

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 2| Week 6| Friday 28th May, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Last Sunday we celebrated the great feast of **Pentecost** marking the coming of the **Holy Spirit** into the world and the beginning of the Universal Church.

On Wednesday we came together as a school community to celebrate this feast with a special school liturgy and picnic attended by many families. It provided an opportunity to thank God for His gift of Spirit in our lives, the same Spirit that filled the disciples as they huddled, scared and lost in the upper room more than 2000 years ago.



As Sunday's scripture proclaims loud and clear – the coming of the Holy Spirit changed everything. It filled the disciples with spiritual gifts that transformed them from directionless individuals to people who were prepared to **"GO"** with love and service like Christ. This same Holy Spirit is given to us sacramentally at our **Baptism** and fortified through our **Confirmation**.

The Holy Spirit's presence shows itself in all who demonstrate its attributes of **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self-Control**.

- each of these Fruits of the Spirit are God's other names.

Just like on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is often present in the simple aspects and events of our everyday lives. The Spirit's presence can often be hard for us to comprehend and recognise as it acts as our **counsellor, friend and comforter** guiding us to discern what is **true, good** and **important**.

-With the Holy Spirit, God is near, Christ is present, and the Gospel is lived-

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Pascale Joseph

It was announced this week that Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has appointed **Pascale Joseph** to the position of **Principal** at **St Oliver's Primary School, Harris Park** commencing in Term 3.

Pascale has been the Assistant Principal of Bethany Catholic Primary School since 2017. Her gifts, talents and strengths are extensive and her leadership contribution to the Bethany school community profound.

Pascale is a person of great dedication, personal integrity and conviction. At the heart of her approach to her vocation is her deep and integrated Catholic faith. She seeks out the good in everyone and strives to be the authentic face of Christ to students, staff and families.

One of Pascale's great skills is in building reciprocal relationships based on trust and mutual respect. As a school leader, Pascale is absolutely committed to enabling each student to challenge themselves to strive for their personal best.

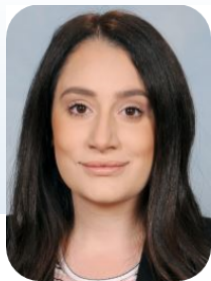
Pascale has co-led Bethany with distinction. I know that you will join me in thanking Pascale for her exceptional contribution to our community and wish her every blessing on her richly deserved appointment.

The process of selecting a new Assistant Principal for Bethany will commence shortly and the outcome of this will be communicated, once finalised.

Go gently this week,

Sergio Rosato





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you".

(Jn 20:21)

This week we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, a very special day for Christians. We honor this day with great solemnity and festivity. This event concludes the season of Easter and marks the beginning of the Church. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem.

The biblical witnesses show us that the most robust hope emerges out of times of traumatic suffering. The Acts of the Apostles and John's Gospel are a good example of a biblical witness when the Spirit came amidst painful reality. The story of Pentecost in both readings pictures the Spirit animating the disciples who have been "cocooning" behind closed doors in the Upper Room, empowering them not only to talk in a variety of languages, but also to continue the vocation of Jesus in increasingly wider fields of ministry. Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you. (Jn 20:21).

Just as Jesus' words "Peace be with you" must have given the disciples much comfort and solace that eventful day in the Upper Room, these are words that should comfort us during days of trial and uncertainty. Fear is all-pervasive in our world and in our lives. Despite this, the Day of Pentecost calls us to imagine what accepting this outpouring of the Holy Spirit might look like in our lives today. If we allow ourselves to imagine something new, something fresh, something holy, then anything is possible.

How then can we best serve as Christ's disciples, witnesses to the Gospel message when a new outflow of heavenly fire will give us the courage, language and power that we need to make our society and the world in which we live what our faith and love envision?

In answer to this question, we are called to be peacemakers, to aid in conflict-resolution between people and groups that harbour resentments and ill-will towards one another in our polarized society. We are called to fight against injustice and oppression, to act to bring positive change to systems that are discriminatory and which prevent people from being all that they can be in life. We are called to love and forgive others, working in ways that raise each other up and bring about the joy that is inherent in our salvation.

This is a tall order and our calling on Pentecost Day!

Thank God for the gift of the Spirit.

