BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 | Week 4 | Friday, 12th August, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bethany families,

On Monday we celebrated the feast of our one and only Aussie recognised saint - **St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.** Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy Melbourne and died 114 years ago at North Sydney on 8th August 1909. The first of eight children born to Scottish immigrants

Alexander Mackillop and Flora MacDonald, her early life had a lasting effect on her faith, perspective and worldview.

Mary's father, Alexander found himself often without work and prone to impulsivity. This meant that he was often away from the

family leaving them close to destitution on a number of occasions.

Mary's life was also chequered with personal loss and challenges including poor health and excommunication by the Church hierarchy. These experiences imbued her with a strong optimist faith and empathy for the

plight of the battler.

Inspired by a meeting with Father Julian Tenison-Woods, at the age of just 25 Mary MacKillop took vows and the religious name, **"Mary of the Cross"**. With Father Julian's encouragement she founded the Sisters of St Joseph, also known as the "Brown Joeys".

Mary MacKillop began her first school in Penola South Australia dedicated to children from impoverished families. Within five years Mary had established over 30 schools in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary and the early Josephites were *wallaby track women* like the indigenous people before them. The denseness of the landscape often made travel on foot incredibly difficult. Tiny tracks were discovered through the bush – tracks that had been worn by wallabies. The Sisters of St Joseph often used these tracks to reach those they needed to serve often the most neglected people in outback







PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

towns and cities across the land.

Remaining true to the Gospel message, they committed to **bring the Good News to those who** were poor, to embrace the outsider, and to welcome the stranger as friend.

St Mary's wisdom, compassion and faith can be appreciated through her many quotes that she shared with her sisters and the communities she served:



- Remember we are but travellers here
- Have courage no matter what your crosses are
- We must teach more by example than by word
- Let us really love one another
- Never see a need without doing something about it
- God will carry you safely through every struggle

Be kind to the poor foreigners. Remember that I was a foreigner once, and as such was never laughed at, nor unkindly treated

What Mary did with her life changed the course of Australian History. Mary's Order and their outreach to look after the outcast of society and

to educate the young remains an extraordinary legacy - we are the stewards of this legacy and are called to carry it on.

Go Gently,

Sergio Rosato

Principal

The Sisters of St Joseph vowed to:

- Live simply
- Travel lightly
- Make room for all
- And live by the motto - 'Never see a need without doing something about it'.



Mr Rosato at the School House in Penola SA 2016

ANZAC Shield Presentation

Thankyou to Mr Robert Deviase, ex serviceman and grandfather of Jacinta (6R) & Celeste (4R) who recently presented the school with a special handmade shield.

The shield contains the badges of Australia's Defence Forces (ADF) - Australian Army, Air Force (RAAF) and Navy (RAN) as well as the Combined Services Badge and a Commemorative 1915 ANZAC Badge.

The shield will be used during our school ANZAC Day Services in the future. We sincerely thank Robert for this very meaningful contribution to our school community. Lest We Forget.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week all the staff at Bethany completed some mandatory online training modules which focussed on many things such as Safeguarding. While completing this work, it reminded me of just how important online safety is for all technology users - children and adolescents, as well as adults. As adults, we are aware that whatever we post online remains there as a digital footprint, even if we remove a post or photo from our social network streams. As adults, we also know how dangerous it is to give away personal information to businesses or sites we may subscribe to online.

Educating our children on how to use technology safely is paramount. Parents and schools need to work in partnership to ensure our children always remain safe and respectful, especially when online.

The esafety website below is an outstanding resource for parents, children and schools. This site is produced by the Commonwealth government and has resources that can be downloaded, webinars you can join and even picture ebooks for our younger children to engage with. https://www.esafety.gov.au/

Learning about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube is an upcoming online webinar for parents of young people aged 8-13 years. It will be held on Tuesday 16th August 7:30pm-8:30pm and Thursday 25th August 12:30pm-1:30pm. Please see the link below for the registration page.

https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5639946412689525773

I highly recommend that all families take the time to explore the eSafety website.

CSPA 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning

The Catholic School Parents Association (CSPA) is an advocacy group for parents and carers of

students attending Catholic schools in NSW. The association is conducting a survey on student learning and well being. This is a significant piece of research. Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child. If you are a parent or carer of a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal



Government and Catholic education. Your feedback will remain anonymous.

<u>Click here for CSPA Parent Survey</u>

Mrs Lloyd

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kiss 'n Ride Procedures

Thank you so much for the changes you have made and are continuing to make in working collaboratively with us to ensure that our Kiss 'n Ride procedures in the mornings and afternoons run smoothly and keep everyone safe.

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.

(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





Mrs Lloyd



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 15th August is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This feast is one of two holy days of obligation where we, as Catholics, are required to attend Mass. Bethany students will attend the parish Mass at 9am on Monday. We welcome parents and families who are able to attend this celebration with our school community. If you are unable to attend this Mass, an evening Mass is also available at 7pm.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a celebration of Mary being taken to Heaven (assumed into Heaven) in body and soul at the end of her earthly life. Mary holds an important place in Catholicism. She is the mother of Jesus and also our Heavenly mother. The fact that she was assumed into Heaven body and soul tells us of the importance Mary holds in our faith.

Last weekend, several children from our school community, along with children from the wider St Padre Pio parish family, were presented to the parish community in preparation for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith. Workshops for this sacrament will take place over the next two weeks (Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th August).

The 10am parish Mass at St Padre Pio last Sunday was well attended by many Bethany families. The children's Mass is a wonderful way to get to know more families within the wider community. The next children's Mass that Bethany families are especially invited to attend will take place in October (due to the sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses taking place in September).

The following classes will be attending the Friday morning parish Mass at St Padre Pio in the coming weeks:

Friday 19th August - 6B and KB Friday 26th August - 6W and KW Friday 2nd September - 6R and KR





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ZONE ATHLETICS QUALIFIERS

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified and will be representing Bethany and competing at the Zone Athletics in Week 6. We wish you all the best for the day!

Indiana Dewhurst Scarlett Avila Mary Kay Chloe Relph Alysha Castle Lilly DeBono Zara Swadling **Brooklyn Blattman** Flidie Gal Heidi Lloyd Charlotte Okulicz Addison Finnimore **Olivia Langmack** Amelia Rubelj Dominic Antecki Lachlan Eadie Cohen Wade Jude Dunn **Zane** Attard Zachary Collins Lucas Okulicz **Braith Sylvester** Alexander Sekulovski **Brooklyn Tamou** Xander Pringle Kyle Smith

Analise Galagher Indy Scott Sophie Parker Mia Ferris Mia Magnoli Briana Geoghegan Francesca Vella Alexander Holy Talen Russo Caleb Commerford Mateo Tangata-Toa Jett Ward Jaleah Harris Eden Allardice Ana Stojanovic Jayda Finn Ellie McElroy Olivia Grady Mathayus Andreatta Jaxon Thompson Brody Willmott Mason Mercia Phoenix Power Dante Williams

STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

On the 29th June, our Bethany boys team participated in a soccer gala day held at Jamison Park, Penrith. I was lucky enough to enjoy the beautiful sunshine while watching the team play against other schools in the area.

The following students made up the team:

Year 5	Year 6	
Jude Dunn	Cohen Wade	Riley Parker
Vita Fazio	Xavier Mobbs	Fletcher Blom
Mason Ranieri	Joshua Barron	Dominic Antecki
Koby Ellingsworth	Harry Almer	Zachary Debrincat
Marco Cavina	Francesco Polimeni	



SPORT



The boys displayed great skill together with sportsmanship as they played each team in

their pool. They may not have won, but I was very proud of the way the boys supported each other and respected the officials of the games.

A special thank you to Mr Almer who gave up his time to do a few coaching sessions with the boys at lunch and coach the boys on the day of the competition!

I would also like to say thank you to our ex students: Lachlan Antecki, Christian Fabiano and Cooper Ranieri from St Dominics, for sharing their knowledge and refereeing games on the day!





WEEKEND SPORTS NEWS!

Congratulations to the following two students on their achievements in Sport:

Brody Willmott

Brody (5R) recently competed in France as part of the Australian BMX Team.

Previously Brody competed in the AusCycling National BMX Championships and Oceania Championships. Brody's achievements were also recently recognised in Parliament by the NSW Member for Mulgoa, Tanya Davis.





Addison Finnimore

Addison was recently selected to tour Fiji next year as part of the Wanderers Hockey Australia tour. Congratulations to Addison on this wonderful achievement and we wish her every success.



LIBRARY



Students have been enthusiastically calling into the library to get some extra books in order to complete their Reading Record by Friday 19th August.

Book Fair Orders

have been distributed to students. The remainder of the orders will be sent home as soon the school receives them. Thank you for your understanding.

All items that were ordered at the Book Fair and have arrived at school

Book Club Issue 6 catalogue will be sent home next week. Families wishing to purchase books using the LOOP payment system need to place orders by Tuesday 23rd August.

BOOK WEEK AT BETHANY

Thursday 25th August

loin with us to celebrate the stories and book characters that enrich our lives when we read.

Reading is like...dreaming with eyes open!

- *Come to school dressed as a favourite book character
- * Families welcome to watch the parade from 12 noon
- * Stay on for a picnic lunch

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs



Stories suitable for preschoolers and all primary students.

Visit www.storyboxlibrary.com.au and login

Username: **bethanycps**

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Book Clubs



Mrs Emmet









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WEEK	17 August	Year 4 Excursion - The Rocks			
>	19 August	Year 3 Excursion - The Australian Museum			
	22-26 August	Book Week "Dreaming with eyes open"			
EK 6	23 August (new date)	Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival - St Marys			
WEEK	24 August	St Nicholas Netball Gala day (back up date: 31 August)			
	25 August	Book Week character parade			
K 7	1 & 2 September	Mackillop Cricket Trial - Wagga Wagga			
WEEK	2 September (new date)	Diocesan Athletics Carnival- Homebush			

ATTENDANCE



COMMUNICATION

Recent SkoolBag notifications

11/08/2022	The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10/08/2022	Rapid Antigen Test Kits
10/08/2022	Compulsory Parent Information Evening For First Holy Communion
09/08/2022	Teaching Arrangements for 6B - Mr David Conroy
08/08/2022	Application for travel - 5 or more school days
04/08/2022	Bethany's Book Week Character Parade 2022
03/08/2022	Sport uniform change for Week 5 - 16th & 17th August 2022
02/08/2022	Children's Mass on Sunday, 7th August at 10:00am
29/07/2022	Teaching Arrangements for 4B Term 3: Weeks 3 & 4
29/07/2022	Children's Mass on Sunday, 7th August at 10:00am

OTHER MATTERS

TRAVEL DURING SCHOOL TERM

A reminder that, if you are planning to travel during the school term, an **Application for Extended Leave form is to be completed prior to the first day of leave.** This is a requirement if a student is taking leave for 5 days or more. Once the leave is approved by the Principal, a Certificate - Application for Extended Leave will be returned to you.

Application for Extended Leave forms are available from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property tubs are once again full. Please remind your child to check the tubs if they have lost any items. All items are to be clearly labelled with your child's name. Any clothing that is not labelled will be donated to the Clothing Pool. For health reasons, unlabelled water bottles and lunch boxes will be disposed of if unclaimed.



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 for further information .

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



Our guest speaker for the PRC parent engagement event is:

Dr Andrew Fuller

Andrew is a clinical psychologist and family therapist who works to create resilience in families, communities and schools. He specialises in how children learn and how their educational outcomes can be improved. He is the author of many parenting and wellbeing books.





Andrew will talk about how we create an awareness in boys of their power to become wonderful young men who can make a difference in the world through building healthy relationships, having a sense of meaning and purpose and creating a great life for themselves.

Our Presentation Partners



Monday 15 August 2022

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours) (PRC General Meeting will be held prior to guest speaker) St Dominic's, 54-94 Gascoigne St, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Check out our Facebook site f@prcparra Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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This seven cassion program is almost at mon and women whose spouse or partner have ded. It will be into further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives after the death of their leved one. It's an opportunity to ask questions, explore and be supported by others in similar droumstances while learning about how grief un-

folds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting chellenges and

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St. Bernadette's Parish 967 Obl Northern Road Castle Hill NSW, 2154





WHERE IT ALL STARTED

"Learn your craft playing the non-contact alternative" Andrew Johns

Location: Kingsway Playing Fields

Monday 29th August 5:00 & 5:50 PM

U6 & U8 Mixed U10 Boys & Girls

Wednesday 31 5:00 & 5:50 PM U12/14/16 Boys & Girls Draft Cup Boys & Girls 5 50pm







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