

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 2 | Week 8 | Friday, 17th June, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of **The Most Holy Trinity**.

For centuries, artists have used iconography to convey complex theology through picture and colour. This is indeed the case when we look at the artist Rublev's icon called the **Oak at Mamre**. This beautiful icon shows us the **Trinity** depicted as three angels seated around a table under an oak tree in front of Abraham's house.



In the icon we see the **Father, Son & Holy Spirit** as three angels each wearing different coloured garments showing that each person of the Trinity is distinct.

The **first angel** on the left wears a blue undergarment and a purple outer garment symbolizing the divine and regal nature of God.

The **second angel** is wearing the clothes typically worn by Jesus - crimson symbolising His humanity and blue His divinity.

The **third angel** is wearing a blue garment also meaning divinity, as well as a green vestment over the top. The green represents the Holy Spirit's renewing power as well as the liturgical colour worn on Pentecost in the Orthodox Church.

The **two angels** on the right of the icon have a slightly bowed head toward the other, illustrating the fact that the Son and Spirit come from the Father.

In the **center of the icon** is a table that resembles an altar reminding us of the sacrament of the Eucharist and of the Trinity's abundant **hospitality**.

Rublev's icon gives us a **glimpse without words** of the mystery of the Trinity depicted through the interrelationship of three angels seated around a set table and inviting us to be part of the scene.

Go gently,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

SEMESTER 1 HALF YEARLY REPORTS

Over the last week I have had the privilege of reading some of the student's Semester One Reports. As I read about the student's achievements and areas which they are working on I always pay particular attention to their 'Effort in Learning' rating as well as their 'Learner Qualities'.

Many scholars and educational leaders often talk about the future for our students and the education that we are providing in order for us to prepare them for their future. Many of the jobs that our students will most likely be engaging in, have not even been invented yet. There's no way to prepare students for specific careers when we can't even fathom what those might be.

While teachers understand that content is necessary in giving learning a context, they acknowledge that with the continual 'information explosion' it is no longer possible for anyone to know all the information about the world which was once possible and expected by students of the past.

"The most important skill is a meta-skill: the ability to adapt to changes," says Calton Pu, professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology. "As the rate of technological innovation intensifies, the workforce of the future will need to adapt to new technology and new markets. The people who can adapt the best (and fastest) will win."

This means students will need to become lifelong learners, and it's up to educators to ignite their curiosity while teaching them to explore the crossroads between different subjects and disciplines.

The focus has shifted. Learners are required to do more than 'know' but rather are required to think and to do this in conjunction with other thinkers. They are required to be **adaptable, flexible, creative, problem solvers, inventors, ask questions, manage and give feedback** and more importantly **manage change**; to **learn, unlearn** and **relearn**. Children are required to **work cooperatively**, to **organise** and **pace** their assignments, **work independently** and **keep on task**.

When you read your child's report on Friday 1st July, I encourage you to look out for these skills and discuss their importance with your children. Celebrate their achievements within the content taught but also their efforts and skills and habits when engaging in the learning process.

Semester One Reports will be available via the Compass Parent Portal on Friday 1 July 2022.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D



FAMILY LEARNING CONFERENCES

All teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with parents, carers as well as your child/ren during Week 9 and Week 10 for the Family Learning Conferences (FLCs).

The Family Learning Conferences provide an opportunity for **parents, students** and **teachers** to **discuss** and **celebrate** student learning as well as **goal setting** for Semester Two.

We strongly encourage our students to participate in these conferences. The addition of student voice to that of parents/carers and teachers is incredibly powerful and beneficial to strengthening this process. We understand that these meetings will vary according to your child/ren's age and grade, however the format of these meetings will be the same.

The **focus** of the discussion is on identifying areas of **strength** and areas for **development in children's learning in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs) focussing intently** on the KLAs of **Religious Education, English, Mathematics** as well as **dispositions** to learning.

Booking times for the Family Learning Conferences

Families are able to book their conference meeting time by visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website below and using the event code: **xmcxu**

This platform will be open **until Monday 20th June 4pm.**



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM) 2022

Just a reminder that the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey 2022 is still open. As we value the important role of parents and carers in our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Bethany. These surveys are an important part of our school evaluation and planning process.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please complete the survey using the following link: <http://tellthemfromme.com/bethany2022>

The survey will close on Friday 1 July.



