

# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 4 | Week 8 | Friday 26th November, 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year and the start of **Advent**. This liturgical season consists of four Sundays starting with the Sunday closest to November 30th.

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 dignity and great power -- a king or emperor. For Christians, **Advent** is the **time when we prepare** for the threefold coming of Jesus Christ - past, present and future.

In the song **Living Proof** by the musician Bruce Springsteen he sings about the transformational joy of discovering the purity of **LOVE** as he watches the birth of his first child. Any parent who has been present at the nativity of their child can certainly relate to this life-changing event.

**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.**

Advent reminds us that **God's living proof of Himself** was not done in an abstract way but through the reality of His incarnation as a fledgling baby in a stable.

As Christians our mission is to bring the message of Christ to others in our daily encounters in real and practical ways inspired of the Good News. As St Francis says, "**Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words**".

By doing so we touch the heart of the real meaning of the Christmas season.

Until next time,  
Sergio Rosato



Image: Our Lady of the Southern Cross  
Artist: Paul Newton - 2008

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of what has been a very unusual year I can't help but feel like we have only just begun again! The students have settled back into face to face learning and the teachers have been working hard to check in on student well being, relationships and learning needs. Together, they are making the most of every single moment to maximise teaching and learning.

You will have received a phone call from your child's teacher recently to let you know how they have been travelling back in the classroom and to set a goal for them going forward.

We are all very aware that much in our "normal" lives changed during the five months of lockdown and although the teachers are ensuring school is back to as "normal" as possible there are a few things that we just cannot avoid. One challenge that we are faced with is the Semester 2 reports.

Usually at this time of the year, teachers have worked closely with each and every one of their students for close to six months. They would have had personal encounters each and every day with the children in their class. They would have collected assessment data, taken anecdotal notes, made detailed observations and been a part of their students' everyday interactions. All teachers would be highly informed and confident to report on their students' independent learning achievements and effort across all seven Key Learning Areas. Unfortunately, due to remote learning whilst in lockdown, the teachers missed thirteen weeks to collect this valuable information and thus teachers are now limited on what they can professionally report on accurately and precisely.

Therefore the 2021 Semester 2 report will look very different to other years. Teachers will report on Religious Education, English and Mathematics. There will be two comments that describe some aspect of the learning your child has demonstrated throughout the semester for each of these Key Learning Areas. Teachers will describe the Learner Qualities that each child displays and there will be a general comment.

The 2022 Semester 1 reports will go back to normal, be much more extensive and include grades and efforts for all Key Learning Areas.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we continue to navigate these challenges together.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

**Mrs Lloyd**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Students at Bethany have begun learning about Advent in their Religious Education lessons. This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent, marking the period of preparation before the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas Day. The following is an overview of current student learning in Religious Education.

Students in **Kindergarten** have been discussing the concept of 'waiting' and the feelings associated with waiting. They have learned that Mary and Joseph waited for the birth of Jesus and explored the scripture from Luke of The Visitation.

**Year 1** students have continued to explore how to develop their relationship with God by identifying how Jesus is their friend. They listed ways that they can live like Jesus and created an Advent calendar based on ways to be kind to others.

Students in **Year 2** have been putting their creative skills to use to portray God's everlasting love in scripture from the Old and New Testaments. This will continue to be explored as students make connections between this concept and the promise fulfilled at Christmas.

As **Year 3** continue to explore their overarching question for the term 'How does prayer help us understand important events in the liturgical year?', they have investigated scripture to extend their learning about prayer and mission as we approach the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.

**Year 4** have begun to explore the scripture used during the season of Advent this liturgical cycle as well as Advent symbols such as the Advent Wreath and the meaning of each candle lit during each of the Sundays in Advent.

Students in **Year 5** are investigating Advent as a time of preparation. Students are reading scripture from the Old and New Testaments as well as looking at symbols used during Advent.

**Year 6** students are looking at the concept of Advent being a time of hope. They are using their learning about Mission to help understand how they can develop their devotion to God during this liturgical season.



