

# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Term: 4 | Week 8 | Friday, 2nd December, 2022**

## **ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday we began the season of Advent. This is the first season of the church year and we now look to the Gospels of Matthew for enlightenment. There are four weeks in Advent as we await the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting. As we wait, we prepare and wonder about what it is we should be doing?

The Gospels suggest we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. What is it like to wait for God? Are we prepared for Christ this Christmas?

In the Gospel, Jesus uses a surprising example – that of a thief who will be coming when we least expect him. We need to be prepared. We need to be prepared for the Lord. In our everyday lives we prepare for many things; dinner parties, job interviews, birthdays, weddings.

Christmas comes every year. We prepare for Christmas every year. But do we prepare for Christ in our Christmas? We, as Catholics, know that it is our Lord Jesus Christ who is going to arrive at Christmas. God loves to surprise us but He also prepares. He prepares Himself for His coming to humanity. We need to be prepared constantly for His arrival. Only God knows when this will be, the time and date. It is not our job to guess when this will be and then begin to prepare but rather to always be prepared to the best of our ability. To do this we need to keep fulfilling our duties everyday as Catholics.

Noah fulfilled his duty by building the ark. He didn't wait for the rain to start, he prepared. Noah built the ark when it wasn't raining. People made fun of him for obeying God. In the end though, people were surprised and shocked at what happened when it started to rain. No storms of life can destroy us when we listen to God.

Let us remember, as we prepare for Christmas, to prepare our hearts. To have a place ready in our hearts for the coming of the Lord this Christmas.

### **FAREWELL**

At the end of this year, we farewell Miss Kelly Ahern and Mrs Raveena Kale.

Miss Ahern has accepted a teaching position at Trinity Primary School, Kemps Creek commencing in 2023. We congratulate Kelly on her appointment and thank her for her outstanding and dedicated service to our Bethany community for the last four years. We wish her well at her new school.

Mrs Kale has been a dedicated Teacher's Aide for the past three years at Bethany and has made a huge contribution to our community. We thank Mrs Kale for all her hardwork, care and support that she has provided to many of our staff and students. We wish her well for 2023.

# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## 2023 CLASSROOM TEACHERS

I am so happy to share with you our classroom teachers for 2023:

Kindergarten - Mrs Cutajar, Miss Brooks, Miss Brady

Year 1 - Ms Rennie, Miss O'Brien, Miss Dingemans, Mrs Edwards

Year 2 - Mrs Rook, Mr Matulewicz, Ms Croxen, Mrs Mulkern

Year 3 - Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Rudel, Mr Pospischil

Year 4 - Miss Vella, Mrs Hansen, Mrs Krzton, Miss Abdelsayed

Year 5 - Miss Dean-Dewstow, Ms Vion, Ms Wrightson, Mrs Shaw

Year 6 - Miss Van Der Zee, Mr Medlen, Mr Conroy

We look forward to our 'Meet the Teacher Day' on Tuesday 13th December where our students (including our new students) will meet their teachers for 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Acting Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## An Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a school community this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

You sent us Jesus to be a sign of hope in our world. This Advent, help us to slow down, to listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.

We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas. Amen



This weekend at Mass, we will light the second candle on the Advent wreath. The first candle is a purple candle known as the Prophets candle or the candle of hope. The second candle is also a purple candle. This candle is known as the Bethlehem candle or the candle of faith which reminds us of the journey taken by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

**Bethany students will be supporting at the 10am Mass this Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family at St Padre Pio parish.**

## 2022 Bethany Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is fast approaching. We are looking forward to celebrating with you.

A reminder of student dress requirements for the day:

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



All students are to wear their regular sports shorts, white socks and joggers.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

## 2023 St Padre Pio Parish Sacramental program

### **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Notes have been sent home with students who are currently in Year 2.

If you have a child who is currently in Year 3 or older and who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2023, please download a copy of the information letter for parents from the parish website. The information includes the dates of the formation workshops and the date of the sacrament.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

In 2023, the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in Term 2. Information about the sacrament will be distributed through Bethany students in early March. The formation period for this sacrament will run across a shorter time frame than usual. Please contact the parish office if you would like further details.

# BETHANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OH COME LET US

*adore him*



Please join us for a Bethany Christmas Concert

*Monday, December 5th*

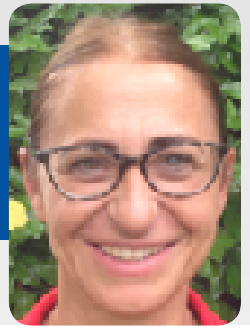
In The Bethany School Hall

12:30pm

Doors open from 12:00pm



# SPORT



## STAGE 3 TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

On Friday, 4th November, Stage 3 Boys and Girls touch football teams competed in a Gala day against other schools in the Diocese.

