

# BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3 | Week 2 | Friday 29th July 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! Our first two weeks of term have been full of wonderful celebrations of learning and community.

Last week we hosted a focus for children acknowledging the rich cultural diversity that exists within our Bethany community. One of the highlights was seeing many of our children wearing **multicultural** dress or their **national colours** with such joy and pride as well as participating so enthusiastically in the planned activities during rotation lessons.



Friday saw our school dressed in pyjamas in support of the **St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal**. It was a lovely way to finish our first week back at school for a most worth cause.

This week our Kindergarten children marked a hundred and one days of schooling with a special day based on the book **101 Dalmations**. The children looked amazing dressed as dalmations in black and white and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



On Tuesday we had the great privilege of hosting a very large gathering of families for **Grandparents' Day** coinciding with the Feast of **Saints Joachim & Anne** (Mary's parents). The day consisted of four main parts commencing with a beautiful mass, followed by classroom visits, then families were able to enjoy a picnic morning tea and visit the bookfair in the library.



**Grandparents' Day** remains a celebration that connects us at a very human level. It's a day that is defined by joy, love and respect. It's a day where we pause and give thanks for all **grandparents, great grandparents & grandparent figures** as well as a day where grandparents have an opportunity to show their love and affection for their children's children.

The role that individual grandparents play in the lives of grandchildren may be different but they all share an important role in helping to influence in a lasting way their grandchildren's growth as a person by passing on family stories, through their wisdom, witness to the faith, common sense and

selfless love.

Grandparents' Day is about giving collective thanks for the **treasures** that are grandparents. May God continue to bless and sustain our grandparents wherever they may be.

Go gently this week,

Sergio Rosato  
Principal

# QUOTES ABOUT GRANDPARENTS

Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild.

~Welsh Proverb

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grand baby around the finger of a grandfather.

~Joy Hargrove

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love.

~Author Unknown

If nothing is going well, call your grandmother.

~Italian Proverb

I don't intentionally spoil my grandkids. It's just that correcting them often takes more energy than I have left.

~Gene Perret

A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.

Author Unknown

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children.

Alex Haley

If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.

Regina Brett



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Bethany! I have enjoyed hearing all the holiday stories from the students about what they got up to and the family and friends they got to spend time with.

### Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM) 2022

We have now received the data from the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) 2022 survey and had a chance to analyse and discuss the information provided. Thank you to the 87 parents who responded to this survey. We value the important role of parents and carers in our school community and greatly appreciate your responses and the positive and encouraging comments.

We will continue to work with you on improving our communication between teachers and parents. Please remember that you can ask for a meeting with your child's teacher or coordinator at any time if you have any concerns or questions which you'd like to raise. Our wonderful Bethany staff are here to work in partnership with you to further improve student learning and wellbeing.

We will also endeavour to organise to have whole school events and celebrations on different days of the week to allow more working parents to attend.



## Tell Them From Me

### Kiss 'n Ride Procedures

Last week we had a CEDP representative observe our Kiss 'n Ride morning drop off and afternoon pickup process. We were congratulated on the effectiveness and safety of the process we have in place. Thank you for your patience and support while we worked together to get this system up and running.

Please see the reminders below to keep everyone safe and allow the process to continue to run as smoothly as possible:

#### **1. For both drop-off & pick-up:**

(a) Please have your **children sitting behind the passenger seat** to ensure that we maintain the safety of students and teachers and avoid walking between cars to allow students to leave/enter the car.



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

(b) Please have your child's school bag on their laps or on the passenger seat. **School bags should not be in the boots** of cars as this again means people are walking between cars.

(c) **Parents should remain in their cars** during drop-off and pick-up. Staff will assist children in/out of your vehicle. This enables the school to ensure a streamline drop-off and pickup process and to try and avoid unnecessary traffic build up in and around the school site as well as keeping everyone safe.

### 2. For morning drop-off:

(a) Please have the **students' bags on the front passenger seat**. Staff will gather the bags and place them on the footpath where the students can wait and then put their bags on. This way they are away from the cars and avoiding any trips on the carstop barriers on the ground.

Thank you for your continued support.



Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Term 3 has only just begun but it has already been a busy term!

Last week we celebrated Multicultural week with thanks to our Music, PE and Italian teachers: Mr Green, Mrs Neilly and Mrs Sciacchitano. We concluded last week with Pyjama Day. Both of these events were in support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thank you for all of your donations. To date we have raised over \$800. Donations can still be made to the Vinnies Winter Appeal via our Qkr payment app.



This week we celebrated Grandparents' Day. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents joining our Eucharistic celebration and visiting their grandchildren at Bethany.

Last Sunday, children from St Padre Pio Parish received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate these students and continue to pray for them. Below are the students from Bethany who have received this sacrament:

Marco Cavina  
Peter Celar  
Anna Coburn  
Jacinta Devaise  
Koby Ellingsworth  
Jasmine Galea  
Cooper Gauci  
Amelia Rubelj  
Francesca Vella

Taylor Caruana  
Anabelle Contractor  
Caleb Commerford  
Lara D'Agostino  
Vita Fazio  
Georgia Gately  
Mia Magnoli  
Ariana Spiteri  
Chelsea Williams



All Bethany families are invited to come to the **Children's Mass at St Padre Pio Parish at 10am - Sunday 7th August**. Please complete and return the form sent out via Skoolbag if your child and family will be attending this Mass.

**\*\*Please note that this Mass is one of the presentation Masses for students who are enrolling in the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

## **Curriculum:**

Each grade has begun their Learning Cycles for Term Three. The following is an overview of the Overarching Question that each grade will base their learning on in Religious Education:

Kindergarten - What did Jesus teach us about showing love for ourselves and others?