**Mrs Wakim**

**Mrs Baldacchino**

# SPORT



TRANSFORMING LEARNING



## 2022 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2022 Information For Parents

### 2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. **Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.**

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that **MUST** demonstrate an **ABOVE AVERAGE** ability, **HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT** or in particular sports demonstrate **REPRESENTATIVE** playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open Boys/girls combined team	16 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
AFL Girls	Girls	Term One 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Basketball	Boys & girls teams	4 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Cricket	Boys & girls teams	29 April 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	4 April 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Football (Soccer)	Boys & girls teams	15 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Golf	Boys & girls teams	1st August 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Hockey	Boys & girls teams	14 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Netball	Open Boys/girls combined team	7 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby League	U12's Boys/girls combined team	9 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby League	U11's Boys/girls combined team	9 March 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Rugby 7's	Girls	9 August 2022	Nominations Open in 2022	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal in 2022
Rugby Union	Open Boys/girls combined team	27 April 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Softball	Boys & girls teams	4 May 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Thursday 10th February 2022
Tennis	Boys & girls teams	4 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Tuesday 1st February 2022
Touch	Boys & girls teams	16 February 2022	Open 23 Nov 2021	Friday 5th February 2022

# SPORT CONTINUED

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## 2022 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2022 Information For Parents

### 2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November**

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form** must be completed. The registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the website **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT** [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)  
Go to the "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "Primary Sport Expression of Interest Registration Form".

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per student, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

#### **APPROVALS PROCESS**

This online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the student's school**. For the student to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a student be eligible to trial if the 2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date..

#### **PARRAMATTA TRIALS**

Students that are **approved to attend** will receive a Primary Sport Team Sport Trial Information sheet and consent form will be provided when we have more clearer guidelines for the trials. For APPROVED students, there is a team trial cost involved with the trials and **payment is to be made to the school prior to attendance at 2022 trials and NOT at the trials**  
**FULL DAY TRIALS** - Tennis, Boys Cricket & Boys Soccer.

**HALF DAY TRIALS** - Rugby League, Rugby Union, Basketball & Netball.

**AFTERNOON SCHOOL TRIALS** - All other sports will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and netball a maximum of two students are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of these students will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought to the CEDP Teaching Educator Primary Sport.

- The teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" – not a coach.
- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Students need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.

#### **MACKILLOP TRIAL**

Mackillop Trials include students from Canberra/Goulburn, Parramatta, Sydney, Wagga Wagga & Wollongong dioceses. The main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure. Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for students representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan Mackillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.

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## 2022 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2022 Information For Parents

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#### **NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Students who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Students selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports. Note that in Rugby League U11 Years, there is no state team selected.

#### **SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSA State selection.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the** registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the website **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT** [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

Go to the "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "[Primary Sport Expression of Interest Registration Form](#)".

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) and the [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook](#).

**SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close Tuesday 1st February 2022.**

**ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Thursday 10th February 2022.**

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sport Pathway program..

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

# 2021 BETHANY TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday night we held the Bethany Swimming Carnival. It was a wonderful event which ran seamlessly and all the children had so much fun. A huge thank you to the Bethany staff but especially to Mrs Neilly and Mrs Gibson for all their hard work and preparation to organise the night.

Here are some thoughts about the swimming carnival from some Year 5 students:

By Alexander Holy: I felt excited but nervous at the same time because I didn't know if I was going to win or lose but I also felt excited because I wanted to race the other people. I love swimming! I came first in breaststroke and backstroke and second in freestyle.

By Emma Wallis: I honestly feel nervous every time I go to the swimming carnival because I don't know what is going to happen. I love it every time though, because it is so much fun! I have won for the 1st time and the last time in freestyle and so I am very happy with myself. Everyone else did amazing!

By Isabella Gostlow: I felt quite nervous, although I have done lots of carnivals in my life. I still feel scared before every race but after a few races I feel better and more confident. I love to swim and once I even represented the Parramatta Diocese. I love swimming and it is so much fun!



# LIBRARY

## End of Year Scholastic Book Fair at Bethany

Thursday 25th November until Thursday 2nd December

Stock up on some cool reading to enjoy during the hot summer holidays.

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions, parents will not be able to attend the Book Fair but all students will have a nominated **Browsing Day** and **Shopping Day**.

The arrangements for this year's Book Fair at Bethany are as follows.

\* All students will have the opportunity to browse the books on a **Browsing Day** nominated for their year group.

\* Students can write the titles of the books that interest them on their Student Wish List and take this list home to discuss with parents.

\* Parents who want their child to purchase books from their Wish List, can use Scholastic's online payment system to pay the amount they would like them to spend at the Fair. Please note: with this online payment system there is no facility to select a specific book title. [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment)

(Choose Book Fair payments)

\* Parents record the payment receipt number and the amount paid on the Wish List and return it to school in a sealed envelope with the student's name and class.

