

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 4 | Week 10 | Thursday, 15th December, 2022

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks to the whole community for your support for our school throughout 2022. Despite the interruptions associated with COVID-19 and the teacher shortage, this has been a very successful year for the children and community of Bethany. There is much to be grateful for and to be celebrated. Our children, staff and parents always rise to the challenge and make us very proud to be a part of this community.

We farewell our families whose children will be leaving Bethany at the end of this year. Thank you for your contribution to our school during your time here. Our best wishes and blessings go out to you and your children for your new adventure and the next chapter of your journey.

Thank you once again to our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly this year to adapt and adjust to ever changing circumstances. We are so fortunate to have a very strong team living out their vocation at Bethany.

Thank you to Father Suresh who has nurtured our faith development throughout the year and been a constant source of support and encouragement to the staff and students. We look forward to our opening school Mass early in the new year.

We celebrated with our Year 6 students this week who had their Graduation Mass and Award Presentation. Proud parents and carers along with the greater school community came together to mark these special occasions.

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish each family a peace filled, blessed Christmas and a safe holiday break.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working alongside each and every one of you in the new year.

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Acting Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



THANK YOU, BETHANY, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We have donated 32 hamper baskets to St Padre Pio Parish to distribute to those in need in the community. Your generosity will go a long way to help some families have a more enjoyable Christmas.



Bethany Christmas Carols Concert



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D



**WISHING EACH FAMILY WITHIN OUR BETHANY
COMMUNITY A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS**



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to join Fr. Suresh & the St. Padre Pio Parish Catholic Community at Christmas celebrations.

Nine Day Christmas Novena – Rooster Masses

Friday 16 December 5:00am

Saturday 17 December 9:00am & Sunday 18 December 8:00am
(Novena & Sunday Mass), 10am (Sunday Mass)

Monday 19 December – Friday 23 December 5:00am

Saturday 24 December 9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Children's Mass - Saturday 24 December

5:30pm Carols - 6:00pm Mass

The children are invited to dress as a nativity character for this Mass

Family Mass - Saturday 24 December

8:00pm Carols 8:30pm Mass

Solemn Mass - Sunday 25 December

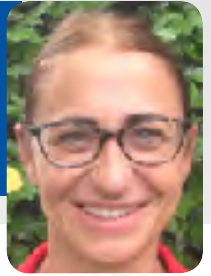
11:30pm Carols 12:00am Mass

Christmas Day Mass - Sunday 25 December

7:30am Carols 8:00am Mass

9:30am Carols 10:00am Mass





SWIMMING

I have spoken to all the Bethany swimmers and announced the top 2 times for each event that will be going to Zone next year. If students asked, I also gave them times and places for their event/s.

Zone notes will be given out early 2023.



SOFTBALL

Lorelei Ellabban (Year 6), Addison Finimore (Year 6) and Francesca Vella (Year 5) represented Penrith City Softball Association last weekend (3-4/12) at the U12 Softball Championships. The girls played some amazing softball and had the best weekend but unfortunately did not make it to the finals.

These girls, along with Sebastian Ellabban (Year 4) and Xavier Mobbs (Year 6), are going to the Canberra Australia Day Softball Carnival in January as part of an U12 and U14 local development team. Bethany wishes you all good luck!

Weekend Sport News

Congratulations to Mathayus in Year 3 who represented Cranebrook Little Athletics on the weekend, competing at the State Relay Championships. Mathayus joined together with 2 other boys to compete in the U10's throwing relay. The boys competed against 25 other teams, finishing in 1st place and bringing home a gold medal.



It's Christmas Time

Last week, K-6 enjoyed our sport lessons with a Christmas theme. It was a fun way to end the year!

I would like to wish our families a Safe and Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support and help at sporting events throughout the year.