Holy Spirit,

We thank You for the special powers and abilities You have given to us. You are the source of the many different spiritual gifts that You distribute to believers so that we can help each other and build up the church. Empower us, we pray, with Your gifts of teaching, miracles, healing, helping others, leadership and more! But most of all, empower us to love You with all our heart, soul and mind and to love others as we love ourselves.

Amen.

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Sunday Children's Mass

Thank you so much for your ongoing support with our Sunday Children's Masses. They have been a huge success and it is so beautiful to watch the children participate in the Mass so reverently and with such pride.

Our next Sunday Children's Mass will be held on Sunday 6th June at 10am. Year 1 and Year 5 will be leading this Mass. We hope you can join us for a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist.

Parish Mass

Year 2 will attend Parish Mass on Friday 28th May at 9am.

Year 1 will attend Parish Mass on Friday 4th June at 9am.

You are more than welcome to join the children for these Masses with the parish community.

Blessings for a wonderful week,

Rebecca Lloyd REC

EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
KW	Parker Lynch	For improvement in his writing skills.
	Jonathan Finn	For his eager attitude towards reading.
	Sienna Pantelas	For her persistence towards challenging tasks.
	Scarlett Lindsey	For always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning.
KR	Dylan Flaherty	For his consistent effort when learning mathematical concepts.
	Sebastian Ingrassia	For always having a go during class discussions.
	Ruby Magnoli	For improvement with her reading.
	Ruby Hicks	For always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning.
KB	Lukas Borlongan	For providing valuable contributions during class discussions.
	Blake Finn	For his improved effort with his writing.
	Liliana Burnett	For always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning.
	Hannah Kilpatrick	For her persistence towards challenging tasks.
1W	Luna Doyle	For her enthusiastic approach to her learning.
	Lochlan La	For giving every task a go.
	Jacob Jare	For his positive effort in all Key Learning Areas.
	Isla Duncan	For her improved effort with her writing.
1R	Ayvree Pitkin	For improved effort in Writing and attending to the task at hand.
	Axel Thompson	For his increased effort whilst writing.
	Olivia Voyce	For demonstrating a positive attitude as a learner in all areas of the curriculum.
	Alicia Dickson	For becoming more confident in answering questions during discussions.

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Class	Student	Reason
1B	Antonio Cuttonaro	For his improved effort in all Key Learning Areas.
	Natalya Martin	For her attention to detail when writing sentences.
	Isla Ellingsworth	For always trying her best in all Key Learning Areas.
	Isla Misso	For her conscientious attitude and positive approach to her learning in all Key Learning Areas.
2W	Zac Barron	For his desire to challenge himself in his learning and enhance the quality of his work.
	Samuel Tabor	For demonstrating resilience when taking risks with his learning and embracing challenges.
	Jett Ward	For showing compassion to his peers.
	Harlow Pollock	For her desire to challenge herself in her learning and enhance the quality of her work.
2R	Eilish Ward	For enormous effort and progress in Reading.
	Alexander Farrugia	For detailed responses in oral comprehension tasks.
	Isabella Caruana	For developing in confidence by joining into whole class activities.
	Mathayus Andreatta	For including factual details in Writing.
2B	Levi Wade	For his efforts to challenge himself in learning, especially in Writing.
	Charlotte Todd	For her positive attitude and increased willingness to seek assistance to improve her learning, especially in Mathematics.
	Olivia Langmack	For her conscientious and positive attitude to her learning at all times.
	Mia De Haan	For her positive attitude to her learning at all times.

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Class	Student	Reason
3W	Isabella Fabiano	For taking on feedback to improve her writing.
	Nate Culbert	For taking on feedback to improve his writing.
	Sienna Dinaro	For taking on feedback to improve her writing.
	Nuwindi Dayarathna	For taking on feedback to improve her writing.
3R	Luchea Clements	For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning and always being a helpful student in class.
	Seth Flood	For his positive attitude towards learning and enthusiasm in engaging in challenging literacy tasks.
	Leah Maviglia	For her caring and compassionate nature and communicating with others in a polite and considerate manner.
	Ashur Slewa	For showing resilience and dedication to his learning.
3B	Beau Wright	For thorough and detailed research, and a clear explanation and justification of his ideas in his Science presentation.
	Sofia Siracusa	For her positive attitude and increased willingness to seek assistance and take risks to improve her learning.
	Lily Power	For her conscientious attitude and approach to her learning in all Key Learning Areas.
	Sebastian-Neil Earl	For his efforts to challenge himself in his learning in Writing.
4W	Koby Ellingsworth	For his consistent attitude towards learning in all Key Learning Areas.
	Maddison Fretton-Lee	For always demonstrating a happy and enthusiastic approach to her learning.
	Ryan Lin	For always taking part in all Key Learning Areas with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.
	Alana Tagudin	For displaying a consistent and positive attitude towards her learning.

