## BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Term: 4| Week 4 | Friday, 4th November, 2022

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Bethany Families,

Last Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Luke focuses on a tax collector, this time a vertically challenged one called **Zaccheus**.

In the reading, **Zaccheus** climbs a sycamore tree in order to catch a view of **Jesus** as he is passing through the adoring crowds. Noticing Zaccheus up the tree, Jesus calls him **by name** then publicly declares that he will stay at his house that evening to break bread with him.

The scripture reading always reminds me of when I was teaching in another school during the mid 1990s. One day, during a whole school Mass, I looked up through

the glass skylight in the church and noticed that there was a young man perched in the branch of a tree that overhung the church. Unfortunately, we subsequently realised that the young man, unlike Zaccheus, was not there to catch a glimpse of our Mass but was there to act as lookout whilst his mates were breaking into the school!

By highlighting Zaccheus without judgment and then inviting himself to his house, Jesus showed his **love** and **acceptance** of someone who was especially despised in that community. As a chief tax collector, working against his own people in support of the Roman occupying forces, Zaccheus was regarded very much as a **traitor**.

In turn, by **"going out on a limb"** to seek Christ, Zacchaeus showed he was willing to make a significant change in his life. He committed to help restore the harm he had caused by offering half of his belongings to the poor and paying back four times as much to anyone he had cheated.

Jesus' actions in this instance showed that instead of accusing Zaccheus, Jesus stood in **solidarity** and **compassion** with him and that **healing** and **forgiveness** was not reserved soley for the **'respectable'** ones but for all who were willing to **change** and strive to do better.

Go gently,

Sergio Rosato

Principal







## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents & Carers,

There is so much wonderful learning happening each and every day at Bethany! I thought I'd share some writing samples which our Year 6 students have worked really hard on. During Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3 and Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4, all Year 6 students participated in a Writer's Festival. The students engaged in workshops where they explored different elements and techniques to use in their writing. A number of different stimulus pictures were provided for the children to choose from to write an entertaining short story. Mentor texts written by well known authors including Roald Dahl, Morris Gleitzman and JK Rowling were used as exemplars. Figurative language, speech, topic sentences and adjectival phrases were some of the main focus areas.

The grade then co-constructed a Success Criteria so students would know what they had to do and what they had to include in their writing to be successful. Students referred back to this Success Criteria like a checklist to keep them on track.

During the writing process feedback and feedforward was provided by peers and teachers.

At the start of each lesson students presented their stories to the class as a work in progress and their ideas helped to influence and improve each other's work.

Students were able to choose how they would like to publish their finished pieces. Some students chose to make them into a book, there were some handwritten and typed pieces. Some students even included beautifully detailed illustrations.

The students from Year 5 and their teachers were invited to read the published stories and celebrate with Year 6. This also inspired the Year 5 students with ideas for their own writing.

I am delighted and so proud to share some short samples of writing below:



## PBS4L ANDREW -TRIZATHE FOG

Ally impatiently tapped her foot against the ground, the rhythmic tune echoing against the mouth of the cave she stood in. The sky outside was painted rose gold, streaked with yellow and violet, topped off with a radiant sun dipping just below the horizon.

Branches of the tall pines rustled in the slight breeze. Such a gorgeous view, and yet, Ally couldn't help but feel annoyed. Where are they? She thought, letting out a sigh. I really hope those dimwits weren't caught. They'd surely be hanged for stealing.

The pattering of feet on the cavern floor jolted Ally from her train of thoughts. Distant yelling could be heard. *Uh oh*. A faint orange light began to dimly illuminated the stone walls. She took a step back as two sweaty but familiar figures emerged from the cave, panting and trembling.

## **Mrs Lloyd**

Anabelle Contractor

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

#### \*Beep, Beep, Beep\*

"Ladies and Gentleman, one, wait now both engines have broken down. We are going to land on this island. Make sure you have your seat belts on," ushered the pilot trying to keep everything undercontrol.

#### \*Beep, Beep, Bee- CRASH\*

The plane hit the ground. Who was still alive? I opened my eyes to feel my sisters warm shaking hands shoving me to see if I am still living. She dropped down in relief. "They're dead."

I woke up in the present day, gasping for air. This wasn't the first time.

"It happened again?" Charlotte questioned

"Why? Why just to me though?"

"I don't know," whispered Charlotte

This 'Nightmare' keeps recurring like I've missed Something. Forget that, It's a new day for hope. A new week too or so I thought. My memories keep fading.

#### \*Later in the evening\*

All I can hear is the sound of water slowly reaching the shore. In the distance I can see my sister smiling like it's the time of her life. My life wouldn't be the same without her. We love coming to the sea side at night, it's our one way of hope. Overall it's just calming. This is one way that we have been adjusting to life here. When will they arrive?

