

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 1 | Week 11 | Thursday, 6th April 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

During the course of this week our school has followed Our Lord in retracing His Passion. Students from the following grades have reverently presented the following aspects of the Passion of Christ:

- + *Palm Sunday*: Kindergarten and Year 3
- + *The Washing of the Disciples Feet* at the Last Supper: Year 1 and Year 4
- + *The Garden of Gethsemane*: Year 2 and Year 5
- + *The Crucifixion*: Year 6

Being able to share these faith experiences is truly a privilege and offers our community an opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal.

In their classes the children have been devoting time to learning about, discussing and reflecting on, the meaning of Holy Week & Easter. I would encourage all families to enter into the Eucharistic celebration of our faith this Easter Season by attending Mass with your children.

As St Paul proclaims – *If Christ is not Risen, then our faith has no meaning*. The Resurrection of Christ is the real climax of Holy Week - it completes the Paschal season: the passion, death & resurrection of Jesus.

Easter displaces death for all humanity and replaces this for eternity with life everlasting. Therefore all who accept Christ as Lord will have a share in this life.

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Wishing all families a Happy, Holy and Safe Easter.

Buona Pasqua!

Sergio Rosato

Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

2023 NAPLAN

During Weeks 8 & 9 of this term, Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the 2023 NAPLAN Assessments. Congratulations to all of our Bethany students for their resilience and hard work during this time. The variety of tests were completed by the students with great effort and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to our NAPLAN Coordinators Mrs Christel Vion and Mrs Erica Sullivan, the Year 3 and Year 5 class teachers and our parents and carers who prepared and supported the children so well.

Results of the 2023 NAPLAN tests will be shared with parents once the school receives them later this year.

Term 1

As we come to the end of our first term of learning and growing together, it is amazing at how much we have accomplished in just eleven short weeks.

This term has seen us participate in a wide range of activities including:

- Mathematical Assessment Interviews for all children
- Early Years Assessment for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2
- St Dominic's College visit for Stage 3
- Opening School Mass
- Welcome BBQ
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation and formation workshops
- Catholic Schools Week - Enrolments begin for 2024
- Open Classrooms
- Kindergarten 2024 School tours
- Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass
- Zone, Diocesan and NSWCPs Swimming Championships
- Cross Country Carnival
- Infants Fun Run
- PBS4L Relaunch Day
- Effort In Learning Awards Assemblies
- Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Visit Stage 3
- Penola Catholic College visit Stage 3
- School Photos

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

- Sunday Children's Masses
- Year 6 Leadership Mass and Induction
- Student Representative Council Induction Ceremony and morning tea
- NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
- Infants Reading Parent Afternoon
- Holy Week Prayer Liturgies

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every member of our community who continues to work to ensure our school is a faith-filled place of nurturing and learning. I wish you all a blessed Easter with your families and a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all after the break, refreshed for another term of learning and fun.

Many blessings for the week ahead,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT LEARNING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – TERM 1

These are just a very small sample of the learning that has taken place during Term 1.



Kindergarten has learned that Jesus is a friend who loves us. He is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Jesus is our brother and he showed us how God wants us to live.

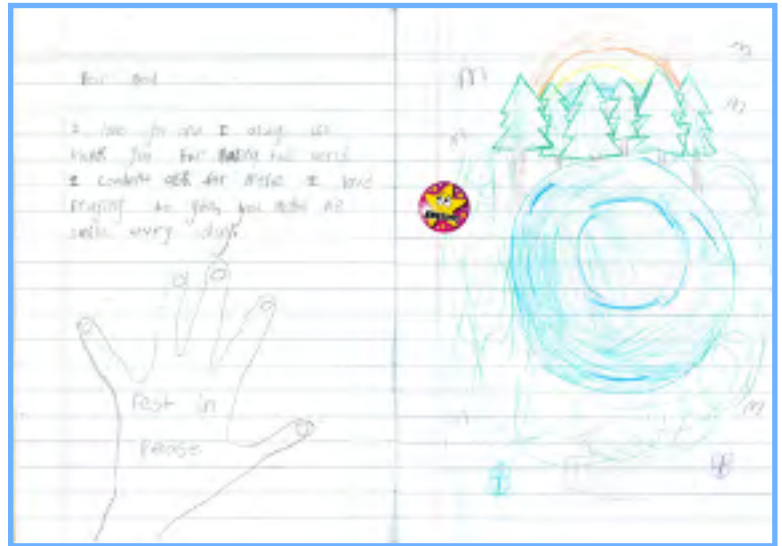
Year 3 learned about the Sacraments. The focus during their learning was on belonging and how the Sacraments of Initiation unites us with our Church.