\* On the **Shopping Day** nominated for their year group, students bring their sealed envelope to the Fair to collect their books. In the event of us running out of popular titles, Scholastic will organise backordered books to arrive at school the following week.

**All payments will need to be made online. Eftpos facilities will not be available.**

**Cash or cheque payments cannot be made.**

Year Group	Browsing Day	Shopping Day
Kindergarten	Friday 26th November	Tuesday 30th November
Year 1	Monday 29th November	Wednesday 1st December
Year 2	Friday 26th November	Tuesday 30th November
Year 3	Monday 29th November	Wednesday 1st December
Year 4	Friday 26th November	Tuesday 30th November
Year 5	Monday 29th November	Wednesday 1st December
Year 6	Thursday 25th November	Thursday 2nd December

**Any student who forgets to bring their payment details on their year group's Shopping Day will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday 2nd December.**

**Family payment:** Parents wanting to make one online payment to cover all children in the family:

\* Place Wish Lists for all children in one family envelope.

\* Indicate on the front of the envelope the name and class of each child in the family and the amount each child has to spend depending on the titles from their Wish List they are purchasing.

\* If opting to do this, please send the Family Envelope to school with the first child in your family to have a Shopping Day, as indicated in the table above.

Please contact Mrs Emmett in the library for any further information.

**Mrs Emmett**

# EFFORT IN LEARNING AWARDS

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
KW	Banipal Slewa	1W	Cody Ward	2W	Isabelle Psaila
	Elijah Bhandoo		Aurelia Beaston		Charlotte Richards
	Arayah Cook		Yasindi Dayarathna		Niamh Carroll
	Sariah Shrestha		Jayden Finn		Mason Mercia
	Erica Sierra		James Trikoulis		Udeep Rimal
	Evey Cromar		Kian		Zor Brar
	Theodore Bui		Charbel Romanous		Sienna Smith
	Makenzie Webb		Natalie de Leon		Nicholas Hamilton
KR	Jameson Cook	1R	Lucas Okulicz	2R	Mikayla Fajloun
	Tyler Wilson		Joshua Gostlow		Addison Stevenson
	Jordan Lawler		Mason Norman		Zara Small
	Thea Thompson		Lexie Harris		Eden Choi
	Eva Grbin		Avik Bhowmik		Indiana Dewhurst
	Adau Dau		Mia Brown		Cooper Ellis
	Lara Holmes		Sophia DeBono		Noah Holden
	Jaeah Shin		Owen McDonagh		Agniv Jaidev
KB	Eli Coburn	1B	Archer Misso	2B	Zach Michael
	Sienna Collins		Amelia Rauth		Charlotte Okulicz
	Bryson Burns		Alex Fox		Jeramie Hodge
	Emma McElroy		Jade Melville		Christian Anteck
	Phoebe Greener		Zayne Azzopardi		Manraj Singh
	Mitchell Kruba		Beau Ciampi		Holly Cleary
	Matilda Higgins		Amelie Sutton		Braith Gosling
	Evie Micallef		Isaac Smith		Austin Yip

# EFFORT IN LEARNING AWARDS

Class	Student	Class	Student	Class	Student
3W	Mason Swadling	4W	Petar Celar	5W	Zachary Debrincat
	Logan Ferreira		Maddie Greener		Ryan Norris
	Monique Naudi		Mia Magnoli		Ava Abarca
	Briana Geoghegan		Roarke McEwan		Alexander Holy
	Lewis McCheane		Zane Owen-Matthews		Honor D'Sena
	Olivia Williams		Eden Sunderland		Braith Sylvester
	Jackson Hosking		Chelsea Williams		Julian Tabone
	Keenan White		Mia Pani		Jacinta Devaise
3R	Celeste Devaise	4R	Grace Brown	5R	Eden Allardice
	Mary Kay		Brody de Leon		Cohen Wade
	Lachlan Sutton		Alejandro Flammia		Lorelei Ellaban
	Mia Fajloun		Georgia Gately		Mia Ferris
	Cruz Dewhurst		Benjamin Kyle		Sophie Barnes
	Nikola Marakovic		Anjelika Nikolovski		Luca McCullan
	Bethy Kay		Ariana Spiteri		Scarlett Avilia
	Jaxon Morris-Brown		Edward Spiteri		Amelia Stajin
3B	Joshua Agan	4B	Ethan Cook	5B	Preston Cini
	Amber Hay		Jasmine Galea		Anotida Tirivazvo
	Mason Ingrassia		Lara D'Agostino		Luke Hamilton
	Emily Oostelbos		Bodhi Tinker		Stephanie Morched
	Lilly Moses		Indiana Butler		Angelmery Joseph
	Alexander Micallef		Ava Marakovic		Georgina Brown
	Emily Richards		Brody Willmott		Jacinta Sultana
	Xavier Lindsey		Krishna Dave		Hollie Burston

