

# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Term: 1 | Week 11 | Friday, 8th April, 2022**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

On Wednesday we gathered as a school to re-enact, pray and meditate on Christ's joyful entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** which the Church will celebrate this coming Sunday.

In their classes our students have engaged in special liturgies as part of their studies in Religious Education to mark the **Holy Week** events of the **Last Supper** and the **Crucifixion**.

At the heart of our faith are the events of Christ's ministry – **His life, death, and resurrection**. During this time of the year we are led to contemplate once again that Jesus was both a person and at the same time Divine.

As a community of faith we walk with Christ and one another through the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday** and the **Last Supper** to the bitter agony of the **Crucifixion** on the cross and to the empty tomb and the joyful resurrection of **Easter Sunday**.

We walk not in great strides during this time but in small steps, passing through each movement mindful that we will reach the **Resurrection** and that just like Christ our own lives will be forever transformed by the journey.

### Why do the events of Holy Week and Easter resonate so strongly within us?

Perhaps it is because we can personally relate with the **humanity** of Christ's own experience. In our personal struggles, grief, doubts, missteps, losses and disappointments we, in essence, share in **Christ's Passion**.

The great promise of Easter is that after darkness, suffering and loss - **life & love will prevail**.

May each of your families be graced with a holy, safe and blessed Easter and may the Risen Christ reign in your homes.

Buona Pasqua!

Sergio Rosato  
Principal

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

NB: The following is a reflection and explanation by the Salesian priest Elio Capra based on two paintings by the artist Sieger Koder on the Feast of Holy Thursday.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=PxsIUjywsWY](https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=PxsIUjywsWY)



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks the end of our very first term of learning for 2022. It is amazing to see just how much we have all accomplished in just eleven weeks! We have so much to be grateful for considering we are still dealing with COVID-19 and extreme weather conditions.

This term has been filled with many rich and exciting learning opportunities for our students as well as many exciting events to build our community including:

- Mathematical Assessment Interviews for all students
- Kindergarten Transition visits
- AFL Auskick Clinics
- Parent/Teacher Introductory Zooms or Phone Calls
- Visits from Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, St Dominics Catholic College and Penola for Stage 3 students
- Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival
- Year 4 virtual author visit
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Catholic Schools Week
- Open Day Tours for Kindergarten 2023 enrolments
- Commissioning of our Year 6 Student Leaders and Leadership Day
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- Primary Choir
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- SRC Induction Ceremony and Leadership Day
- St Patrick's Day Mufti fundraising for the victims of the floods
- World's Greatest Shave
- Year 1 Zoo Excursion
- Cross Country
- Naplan Practice for Years 3 and 5
- Peter Rabbit Day
- Palm Sunday Liturgy

We look forward to continuing to celebrate the fantastic learning that happens here everyday at Bethany and welcoming our parents to celebrate more community events in Term 2.

I wish all of our Bethany families a very happy, holy and blessed Easter. May the school holiday break bring a chance for you to relax and enjoy some special times together. May the promise of Easter fill your heart with peace and joy.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

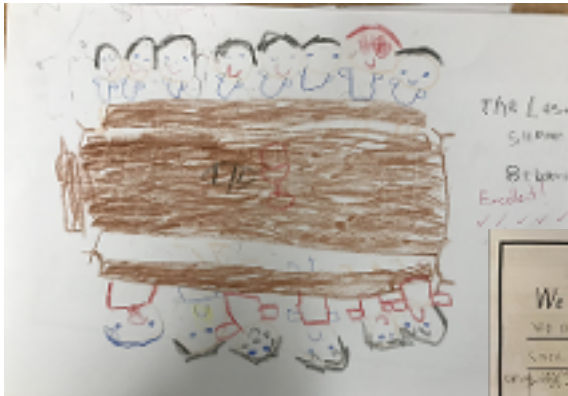
Assistant Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