Year 4 investigated what they knew about God. They looked at scripture, our world, the Sacraments and their own lives to see where God can be found.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

Year 2 focused on how the children of God can care for the world. They learned that God is our loving Father and Creator who loves us and is always present in our lives.



The learning in **Year 5** investigated how God is revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus' preaching to the poor, sick and outcast, the Kingdom of God was revealed. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, he provided us with hope.

Through their learning cycle, **Year 1** were reminded of how precious they are as individuals who are precious, unique and truly loved.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT'D

**Save
the
date:**

The next Sunday Children's Mass at St Padre Pio Parish is on May 7th. This Mass will be organised by Year 3. All Bethany families are invited to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A reminder that preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence at the beginning of Term 2.



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.



Mrs Baldacchino

ST PADRE PIO PARISH



ST. PADRE PIO
PARISH
GLENMORE PARK

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 28 March 7:00pm

Reconciliation available after 9:00am Mass
on Saturday mornings.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 01 April 5:30pm Vigil Mass

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 02 April 8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 06 April 7:00pm Mass
(No 9:00am Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 07 April 10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Passion of the Lord

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 08 April 7:00pm Mass
(No 9:00am Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

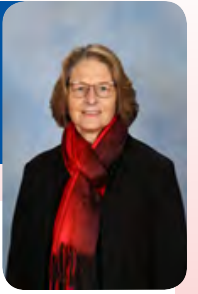
Sunday 09 April 8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 16 April 3:00pm
Chaplet & Mass

St Padre Pio Parish: 34-38 William Howell Dr,
Glenmore Park NSW 2745 (02) 4789 2232

LIBRARY



It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to our first K-2 Library Gathering on Thursday 23rd March. The handout that was given to parents on that day is included in this newsletter for families that were unable to attend. Lots of parents took the opportunity to borrow an assortment of library books to read at home with their children.

Next term our library will again be open from 8.15am until classes begin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for any parents who want to come in with their children to borrow books or share some time reading together.



Bethany's Library Monitors

This year thirty two enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 students have agreed to serve our Bethany community as Library Monitors. Monitors are rostered on to assist other students in the library during lunchtime and help to ensure that the library is an organised, safe and happy space where all students can gather to use our books and games and participate in activities. They also help with scanning and shelving books that students have returned and an assortment of tasks that help to ensure the library runs smoothly.

Our Library Monitors are to be congratulated on the positive and respectful way they have approached their responsibilities and acted as positive role models for their peers.



Storytime in the Library at lunchtime is organised by our Library monitors.

LIBRARY CONT'D



Bethany's subscription enables families to watch and listen to stories read aloud by fabulous storytellers.

Stories suitable for preschoolers and all primary students.

Visit www.storyboxlibrary.com.au and login

Username : **bethanycps**

Password : **stories**



Premier's Reading Challenge K-2
Listen to 30 books read aloud.



*Go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website at online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc or search for PRC 2023

*Click on "Logon" on the left side of the screen.

* Enter the **PRC username and password** you have been given.

* Click on "Student Reading Records" and type the titles of the books you read.

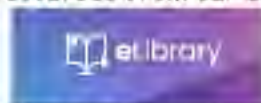
*PRC Booklists can be found on the PRC website-many are in our school library.

*Challenge closes on 18th August 2023.

Bethany's eLibrary



As part of Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, students at Bethany have access to many resources from our eLibrary.



To navigate to Bethany's eLibrary :

*Go to Bethany Catholic Primary School Website

*Go to Learning, then click on Library.

*Scroll to the bottom and click on the blue button that says "Access our eLibrary."

You will now be on our eLibrary page

You can click on this link to go directly to our eLibrary:

https://ceap.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_GB/13988

Whenever asked to login or authenticate your details, students should use their School Username and Password

This is the one you use for PM Readers.

