

# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 2 | Week 4 | Friday, 20th May, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Recently our Year 6 students, together with their teachers and several staff, travelled to Canberra. This excursion is important in helping children develop an understanding of the Australian democratic system, civics, history, and our cultural identity. The time away is also memorable on a relational level for children in their final year of primary school.

The students who attended the excursion this year were fine representatives of our school community. The feedback they received regarding their conduct from the staff at various venues such as **Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The National Arboretum, Old Parliament House, The National Botanical Garden, Questacon and Cockington Green** was consistently positive and affirming.

One of the undoubted highlights of their time in Canberra was the visit to the **Australian War Memorial**. As you would know the *Memorial* includes the **Roll of Honour** which names the individual 102,000 men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. One of these names included **Private Jim Martin** - the youngest soldier listed on the Roll of Honour.

Jim Martin's story is incredibly inspirational and tragic. At the beginning of WWI Jim who was just 3 months past his 14th birthday and wished desperately to enlist. His parents initially refused his request, so he threatened to run away and join the Australian Army under a fake name. Seeing how desperate her son was to serve his country his mother reluctantly agreed - and falsely told authorities he was 18 years old.



Jim Martin was firstly deployed to Egypt and later was sent to Gallipoli. At Gallipoli his landing vessel was struck by a torpedo offshore. He spent several hours in the water until he was rescued and finally went ashore on September 7, 1915 - surviving the initial landing at Gallipoli he was able to dig in.

Unfortunately, Jim contracted typhoid and died two months after the landing in the disease-ridden trenches on the foothills of **ANZAC Cove**. He was later buried at sea - his mother back in Australia was forever affected by her decision to allow him to enlist.

Jim was only a year or two older than the children who attended the excursion last week. His story is one of thousands that are contained and honoured in the War Memorial. It reminds us that the privileges and freedoms we all enjoy today were achieved through the brave and selfless service of ordinary people who acted extraordinarily in the most trying conditions on our behalf.

Finally, I wish to thank and acknowledge the Bethany staff who planned, supported, and supervised our students on the excursion to Canberra this year. The responsibility and demands for staff in taking students away on an overnight excursion are significant and we appreciate their service and care immensely.

Go gently this week,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **NAPLAN 2022**

Over the last week our Year 3 and our Year 5 students have been participating in the 2022 NAPLAN. Congratulations to the students for their resilience and hard work during this time as they have undergone a variety of tests. Thank you to Mrs Erica Sullivan and Miss Isabelle Van Der Zee who coordinated the assessments and the technology during this time. Thank you also to the Year 3 and Year 5 class teachers and our parents who have prepared and supported the children so well. Results of the tests will be shared with parents once the school receives them later this year.



## **TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY (TTFM) 2022**

In the coming weeks we will be inviting our students from Year 5 and Year 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school, using an online survey. These surveys are an important part of our school evaluation and planning process. From Monday 30 May - Friday 1 July, we invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. 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. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Further information to follow.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## May, the month of Mary

### Why is May the month of Mary?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came in about in the 13th century. In the northern hemisphere, this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour, Jesus Christ.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy Mediator Dei:



### Why we should love the Virgin Mary -

[www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=WN0JCs9B4Gw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=WN0JCs9B4Gw)

I encourage you to watch this animation with your children, where Pope Francis explains why we need to take care and cultivate our relationship with the Virgin Mary. Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his/her mother.

One of the ways we honour Mary at Bethany is by praying 'The Angelus' at noon each day as a community. This prayer that commemorates the Incarnation includes our most powerful prayer of praise to Mary - The Hail Mary.

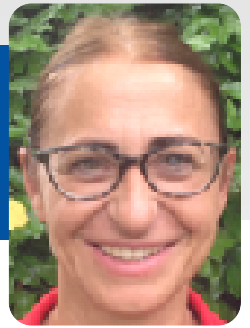
## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour  
of our death.

Amen.

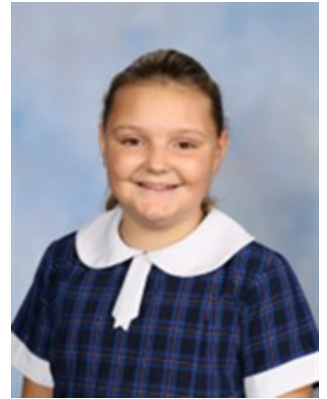


# SPORT



## HOCKEY NEWS!

Congratulations to Addison Finnimore who played Hockey for the Parramatta Diocese in Canberra and has been selected to further play at the NSW competition! Bethany is very proud of your achievements Addison! Good Luck!