We were blessed with the sunshine and the support of our parents.

A special mention to Mr De Bono who coached the girls' team on the day and Mrs Gibson who organised the boys for each game.

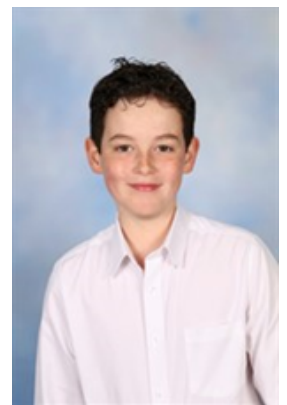
The players were respectful to their referees and displayed sportsmanship on the day. They improved their games skills as they played each game.

Thank you to the St Dominic's boys who represented Bethany as referees .



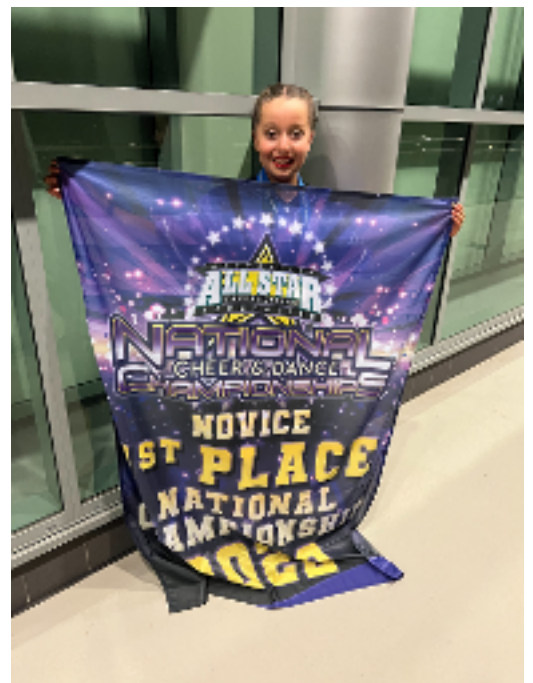
## PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SPORT TRIALS

Congratulations to Benjamin Kyle (5R) who trialled and made the Cricket team. We wish him all the best for the Mackillop trials in Wagga this week.



## NEWS FLASH- Weekend sport

Anjelika Nikolovski (5R) competed with her team at the AASCF National Championships in QLD for Cheer and Dance. She participated in Hip Hop, Jazz, Lyrical and Cheer. Her Cheer team came in 4th and her Lyrical group were awarded 1st place national champions in their division. Congratulations on a fantastic outcome and wonderful experience!



## TRANSFORMING LEARNING



## 2023 Team Sport Trials

### Parramatta Diocese 2023

### Information For Parents

#### 2023 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials

#### Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2023 are invited to participate in the Parramatta 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 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 2023:

2023 Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in November 2022				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
Basketball	Open boys & girls teams	29 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Cricket	Open boys & girls teams	15 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Tennis	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Touch	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
2023 Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in Term 1 & 2 2023				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Hockey	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Netball	Open boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Rugby League	12's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
	11's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Rugby Union	Open boys/girls combined team	Term Two 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Softball	Open boys & girls teams	Term Two 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
2023 NSWCPSS Team Sport Trials held at MacKillop level or NSWPSA Regional level				
AFL Girls	Open girls	Term One 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	4 April 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Golf	Open boys & girls teams	1st August 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Rugby 7's	Open girls	9 August 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal



TRANSFORMING LEARNING



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

### 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 trials the **2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form** must be completed. The registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT WEBSITE** [www.primariesportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primariesportparra.catholic.edu.au) OR scan the QR code below.

#### PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT WEBSITE

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 2023 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.

#### PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT QR CODE

Click on the link to nominate your expression of interest.



#### 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 2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

#### PARRAMATTA TRIALS INFORMATION

Students that are **approved to attend** will receive a Primary Sport Team Sports Trial Information sheet and will be required to complete a consent form for the trials.

For **APPROVED** students, there is a team trial cost involved with the trials and **payment is to be made prior to attendance at 2023 trials and NOT at the trials**

**FULL DAY TRIALS** - Tennis, Cricket & Boys Soccer

**HALF-DAY TRIALS** - AFL, Basketball, Girls Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Touch

**AFTERNOON SCHOOL TRIALS** - Hockey & Softball are 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 sports coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought from 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.



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

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#### **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 the Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.

#### **NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Students who are successful at being selected for 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 in 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.