Year One - What can I learn about God's family in my community?

Year Two - How are we invited to share in the special presence of Jesus?

Year Three - How do we connect with each other as members of a church community?

Year Four - How do we celebrate being united as one body in Christ?

Year Five - How are the sacraments a special sign and celebration of God's love for us?

Year Six - How are we stewards of creation?

## **Friday morning Parish Mass**

The following classes will be attending the Friday morning parish Masses in coming weeks:

Week 2 - 29th July: 4W and 2W

Week 3 - 5th August: 4R and 2R

Week 4 - 12th August: 4B and 2B

# LIBRARY



Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who made it possible to serve so many students and their grandparents at our annual Book Fair on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many visitors to our library and we thank you for your understanding and patience when waiting to make your purchases. All orders have been

placed with Scholastic and will be distributed as soon as they arrive at school.

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Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia chooses a theme to celebrate Book Week. The theme for this year is **"Dreaming with eyes open..."** Book Week will be held in Week 6 from 22nd-26th August. More details in coming weeks.

In the lead up to Book Week, a theatre company specialising in live performances for primary schools will be visiting Bethany. Their **"Story Quest"** performance will feature a selection of the 2022 shortlisted books and the Book Week theme "Dreaming with eyes open..." This exciting incursion will take place in our school hall on Friday 12th August.



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## The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2022 closes on Friday 19th August.

Many Year 3-6 students have been enthusiastically reading and recording their 20 books on their Personal Reading Logs. With only 3 weeks until the challenge finishes please encourage your children if they are getting close to completion and just need that extra bit of enthusiasm to make it to the finish line. Any student needing help to find books to read in these final weeks can call into the library for assistance.

A reminder that the PRC website can be found at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> All students from Years 1-6 were issued with usernames and passwords earlier in the year.

Well done to the Year 1 and 2 students and their families who are completing the reading challenge at home in addition to the 30 books all Year 1 and 2 students are listening to their teachers read in class.

Kindergarten have completed reading their 30 books with their teachers. PRC certificates will be presented at the end of the school year.

**Mrs Emmett**

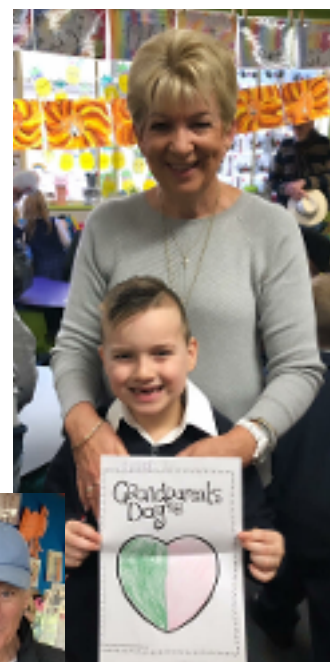


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*Grandparents are blessings in our lives.*



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

12 August	Perform Education incursion Kinder- Year 6
15 August	Whole School Mass - The Assumption
17 August	Year 4 Excursion - The Rocks
19 August	Year 3 Excursion - The Australian Museum
22-26 August	Book Week "Dreaming with eyes open..."
23 August (new date)	Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival - St Marys
24 August	St Nicholas Netball Gala day (back up date: 31 August)
1 & 2 September	Mackillop Cricket Trial - Wagga Wagga
2 September (new date)	Diocesan Athletics Carnival- Homebush



# COMMUNICATION

The following information has been communicated via  
the SkoolBag App:



29/07/2022	Covid-smart measures
29/07/2022	Lowes Offer - 4th & 5th August
28/07/2022	Year 3 Science Excursion
28/07/2022	Grandparents Day - Photos
27/07/2022	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Blue 29/7- Postponed
27/07/2022	Touch Football Stage 3 Boys and Girls Gala day
26/07/2022	Scholastic Book Fair - final chance to purchase books
25/07/2022	Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 26th July 2022
25/07/2022	Grandparents' Day Update
22/07/2022	Pyjama Day Disco
22/07/2022	2nd hand clothing pool open today
22/07/2022	Netball Trials
21/07/2022	Commonwealth School Data Collection Notice
20/07/2022	Year 4 Excursion - The Rocks
20/07/2022	Grandparents" Day - Request for photographs
19/07/2022	Grandparents Day 2022
19/07/2022	Teaching Arrangements for 4B
19/07/2022	ZONE Athletics Standards
18/07/2022	Stage 3 - Yr 5 and 6 Girls Touch football team trials
18/07/2022	Multicultural Diversity at Bethany



# ATTENDANCE

every learner every day ✓

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



## DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT  
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

## EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



## GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

# PARISH

## Is there more to life than this?

Do you have questions about life, faith, and what it might mean to know God?

Alpha provides an opportunity to explore these questions and discover what the Christian faith might have to offer in response.

Alpha is not just a *course*... it's an experience!

**Starts Wednesday 10th August 2022**

**Contact the Parish office on 4789 2232 or Craig on 0412 791 414.**



# KINDY'S 101 DAYS OF LEARNING





# ENROLMENT



## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2023

We have limited places available for grades 1-6.

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



**Phantoms**  
**Softball Club**  
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**Junior Touch Football**  
 Enquiries: juniors@penrithtouch.com.au  
 Cost: \$75 Per Player  
 Location: Kingsway Playing Fields

Monday 29th August	Wednesday 31st August
5:00 & 5:50 PM	5:00 & 5:50 PM
U6 & U8 Mixed	U12/14/16 Boys & Girls
U10 Boys & Girls	Draft Cup Boys & Girls 5:50pm