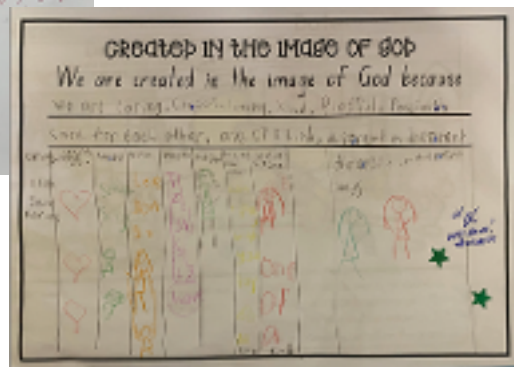


## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEARNING SHOWCASE TERM ONE 2022

Term 1 has been such a busy term. Below are some samples of student work from Kindergarten through to Year 6.

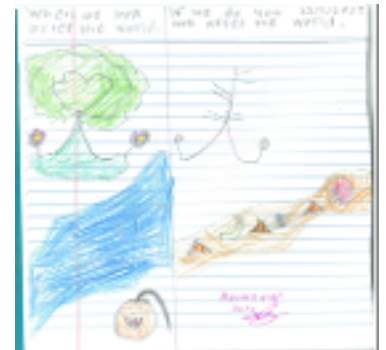


**Kindergarten** have been learning about the events of Holy Week. This drawing from Brianna in Kindergarten represents the Last Supper.



**Year 1** have been focusing on how each person is unique.

Learning in **Year Two** Religious Education lessons has focused on how to be responsible and look after the world that God created for us. This work sample shows the difference between what our world looks like when we look after it and what it looks like when we don't look after it.

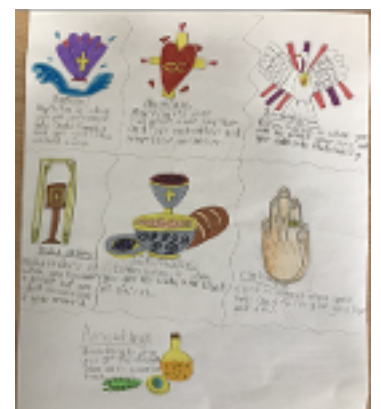


**Year 3** learning in Religious Education this term has been all about the Sacraments. This work sample reviews how we, as sacramental people, can choose to follow Jesus.



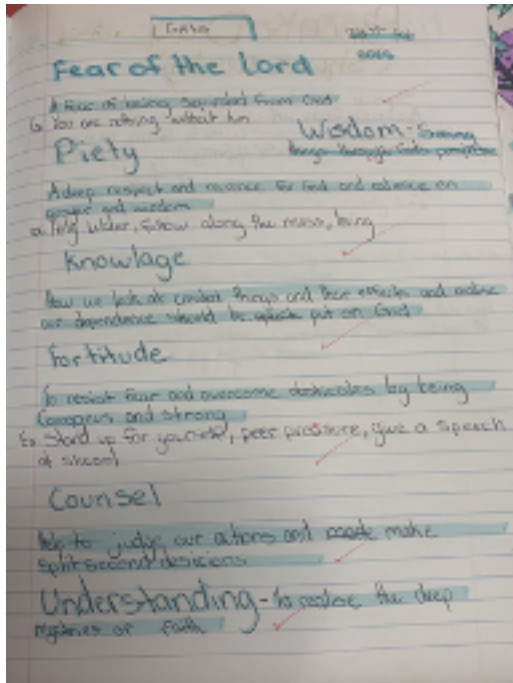
The Religious education Learning Cycle in **Year 4** this term has been about building a covenant relationship with God. Mia's work outlines ways that we can connect with God and how we refer to God in different contexts.

The overarching question for the learning cycle that **Year 5** have been investigating is about Jesus reveals God to us. This sample of student work demonstrates how God is revealed to us through the seven sacraments.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D



**Year 6** have been learning about ways that God offers hope for our world. The gifts of the Holy Spirit as outlined in this sample of Year 6 work is one way that God offers us hope.