\*lzzy POV. Early the same day\*

The waves. The silence. The freedom. This is how I feel every morning. I stand with my feet in the sand and the ocean reaching my ankles. The beach in the morning is so peaceful. Well it normally is. Who would've thought that all this happened from something so small. But why today?

Swish! Crash! The waves are rough today. I can

#### Isabel Forsyth

#### The Discovery

#### Beep! Beep! Smash! Crash!

#### "Oh come on!" shouted the man.

"Your burger is ready, scientist Johnny." said the robot.

Johnny sighed as he trudged over to his machine to collect his food. Johnny slowly walks to one of his newest technologies... the detector 0400. Beep! Beep! Johnny looked down at the detector 0400. He was shocked, the device showed a small picture of an alien. 2

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

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> "what have I done? Where am I? what is this place?" Violets, voice stivened as her heart poended with anxiety and nerves.







It looked untouched, and it had been obere for contunies. VC-A Mars, covered with Dust and thousends of books on Wooden Shelves kay hidden until that dag "This is mg Dream BOOKS! They have fiction, and non Fiction too! Fairy Tales! Mg favourite! Of is this really true?"

> Violos Clenched her Fists lightly, rabbed her eges, then blinked and looked Around. Sha picked up a book. "The Magical Rose" Road Violes to herself as she brushed the specs of dust. Off a chair to sit down.

#### Natasha King

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Bob was stunned. Frozen as his brain clicked like a pendulum on a grandfather clock. Puzzled, he hadn't signed that unless... it was from his future self...

Bob's gut told him NOT to trust it but there was a part of him that believed it. He aggressively shoved the old worn out paper in his tight jean pockets for safekeeping, predicting he might need it later. He ran to an old haunted payphone because Gerald broke his mobile phone. He inserted the coin and dialled on the ancient sticky buttons. The Shawman family thought he was crazy.

"Aunt Beth, you have to believe me there will be an apocalypse!" Bob cried Xavier Mobbs

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



## What's happening in Religious Education during Term 4?

The following is an overview of the overarching question that each grade is basing their learning on in Religious Education this term:

<u>*Kindergarten:*</u> Which scriptures from the Bible tell us about who Jesus is and what he did?

Year 1: How can we grow our relationship with Jesus?

Year 2: How does scripture from the Bible help us appreciate God's everlasting love?

Year 3: How does prayer help us understand important events in the liturgical year?

Year 4: How do we celebrate being united as one body in Christ?

<u>Year 5:</u> What connections can we make between stories from the Bible, current world issues and our personal experiences?

<u>Year 6:</u> How can we use Prayer to guide our mission and express our devotion to God during different liturgical feasts and seasons?

## **Mission Week**

Last week Bethany celebrated Mission Week. This was a time where, as a school community, we can reach out to others who do not have what we have. The Bethany community raised a total of \$2100 which has been sent to Catholic Mission. Thank you for your generosity. This amount of money will help the Embidir community in Ethiopia to pay for food, medicine, and care for the farm animals for one year.

The winners for the activities from Mission Week are listed below:

## Creative Drawing:

Sofia Coratza Olivia Voyce Ryan Thayil Natasha King *Guess the amount of Iollies in the jar:* Charlie Jare Ruby Hicks Liliana Burnett Chelsea Williams





## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D**

### Paper Aeroplane Throwing competition:

Nicholas Jare Logan Bartels Mason Healey Mathayus Andreatta Harry Vella Ruby Hawkes Levi Jones

## **2022 Bethany Christmas Concert**

When: Monday 5th December, 2022

Where: Bethany School Hall

<u>Time:</u> gates open at 12pm. Concert will start at 12:30pm and conclude at 2:45pm <u>Dress:</u> all students are to wear their regular sports shorts, white socks and joggers. Students in each grade are asked to wear a Christmas t-shirt (or plain coloured t-shirt) as follows:

- Kindergarten: Red
- Year 1: White
- Year 2: Green
- Year 3: Red
- Year 4: Green
- Year 5: White
- Year 6: Red



## **Mrs Baldacchino**

## **BETHANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

## OH COME LET US

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Monday, December 5th

In The Bethany School Hall

12:30pm

Doors open from 12:00pm



## Kindergarten and Year 1 Fun Activity day

On Friday, Kindergarten and Year 1 took part in a variety of fun activities across the school grounds. We were blessed with the glorious sunshine. It was lovely to see smiles on the faces of the children and our visitors. Photos have been posted on our Facebook page.

### The Importance of playing on Monkey Bars



Our Gymnastics program for K-6 has shown me the importance of children playing on the monkey bars.