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Class	Student	Reason
4R	Gracie Boules	For committed effort during maths workshops and activities.
	Nathan Farrugia	For seeking clarification when unsure of tasks to help bump up his learning.
	Abigail Felice	For consistently providing thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
	Chelsea Soper	For excellent expression during reading groups.
4B	Sophia Marakovic	For continued enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions in Shared Reading.
	Elle Wakeham	For seeking and implementing feedback and feedforward in writing tasks.
	Alex Sekulovski	For demonstrating perseverance in writing and editing a book review.
	Ilaria Flammia	For her conscientious effort in all Key Learning Areas.
5W	Talen Russo	For demonstrating resilience when attempting challenging tasks in all Key Learning Areas.
	Kori Rawiri-Allen	For demonstrating initiative and hard work on self initiated tasks.
	Laura Whitton	For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards all learning tasks and using feedback to improve the quality of her work.
	Jacinta Devaise	For consistently applying a conscientious attitude to all Key Learning Areas.
5R	Dante Williams	For being a focussed student with a positive attitude towards his learning.
	Callum Daggar	For being an enthusiastic student who is determined to solve problems.
	Jaimee Pearce	For consistently trying her best in all Key Learning Areas.
	Isabella Gostlow	For always displaying a positive attitude to her learning.

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Class	Student	Reason
5B	Gemma Phelan	For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning and always being a helpful student in class.
	Natasha King	For her conscientious effort in all Key Learning Areas.
	Dominic Anteck	For always displaying a positive attitude towards his learning.
	Levi Jones	For demonstrating perseverance when faced with challenging tasks.
6W	Gememlee Manansala	For displaying a positive attitude towards all areas of her learning.
	Andrew Coyle	For being an active participant in all class discussions.
	Matilda Mobbs	For always participating in all Key Learning Areas with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.
	Johnny Pepper	For his conscientious efforts in all Key Learning Areas.
6R	Yvette Naudi	For demonstrating perseverance in completing Mathematics tasks.
	Elijah Clauna	For demonstrating perseverance when attempting and completing Mathematics tasks.
	Emilee Atkins	For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards all learning tasks and using feedback to improve the quality of her work.
	Mikayla	For demonstrating an outstanding effort during independent readers response tasks each week.
6B	Isabella Holy	For consistently demonstrating an excellent attitude towards her learning.
	Emily Lloyd	For always giving her best and trying to improve in her learning.
	Madelynne Webb	For showing a more focused attitude towards her learning.
	Erica Maviglia	For consistent effort in all Key Learning Areas.

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	Stage	Student	Reason
Sport	Early Stage 1	Ruby Magnoli	For following instructions in Sport time and displaying good ball skills.
	Stage 1	Mia Gorgievski	For displaying enthusiasm and skill in Sport.
	Stage 2	Amber Hay	For great ball skills and always showing respect towards others.
	Stage 3	Logan Spiteri	For always being willing to help in Sport time and displaying good ball skills.

	Stage	Student	Reason
Italian	Early Stage 1	Paxton Hsu	For counting to 30 in Italian so confidently.
	Stage 1	Xavier Riskalla	For demonstrating an outstanding effort in Italian lessons and doing extra work at home.
	Stage 2	Mason Ranieri	For consistently displaying a positive attitude towards all learning in Italian and using feedback to improve the quality of his work.
	Stage 3	Valerio Flammia	For demonstrating an outstanding effort in Italian lessons and producing high quality work.

	Stage	Student	Reason
Music	Early Stage 1	Naomi Gerges	For always trying her best with every task.
	Stage 1	Lola White	For always displaying enthusiasm for every task and encouraging others.
	Stage 2	Amelie Carroll	For always displaying a high standard of work in music, dance and drama.
	Stage 3	Gabriella Oxford	For displaying exceptional skills in dance.