Mrs Neilly

LIBRARY

Congratulations to Sarah Baker from 5W

Sarah recently had her short story titled "Outback" published in an anthology of children's writing. As part of a competition on offer to students from Kindergarten to Year 12, Sarah submitted her writing and was then given the opportunity to have it published in **"National Treasures: Write For Fun."**

Maybe in years to come the children at Bethany might be borrowing picture books from our school library that Sarah has written. Great work Sarah!



Things To Check Out In The Long Summer Holiday Break



[LOTE4Kids - Access for CEDP Primary School Stud...](#) LOTE4Kids database is available via our school's elibrary. Over 2,000 picture books in 50 languages are available for students to access. These allow children to engage with and enjoy books in Languages Other Than English. (LOTE) Read-along books highlight words as the story is being read while other titles are bi-lingual; allowing students to make the connection between the language of choice and English.



Summer Reading Challenge BookFace Competition

The Summer Reading Program previously offered by CEDP over the Christmas holidays will not be running this year. Instead, there is the opportunity to be involved in CEDP's BookFace Competition. Entries close on 24th February Term 1

Week 4. Check out the link below to see what is involved and prepare your entry during the holidays. Details of how to share your slide will be given when we return to school next year.

[Click here for slides explaining CEDP Bookface Competition](#)

Did you know that membership of Penrith City Library is free?

They have amazing resources to borrow or access online and many programs available for children during the school holidays.

[Click here to find out about Penrith City Library](#)



Thank you to the families who returned library books so they could be organised ready for 2023. If you find books belonging to Bethany during the summer break, please return them at the beginning of the new school year.

Mrs Emmett

DATES FOR THE DIARY



27th January	Staff Development Day
30th January	Maths Assessment Interview (MAI)
31st January	School commences for Grades 1-6
1st February	School commences for Kindergarten

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday	31/01/23 - First Day Term 1 - Years 1-6
	Wednesday	01/02/23 - First Day Term 1 - Kindergarten
	Thursday	06/04/23 - Last Day Term 1
Term 2	Monday	24/04/23 - First Day Term 2
	Tuesday	25/04/23 - Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
	Friday	30/06/23 - Last Day Term 2
Term 3	Monday	17/07/23 - First Day Term 3
	Friday	22/09/23 - Last Day Term 3
Term 4	Monday	09/10/23 - First day Term 4
	Tuesday	19/12/23 - Last day Term 4

COMMUNICATION



Recent Skoolbag Notifications

14/12/2022	Year 6 Fun Day - Thursday 15th December
13/12/2022	Year 6 Social Reminders - Year 6
13/12/2022	2023 MAI Bookings
12/12/2022	Returning Library Books
12/12/2022	2023 School Fees
09/12/2022	Changes to Meet the Teacher Sessions - Tuesday 13th December
09/12/2022	Semester 2 Student Reports
08/12/2022	St Padre Pio Christmas Mass times
08/12/2022	Clothing Pool open tomorrow, Friday 9th December
08/12/2022	Graduation Mass Friday 9th December
08/12/2022	Head lice notification - Year 3
08/12/2022	Head lice notification - Year 4
07/12/2022	COVID-19 Positive Case Notification - Year 4
07/12/2022	Reminder from Busways to parents and carers to apply now for 2023 School Opal card
07/12/2022	Permission to watch PG rated film "Hating Alison Ashley" - Year 5
07/12/2022	Financial transactions closing at 11am on Friday 9th December
06/12/2022	2022 Christmas Hamper
06/12/2022	Lost jewellery items
05/12/2022	Notification of Chickenpox - Year 1
05/12/2022	Notification of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease - Kindergarten
05/12/2022	Change of Year 5 Sport Uniform Day - Week 9 and 10 - Year 5
05/12/2022	Permission to watch PG rated film, "Home Alone" - Year 6
04/12/2022	Bethany Christmas Concert tomorrow
02/12/2022	Newsletter Term 4 Week 8 - correction