On Bethany's eLibrary page there are links to take you directly to :

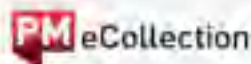
*LOTE4Kids

Read and listen to books in over 50

Languages Other Than English.



*PM Readers



*Story Box Library Username: **bethanycps**
Password: **stories**

*Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC username and password

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Term 2	24th April	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free
	25th April	Anzac Day - Public Holiday
	26th April	Sacrament of Confirmation parent Meeting- Padre Pio Parish - 7pm
	26th April	First Day Term 2
	27th April	Sacrament of Confirmation formation workshop #1 (7pm-8pm) - School Hall
	3rd May	Sacrament of Confirmation formation workshop #2 (7pm-8pm) - School Hall
	4th May	Sacrament of Confirmation formation workshop #3 (7pm-8pm) - School Hall
	10th May	Diocesan Cross Country - Eastern Creek
	10th May	Sacrament of Confirmation formation workshop #4 (7pm-8pm) - School Hall
	11th May	Confirmation Practice (6:45pm - 8pm) Padre Pio Parish
	14th May	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 2pm - Padre Pio Parish
	16th May	Athletics Carnival - Blair Oval St Marys
	17th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
	18th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
	19th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
	21st May	Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 2pm - Padre Pio Parish
	24th May	National Simultaneous Story Time



OTHER MATTERS

BETHANY WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 marks the transition into our Winter school uniform. Students and families have the first two weeks of the term to transition into full winter uniform. Full winter uniform is to be worn by Week 3.

MEDICAL ACTION PLANS

If your child is on a Medical Action Plan, could you please take the time to check that it is still valid.

Medical Action Plans are valid for 12 months. A visit to the doctor may be required if your child's plan is approaching the end of its validity.

We would appreciate it if updated Action Plans be sent to us via the school email or sent with your child.

Thank you

ENROLMENTS - KINDERGARTEN 2024

Families who have a child starting school next year are encouraged to complete and submit an enrolment form, as we are now sending Letters of Offer to interested families. Please visit the school office if you would like an enrolment pack or contact our Enrolments Officer on 4723 3700 if you have any enquiries regarding the enrolment process.

If you have family or friends who have a child ready for school, please pass on our details and let them know enrolments are now open. We love welcoming new families to our community!

COMMUNICATION



Recent Skoolbag Notifications

05/04/2023	Cross Country training - Years 2-6
05/04/2023	Term 1 Week 10 Effort in Learning Awards
05/04/2023	Sport Notes
03/04/2023	Year 5 and 6 AFL trials - Years 5 & 6
31/03/2023	Found Drivers Licence and Key Card
31/03/2023	Clothing Pool
29/03/2023	Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and St Padre Pio Parish Holy Week & Easter Timetable
28/03/2023	AFL Auskick Cancellation
27/03/2023	Caroline Chisholm College - Year 7 Enrolments
24/03/2023	Late Bus 4541

COMMUNITY

We are CLOSED ALL EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Lollipop's PENRITH

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

AT LOLLIPOP'S PENRITH PANTHERS

MONDAY APRIL 10TH	TUESDAY APRIL 11TH	WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH	THURSDAY APRIL 13TH	FRIDAY APRIL 14TH
CLOSED We are closed Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday	Easter Bunny Visit & Egg hunt Time: 11am & 1pm	BUILD A BEAR BAB workshop \$29 Includes 1x basic bear plus 1x loops Entry Online bookings or in-aisle free book	PAW PATROL VISIT Time: 11am & 1pm	We are open 9:30am-3:30pm
FREE ADULT ENTRY USE CODE: FREEADULT *1 CHILD ONLY Back online at our website	FREE MAGIC SHOW Time 11am & 11:30am Book online - General entry \$5.00 or 11:30am	FROZEN VISIT Time: 11am & 1pm	FREE FACE PAINTING Time: 11am & 1pm Linked spots available Book online - General entry \$5.00 or 11:30am	We are open 9:30am-3:30pm

PANTHERS

Now located inside Penrith Panthers on Level 3 - Open daily from 9:30am PH 02 4721-8555
SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK