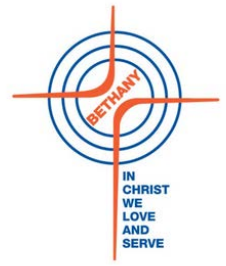


# Bethany Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Term 3 | Week 10 | Thursday, 21st September, 2023

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 3 I'd like to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's educational journey at Bethany. We are very blessed to belong to this wonderful community which offers our students and staff such a holistic, well-rounded education. When I reflected on just the past two weeks at Bethany it was very evident that we are providing an education of the whole person!

### **Spiritual Education**

- The Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist was celebrated after students and their families had attended four formation evenings in preparation led by Fr Suresh.
- Members of the Senior Leadership Team engaged in formation workshops with Professor Br David Hall.
- Year 5 students attended Reconciliation.
- Year 6 students attended the annual Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and Mission Exhibition in Parramatta with Mrs Catherine Baldacchino (REC) and Mrs Therese Baker (Parent Representative).
- Kindergarten teachers led staff in prayer.
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 6 students attended Friday Parish Mass.

### **Academic Education**

- Effort In Learning Awards assemblies to celebrate student academic achievement.
- All staff engaged in professional learning around Literacy, drilling deep into our most current data to plan challenging next steps for each student in their class.
- Paul Devlin, our Learning Leader from CSPD worked with Senior Leadership to plan staff professional learning opportunities for Term 4.

### **Physical Education**

- Captivate Dance troupes shared their performances with the school community.
- School Musical rehearsals are happening every day in preparation for our Matilda Musical in Term 4.
- Stage 2 and 3 Touch Football Gala Day.
- Students represented Bethany at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival at Homebush Bay.

### **Emotional/Social Education**

- Staff wore yellow to support R U OK? Day.
- I attended a Wellbeing Professional Learning Community session for students and staff.
- Bethany school Disco.
- Jersey Day to support all sporting codes heading into the finals.

# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## FAREWELL TO MRS KAREN FRUGTNIET

I wish to share with you the news that Mrs Karen Frugtniet, a long-standing member of our staff has made the decision to resign her position at Bethany at the end of Term 3.

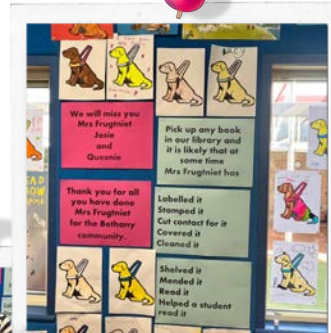
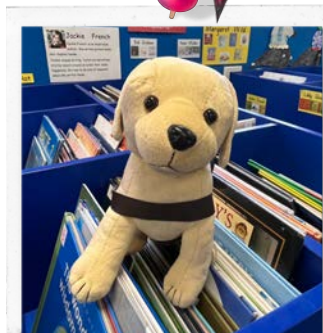
Karen has been a part of the Bethany community for many years, beginning her association as a parent when her eldest daughter Jodie started Kindergarten in 2002 and then taking on a role as a teacher assistant in 2009. Karen's youngest daughter Nicola left Bethany in 2011.

Karen has worked with many of our students during her time as a teacher assistant. She, along with Josie and Queenie, have assisted students in various aspects of their learning but particularly with reading. The school library has been one area where Karen has given much of her time over the years, both at school and at home, covering hundreds of books. We could call her the 'queen' of Contact! For many years Karen has assisted with sorting through readers, providing support at the annual Scholastic Book Fair not to mention the many years of distributing and organising the Scholastic Book Club.

Karen's girls, Josie and Queenie, have been a fixture at Bethany. Under Karen's nurturing approach, they have taken on an incidental role to ease the anxieties of students, temporarily distracting them and helping to put a smile on their faces. There has rarely been a student nor a member of staff who has not felt uplifted by the presence of Josie or Queenie. It has often been difficult to remember not to interact with either of them when they have had their harness on.