Go gently,
Rebecca Lloyd
Assistant Principal

Mrs Lloyd

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**Members of the Bethany Catholic Primary School community
are invited to the celebration of the Eucharist**

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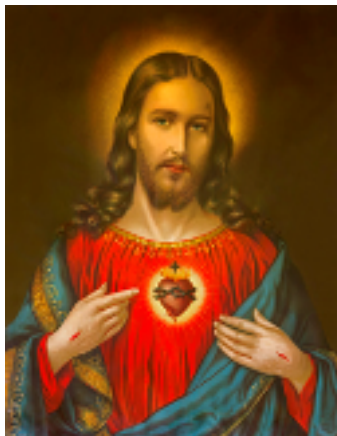
St Padre Pio Parish

Sunday 19th June at 10am

Music: Mr Sergio Rosato and Mr Glenn Green

**Mass will begin in the school hall followed by a procession to the church.
Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to dress up as angels.**

Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



<https://unsplash.com/s/photos/sacred>

When: Friday 24th June

Where: St Padre Pio Parish

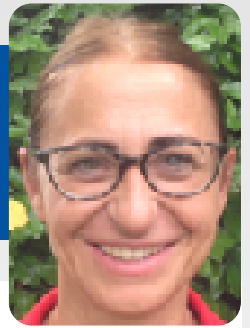
Time: 9am

Who: All students - Kindergarten to Year 6

Parents are invited to celebrate this feast with Bethany students

Mrs Baldacchino

SPORT



Sport lessons with Mrs Neilly

It can get quite cold outside for sport time. Please make sure your child has layers on that they can remove as they warm up during sport. Eg. jacket, scarf, tracksuit pants.

Please ensure all articles of clothing are clearly labelled with the student's name.

NSWCPS Cross Country

On Tuesday, 7th June I was lucky enough to be working at the NSW Catholic Primary School Cross Country Carnival and watch our Bethany students represent the Parramatta Diocese! A fantastic achievement to run at this level!



Soccer

Good luck to our Stage 3 Boys and Girl's teams who will be playing at the Soccer Gala days in Weeks 9 and 10.



Hockey News

Addison Finnimore (Yr 6) went to Tamworth to compete in the NSWPSSA Hockey, representing Mackillop.

After 6 round games they were undefeated. They won the semi-final, 2-0 against CIS and the final 2-0 against South Coast. An amazing achievement to win NSWPSSA undefeated and with no goals scored against them.

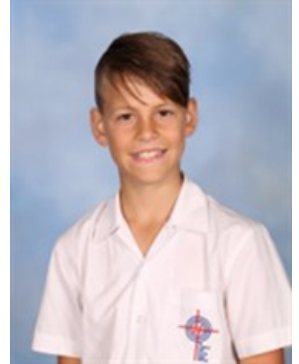
Addison had a great time meeting new friends from all over the state.

I heard that Addison and her team played some outstanding hockey and showed great sportsmanship throughout the week!

Congratulations Addison! Bethany is very proud of you!

BMX News

Brody Willmott (Yr 5) has made the Australian team for BMX and will be going to France in July to compete. Good luck Brody! Enjoy this great experience!



Oz Tag News

Jett Ward and Brooklyn Tamou (Yr 3) represented Nepean District at the NSW Oztag State Championships in Coffs Harbour. Their team won the State Championship for U/9 Boys. Well done boys!



OTHER MATTERS

MANAGING COMPLAINTS

The school adheres to CEDP's Complaints Handling Policy, which can be found [here](#)

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have paid their instalment two school fees. CEDP is in the process of sending out reminder letters. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact Wendy Vincent on 4723 3700 or bthy-glmpfees@parra.catholic.edu.au. Please note, all conversations are confidential.

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

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

Any items that are not collected by Friday 1st July, will be donated.

These bins are located outside the Front office.

Thank you

Bethany Office

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22/06/2022	Family Learning Conferences 3:15pm to 8:15pm
27/06/2022	Family Learning Conferences 8:30am to 4:00pm
27/06/2022	Pupil Free Day
01/07/2022	Kindy - Taronga Zoo Excursion
01/07/2022	Last day Term 2
18/07/2022	First day Term 3
25/07/2022	Kindergarten 101 days of Learning Celebration
04/08/2022	Nepean Zone Athletics - Blacktown



COMMUNICATION



The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

17/06/2022	Referees needed for soccer Gala days
14/06/2022	Family Learning Conferences 2022
14/06/2022	Kindergarten 101 days of Learning Celebration - 25th July 2022
14/06/2022	School Photos - Catch up day - Thursday 16th June
14/06/2022	Sporting Opportunities - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
14/06/2022	Stage 2 Soccer cancelled
10/06/2022	Soccer Teams Update
08/06/2022	Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) & Pupil Free Day Monday 27 June
07/06/2022	Stage 2 Girls Soccer Trial
06/06/2022	REMINDER: School Photos Wednesday 8th June
05/06/2022	Queuing in the Parish Carpark Before 2:30pm

COMMUNITY

Go4Fun is coming to St Marys

Term 3 | Thursdays | 4:30pm to 6:30pm | St Marys Public School



**Healthy
Active
Happy
Kids**

Go4Fun is a free after-school health program for 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight and their families to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Register to save your spot today!
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Get Active & have fun



Whole of family approach



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FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!



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Programs across: Nepean, Blue Mountain, Hawkesbury and Lithgow areas

REGISTER TODAY TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!
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CALL 1800 780 900
SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back

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Contact Joel for upcoming local programs to promote.

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Sat 7am-6pm

Sun 8am-1pm