On Wednesday, our Bethany community celebrated the first of the events of Holy Week - Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the day we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem after he had been travelling and teaching in the areas around Jerusalem. Upon his entry into the city, Jesus was welcomed like a king, even though unlike any other king, he was riding on a donkey. The people waved palm branches in the air and placed their cloaks and branches on the ground in front of him.

The events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday have been celebrated in classrooms with students in the form of class prayer liturgies.



# ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

## ST PADRE PIO PARISH HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE



<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Saturday 09 April</i>	<b>5:30pm Mass</b> Mass begins outside the church
<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Sunday 10 April</i>	<b>8:00am Mass</b> Mass begins outside the church <b>10:00am Mass</b> Mass begins in Bethany school grounds
<b>Holy Thursday</b> <i>Thursday 14 April</i>	<b>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and visit to the Garden of Gethsemane until 12 midnight</b> No 9:00am Mass
<b>Good Friday</b> <i>Friday 15 April</i>	<b>10:00am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>3:00pm Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b> <i>Saturday 16 April</i>	<b>7:00pm Solemn Easter Mass</b> No 9:00am Mass
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>Sunday 17 April</i>	<b>8:00am Solemn Easter Mass</b> <b>10:00am Solemn Easter Mass</b>
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> <i>Sunday 24 April</i>	<b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>10:00am Mass</b> <b>3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Feast Day Mass</b>



## **SWIMMING NEWS**

Congratulations to the students who achieved the highest points in their age groups at our Bethany Swimming Carnival, held towards the end of last year:

### **JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPION**

Age Champion: Anjelika Nikolovski  
Runner up: Ivy Szczepanski

### **JUNIOR BOYS CHAMPION**

Age Champion: Nikola Marakovic  
Runner up: Brody Willmott

### **11 YEARS GIRLS CHAMPION**

Age Champion: Addison Finnimore  
Runner up: Anna Coburn

### **11 YEARS BOYS CHAMPION**

Equal Age Champions:  
Jude Dunn                      Alexander Holy  
Benjamin Kyle              Marco Cavina

### **SENIOR GIRLS CHAMPION**

Age Champion: Ana Stojanovic  
Runner up: Georgina Brown

### **SENIOR BOYS CHAMPION**

Age Champion: Bradley Tanti





## BETHANY CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We were blessed with the weather on the day of our Cross Country. Congratulations to all who ran and had a go at running these long distances! It was lovely to watch the students supporting each other! Thank you to all my Year 6 helpers who supervised the course on the day.

A special mention goes to the following students who will be competing at the Diocesan Cross Country next term at Eastern Creek:

### 8/9 Year Boys

1st - Jett Ward  
2nd - Brooklyn Tamou  
3rd - Mason Mercia  
4th - Hudson Farkas  
5th - Mathayus Andreatta  
6th - Lucas Okulicz

### 8/9 Year Girls

1st - Olivia Langmack  
2nd - Charlotte Okulicz  
3rd - Ellie McElroy  
4th - Charlotte Todd  
5th - Audrey Commerford  
6th - Indiana Dewhurst

### 10 Year Boys

1st - Brody Willmot  
2nd - Alex Sekulovski  
3rd - Lachlan Eadie  
4th - Ryan Sapsed  
5th - Logan Ferreira  
6th - Nate Culbert

### 10 Year Girls

1st - Sofia Siracusa  
2nd - Sienna Dinaro  
3rd - Isabella Fabiano  
4th - Angelina Polimeni  
5th - Hannah Saliba  
6th - Heidi Lloyd

### 11 Year Boys

1st - Liam Bird  
2nd - Zane Attard  
3rd - Vita Fazio  
4th - Caleb Commerford  
5th - Ethan Cook  
6th - Mason Ranieri

### 11 Year Girls

1st - Lilly De Bono  
2nd - Mia Magnoli  
3rd - Amelia Rubelj  
4th - Sarah Baker  
5th - Anna Coburn  
6th - Affreen Mavi

### 12 Year Boys

1st - Dominic Antecki  
2nd - Harry Almer  
3rd - Cohen Wade  
4th - Xavier Mobbs  
4th - Fletcher Blom  
5th - Jaxon Thompson  
6th - Luke Hamilton