We wish Karen every blessing and much happiness as she embarks on this new chapter of her life! She will be greatly missed.

# farewell



# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## **CAR PARK SAFETY**

Please ensure that safety is maintained in our school car park. Drivers are only permitted to drive one way at all times.

## **KISS N RIDE**

Just a reminder that Kiss n Ride in the afternoons is only to be used by parents picking up their children by car. If you are picking up your children on foot, please park your car, enter the school grounds via the Welcome Garden Gate and meet your child on the basketball court.

Wishing you a safe and restful holiday.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Many blessings,  
Rebecca Lloyd  
Acting Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Last Thursday 14th September, 4 of our Year 6 student leaders attended the annual Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Following the Mass, the students had an opportunity to attend a Mission Expo where students from other schools within the diocese showcased mission and outreach activities and initiatives from their schools. Below is a summary of the day provided by one of the Year 6 students who attended the day.

'On Thursday the 14th of September, I had the wonderful opportunity to go to St Patrick's Cathedral with Mrs Baldacchino, Mrs Baker and some students. When we first arrived, we went straight to the Cathedral. It was connected to the original Church. The Cathedral was beautiful and modern and the pews were facing the centre instead of the altar. We were lucky enough to see and talk to the Bishop of the Parramatta Diocese after Mass. We got to talk and ask questions with other students from different schools about their fundraising for charities. It was a wonderful experience.'

Jasmine Galea 6 Red





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED



## ROSARY CLUB DURING OCTOBER THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

When school resumes in Term 4 Rosary Club will recommence throughout the month of October – The month of the Holy Rosary. Students are invited to attend Rosary Club during the lunch break to pray The Rosary outside St Padre Pio church at the statue of Mary. Students may bring their own Rosary Beads or borrow a set from the school. Rosary Club will take place each Monday and Friday from weeks 1-4.

## MISSION WEEK – TERM 4 WEEK 3

From October 23-27, Bethany will celebrate Mission Week. During Mission Week, Bethany students will be invited to participate in a range of activities that will raise funds for those in the community who are less fortunate. During Religious Education lessons in Term 4, students in all grades will focus on outreach and how they can fulfil their mission as a member of the Catholic faith community and follow the example given to us by Jesus Christ.

Early in Term 4, information will be provided on how students can participate in these activities.

## ST. PADRE PIO FEAST DAY AT ST. PADRE PIO PARISH, GLENMORE PARK *EVERYONE IS WELCOME*

### Three Day Triduum:

- 21 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 22 Sept – 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass.
- 23 Sept – 5.30pm Novena followed by Vigil Mass.

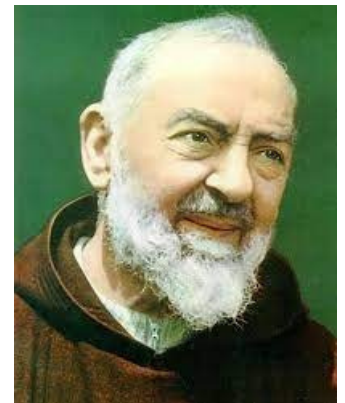
### Feast Day Mass:

**Sunday 24 September, 10:00am.**

**Solemn Procession with the Relic of St. Padre Pio followed by the Solemn Feast Mass.**

**Blessing by the Relic of St. Padre Pio.**

**Other festivities.**



Enquiries to: (02) 4789 2232 or [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org)

### Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 5th November – Kindergarten coordinating Children's Parish Mass at 10am. All are welcome.

## ST. PADRE PIO MOVIE NIGHT

# St Padre Pio Movie Night

Featuring the film  
**PADRE PIO**

DATE: Friday 29th September

TIME: 7PM

PLACE: Bethany School Hall

**Bring your bean bags and popcorn**  
**ALL WELCOME**



# CURRICULUM

## *Learning at* **BETHANY**

### *Year 1*



In Year 1, students have been honouring their narrative writing skills by exploring the themes and creativity in Jon Agee's "A Wall In the Middle of the Book." This captivating text has been a cornerstone for developing their understanding of storytelling elements such as character, setting, and plot. Students gave feedback and feedforward as two stars and a wish.

