

# Bethany Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Term 4 | Week 4 | Thursday, 2nd November, 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Parents & Carers,

### All Saints & All Souls Day

This week we commemorate two important Christian Feasts – All Saints & All Souls.

On the Feast of All Saints, we remember and venerate saints throughout history. Not only those “officially” recognised by the Church, but also all “unofficial” saints. Many of us in our lives have encountered people who demonstrate a sense of sainthood but have not been officially recognised as a saint.

All Saints Day is an opportunity to reflect on the example that saints offer us through their lives. We consider them not only as incredible role models but also for living out the great commandment of Christ, Love One Another.

St Teresa of Calcutta was fond of reminding her sisters that “Saints were only sinners who kept on trying” – this maxim applies very much to us all. The world more than ever needs saints. May each of us through the intercession and example of the saints, be given the faith, love, and courage to imitate their humility and holiness for the good of a more peaceful and just world.

All Souls Day follows All Saints Day – a day where we pray for and remember all those who have left this world before us and now are in Heaven – particularly our departed family members and friends.

Both these Solemnities offer an opportunity to contemplate important elements of our Catholic faith and connect these to our own lives.

### Matilda Jr Performances

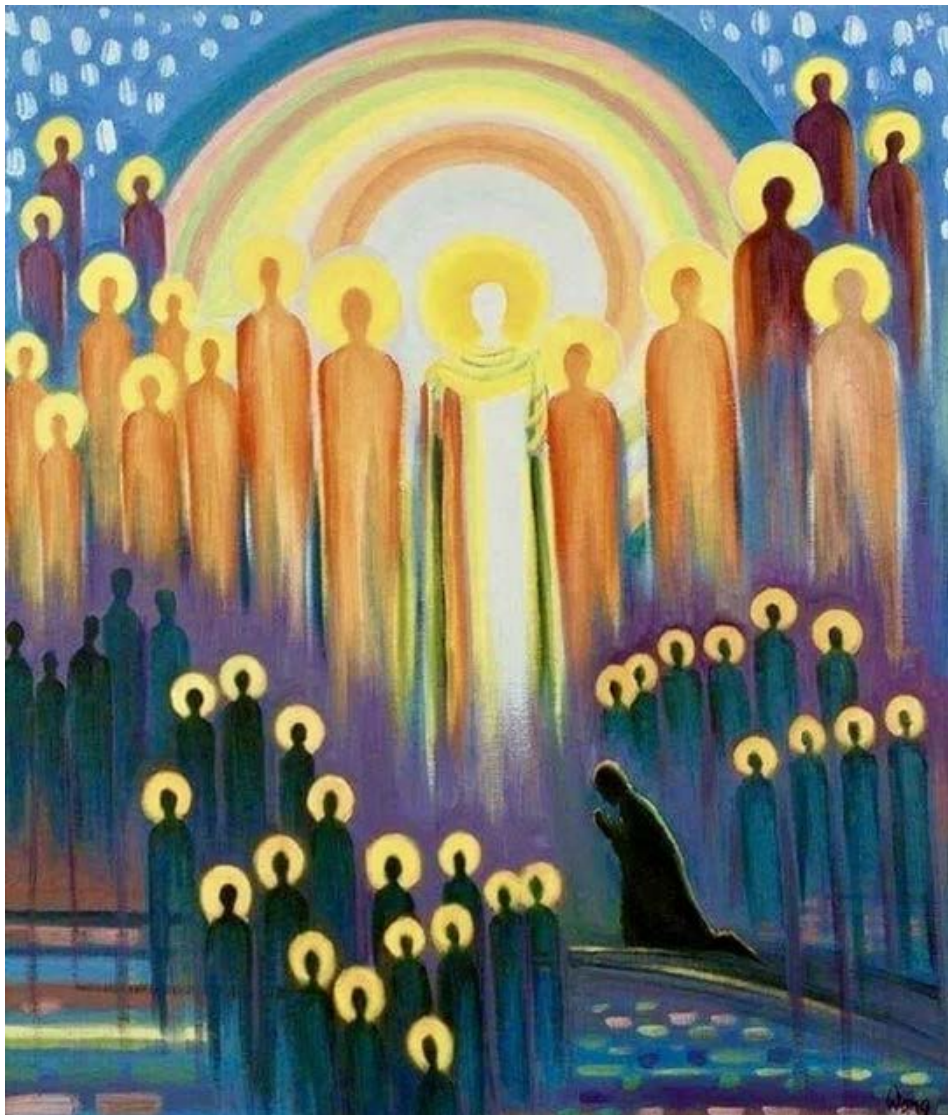
This week sees the culmination of many hours of planning and rehearsal as our 90 strong Matilda Jr cast perform the musical story of Matilda Jr in front of two sold out audiences at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