# SPORT



**Mrs Neilly**

# LIBRARY

## Peter Rabbit Day and Easter Hat Parade

What an amazing assortment of colourful hats brightened our playground last Wednesday morning as students from Kindy to Year 6 arrived at school ready for our Easter Hat Parade. Many hours of creativity with hot glue guns and staples had produced amazing hats with chickens, rabbits, eggs, and flowers and even some with Peter Rabbit figures on the top. Rabbit ears could be seen in every classroom as we celebrated 120 years of the wonderful book "The Tale of Peter Rabbit". Thank you to all families for your enthusiasm and creativity which gave your children the opportunity to be involved in the fun of the day.



During our parade we were sad to hear that Peter had not listened to his mother and had ventured into Mr McGregor's garden. That very angry and scary Mr McGregor tried very hard to capture Peter but our students did a great job of hiding him as they paraded around.



Just when Mr McGregor thought he'd found Peter in the watering can in his tool shed, Peter tricked him and escaped with a juicy carrot for his dinner. "Run Peter Run!" everyone shouted. Poor old Mr McGregor waved his rake in the air but just wasn't fast enough to catch Peter.

We are happy to report that later that day Peter was found safely asleep in his bed in the library after having some tablespoons of his Mum's calming chamomile tea.



**Mrs Emmett**

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
KW	Olive Cuttonaro	For being a kind and respectful member of Kindergarten White.
	Ivy Nye	For being a helpful member of Kindergarten White.
	Aiyan Kunta	For a great effort during reading groups.
	Samuel Walshe	For his positive contribution to class discussions.
KR	Lucy Le Roux	For her detailed explanation of why Jesus is a good friend.
	Isaac Aquilina	For a great effort during reading groups.
	Jonathan Kelada	For being a respectful member of Kindergarten Red.
	Eloise Cawthorne	For being an active participant in all discussions and tasks.
KB	Sienna Bochynski	For being a kind and respectful member of Kinder Blue.
	Adelyn Arumugam	For being a positive role model for her peers, demonstrating respect when working in the classroom.
	Aria Rositano	For her consistent effort during Guided Reading.
	Avery Rampono	For his progress in recognising sight words during Shared Reading.
1W	Paxton Hsu	For his efforts to improve his spelling.
	Olivia Viera	For her efforts to improve her writing.
	Jaxon Potter	For his efforts to record a sentence when writing.
	Lara Holmes	For her efforts to improve her writing.
1R	Lucy Parkinson	For using expression and fluency when reading.
	Ivy Cavina	For effort in writing using punctuation.
	Lukas Borlongan	For Lukas' conscientious attitude and approach to learning in all Key Learning Areas.
	Carter Caddell	For always contributing to class discussions.



# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
1B	Emma McElroy	For demonstrating perseverance when challenged by difficult tasks in Mathematics.
	Patrick Boyle	For his positive attitude towards all Key Learning Areas.
	Scarlett Lindsey	For her positive attitude toward her learning and attempting difficult tasks.
	Maeve White	For demonstrating excellent perseverance when challenged by difficult tasks.
2W	Hudson Farkas	For effectively communicating his ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Charbel Romanous	For effectively applying reading strategies.
	Sophia De Bono	For taking risks with her learning in all Key Learning Areas.
	Axel Thompson	For his outstanding effort when writing a factual description.
2R	Hunter Young	For improved attitude towards reading.
	Natalie De Leon	For improved handwriting.
	Amelie Sutton	For participation in class discussions.
	Harper Mahlenhoff	For her conscientious attitude towards all Key Learning Areas.
2B	Liliana Richardson	For using the skills of a good writer when writing a factual description.
	Ethan Saliba	For consistently applying a positive attitude to all learning tasks.
	Olivia Voyce	For her mature approach to all learning tasks.
	Isla Duncan	For enthusiastically writing an accurate factual description of a Tree Kangaroo.



# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
3W	Olivia Panetta	For having a positive attitude and contributing positively to class discussions.
	Caitlyn Trimboli	For engaging in all learning activities and completing them to the best of her ability.
	Charlotte Richards	For her positive attitude toward her learning and attempting difficult tasks.
	Udeep Rimal	For his consistent effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
3R	Alyssa Rizzo	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Sienna Smith	For her consistent positive attitude and commitment to literacy based tasks.
	Levi Wade	For demonstrating perseverance when faced with a challenging Mathematical task.
	George Gerges	For contributing insightful comments to class discussions especially in the areas of History and Science.
3B	Lila Bisset	For always having a positive attitude and contributing positively to class discussions.
	Charlotte Okulicz	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in her Science project.
	Ellie McElroy	For making mature learning choices in the classroom and using feedforward to improve the quality of her work.
	Nicholas Hamilton	For demonstrating excellent perseverance to tackle challenging Mathematical tasks independently.
4W	Heidi Grbin	For her consistent positive attitude and effort put into all Key Learning Areas, especially when facing challenging tasks.
	Carter Moran	For his consistent effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
	Lachlan Sutton	For completing tasks to a high standard whilst also encouraging other group members to share and contribute their ideas.
	Tyler Voyce	For being a respectful learner and starting to use feedback as a way to improve his work especially in writing.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
4R	Emily Oostelbos	For being enthusiastic and positive in all areas of the curriculum.
	Xander Pringle	For taking on feedback in order to improve his skills in more challenging tasks.
	Hannah Saliba	For demonstrating perseverance when faced with a challenging task.
	Jaxon Morris-Brown	For his positive attitude and participation in class discussions, especially during Geography and Science.
4B	Lincoln Primmer	For being a respectful learner and starting to use feedback as a way to improve his work especially in writing.
	Aluel Tor	For being a respectful learner and starting to use feedback as a way to improve her work especially in writing.
	Phoebe Portman	For contributing to class discussions and enthusiastically engaging in all Key Learning Areas.
	Peyton Palma	For his consistent effort and positive attitude towards his learning.
5W	Brayden Fretton-Lee	For his conscientious attitude and approach to his learning in all Key Learning Areas.
	Liam Bird	For effectively communicating his ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Ariana Spiteri	For continuously seeking feedback and feedforward to improve the quality of her work.
	Sophie Parker	For demonstrating perseverance when challenged by difficult tasks in Mathematics.
5R	Grace Brown	For her consistent effort in all learning areas.
	Lara D'Agostino	For her positive attitude towards her learning.
	Madalyn Killeen	For her perserverence in solving mathematical problems.
	Benjamin Kyle	For seeking and acting upon feedback towards his learning.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

Class	Student	Reason
5B	Amelie Carroll	Her thoughtful and insightful responses when engaging in Religious Education.
	Francesca Vella	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically engaging in all learning activities.
	Mia Magnoli	For demonstrating excellent perseverance when challenged by difficult tasks.
	Harrison Smith	For his caring and compassionate nature and his communication with others in a polite and considerate manner.
6W	Isabel Forsyth	For effectively communicating her ideas and enthusiastically participating in discussions in all Key Learning Areas.
	Chase Small	For being respectful in all settings.
	Alyssa Darroch	For demonstrating effective communication and sharing her insightful ideas during reading groups.
	Julian Tabone	For always contributing to class discussions.
6R	Jacinta Devaise	For having an excellent attitude towards her learning.
	Anthony Felice	For overcoming obstacles in his learning and always continuing to improve.
	Luca McCullan	For displaying enthusiasm towards Mathematics and enjoying the challenge.
	Brianna Poulton	For being enthusiastic and positive in all areas of the curriculum.
6B	Gemma Phelan	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning in Mathematics.
	Harry Almer	For his willingness to listen and share his ideas during Readers Circle.
	Joshua Barron	For demonstrating a positive attitude during all learning experiences.
	Dominic Anteck	For using various strategies to solve mathematical problems.