### *Year 3*



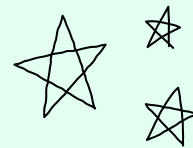
In the lively world of Year 3 physical education, students are having a blast with a creative and energetic alphabet exercise game. This engaging activity combines the fun of sport with literacy as students spell out their names, each letter corresponding to a specific exercise. As they eagerly participate in this dynamic game, they not only enhance their physical fitness but also reinforce their spelling skills.





# CURRICULUM CONTINUED

Year 5

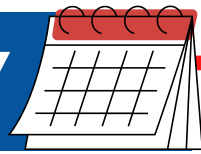


In an exciting culmination of their math studies this term, students are showcasing their creative prowess by designing buildings that incorporate all the mathematical elements they've been exploring: area, volume, capacity, and nets. With enthusiasm and ingenuity, these young learners are excelling in their projects. They are not only applying mathematical concepts to real-world scenarios but also demonstrating their problem-solving skills and innovation as they craft buildings that are both functional and mathematically sound.





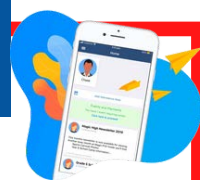
# DATES FOR THE DIARY



<b>22nd September</b>	Last day Term 3
<b>9th October</b>	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free
<b>10th October</b>	Staff Development Day - Pupli Free
<b>11th October</b>	First Day Term 4



# COMMUNICATION



## Recent Compass Notifications

<b>21st September</b>	Jersey Day – Friday 22nd Septmber
<b>20th September</b>	Bethany Musical Tickets – Expression of Interest
<b>20th September</b>	Notice of hazard reductions Mulgoa Nature reserve 21/9/23
<b>20th September</b>	Busways – Bus number 4611
<b>20th September</b>	Last day for school payments – Term 3
<b>19th September</b>	Qkr! app not working with new Android phones
<b>18th September</b>	Jersey Day – Friday 22nd September
<b>15th September</b>	Clothing Pool closed Friday 22nd September
<b>14th September</b>	2023 Alpha Program
<b>14th September</b>	Late Bus Number 4611
<b>14th September</b>	Timetable for Wk 10 Sport trials and training – Years 3-6
<b>11th September</b>	Teaching Arrangements for Kindergarten Blue
<b>11th September</b>	School Disco – Friday 15th September
<b>11th September</b>	Family and School Partnership Principles
<b>11th September</b>	Lost Property
<b>11th September</b>	Notification of Hand, Foot and Mouth
<b>11th September</b>	St Padre Pio Movie Night



# Safe RESPECTFUL Learner

## Bethany's PBS4L Purpose Statement:

Our purpose is to create a safe, respectful learning environment for students who love and serve Christ. We nurture students who are responsible and valued members for our Bethany school community.



- We keep our hands and feet to our self
  - We move safely and calmly
  - We are in the right place at the right time
  - We use equipment and belongings safely
  - We follow instructions
- We use active listening and follow instructions
  - We care for and respect each other
  - We care for our environment
  - We wear our uniform with pride
- We try our best in everything we do
  - We demonstrate perseverance and resilience
  - We ask questions and take risks
  - We work collaboratively