On behalf of our entire community, I wish to congratulate each of the young performers and wish them every blessing for the two nights. I also extend gratitude to the production team and all those who have volunteered to give up their time to support the success of these performances.

Events such as these hinge not only on creativity and hard work but on the generosity of all whose combined efforts help bring to fruition something greater than the sum of us.

Wishing all a blessed week ahead,  
Sergio Rosato  
Principal

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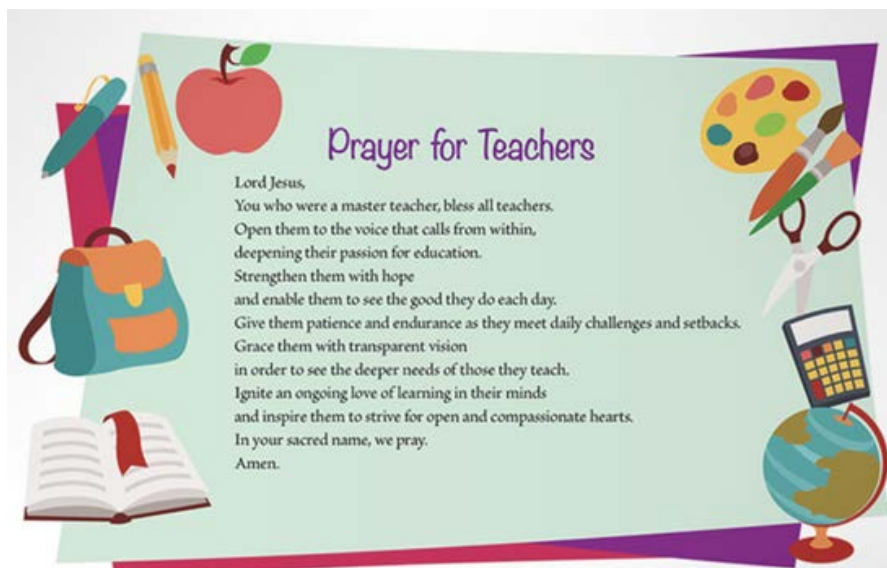
# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

## World Teacher's Day

Last Friday 27th October we celebrated World Teachers Day. Here at Bethany we are truly grateful and blessed to have such dedicated, hard working, inspirational, positive role models who guide the students in their educational journey, grounded in the faith each and every day.



## Gratitude

Gratitude is the practice of noticing things and moments that we are thankful for right now. When we practise gratitude, we are acknowledging the positives in the world and being thankful for the people, places and events in our lives. Actively practicing gratitude can have mental health and wellbeing benefits such as boosting mood, cultivating awareness of the good things in life and promoting positive coping strategies.

There are many ways to help your child view situations from a point of view of appreciation, such as:

- Finding a special time to routinely share three things that went well in the day. This might be a discussion around the dinner table or in the five minutes before bedtime.
- Acknowledging inspiring moments. If you see a beautiful sunset, comment on it. If the sound of birds in the garden makes you feel calm, share your thoughts. Encourage your child to notice the small beautiful moments in their day.
- Encouraging your child to express their gratitude by sharing things they appreciate about others through compliments, letters or thank you cards.
- Helping your child to keep a gratitude journal, a gratitude jar or a family gratitude list on the fridge.

Gratitude doesn't have to be saved for the big things in life! Noticing the food we eat, a soft pillow or enjoying a board game with a sibling are wonderful ways to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Many blessings,  
Rebecca Lloyd  
Assistant Principal



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Mission Week

Thank you for supporting this fundraising initiative last week.  
The total amount raised for Catholic Mission was just over \$1800.