# EFFORT IN LEARNING

	Year	Student	Reason
Sport	K	Hannah Killeen	For following instructions and performing a great Static Balance.
	1	Amelia Oxford	For displaying enthusiasm in sport and performing a great Static Balance.
	2	Jayden Finn	For displaying a high level in Softball skills.
	3	Holly Cleary	For always willing to help and displaying skill in catching a high ball.
	4	Celeste Devaise	For her ability in batting a ball off a tee with force.
	5	Zane Attard	For displaying a high level in Softball skills.
	6	Alexander Holy	For displaying sportsmanship and skill in striking a ball off a tee.

	Year	Student	Reason
Italian	K	Olive Cuttonaro	For participating enthusiastically in Italian and knowing her numbers and colours.
	1	Sienna Pantelas	For making a beautiful Carnevale mask.
	2	Ella Pringle	For being enthusiastic and positive in Italian.
	3	Elle McElroy	For excellent workbook presentation in Italian.
	4	Christian Vella	For excellent workbook presentation in Italian.
	5	Sierra Ryan	For displaying a positive attitude in Italian.
	6	Isabella Chiha	For excellent workbook presentation in Italian.



# EFFORT IN LEARNING

	Year	Student	Reason
Music	K	Aiyan Kunta	For doing a great job with learning a new dance.
	1	Evey Cromar	For trying her best at all times.
	2	Leila Gomesz	For always showing determination.
	3	Mia McGrath	For remembering a difficult dance pattern.
	4	Ryan Thayil	For displaying a high level of competence with all aspects of Music.
	5	Jasmine Galea	For quietly going about her work with great results.
	6	Eden Allardice	For displaying a high level of skill in Dance.



# COMMUNICATION



The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

08/04/2022	QKR and Eftpos Payments closing 10:30am today
07/04/2022	Application for travel
06/04/2022	Premier's Reading Challenge 2022
06/04/2022	Bethany Mother's Day Stall Volunteers
06/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 4th and 5th April - Year 5
05/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 1st April - Year 3
05/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 4th April - Year 6
05/04/2022	The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) data collection notice
05/04/2022	Palm Sunday Liturgy
04/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 31st March - Year 4
04/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 1st April - Year 5
04/04/2022	Bethany Mother's Day Stall Volunteers
04/04/2022	Parents and Carers of Year 5 White
01/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 30th and 31st March - Year 5
01/04/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 29th, 30th and 31st March - Kindergarten
31/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 28th March and 29th March - Year 4
31/03/2022	Afternoon Dismissal this afternoon - 31st March
31/03/2022	AFL Auskick Cancelled, Thursday 31st March
31/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 29th March and 30th March - Year 5
31/03/2022	Parents and Carers of Year 4 Red
31/03/2022	Parents and Carers of Kindergarten Red
30/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 29th March - Year 6
30/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 29th March - Year 4

# COMMUNICATION

30/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 28th March - Year 5
30/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 28th March and 29th March - Year 1
30/03/2022	Parents and Carers of 1 Blue
29/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 28th March - Year 5
29/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 27th and 28th March - Kindergarten
29/03/2022	Dismissal Arrangements for Kindergarten
29/03/2022	Changes to Peter Rabbit Day Celebrations - Wednesday 30th March
29/03/2022	Parents and Carers of 6 White
29/03/2022	COVID-19 Infection/Close Contact Notification Requirements for Families
29/03/2022	Clothing Pool closed today
28/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 21st March - Kindergarten
28/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 25th March - Year 1
28/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 25th March - Year 5
28/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 25th March - Year 4
28/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 25th March - Year 2
28/03/2022	Parents and Carers of 3 Red
25/03/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - 21st March - Year 6

# 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.

You Tube





# OTHER MATTERS

## BETHANY WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 marks the transition into our Winter school uniform. Students and families have the first two weeks of the term to transition into full winter uniform. Full winter uniform is to be worn by Week 3.

## 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

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

08/04/2022	Last day Term 1
26/04/2022	First day Term 2
03/05/2022	Diocesan Cross Country- Eastern Creek
05/05/2022	Canberra Excursion - Year 6
06/05/2022	Canberra Excursion - Year 6