There are many benefits:

- \*Gives children an opportunity to play with others by taking turns.
- \*Safely encourage risk-taking.
- \*Gives space to make decisions.
- \*Manage personal disappointment.
- Monkey bars help develop your child's muscles and strength.

Sustaining their entire weight by holding onto the bars allows them to develop their hand strength which will facilitate motor skills like writing and using lego.

See you at the local park!!

## **SPORT CONT'D**

#### TRANSFOR MINCLE/ RNING



### 2023 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2023 Information For Parents

#### 2023 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

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Parametria Diocesan Primary students enralled in Year 5 and 6 in 2023 and invited to participate in the Parametra Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term 4 in 2022, Term 1 & 2 in 2023. Students in Year 4 in 2023 MAY nominate for the sports of Baskerball, Hackey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Paolball only.

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

To facilitate this, Paramotta Diaceson trias will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport porta in 2023:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
Basketboll	Open boys & girls teams	29 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Gricket	Open boys & girls teams	15 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
lennis	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
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AFL	Open boys/girls combined team	Term Cre 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 1023
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girs leams	Tem Dre-9023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Hockey	Open boys & girls learns	Temt One 2023	7lh November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Netball	Open bays/girls combined learn	Term Sine 2023	7/m November 2072	Tuesday 7m February 2023
Rugby League	12's boys/gils combined learn	Term Cray 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
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AFL Girls	Open girls	form Cho 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Regardation via ColiGin Sport porta
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## 2023 Team Sport Trials

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#### 2023 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

OPENS 31 October 2022 - Basketball, Cricket, Tennis & Touch ONLY

#### - closes 10th November 2022

#### OPENS 7 November 2022 - AFL, Hockey, Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Softball - closes 7th February 2023

To be eligible for selection for these biols the 2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form must be completed. The registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the FARRAMATTA DIDCESE PRIMARY SPORT WEBSITE www.priman-sportparki.catholic.edu.ou/OR scon the QR code below.

#### PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT WEBSITE

(So to the "KEP SELECTIONS" fab and solal down to the SHORT you wish to register for and click on the "MEDISTER" bottom bolow the heading. "Primary Sport Expression of Inforest Registration Form".

This anime form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2023 Panamatia Discesson Primary Sport Team Irials, Panents may complete this form to attend a selection Irial. One form is to be completed perstuaers, per individual sport. Each sport not its own offerio interatore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed, **Panents** 

#### PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT QR CODE

Click on the link to nominate your expression of interest.

#### APPROVALS PROCESS



This on the registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the student's school.** For the student to altrand the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and expectative Trepresentative Experience: Trapplicable to the sport MuST be completed, Under no chourt features will a student be eligible to the Plike 2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration form has not been completed and apprived by the school by the closing date.

#### PARRAMATTA TRIALS INFORMATION

Students that an **approved to attend** will receive a Filmary Sport Team Sports film Internation sheet and will be required to complete a consent form for the right.

For APPROVED students, there is a fearn trial ass) involved with the trials and payment is to be made prior to attendance at 2023 trials and NOT of the trials

FULL DAY TRIALS - Tennis, Cricket & Boys Soccer HAUT-DAY TRIALS - NFL, Baskeloal, Citb Football, Nerball, Rugay League, Rugay Union, Touch -AFTERNOON SCHOOL TRIALS - Process & Statistical are held after school beckhang al 4pm

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- The teacher conducting the trid and accompanying the team to the venue k d "Team Manager" boll 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.
- Altendance of Iraining days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are line.

## **SPORT CONT'D**



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#### MACKILLOP TRIAL

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#### NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

tudents who are successful of being selected for the MackTop learn will compete at the NSWPSSA Chomplorarips. These championships involve these or four days of competition of various locations in NSW. Students velected in these teams may also be required to affend Italning sessions, Ar the NSW PSIA Championships, a State team will be selected to participate in the School Spon Australia Inter-State Exchange for some spons. Note that in Rugby League (1) I Yeart, there a no store team selected.

#### SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSSA state team for participation at al School Sport Australia (2 Years & under championships. Students must be luming between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition Let Students turning the ages of 9, 9 and 13 in the year of compatition are not eligible for NSWPSSA State selection.

#### PARRAMATTA TRIALS NOMINATION FORM

I you would like your child to participate in one of the Paramatta Didaeson trais please complete the nomination form that can be accessed via any of the following:

- Website PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT www.primonscortizano.coll.clic.e.au/ou
- Facebook Primary Sport Parramatha Diocese
  - Scon the QR code below

#### Information regarding the learn sports trials can be found on the Primary Sport website.

Good luck to all athrefes as they progress through the School Sport Pethway program.