Students enjoyed the activities that were on offer during Mission Week whilst at the same time helping to make life a little bit easier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Below are some of the students who were activity winners:

### **Anime drawing:**

Chayse Thompson  
Ava Marakovic  
Aliza Syeda  
Axel Hadler



### **Lolly Guessing:**

Infants winner - Hunter Lucre  
Primary joint winners: Ellie McElroy and Niamh Carroll

### **Paper Aeroplane throwing:**

Kindergarten - Oskar Davis  
Year 1 - Lyanna Trimboli  
Year 2 - Damien Yostos  
Year 3 - Thomas Lawford  
Year 4 - Eden Choi  
Year 5 - Sebastian-Neil Earl  
Year 6 - Amelie Carroll

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

As we begin our preparations for the season of Advent, we require some assistance from any handymen/women or carpenters to help us spruce up and provide some TLC to our large nativity. If you have any time that you could spare to help with this, please contact the Bethany office.

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Friday 3rd November - Years 3 and 4 are attending morning parish Mass.  
Sunday 5th November - 10am children's parish Mass. Kindergarten will be coordinating this Mass. All are invited to attend.  
Friday 17th November - Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 6 are attending morning parish Mass.  
Friday 1st December - End of Year Whole School Thanksgiving Mass.  
Sunday 3rd December - 10am children's parish Mass. Year 5 will be coordinating this Mass. All are invited to attend.  
Tuesday 5th December - Year 5 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
Thursday 7th December - Year 4 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
Tuesday 12th December - Year 3 attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

# MISSION WEEK

## *Learning at* **BETHANY**



**WOW**

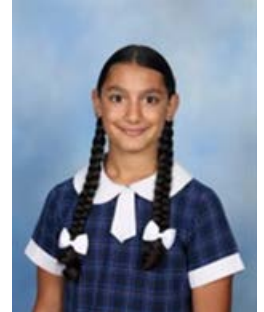


# SPORT



## SOFTBALL NEWS:

Francesca Vella was awarded the Players Player medal at the PSSA NSW Softball State Championships trials last term. We wish her all the best as she has been selected into the Primary schools NSW softball team and will play in Adelaide in November. Good Luck Fran!



## ATHLETICS NEWS:

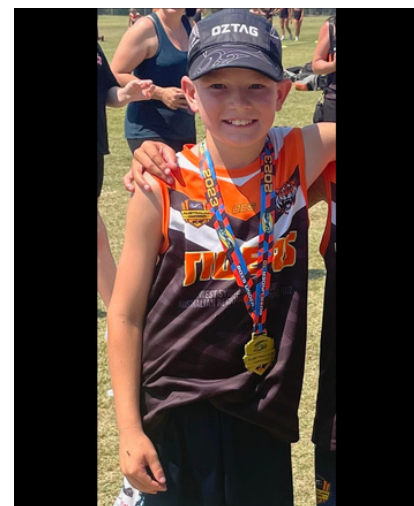
Jude Dunn (Yr 6) ran in the 100m at the NSWPSA Championships which was held at Homebush last week. On Wednesday, he came 3rd in his heat and came 11th out of 36 and qualified for the semi finals the following day. On Thursday, he came 7th in his heat for the semi finals and 14th overall. An amazing achievement Jude!!



## WEEKEND SPORT:

### OzTag News!

Jett Ward (4W) represented West Sydney Tiger Cubs in the 2023 Australian Junior Oztag Championships, over 3 days at Coffs Harbour. Jett and the U/10 boys team won the grand final 6-2 against Central Coast and are the U/10 Australian Champions for 2023! Fantastic achievement Jett! Bethany is proud of you!



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## GYMNASTICS

We wish the following gymnasts' good luck at the Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastic Competition on the 10th November at Rooty Hill! Stay tuned for the results.

Audrey McDonagh 5W

Connor Roddick 5W

Ivy Szczepanski 6R

Kaley Roddick 6R

Charlotte Gobrael 6B

Francesca Vella 6B

## PARRAMATTA DIOCESE TEAM SPORT TRIALS 2024

The sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS ONLY are OPEN and close on 8th November.

ALL other team sports will be available from 15th November 2023.

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Years 5 and 6 in 2024 are invited to complete a nomination to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2023 and in 2024.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competitions outside of school.

