th March	Catholic Schools Week Mufti	There is no theme for this Mufti Day and no donations are required, however, please ensure students wear sensible shoes.
Tuesday 9th March	Whole School Mass 9am for Catholic Schools Week 2021 RE angels will be inducted	All students to be in their full school uniform please.
Wednesday 10th March	Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation Workshop 3 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Please ensure all students bring a pencil case.
Wednesday 17th March	Feast of St Patrick Green Mufti Day	Please bring a gold coin donation to go to Project Compassion Please ensure students are wearing sensible shoes

Blessings for a wonderful week,

Rebecca Lloyd REC

SPORT



Zone swimming team receiving their certificates



PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following swimmers who made it to the next level. The Parramatta Diocesan Carnival will be held on the **9th March at Blacktown.**

Go Bethany!!

Zane Duncan - 3R	Mateo Tangata-Toa - 4R	Elle Tangata-Toa - 6W
Nikola Marakovic - 3R	Alexander Holy - 5W	Rory Gately - 6B
Jude Dunn - 4R	Addison Finnimore - 5B	Logan Krahe - 6R
Brody Willmott - 4B	Isabella Gostlow - 5R	Charlotte Finnimore - 6W
Anna Coburn - 4W	Charli Seymour - 6W	Xavier Pizanis - 6R
Georgia Gately - 4R	Matilda Mobbs - 6W	Ashton Paduch - 6B



Mrs Neilly

SPORT

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY & FUN RUN

NEW DATE: Thursday 18th March. If you DO NOT give permission to attend the event at Ched Towns Reserve on this new date, please contact the school office on 4723 3700 or bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au

As you are aware our Cross Country and Fun Run will take place for students in Grades 2-6 on **Thursday 18 March 2021.**

Please note that current COVID19 restrictions as issued by Catholic Schools NSW means that unfortunately **parents other than those attending the carnival as official helpers are NOT PERMITTED** to attend such events.

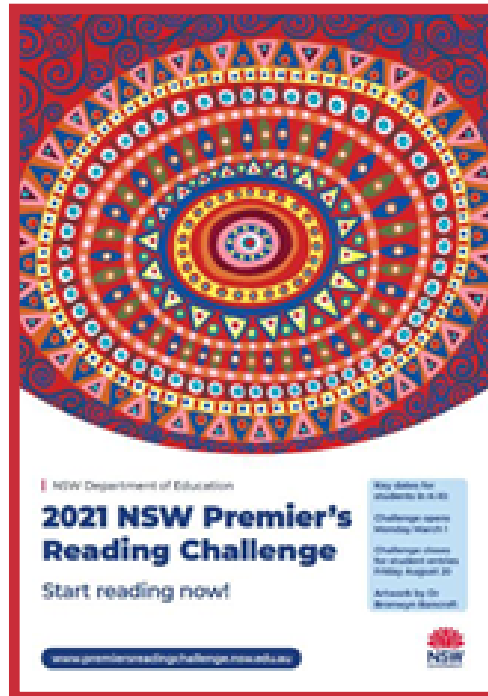
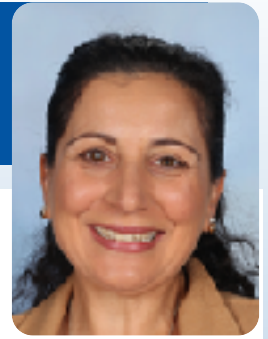
Mrs Neilly will be in contact with parents who have indicated that they are available to help shortly to advise of arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding.

An alert will go out closer to the date with any updated details.



LIBRARY



Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 2021

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 Premier in recognition of their achievement.

The Challenge runs from 1st March to 20th August 2021. For PRC rules and book lists please go to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website:

<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 2021 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.

Happy Reading!