# ENROLLING NOW



## Bethany CATHOLIC PRIMARY

### ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024 & 2025

CALL FOR A SCHOOL TOUR YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



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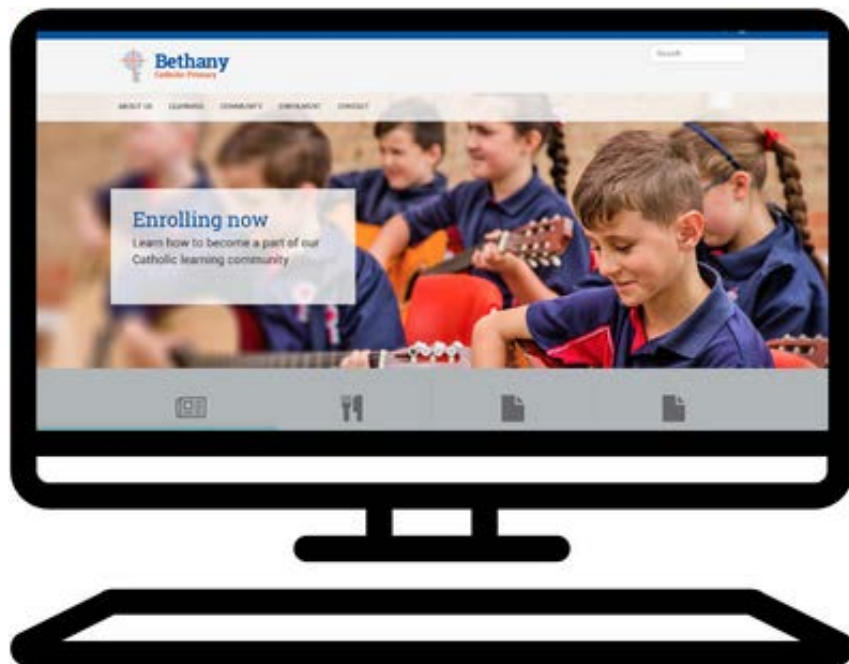
At Bethany, we encompass the spiritual, academic, relational, creative and physical development of each child.

We invite you to tour our school and discover the benefits of a Bethany Primary school education.

**Quality, affordable education from \$38 per week.\***

\*Intended to be used as a guide only. Refer to [www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au) for further information.

<https://www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/Enrolment/How-to-enrol>



# COMMUNITY

We have extended our Holiday trading hours 9:30am-5pm

**Lollipop's**  
PLAYLAND & CAFE  
PENRITH

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

AT LOLLIPOPS PENRITH PANTHERS

<p><b>MONDAY</b> SEPT 25TH</p> <p><b>KIDS TATTOOS</b></p> <p>12pm &amp; 2pm</p> 	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> SEPT 26TH</p> <p><b>BARBIE PAMPER DISCO</b></p> <p>11am &amp; 1pm</p> <p>Nails, makeup, Face jewels, Coloured hair &amp; Disco</p> <p><b>\$30 includes Entry</b></p> <p>20 kids per session book online or call us to secure your spot.</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> SEPT 27TH</p> <p><b>NINJA TURTLE VISIT</b></p> <p>12pm</p> 	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> SEPT 28TH</p> <p><b>PLASTER PAINTING</b></p> <p>11am &amp; 12pm</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS</p> <p>15 kids per session call us to secure your spot</p> 	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> SEPT 29TH</p> <p><b>FREE adult Entry</b></p> <p>Use code : <b>FREEADULT</b></p> <p>At online checkout only Book online via our website only</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> OCT 2ND</p> <p><b>Public Holiday</b></p> <p>We are open 10am - 3pm</p> <p>No free entries or discounts accepted</p> 	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> OCT 3RD</p> <p><b>KIDS TATTOOS</b></p> <p>12pm &amp; 2pm</p> 	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> OCT 4TH</p> <p><b>KIDS CRAFT</b></p> <p>TOTE BAG DECORATING</p> <p>12pm &amp; 2pm</p> <p>18 kids per session call us to secure your spot</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> OCT 5TH</p> <p><b>PAW PATROL VISIT</b></p> <p>1pm</p> 	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> OCT 6TH</p> <p><b>STORY TIME WITH LOLLIPOP'S THE CAT</b></p> <p>11am</p> 

Now located inside Penrith Panthers on Level 3 Open daily from 9:30AM-5PM PH 02 4721-8555

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK**

Barbie workshop is paid events which includes entry (1 child). All other events are FREE after entry fees.