*Students in Year 4 in 2024 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.*

The Parent Information sheet for Years 5 and 6 students in 2024 is available below and as listed above opportunities for students in Year 4 in 2024 in some sports.

[2024 Representative Sport Trials Parent Information sheet](#)

Parents can register using the link below for Basketball & Tennis, which will be available on Facebook as well as the CSPD Primary Sport website:

[2024 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Expression of Interest Nomination](#)

<https://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>

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To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others through CSNSW Sport at the MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2024:

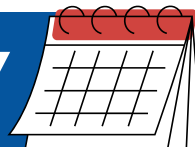
<b>2024</b> <b>Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in November 2023</b>				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
Basketball	Open boys & girls teams	28 November 2023	10 Oct 2023	Wednesday 8th November 2023
Tennis	Open boys & girls teams	24 November 2023	10 Oct 2023	Wednesday 8th November 2023
<b>2024</b> <b>Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in Term 1 &amp; 2 2024</b>				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys team	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Cricket	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Hockey	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Netball	Open girls team	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024



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Rugby League	12's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
	11's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Rugby Union	Open boys/girls combined team	Term Two 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Softball	Open boys & girls teams	Term Two 2024	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
Touch	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2023	15th November 2023	Tuesday 13th February 2024
<b>2024</b> <b>NSWCPS Team Sport Trials held at MacKillop level, SSU or NSWPSSA regional level</b>				
AFL Girls	Open girls	Term One 2024	Nominations Open in 2024	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	3 April 2024	Nominations Open in 2024	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Golf	Open boys & girls teams	5th August 2024	Nominations Open in 2024	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Netball	Open Boys	Term Two 2024	Nominations Open in 2024	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Rugby 7's	Open girls	9 August 2024	Nominations Open in 2024	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



<b>2nd November</b>	School Musical Night Performance
<b>3rd November</b>	School Musical Night Performance
<b>6th November</b>	Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies Years K-6 - 1:50pm
<b>7th November</b>	Kindergarten Transition Session 1 - 9am - 10:20am
<b>14th November</b>	Kindergarten Transition Session 2 - 9am - 10:20am
<b>21st November</b>	Kindergarten Transition Session 3 - 9am - 10:20am
<b>24th November</b>	Staff Spirituality Day - Pupil Free Day
<b>27th November</b>	Bethany Twilight Swimming Carnival
<b>28th November</b>	Kindergarten Transition Session 4 - 9am - 10:20am
<b>4th December</b>	Christmas Concert
<b>8th December</b>	Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 10:30am
<b>8th December</b>	Year 6 Graduation ceremony @ 12pm (hall)
<b>13th December</b>	Year 6 Social @ 5:00pm-7:30pm - Hall
<b>14th December</b>	Major Awards Effort in Learning Awards Assemblies Whole school 12pm
<b>15th December</b>	Motiv8 Year 6 Last Day Term 4 - K-6



## Recent Compass Notifications

<b>02/11/2023</b>	Matilda Jr Cast and Crew – important information
<b>01/11/2023</b>	Matilda The Musical – important information
<b>01/11/2023</b>	Notification of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - Year 6
<b>30/10/2023</b>	Teaching Arrangements for 6W
<b>27/10/2023</b>	Sunday Children's Mass – 5th November
<b>26/10/2023</b>	UPDATE: Kinder and Year 1 – Sport Activity Fun Day – Friday, 3rd November
<b>25/10/2023</b>	UPDATED ZING-DANCE/ SKIPPING TIMETABLE for Sport – Term 4
<b>24/10/2023</b>	Notification of Whooping Cough – Year 6
<b>20/10/2023</b>	PARRAMATTA DIOCESE TEAM SPORT TRIALS 2024
<b>20/10/2023</b>	Mission Week At Bethany- Activity Nominations Close Today



# ATTENDANCE

## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day 



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### TERM DATES 2024

<b>1st February</b>	<b>First Day Term 1 Yr 1-6</b>
<b>12th April</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>
<b>29th April</b>	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
<b>5th July</b>	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>
<b>22nd July</b>	<b>First Day Term 3</b>
<b>27th September</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>
<b>14th October</b>	<b>First Day Term 4</b>
<b>20th December</b>	<b>Last Day Term 4</b>



# 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