

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

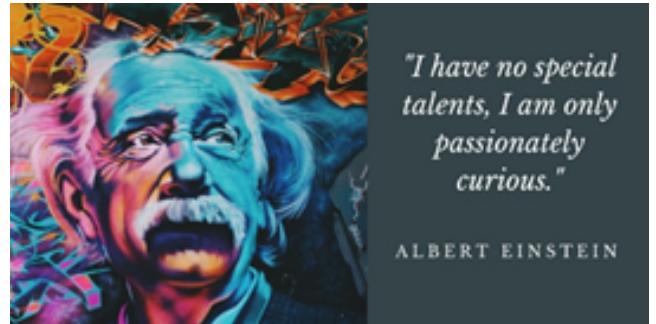


Dear Bethany Families,

Last week families would have received information regarding the **Bethany Learning Conferences** that will take place during the last two weeks of term. The Conferences provide a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss and celebrate effort and progress in learning as well as goal-setting for next semester.

The inclusion of students in these Conferences is incredibly beneficial and powerful in strengthening the purpose of these meetings - **they are, after all, about them and their learning.**

As we enter into this time of celebrating the learning gains made by each student I am reminded of **Albert Einstein** who once said that he did not believe that he was that smart, but he did believe that he was **passionately curious**.



This **curiosity** is at the heart of all good learning. Our collective job is to **model, encourage** and **foster** this spirit of curiosity. Curiosity sparks **imagination** and **creative thinking**. Being curious hinges to a great extent on **active listening** and **asking better questions** rather than jumping straight to conclusions.

Learning often involves a large amount of **trial and error** as well as conceptual **reasoning** and **visualization**. Einstein made numerous discoveries that his more technically able colleagues missed due

largely to the fact that his **persistence** and **curiosity** led him to make **more mistakes** and to **learn from these**.

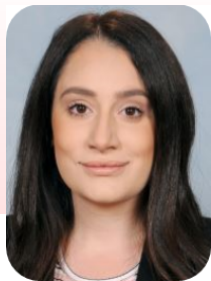
It is through **nurturing** this **sense of curiosity** in learning and in others that children and ourselves are brought into direct contact with **God and His graces**.

I share with you an excerpt from a prayer, which beautifully encapsulates the sacred privilege that we all have as parents and teachers.

**Blessed are they who engage not in comparison
of their child with others,
for precious unto each is the rhythm of one's own individuality and growth.**

(from Beatitudes for Parents by Marion E Kinneman)

Until next time,
Sergio Rosato
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



On the Thursday or Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church.

In Latin, Corpus Christi means Body of Christ. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith!

Saint John Vianney was right when he said: “If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy”.

The Eucharist is such a fundamental aspect of our faith but unfortunately, one that we can easily take for granted. It is said that if Angels could envy humans, they would envy our ability to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, Christ is closer to us than ever! We should never take this precious gift for granted. “How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him. You touch Him. You eat Him. He gives Himself to you that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment.”

Saint John Chrysostom

Corpus Christi Prayer

Let us pray

for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist, Lord Jesus Christ,

we worship you living among us

in the sacrament of your body and blood.

May we offer to our Father in heaven

a solemn pledge of undivided love.

May we offer to our brothers and sisters

a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments

This Sacrament is open to children in Year 5 and older who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. All enrolments must be received by the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 13th July. Forms are available in the Parish Office as well as the Bethany school office.

Parish Mass

Kindy and Year 6 will attend Parish Mass on Friday 18th 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

Mrs Lloyd

SPORT



Athletics Carnival Years 2 - 6

Here are the OVERALL results (1st - 4th place) for the Athletics carnival on the TRACK and those who were in the FIELD event FINALS on the day.

The first 2 place getters for each event will be going to Zone next term in August.