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IN CHRIST WE LOVE AND SERVE AWARD

Class	Student	Reason
6B	Isabelle Smith	For displaying the qualities of servant leadership through her unconditional service, supporting the teachers as well as her peers without needing to be asked.
6R	Valerio Flammia	For his patience and respect when working with his buddy.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2021

On Wednesday 19th May the Bethany students went to Blair Oval at St Marys for a funfilled day of athletics. Children participated in track and field events as well as many exciting novelties. Many parents and grandparents came along to cheer and support their children. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the day ran smoothly. Many students received ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their events and it was so wonderful to see such admirable sportsmanship and everyone trying their very best. After the completion of all the events, Year 6 led their house colours with some very enthusiastic chants during a War Cry competition.

Congratulations to the winning house colour for the 2021 Bethany Athletics Carnival; the Blue team!

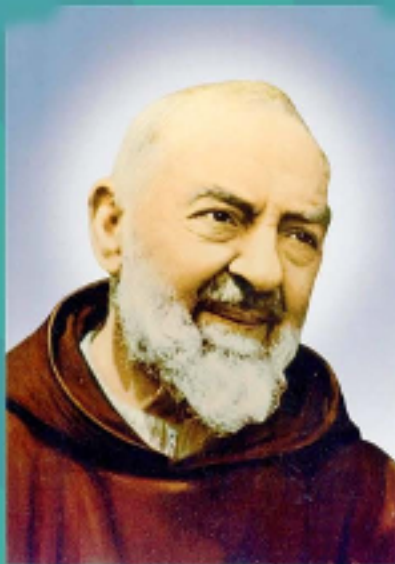
A huge thank you to Mrs Neilly, Mrs Gibson and all the staff and parent helpers who worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

St. Padre Pio Parish

34 - 38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 30 May 2021

SPECIAL MASS TIMES

Novena to St. Padre Pio followed by
Mass to St Padre Pio at 1:00pm
& *special blessings with St Padre Pio relic*
Followed by afternoon tea.

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A Triduum with the Novena Prayer to St Padre Pio and Mass
will take place prior to Sunday birthday celebrations:

Friday 28 May 9.00am - Novena Prayers & Mass

Saturday 29 May 9.00am - Novena Prayers & Mass

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We turn our thoughts and prayers to **Padre Pio** on the day of his birth.
Come and receive special blessings through the intercession of **St Padre Pio**.
Everyone is welcome, especially those experiencing life challenges.

Please share the information with your family and friends.
Please call the Parish Office on (02) 4789 2232
for further enquiries.

SKOOLBAG INSTRUCTIONS



BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Download Bethany's Skoolbag App

Make sure you are kept in the loop with upcoming alerts, information and events at Bethany.

DOWNLOAD BETHANY'S SKOOLBAG APP STRAIGHT TO YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET DEVICE

Following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".



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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.

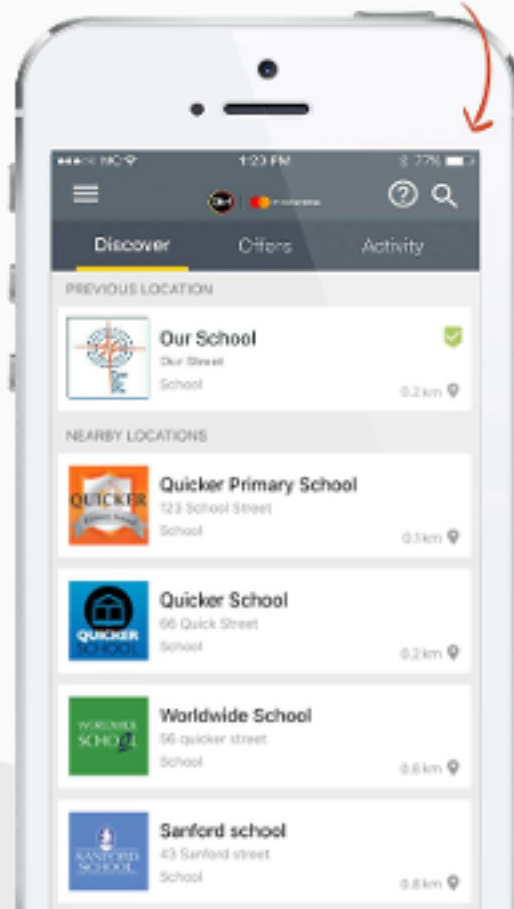
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our 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