# EFFORT IN LEARNING AWARDS

Class	Student	SPORT	
6W	Aaliyah Richardson	STAGE	STUDENT
	Joshua Savins	Early Stage 1	Oliver Chammus
	Isabella Agostino	Stage 1	Hudson Farkas - Yr 1
	Isabel Myers		Noah Holden - Yr 2
	Claudia Pietrzak	Stage 2	Zander Pringle - Yr 3
	Isla Sultana		Anna Coburn - Yr 4
	Sofia Theodorou	Stage 3	Fletcher Blom - Yr 5
	Dominic Vella		James Baker - Yr 6
6R	Lucas Alvarez	ITALIAN	
	PJ Balewai	STAGE	STUDENT
	Ava Carrig	Early Stage 1	Noah Xiberras
	Amanda Frank	Stage 1	Jesse Glazebrook Yr 1
	Emily		Carina Agostino Yr 2
	Adona Joseph	Stage 2	Willow Briggs Yr 3
	Amelia Renny		Sarah Baker Yr 4
	Carly Pollicina	Stage 3	Emma Wallis Yr 5
	Abbey Konemann Yr 6		
6B	Alycia Ngoyimasengo	MUSIC	
	Adrian Agius	STAGE	STUDENT
	Imogen Patterson	Early Stage 1	Manaia Tupaea
	Isabelle Smith		Pippa Briggs Yr 1
	Gilly Slewa	Stage 1	Alyssa Risso Yr 2
	Jake Comber		Phoebe Portman Yr 3
	Abiar Tor	Stage 2	Francesca Vella Yr 4
	Ryley Ciraldo		Rory Gately Yr 6
	Stage 3	Elijah Clauna Yr 6	

# OTHER MATTERS

## MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

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. A visit to the doctor may be required if your child's plan is approaching the end of its validity.

We would appreciate it if updated Action Plans be sent to us via the school email or sent with your child.

Thank you  
Bethany Office

## Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in our lost property bins. These bins are located outside the Front office.

Please find the time over the next few days to go through these bins for any items your child/children may have lost.

**Any items that are not collected by Friday 3rd December will be donated.**

Thank you  
Bethany Office

## Late arrival to school

If your child arrives late to school, **please ensure you sign them in at the school office window.**

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

## Returning Library Books

Thank you to all the families that have returned library books or contacted us about overdue notices. Please continue to encourage children to actively look for any books they still have at home and return them to the library next week.



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>7/12/2021</b>	Year 6 Awards in Hall 9:30am - Zoom
<b>9/12/2021</b>	Year 6 Graduation Mass 5:00pm Presentation of Certificates in the Hall
<b>9/12/2021</b>	QKR - Uniform purchases close @ 3:00pm No further transactions until 28th January 2022
<b>10/12/2021</b>	Year 6 Motiv8 Sports Fun Day
<b>10/12/2021</b>	Meet the Teacher - 9:00am - 10:00am
<b>13/12/2021</b>	Year 6 Social
<b>14/12/2021</b>	Year 6 Guard of Honour - Sport Uniform
<b>14/12/2021</b>	Last day Term 4
<b>15/12/2021</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>16/12/2021</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>28/01/2022</b>	MAI Testing
<b>31/01/2022</b>	MAI Testing
<b>01/02/2022</b>	School commenes Grades 1-6 Kindy Transition visit 1
<b>02/02/2022</b>	Kindy Transition visit 2
<b>03/02/2022</b>	Kindy full day

# COMMUNITY



## Part-Time Work

**1x Permanent Part-Time Position Available**  
**Mary Mackillop Catholic School – 44545**  
Help protect our vibrant school communities

### Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents, and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight.  
Hours for this role are 8:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm.  
Shifts are Monday to Friday during the school term.

### Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy



For more information, please contact **Callin Ritchie**  
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Applications close: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