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
800m Senior Male	Lucas V	Logan K	Logan P	Jackson C
800m Senior Female	Eva S	Amelia R	Mikayla A	Emilee A
800m Junior (8,9,10) Male	Josiah G	Jett W	Harrison V	Jude D
800m Junior (8,9,10) Female	Lilly D	Briana G	Harper A	Charlotte O
800m 11yrs Male	Dominic A	Xavier M	Harry A	Fletcher B
800m 11 yrs Female	Harlow J	Analise G	Sophie B	Scarlett A
100m 8 yrs Male	Brooklyn T	Jett W	Braxton L	Mathayus A
100m 8 yrs Female	Equal Alysha C Equal Charlotte O	-	Achik D	Ellie M
100m 9 yrs Male	Mateo T	Nate C	Cruz D	Zane D
100m 9 yrs Female	Jayda F	Briana G	Heidi L	Ivy S
100m 10 yrs Male	Jake C	Mason R	Brayden F	Jude D
100m 10 yrs Female	Harper A	Sarah B	Addison F	Lilly D
100m 11 yrs Male	Talen R	Equal Fletcher B Equal Zachary C	Jaxon T	Cohen W
100m 11 yrs Female	Harlow J	Analise G	Eden A	Sophie B
100m 12 yrs Male	Zachary M	Dominic V	Logan P	Jackson C
100m 12 yrs Female	Eva S	Amelia R	Mikayla A	Imogen
100m 13 yrs Male	Jacob B	-	-	-
200m Junior (8,9,10) Male	Jude D	Mitchell C	Zane D	Marco C

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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
200m Junior (8,9,10) Female	Charlotte O	Harper A	Sarah B	Sophie P
200m 11 yrs Male	Talen R	Jaxon T	Zachary C	Riley P
200m 11 yrs Female	Analise G	Harlow J	Eden A	Sophie B
200m Senior Male	Logan P	Dominic V	Brent G	Zachary M
200m Senior Female	Eva S	Amelia R	Mikayla A	Yvette N
Long Jump Junior (8,9,10) Male	Zane D	Mason R	Jude D	Equal Caleb C Equal Marco C
Long Jump Junior (8,9,10) Female	Harper A	Francesca V	Mia Magnoli	Ivy S
Long Jump 11 yrs Male	Jaxon T	Xavier M	Talen R	Levi W
Long Jump 11 yrs Female	Harlow J	Analise G	Eden A	Scarlett A
Long Jump Senior Male	Zachary M	Brent G	Dominic V	Jacob B
Long Jump Senior Female	Eva S	Amelia R	Mikayla A	Yvette N
Long Jump Senior AWD	Matilda M	-	-	-
Shot Put Junior (8,9,10) Male	Ryan N	Josiah G	Zane D	Chayse T
Shot Put Junior (8,9,10) Female	Indy S	Addison F	Anna C	Mia Magnoli
Shot Put 11 yrs Male	Talen R	Cohen W	Bradley T	Mason C
Shot Put 11 yrs Female	Harlow J	Aaliyah R	Emerie G	Isabel F
Shot Put Senior Male	Joshua S	Brent G	Dominic V	Rory G
Shot Put Senior Female	Eva S	Erica M	Melissa B	Elle T
Shot Put AWD Senior Female	Matilda M	-	-	-

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Parramatta Team trials - SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Isabella Gostlow (5R) and Francesca Vella (4B) in trialing and making the Parramatta Diocese Softball team. Best of Luck at the Mackillop trials!



Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day



On the 26th May 2021, Bethany put forward a Stage 3 Girls team to compete in a Gala day at Jamison Park, Penrith.

The girls had a wonderful day competing against a number of schools in their pool.

The results from the day were: Lost 1, 0-0 for 3 games and won 3 games. Bethany is proud of you!

I would like to thank Mrs Gibson for taking care of the team and all the parents who helped her coach on the day!

Thank you to Lucas Hader from St Dominic's who refereed on behalf of our school.

THOR Mascot Visit

On Friday 21st May, I organised for the Sydney Thunder's **THOR** Mascot to visit our K-2 classes.

I hope the students had fun practicing their ball skills with Thor!



Keeping Warm on Sport Days

The temperature has dropped and it is cold outside. Please ensure that your child is dressed warm and has layers on for their sport days!



Mrs Neilly

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 23rd June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day - GOLD - Penrith
Thursday 24th June	Last day of Term 2 for students
Friday 25th June	Staff Development Day
Monday 12th July	First Day Term 3
Thursday 15th July	NSW PSSA Cross Country - Eastern Creek
Wednesday 21st July	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day - Penrith
Friday 23rd July	Stage 3 Touch Football Boys & Girls - Gold
Friday 30th July	Stage 2 Touch Football
Monday 9th August	CARES - 6R
Tuesday 10th August	CARES - 6W
Thursday 12th August	Nepean Zone Athletics - Blacktown



COMMUNICATION

The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

4/6/21 Student Supervision - Mornings

3/6/21 Bethany Learning Conferences and Semester 1 Reports



ATTENDANCE

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify the school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using the one-time link that is sent to you via SMS if your child is absent
2. Email the school at bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Telephone the school office on 4723 3700
4. Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe. With the Automated SMS message system in place at Bethany, Unexplained Absence letters will no longer be sent.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

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