**ATHLETICS NEWS to come in the next newsletter.....**



# YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 students from Bethany have recently undertaken an education tour of our National Capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The students visited Old and New Parliament House, The National Museum of Democracy, War Memorial, Cockington Green Gardens, The National Arboretum, The Australian National Botanic Gardens, and Questacon. They were able to participate in hands-on experiences that helped deepen their knowledge of Australia's History. This was in line with our Project Based Learning unit, Australia as a Nation. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



# LIBRARY



## National Simultaneous Storytime 2022

### Book and Blanket

Wednesday 25th May

Next Wednesday 25th May students at Bethany will join with millions of children across Australia to read **Family Tree** written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh. National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event that promotes the value of reading and Australian literature. This will take place as part of in class literacy sessions.

To further promote the value of reading aloud to children, parents and carers are invited to bring a favourite book to read, a blanket and a picnic lunch for a Book and Blanket afternoon commencing at 1pm.

Parents and carers are invited to visit our school library during the Book and Blanket event. This is a great chance to see the range of books we have at Bethany and borrow some to read with your children at home.

### Borrowing and Returning Library Books

It has been wonderful to see so many students borrowing books from our school library to read in class and at home. Libraries work well when books continue to circulate. It is important that enthusiastic borrowers also return books so others can have an opportunity to read them. Thank you for encouraging your children to return the books they have borrowed. Some overdue notices will be sent home over the next fortnight to remind students of books they need to return.



Mrs Emmett

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

20/05/2022	Yr 5 Bathurst Goldfields Excursion
25/05/2022	National Simultaneous Storytime - 11:00am
25/05/2022	Book and Blanket Afternoon - 1:00pm
03/06/2022	Year 2 Excursion to Clifton Gardens- Ranger Jamie Excursion
07/06/2022	NSWCPS Cross Country- Eastern Creek
08/06/2022	School Photos
16/06/2022	School Photos - catchup (for students who were absent on Photo Day)
01/07/2022	Kindy - Taronga Zoo Excursion

## OTHER MATTERS

### CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school if you have changed address or any contact details such as emails or phone numbers. It is vital that we have the correct information in case of emergencies, school communication and to ensure accurate billing information. Please send an email to the school with new details. **Change of Details Form** is available at the office and is also on the school website.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS - Wednesday 8th June

School Photo notes were sent home with students last week. Please contact the office if your child has not yet received theirs.

- Students are to wear full winter uniform regardless of whether their Sport day is on Wednesday. Students who have Sport on Wednesday can bring their sport shoes to change into. Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Hair is to be neatly done.
- Hair accessories must be in the Bethany colours.
- Please note that **photography and school staff are not permitted to adjust or comb students' hair.**
- Please ensure your child arrives at school on time - photos will commence at 8:30am.

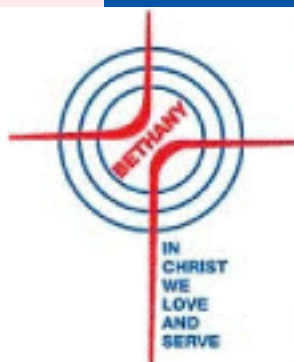
# COMMUNICATION

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

19/05/2022	Chicks for adoption
19/05/2022	Year 2 Excursion Note - Ranger Jamie Tour
16/05/2022	Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 5 and 6
16/05/2022	PBS4L School Rewards - Superhero Day
16/05/2022	Yr 2 - 6 Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 18th May - Years 2,3,4,5, & 6
13/05/2022	Sacrament of Confirmation - Year 5 and Year 6
12/05/2022	Teaching Arrangements for Kindergarten Red - Week 3 and 4
12/05/2022	Book and Blanket Afternoon
12/05/2022	AFL Auskick cancelled
12/05/2022	Urgent messages sent via email
12/05/2022	SCHOOL PHOTOS - Wednesday 8th June 2022
10/05/2022	Letter from Bishop Vincent Long
06/05/2022	Winter Uniform - Week 3
06/05/2022	Uniform Shop open today
06/05/2022	Newsletter - Term 2 Week 2



# 2023 ENROLMENT



## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2023

We have limited places available for grades 1-6.

## NOW ACCEPTING SECOND ROUND OFFERS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

Applications need to be received by Friday 27 May 2022

Please contact the School Office on 47233700 for enrolment packs or visit our website  
[www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au) for further information .



# COMMUNITY

## BE BUS AWARE

**Wait until the bus  
has gone then use a  
safe place to cross**



**BeBusAware.com.au**