BETHANY END OF YEAR AWARDS

KINDY	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Adelyn Arumugam	Annabella Mafunda	Jaxson Shehata
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Aubree Kuilart	Ronan Connolly	Matilda Bate
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Jaiden Burton	Eddie Varney	Lyanna Trimboli

YEAR 1	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Charlotte Cammuso	Ava Rizzo	Evie Micallef
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Patrick Boyle	Olivia Viera	Carter Caddell
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Emma McElroy	Paxton Hsu	Lukas Borlongan

Year 2	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Chelsea Easterbrook	Ellie Kopp	Lochlan La
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Beau Ciampi	Levi Fullam	Chelsea Gibson
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Aliyah Bakhteari	Sophia De Bono	Thomas King

BETHANY END OF YEAR AWARDS

Year 3	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Lexi Atkins	Ruby Bampton	Braxton Lawler
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Mia De Haan	Carina Agostino	Mia Kilpatrick
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Billy Varney	Caitlyn Trimboli	Noah Holden

Year 4	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Peyton Palma	Willow Briggs	Audrey McDonagh
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Isabella Fabiano	Heidi Grbin	Emily Oostelbos
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Angelina Polimeni	Ryan Thayil	Celeste Devaise

Year 5	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Jaleah Harris	Sarah Baker	Alejandro Flammia
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Shriyan Kunta	Lachlan Cook	Caleb Commerford
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Amelie Carroll	Jayke Shehata	Benjamin Kyle

BETHANY END OF YEAR AWARDS

Year 6	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Living Out the School Motto Award - To Love And Serve	Fletcher Blom	Analise Gallagher	Anthony Felice
Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Mia Ferris	Seth Ranieri	Emma Wallis
Excellence in Learning Award (Academic)	Angelmary Joseph	Aylssa Darroch	Lilly De Bono

Final Year 6 Awards	BLUE	WHITE	RED
Teacher Encouragement Award	Eden Allardice	Isabel Forsyth	Mandy Trikoulis
St Padre Pio Award		Alexander Holy	
St Mary Mackillop Award		Laura Whitton	
Mulgoa Award		Tristan Balita	
Quiet Achiever Award		Piper Lockard	

	Music	Italian	Sport
Infants - Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Milla Vella (Yr1)	Michael Busuttil (Yr1)	Lucas Okulicz (Yr2)
Primary - Outstanding Effort in Learning Award	Luca McCullan (Yr6)	Hunter Kowalczyk (Yr3)	Addison Finnimore (Yr6)

CONGRATULATIONS

OTHER MATTERS

BUSWAYS

Getting to school by bus in 2023

Will your child be catching the bus to school in 2023? Applications are now open for a School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of Term 4. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible.

Here is how it works:

School Opal cards

All students catching the bus in 2023 will need a School Opal card.

Under the School Student Transport Scheme, eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.

For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'. Applications for 2023 opened at the start of Term 4.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.

If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.

5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

Apply now for 2023 Opal Card



OTHER MATTERS

REDEEM YOUR **BACK TO SCHOOL**
NSW VOUCHERS AT LOWES



\$150 PER CHILD

COMMUNITY

Go4Fun is coming to Penrith

Starts 2 February 2023 | Thursdays | 5pm to 7pm
Nepean Aquatic Centre | Pool program



Healthy
active
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kids

Go4Fun is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year old children and their families to become fitter, healthier and happier!

To check your eligibility and register:
visit, go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900



What happens at Go4Fun programs?

Fun games & activities



Build self confidence



Make new friends



Manage screen time



Supermarket tour



Learn about healthy eating for kids & family



Get Active & have fun



Whole of family approach



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Free program



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Free call 1800 780 900
or SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back
Register online at go4fun.com.au

Go4Fun is coming to Kooly



Starts 6 February 2023
Mondays
4:30am to 6:30pm
Koolyongama Aboriginal Family Centre in Cranebrook

Help your family to get healthy, active and happy with Aboriginal Go4Fun. Aboriginal Go4Fun is a ten week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight and their families. A parent or carer is required to attend each session.

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