Roseanne Liepa

Bethany Library

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 8th March	Catholic School's Week
Monday 8th March	Bethany Open Day 9:30am - 10:30am
Monday 8th March	2021 Parra Team Hockey Trials - Kingswood 4:00pm
Tuesday 9th March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Blacktown
Tuesday 9th March	Whole School CSW Mass - 9:00am
Wednesday 10th March	Bethany Open Day 9:30am - 10:30am and 1:45pm - 2:30pm
Friday 12th March	Bathurst Goldfields Excursion Year 5
Thursday 18th March	Bethany Cross Country & Fun Run Grades 2-6
Friday 19th March	2021 Parra Team Cricket Trials - Penrith
Monday 22nd March	NSWCPS Swimming - SOPAC
Wednesday 24th March	2021 Parra Team Touch Trials - St Marys 4:00pm
Friday 26th March	MACKILLOP AFL Trials - Wagga
Wednesday 31st March	NSWPSSA Swimming - SOPAC
Wednesday 31st March	NSWPSSA Diving
Thursday 1st April	Last day of Term 1

QKR INFORMATION

As we no longer accept cash / cheque payments we are pleased to inform you that Bethany now uses a secure payment app in order for parents/carers to make payments for school items (such as school bags, hats and library bags), representative sports and mufti day donations.

Please find below a helpful step-by-step guide on downloading the QKR app and registering your details under our school.




For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items
- See your receipts in the app and get them sent by email if required.



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Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first entered a prior school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby locations'

Search for our school name






Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select what you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay



Making payments

Adding to Scan to your wallet

At checkout, select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



COMMUNICATION

The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

05/3/21	Year 6 Sports Shirts Cross Country & Fun Run Update
04/03/21	Lowes Schoolwear Offer
03/03/21	Year 6 Leadership Day Premier's Reading Challenge 2021 Student Recognition Awards Assembly - Friday 5th March Guitar Club 4R Update Re: Ms Vion
02/03/21	UPDATE - Bethany Cross Country NEW DATE
25/02/21	Leadership Day Note Year 5 Bathurst Excursion Note
24/02/21	Automated SMS System Whole Absences
22/02/21	Bethany introduces QKR Secure Payment App



OPEN DAYS



Bethany Catholic Primary School **OPEN DAYS**

Monday 8th March 2021 at 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 9:30am-10:30am & 1:45pm-2.30pm

Please book for one of our tours at

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> Event code: 5dgha

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

We have limited places available in Grades 1-6

Join us for guided tours of Bethany hosted by the, Principal, Assistant Principal and Students

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 teachers in the areas of Music, Sport 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 4723 3700 for enrolment packs or visit our website

www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au for further information



OPEN DAYS



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BOOK YOUR SCHOOL TOUR NOW

We have limited places for our school tours on 8 -10 March. Visit our Eventbrite booking page to secure your tickets.

<https://cccopentours2021.eventbrite.com.au>

Parents and students in Year 5 & 6 are invited to tour our facilities and hear from our students why girls flourish here. See our, brand new, facilities and have all your questions answered.

OPEN DAYS



OPEN NIGHT

Tue 9 & Wed 10 March 2021

BOOK A COLLEGE TOUR NOW

  @PenolaEmuPlains P: 02 4728 8100 www.penolaemuplains.catholic.edu.au

Visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOZVZ> to book your tour



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 (First Round Offers) are due by Friday, 19th March 2021. Enrolment packs are available at your primary school office or by visiting the Catherine McAuley Westmead website.

The School Open Afternoon scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March 2021 has been cancelled. Instead the school is offering small group school tours over a number of days in early March. Book a place on a school tour by visiting the school website under Enrolment/Visit Our School.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au | Telephone: 9849 9100

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Glenmore Park Youth and Community Centre
1 - Town Terrace, Glenmore Park NSW 2755
2 - Fiddell Gym - 54/14-24 Barend Rd, Penrith NSW 2750



AFL SEASON LAUNCH

28/03/21

2pm to 5pm

Greygums Oval Cranebrook

Want to try AFL?

Come join us at Training!

Under 9 Mixed Thursday 5:30pm

Under 10 Girls Thursday 5:30pm

Under 11 Mixed Tuesday 5:30pm

Under 13 Boys Tuesday 5:30pm

Under 14 Girls Tues & Thurs 5pm

Under 15 Boys Tues & Thurs 5:30pm

Under 16 Girls Tues & Thurs 5pm



ST NICHOLAS NETBALL CLUB

- We have vacancies for girls turning 8 or 9 this year to play in our 9 year old Netball Team.
- Girls will play and train at Jamison Park Netball Courts
- They will play 10 am every Saturday
- If your daughter would like to play please text Kathy 0414 605 596 or email stnicholasnetball@gmail.com
- Information sheet available on our website
- <http://stnicholasnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

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On the days of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store.

Lowes will be enforcing social distancing with marshalls wearing hi-vis vests on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

Thank you for your support.

**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE
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*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 12/03/2021. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and returns only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.