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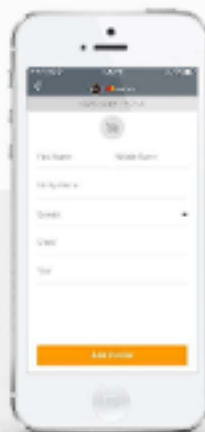


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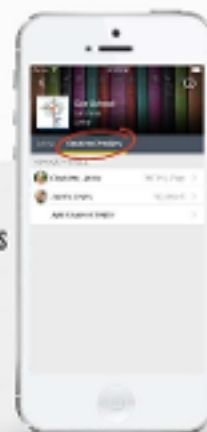
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



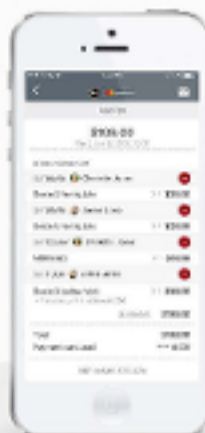
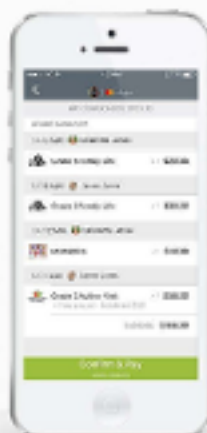
Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards 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.

OTHER MATTERS

CAR PARK SAFETY



In order to ensure the safety of all in our community, particularly children we request that you exercise close attention and patience when driving in the school car park at all times.

- It is important that children are closely supervised (by holding their hands) when moving about the carpark.
- Motorists should exercise great care when parking and exiting, remain attentive for pedestrians and maintain a safe speed at all times whilst in the carpark.
- As a courtesy please park within the parking lines to ensure that other drivers can get out of their cars safely.

School Permission Notes :

We wish to advise you that we are changing the way that permission notes are delivered to you.

School permission notes such as excursion notes will be distributed to families in a digital form on **Skoolbag**. An **eform** link will be attached to the skoolbag notification allowing parents/carers to complete and return it to the school automatically.

In order to access the **eform** through the **Skoolbag** app we are asking all parents/carers to make sure that they are subscribed to their **child's current grade**. This can be done by following the step-by-step instructions listed below.

Instructions to subscribe Skoolbag to a specific grade/grades:

1. Select "Groups"
2. Click "Edit Subscription Groups"
3. Select the grade or grades for which you would like to receive notifications

NB: If you are unable to access the **Skoolbag** app, but receive notifications through email, notes will be attached for you to print and once completed it can be returned to your child's teacher via your child.

School Fees:

REMINDER – school fees were due on Wednesday 26th May. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Wendy Vincent or send an email to:

bthy-glmpfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you

Wendy Vincent

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 1st June	CARES - 4B
Tuesday 1st June	Girls Basketball - Cambridge Park
Tuesday 1st June	11's Rugby League - Kiama
Wednesday 2nd June	Girls Basketball - Cambridge Park
Wednesday 2nd June	11's Rugby League - Kiama
Thursday 3rd June	Girls Basketball - Cambridge Park
Thursday 3rd June	Rugby League - Kiama
Tuesday 8th June	NSWCPSCCC Cross Country - Eastern Creek
Thursday 10th June	Mackillop Softball Trials - Panania
Thursday 24th June	Last day of Term 2 for students
Friday 25th June	Staff Development Day



COMMUNICATION

The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

27/5/21	Year 1 & 5 Children's Mass - 6th June 2021
26/5/21	PM Readers
26/5/21	Announcement from Mr Rosato
24/5/21	Pentecost Picnic Canteen Lunch Special - Wednesday 26th May 5R CARES Excursion 4B CARES Excursion
21/5/21	Birthday celebrations for St Padre Pio - Sunday 30th May 2021
20/5/21	School permission notes sent via Skoolbag
17/5/21	School Car Park Safety