#### **PARRAMATTA TRIALS NOMINATION FORM**

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the** nomination form that can be accessed via any of the following:

- Website - **PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT** [www.primarysportparramatta.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparramatta.catholic.edu.au)
- Facebook - **Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese**
- Scan the **QR** code below

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

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

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

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# LIBRARY

## Returning Library Books



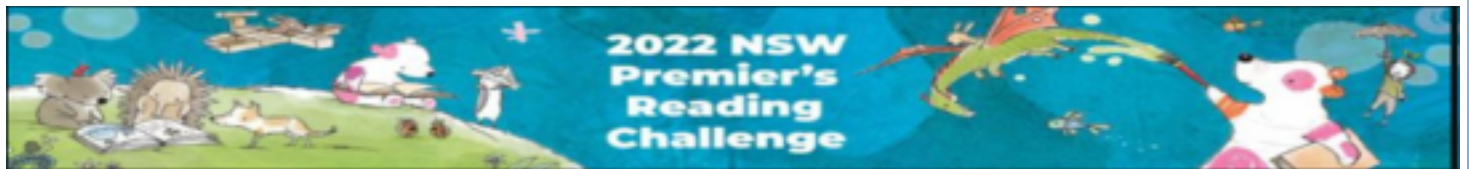
All books borrowed by students should have been returned to our school library this week.

Students who still have overdue books will receive a reminder note next week listing the titles of the outstanding books.



If your child is unable to find the listed books they need to see Mrs Emmett in the library or you can make contact via the school email.

Thank you for your help in responsibly caring for Bethany's resources so they are ready for students to borrow in 2023.



Certificates for the 321 students who successfully completed this year's Premier's Reading Challenge are currently being printed. These will be presented to students in the final week of school.

### Did you know you can access great reading resources during the holidays?

**\*CEDP's elibrary** [https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_GB/13988](https://ceop.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/13988) will take you to where you are able to access our elibrary. A series of Google slides "Connect with Bethany Primary School" explains how to connect to SORA. Using their school username and password, students can borrow from the many ebooks and emagazines that are available on SORA. SORA'S Summer Reading Challenge Collection has 100s of titles that have just been added ready for students to read in the holidays. Students in Years 3-6 have used this platform and will be familiar with the steps involved. If any help is needed they can see Mrs Emmett in the library.



### \*Story Box Library:



[www.storyboxlibrary.com.au](http://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au) **USERNAME:** bethanycps **PASSWORD:** stories

Bethany's annual subscription to Story Box Library allows all Bethany families to freely access this amazing resource at home. New books are regularly added to this ever-growing library aimed at Kindergarten to Year 6 students. It is a safe online space free from advertising where Australian literature is read by Australian authors, illustrators and storytellers.

**Mrs Emmett**

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



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 - 2pm
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

## 2023 TERM DATES

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday	31/01/23 - First Day Term 1 - Years 1-6
	Wednesday	01/02/23 - First Day Term 1 - Kindergarten
	Thursday	06/04/23 - Last Day Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday	24/04/23 - First Day Term 2
	Tuesday	25/04/23 - Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
	Friday	30/06/23 - Last Day Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday	17/07/23 - First Day Term 3
	Friday	22/09/23 - Last Day Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday	09/10/23 - First day Term 4
	Tuesday	19/12/23 - Last day Term 4



# COMMUNICATION



## Recent Skoolbag Notifications

01/12/2022	Internet Service and Phone Lines
30/11/2022	Bethany Christmas Concert
29/11/2022	Year 6 Social Reminder
29/11/2022	2022 Thanksgiving Mass Invitation
28/11/2022	Twilight Swimming Carnival Tonight - Reminders
28/11/2022	School Crossing Program Coordinator
28/11/2022	COVID-19 Postive Case Notification - Kindergarten 28/11/2022
24/11/2022	Come Dressed Up Day tomorrow
24/11/2022	Bethany Christmas Concert - Monday 5th December
24/11/2022	Whole School St Padre Pio's Children's Mass - Sunday 4th December 2022
24/11/2022	Year 5 - Change of Sport Uniform Days week 8 - Year 5
21/11/2022	2022 Christmas Hamper
19/11/2022	New Executive Director of Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese
17/11/2022	Staff Development Day
17/11/2022	Year 6 Social Invitation
17/11/2022	Newsletter Term 4 Week 6

# WIGS 4 KIDS



**Kids with Cancer**  
**Wigs 4 Kids**

During Monday's assembly Zara's (3B) hair was chopped off! Zara's hair is being donated to **Kids with Cancer Wigs 4 Kids**. Well done to Zara for so far raising more than four times her goal! Donations can be made at <https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/2786/2826/e>