#### **Kind Regards**.

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## **Mrs Neilly**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mark Your Calendar!

8th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 1 - 9:00am -10:20am
14th November	Effort in Learning Awards - Infants - 9:00am Primary - 9:45am
15th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 2 - 9:00am -10:20am
18th November	Staff Spirituality Day
22nd November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 3 - 9:00am -10:20am
28th November	Bethany Swimming Carnival - Penrith Ripples - 7:00pm - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5.
29th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 4 - 9:00am -10:20am
5th December	Christmas Concert  - 12:00pm
9th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass - Padre Pio Parish - 10:30am
9th December	Graduation Ceremony - Hall - 12:00pm
12th December	Major Awards Assembly - Infants - 11:00am Primary - 12:00pm
14th December	Year 6 Social - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
15th December	Year 6 Fun Day & Year 6 Guard of Honour
15th December	Last Day Term 4
27th January	Staff Development Day
30th January	Maths Assessment Interview (MAI)
31st January	School commences for Grades 1-6
1st February	School commences for Kindergarten

## COMMUNICATION

## The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

03/11/2022	REMINDER: Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Boys and Girls Touch Football teams Gala Day	
02/11/2022	Emergency Evacuation Drill	
01/11/2022	4 simple steps to a healthy lunchbox	
01/11/2022	Covid - 19 update	
01/11/2022	2023 Team Sport Trials	
31/10/2022	Bus 4555 running late	
31/10/2022	Children's Mass - Sunday, 6th November - 10:00am	
28/10/2022	UPDATE: Stage 2 - Years 3 & 4 Boys and Girls Touch Football Teams	
27/10/2022	Scholastic Book Club Delivery	
27/10/2022	Twilight Swimming Carnival update	
27/10/2022	Kinder and Year 1 Sport Activity Fun Day - update	
25/10/2022	Sock Day tomorrow	
24/10/2022	Message to Parents Re Stay in Place (Lockdow) Drill Today	
21/10/2022	Newsletter Term 4 Week 2	
21/10/2022	Mission Week Reminder	

## ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance at school is essential to assist children to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

The school day commences at 8:30am at Bethany. The morning music commences at 8:27am and concludes with the bell, where by this time, students have walked to class and are entering their classrooms.

Please note that gates will be closed at 8:30am with the bell. Staff on duty have classes, meetings and professional learning to attend to at this time. As such, the gates must be closed on time, as teachers have a duty of care to the students in their class and other responsibilities to attend to.

Similarly, the learning commences in all classrooms at 8:30am. Missing any part of the morning can mean that prayer has been missed, instructions have not been heard and routines have not been set in motion. As a consequence, students can find themselves disorientated and taking longer to settle into their learning.

Please ensure that students are on time at school every day and take into consideration the fact that the carpark does begin to get busy from 8:20am. Should unforeseen circumstances prevent you from arriving on time, please ensure that children are signed in at the office by an adult.

Where possible, parents are encouraged to make appointments outside of school hours, as all late arrivals and early departures are recorded as partial absences.

It is important that everyone works together to help children obtain the best possible start in life with a good education. It is vital that both school and parents encourage regular and punctual attendance at school.

**Did you know** that 1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly? Click on the image below to see how parents can help children develop healthy attendance patterns.



## **OTHER MATTERS**

## Notification of Absence

A gentle reminder to parents and carers to **please notify the school if your child is absent**.

The **automated attendance SMS system** is an efficient way for parents/carers to notify the school of their child's absence. If a student is absent, an **SMS** notification will automatically be sent to parents/carers. The notification will contain a one-time link that can be clicked on to add an attendance note for your child. The one-time link is valid for 48 hours.

Other ways to notify the school of your child's absence include contacting Bethany via email (<u>bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>), phone (4723 3700), or sending a note with your child to school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## REMINDER

To minimise interruption to important learning time, please check that your child/children have packed recess, a drink bottle, lunch and the books that are required for their school day before they leave home.

## LABELLING ALL ITEMS

Please ensure that all personal items (clothing, lunchboxes, bags, etc) are clearly labelled with your child/children's name. Each year there are numerous items of clothing, especially hats and jackets that have no names or identification in lost property.



# Bethany Enrolling Now For 2023 6 2024

## CALL FOR A SCHOOL TOUR YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 34-38 William Howell Drive Glenmore Park 2745 p: 02 4723 3700 e: bethany@parra.catholic.edu.au bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au At Bethany we encompass the spiritual, academic, relational, creative and physical development of each child. Bethany students are engaged and committed learners who thrive in our quiet and peaceful setting. We invite you to tour our school and discover the benefits of a Bethany Primary education.